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

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

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#### THE XV, 1961-62

*Standing* : M. O. GARRETT, C. D. TYLER, W. G. GULLAND, A. G. HUTCHISON, A. A. FRAZER, J. G. RHODES, R. H. COX, S. B. COLE, P. J. DEACON, R. H. ELGOOD.

*Seated* : A. H. PARSONS (1961-62), R. M. ABRAHAM (1961-62), W. A. AUCOTT (1960-61-62) (*Vice-Captain*), R. C. D. GREENHALL (1960-61-62) (*Captain*), A. R. PACKHAM (1960-61-62) (*Secretary*), C. J. W. RIGHTON

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## 'GODLINESS AND GOOD LEARNING'

Dr. David Newsome's recent book should be read by all Edwardians for a variety of reasons. Of particular interest to us is Dr. Newsome's account of the effect upon King Edward's of the nine years' headmastership of the great James Prince Lee. This enigmatic figure, the revered teacher of Westcott, Lightfoot and Benson, is revealed in this study as a man second only to Arnold as an exponent of the high educational ideals of the Victorian age.

But Dr. Newsome's book would be required reading even if he had not dealt with this most fascinating period in the development of our School. For he shows also the radical change that took place in the Public Schools during the Victorian age. It is, we now see, a mistake to attribute to Arnold the system as we have inherited it : it was after his death, and the translation of Prince Lee to the See of Manchester, that the preposterous and tyrannical cult of the playing field began to have its malign effect on the Public Schools. The most influential figure behind this change of emphasis, Dr. Newsome suggests, was Charles Kingsley, who substituted for Arnold's high ideal of 'Godliness and good learning' that of 'Godliness and manliness'.

The point which emerges most strongly from Dr. Newsome's account is that educational theories do have a profound effect upon the national temper. The earnest sense of responsibility so characteristic of the mid-Victorians was the product of the dedicated work of Arnold and his associates, and the bumptious imperialist fervour of the last years of the century derived much of its vigour from the self-confident philistinism encouraged in the Public Schools from about 1870 onward in the name of 'Muscular Christianity.'

What lessons can be learned today from the light Dr. Newsome has thrown on the nineteenth century? The field of study is far less neatly circumscribed today than it was a century ago. It is no less necessary today than it was in 1867 that our future masters should learn their letters: but a great deal more than letters is now required, and it is far from clear who are our future masters. Yet despite far-reaching social changes, it seems likely that for some time to come the Public and Grammar schools will remain responsible for the education of the majority of our national leaders.

Various aims have been suggested for the Public Schools in the last few years : to train our leaders, perhaps, or to bridge the gap between 'the two cultures.' In a society so highly competitive as modern Britain,

the temptation to accept without question the materialist values of that society is very great, but the only good reason for the continued existence of the British educational system as it is at present constituted is that it represents a different system of values. 'Godliness and good learning' may be a more nebulous way of assessing a school's worth than 'the State Scholarship Stakes,' but it is ultimately the only worth-while way.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, September 21st and ended on Wednesday, December 20th. Half-term was taken from Friday, November 3rd (a whole holiday, transferred from Founder's Day) until Monday, November 6th.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 25th to approve committees and officials for election for the year. The Cross-Country team was given the right to award full School Colours for the sport.

The first Corporate Communion of the year was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, September 26th.

On the evening of October 4th the final of the House Water Polo Knock-out was held, transferred from its normal place in the summer term. The Junior Dramatic Society on the evenings of October 6th and 7th gave performances of 'The Island,' an adaptation by Mr Axford of William Golding's novel 'Lord of the Flies.'

Field Day, with its customary round of stimulating activities, was taken on October 13th.

Founder's Day Commemoration and Prizegiving was held on Saturday, October 21st, when the prizes were distributed by the Bailiff, Sir Robert Aitken. We were also honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, Alderman E. E. Mole.

On Saturday, November 11th, at Eastern Road, we saw this year's Bromsgrove match and the defeat of the XV in a match that lacked some of its customary excitement.

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

The Carol Service, held on the evenings of December 18th and 19th, formed a fitting climax to the term. Also on December 18th was the first part of the House Music Competition, where we were fortunate in having Dr Bernard Rose, organist of Magdalen College, Oxford, as our adjudicator.

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 11th, and ended on Thursday, April 12th, forming an exceptionally long term of thirteen weeks. Half-term was taken from Friday, February 23rd to Monday, February 26th.



The Rugby Football Knock-out Final was played in an exciting match on Tuesday, January 30th. The following Thursday was the Annual Foundation Service at St. Martin's. The Rev. Brian Duckworth, following a tradition of amusing and lively preachers, gave a witty and concise analysis of Christianity's place in the modern world.

The House Seven-a-Side competition on February 13th marked the end of the House Rugby football competition. The House Gymnastic competition was contested on February 22nd before a limited number of spectators. The senior individuals performed on the evening of March 5th and the juniors a week later.

On March 13th the House Cross-Country Races, by now the term's main attraction, were run on a pleasant afternoon from Cannon Hill Park. Despite the well-briefed markers, one leading runner lost his way.

On Wednesday, March 21st, the first of a series of three weekly Lent Addresses was given in the Chapel by the Rev. Ronald Gordon.

Field Day was taken on March 23rd and seemed to involve many sections in night operations.

On March 29th the School Confirmation Service was held at 6-30 p.m. in Edgbaston Old Church, when the candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Aston. The Corporate Communion of the newly confirmed was held on April 3rd.

The Choral Society and the School Orchestra gave three performances of Gluck's 'Alceste' on the evenings of April 5th, 6th and 7th. Also on the 7th in the afternoon were the Athletic Sports, held, as last year, at the University Track.

On the following day, April 8th, the School Service was held at Edgbaston Old Church, and on the following day were the second part of the House Music Competition in the afternoon and the individual efforts in the evening, both kindly adjudicated by Mr Alexander Youngman, music master of Rugby School.

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### GOVERNORS' NEWS

Sir Robert Aitken, the Vice-Chancellor, completed his term of office as Bailiff on March 31st, and is succeeded by Alderman Mrs E. V. Smith, J.P. Professor D. R. Dudley has been elected Deputy Bailiff.

The Right Rev. C. G. St. M. Parker relinquished his place as the representative of Oxford University on the Governing Body on his translation to the Bishopric of Bradford. To him the School said a sad and affectionate farewell on Founder's Day. Though only for a short time a Governor, he has been for very long closely associated with School and Foundation.

We congratulate Dr Byng Kenrick, the senior governor, on completing 46 years' service.

## OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

Hearty congratulations again to M. D. Reeve, for continuing his distinguished career at Oxford by winning the coveted Ireland Scholarship, based on an examination in pure Classics and carrying with it greater prestige than any other award in this field.

Our congratulations also to B. A. Richards for a prox. acc. in the Charles Oldham Prize for Shakespeare, another major academic award at Oxford.

We congratulate R. D. Lambourne on winning an Exhibition in Mathematics at Worcester College, Oxford, and J. E. T. Penny on winning the English Electric Company's award for switchgear design.

Dr Alan Nunn May has been appointed Professor of Nuclear Physics at the new University of Ghana.

Col. C. B. Welch has been appointed Military Attache to Jugoslavia from May, 1962.

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## COMMON ROOM

The following new masters joined the School in September :

Mr R. K. Wilson, O.E., to teach Mathematics. Mr Wilson is a former School Captain.

Mr S. J. Nicholls, to teach History and English.

Dr W. F. Warren, to teach Biology.

We congratulate :

Mr Ruddock, on his appointment as Senior Science Master at the new Bognor Regis Grammar School.

Mr Morris, on his marriage in August to Juliet Vansittart-Roe.

M. Garcia, on his marriage in April to Margaret Pountney, of Birmingham.

Mr and Mrs Symes, on the birth of a son in August.

Mr and Mrs Harris, on the birth of a daughter in January.

Mr and Mrs Nicholls, on the birth of a daughter in January.

Mr and Mrs Ruddock, on the birth of a daughter in April.

Mr and Mrs Bolton on the birth of a son in August.

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## PREFECTS' ROOM

R. Mellor has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following have been appointed Prefects :

W. A. AUCOTT : Vice-Captain of Rugby Football (*Heath*).

R. W. BRAY : House Captain (*Gifford*).

I. A. EMSLIE : Captain of Lawn Tennis and Eton Fives (*Cary Gilson*).

A. J. FLAVELL : House Captain (*Evans*).

P. W. GRANT : Co-editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of the Literary and Dramatic Societies (*Levett*).

B. J. HAMBIDGE : Captain of Swimming ; A.S.M. in the Scouts (*Prince Lee*).

G. R. MACKENZIE : Sub-Treasurer of School Club ; Secretary of the Film Society ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

A. H. A. OSBORN : Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of the Anagnostics (*Prince Lee*).

A. R. PACKHAM : Secretary of Rugby Football ; House Captain (*Jeune*).

R. C. J. PAGE : Captain of Cricket ; House Captain (*Prince Lee*).

D. C. ROBERTSON : Secretary of the Natural History Society (*Prince Lee*).

J. W. DAWSON : Treasurer of the Cartland Club (*Levett*).

W. G. GULLAND : School Recorder (*Jeune*).

J. G. RUDDICK : Captain of Athletics and Cross Country ; (*Jeune*).

G. M. SHEPHERD : Under-Officer in C.C.F. (*Cary Gilson*).

The following left at the end of the Lent Term :

R. A. LOVELESS (1954-62) : Prefect, 1961-2 ; School Librarian, 1961-2 ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; University of Birmingham (*Heath*).

R. I. THOMAS (1954-62) : Prefect, 1961-2 ; School Recorder ; Scrivener of the Shakespeare Society ; Petty Officer in the Royal Naval Section ; Jesus College, Cambridge (*Levett*).

R. J. WELLS (1956-62) : Prefect, 1961-2 ; Fives Colours 1960-2 ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; House Captain ; Merton College, Oxford (*Levett*).

J. M. NORRIS (1954-62) : Prefect, 1961-2 ; A.S.M. in Scouts, Secretary of the Geographical Society ; Durham University. (*Prince Lee*).

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made :

At OXFORD :

R. W. Bray to an Academic Clerkship (Choral Scholarship) at Magdalen College.

R. P. Carpenter to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Exeter College.

J. W. Dawson to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College.

D. C. Robertson to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College.

M. A. Sheen to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi College.

J. W. A. Cosgrave to an Exhibition in Spanish at St. Edmund Hall.

W. G. Gulland to an Exhibition in Engineering at St. Edmund Hall.

At CAMBRIDGE :

C. J. Sealey to a Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Downing College.

P. W. Grant to a Minor Scholarship in English at Queens' College.

A. H. A. Osborn to a Minor Scholarship in Classics at Sidney Sussex College.

R. J. S. Edis to an Exhibition in History at St. Catharine's College.

K. C. Rudd to an Exhibition in Classics at Peterhouse.

D. E. B. Selkirk to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College.

J. W. Tremberth to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College.

#### AT LONDON :

W. H. Smith to an Entrance Scholarship at the London School of Economics.

M. R. C. Winter to an Entrance Exhibition at Imperial College of Science and Technology.

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### COLOURS

We congratulate :

W. A. Aucott and A. R. Packham on the re-award, and R. M. Abrahams, C. J. W. Righton, A. H. Parsons and P. E. Stinton on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

M. C. Allport on the re-award and S. B. Cole, R. H. Cox, P. J. Deacon, R. H. Elgood, A. A. Frazer, W. G. Gulland, A. G. Hutchison, G. D. Knowles, M. O. Garrett, C. D. Tyler, J. G. Rhodes, R. W. Bray, A. H. A. Osborn, R. J. Edmonds and H. D. Barlow, on the award of School XXX Colours.

R. M. Abrahams, R. C. D. Greenhall and A. R. Packham on the re-award, and T. C. Rollason, C. S. Edge and H. D. Barlow on the award of School Athletics Colours.

J. W. A. Cosgrave, A. Norris, I. P. Wallis and J. B. Williams on the award of School Cross-Country Colours.

B. J. Ecclestone and P. K. Hall on the re-award of School Shooting Colours.

J. D. L. Ball on the re-award, and R. B. Davies on the award of School Chess Colours.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following :

G. R. Mackenzie and D. E. B. Selkirk on winning National Coal Board Scholarships.

J. M. Kopernicki on winning the first prize in the junior group of the Annual Poetry Reciting competition for the Midlands, organized by the Anglo-French Society. Also W. P. Ferns on reaching the final of the senior group and being highly commended.

J. C. Burgess on winning the junior individual section of the Latin Reading Competition held annually by the Birmingham and Midland Classical Association at Birmingham University.

## CHAPEL NOTES

The regular pattern of Chapel services continues. Holy Communion is celebrated fortnightly on Tuesdays and the number of communicants remains encouraging. On October 10th the Bishop of Aston celebrated shortly before his enthronement as Bishop of Bradford. We shall miss greatly his customary termly visits to us. On December 5th the Reverend Paul Burrough, the Diocesan Chaplain to overseas peoples celebrated.

On Wednesday afternoons, Evening Prayers alternate with Evensong ; attendances at Evening Prayers are always—the Chapel Choir excepted—better than at Evensong. Perhaps it should be noted that the guaranteed presence of a large choir does not obviate the necessity for a reasonable congregation.

The fact that Matins is said every Friday morning at 8-45 a.m. seems to be shrouded in obscurity. However, Matins are still said, and I would urge members of the school—particularly those considering the possibility of ordination—to take advantage of this excellent way of observing Fridays.

Collections at Holy Communion so far this academic year have been divided between Bishop Willis College, Iganga, the Blind in Nigeria, and the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

B. S. WILKINS.

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## THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Much of last summer was disappointingly cool and wet, but a hot spell at the very end of August sent the temperature up to 86°F.—the highest recorded at K.E.S. since 1949. On September 2nd a maximum temperature of 81°F. was recorded—our high limit for September. The autumn was mostly rather cold and winter arrived a month early in December.

After the usual early December cold spell, with some snow on the 7th—9th, the weather became temporarily milder, but another cold spell of almost unprecedented severity for December set in by the 17th, and from that date until the end of the month the temperature never reached 40°F. (The normal December maximum is 46°F.) On seven days the temperature failed even to reach 32°F., whilst on the 28th after a night minimum of 19°F., the maximum was only 24°F. These are the lowest minimum and maximum ever recorded at K.E.S. in December, and the lowest temperatures since February 1956. The last three days of December were a little less cold, but an almost continuous blizzard deposited ten inches of snow. With a mean temperature of 35°F., over 6°F. below normal, December was the coldest month of 1961, and the coldest December for eleven years.

Before the thaw finally arrived on January 5th, 1962, the temperature fell to 18°F. on the 3rd, the lowest January temperature since 1947.

Immediately after the snow melted K.E.S. experienced its severest gale on record.

R. LEDGER.



## MISS M. F. MINSHULL

The processes of teaching and learning are not exactly peaceful ones. They may be interesting and rewarding or frustrating and irritating, but are rarely restful. How pleasant therefore to know that there was one quiet haven in the stress and strain of this masculine world : to find one place where a pleasant, friendly smile was the invariable greeting, where the nervous new boy or probably even more nervous new master would at once be put at his ease, where old boys and present boys were equally at home, where all wounds to body and feelings alike were treated with the kindness and skill developed by long experience.

These qualities in a Headmaster's secretary are admirable in themselves, but even more so when combined with quiet efficiency and a devotion to duty regardless of the hours of work put in. None of us can fully realise the debt which the School owes to the work of Miss Minshull, above all perhaps in the difficult war years. That we kept going during times of evacuation, air-raids, and the absence not only of Headmasters, but also of most of the active members of the Common Room, was due in no small measure to her calm, efficient and unobtrusive work behind the scenes. She never sought the limelight. She has been content with doing her own job and lending a helping hand to anybody—boy, old boy or master—who wanted it. How she managed to do her work so well amidst constant interruptions by those who required information, assistance or merely sympathy is beyond comprehension.

If one had to sum up her many qualities in one word, it would be "graciousness"—not the practiced graciousness of the public personality, but the spirit animating one who had a genuine affection for those around her. Since the first news of her retirement she has received tributes which can leave her in no doubt that this affection is fully reciprocated. She served the School devotedly for 31 years, and we wish her many years of happy retirement.

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## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

The School has contributed to a commendable variety of causes and charitable organizations.

During the Christmas term the Cot Fund collections, totalling £90, were divided between the Birmingham Settlement, "War on Want," and the Honduras Relief Fund. The offerings at the Carol Services, £30, were also given to the same causes. The profit from the sale of School Christmas cards, amounting to £40, were given to the Midland Spastic Association. The design was based on a drawing of a window in Malvern Priory by Mr Hurn. The Carol Singing party of the Chapel Choir raised £7 for Polio Research.

In the course of April, 1961, members of the K.E.S. Scout Troop and Social Service Group made collections in various parts of the city on behalf of the Birmingham Council of Old People and raised over £90. In the Christmas term, donations of ten guineas each were made to the Birmingham Boy Scouts' Association, the Birmingham Federation of Boys' Clubs and the Birmingham Battalion of the Boys' Brigade.

The total amount of money collected for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief during the Lent term was £118. Money was raised for this cause by six famine lunches, held for senior members of the School, and by direct collection in Big School, while almost a ton of old clothing has been donated on a House basis. There are plans for a film and talk by Dr Duncan, the Flying Doctor, and for a collection of old paperbacks, during the Summer term.

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### GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

The School is increasingly indebted to parents and friends for generous and regular support. The fund to which we hope to look in a year or two for the provision of our own squash courts grows steadily towards its target. Meanwhile there are already signs to see of parents' helpfulness in beautifying the grounds : we are grateful for the gifts of two more teak seats, and for a collection of trees and shrubs which now adorn the South front and the England garden. In addition to most helpful and appreciated gifts to the School Fund, we have received with gratitude a display of the Chemical Elements, a new copy of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, and an interestingly varied selection of books from the Library of the late Dr Cranston Walker, O.E.

By the will of Mr E. A. Lunn the books and papers of his uncle, Charles Lunn, O.E., 1838-1906, in his day a well-known tenor and a somewhat controversial teacher of singing, were left to King Edward's School Library. As these books and papers were concerned with musical debate—Charles Lunn had, according to Groves, a penchant for 'the clash of intellectual armour'—it seemed appropriate to offer them to the Library of the Birmingham School of Music, where they were accepted and welcomed.

Norman Appleby, O.E., gave a large number of books to the library, including Count Ciano's Diary, Kennedy's "Nelson's Band of Brothers", and a complete set of Churchill's "Second World War."

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### SCHOOL NOTES

Congratulations to the Cross-Country Captain and his team for putting the sport so successfully on the map with a season of victories, not least of which was their success in the Rugeley Inter-Schools race, where they left their nearest rivals standing.

At the final assembly of the Michaelmas term, the School bade farewell to Miss Minshull, with a speech and presentation by the School Captain of a coffee table, made by the boys, and a set of travelling cases. Miss Minshull replied with a few words of thanks and reminiscence.

Another familiar face that has been missing is that of Mr Craddock, whose recent serious illness was learnt of with regret ; there are, however, strong hopes of his being back with us soon. Mr Parman, his deputy, has been the epitome of efficiency in his absence.

The Rugger "chaps" fielded a strong team for the traditional hockey match with the Girls' School and won 5-3, successfully cracking a few feminine shins and pates in the process. Against the Church of England College, a few weeks later, they recorded a 1-0 victory.

The soccer match between the Common Room and the Rugby XV, after one false start, was finally held at Eastern Road, towards the end of the Lent term. The XV are proud of their hockey results.

The two representatives from School, W. P. Ferns and J. P. Singer, for the Massey Debating Trophy, though not winners of the competition, spoke well on Corporal Punishment and Provincial Universities. The trophy is competed for annually by six leading Midland schools.

As always, the Prefects' Ball was a great success—at least for those who attended it; but there were fewer than expected. The Prefects were left financially embarrassed as a result : some have even claimed that they are now embarking on a vigorous campaign of fine-collection in order to recoup their losses.

Famine lunches have been maintained at a steady number : they might even be called popular. Some have been heard to declare them more tasty than normal dinners.

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### FOUNDER'S DAY, 1961

Founder's Day was celebrated in Big School on Saturday, October 21st, 1961. The proceedings began with a hymn, the Commemoration reading and the Founder's Prayer. Then, after the Quatercentenary song had been sung, the Chief Master welcomed the guests, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman Eric E. Mole, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Mole, the Bailiff of the Governors, Sir Robert Aitken, and governors and parents.

The Chief Master reminded us that a member of the Board of Governors, the Right Rev. Michael Parker, Bishop of Aston, was soon to be translated to the See of Bradford. Since this would mean that King Edward's would see less of him, a group of parents and friends had thought it appropriate that a presentation should be made to him, and the Chief Master now handed him a book.

The Chief Master said that it was gratifying that in the penultimate year of State Scholarships the School had achieved the very creditable score of twenty-four; he stressed the need, however, for the fullest possible interest in activities outside specialised studies. There could be no particular advantage, he said, in getting to a university ahead of one's age. He was glad that 'O' level results showed that the "pass mentality" was at an end : the scores from all five forms entered had been highly respectable.

The Bailiff spoke of the various possible forms of education : he said that King Edward's struck a balance between the extremely organised life of a public boarding school and the informality of private tuition. Boys at a day-school such as King Edward's belonged to two worlds :



the world of home and the world of school. The pendulum swung very rapidly between these worlds, but for the boy who could keep a sense of proportion between the two, such an experience was richly rewarding.

After the School Captain had thanked the Bailiff and the other guests for their presence, the proceedings closed with the singing of the School Song.

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## OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

SIR,

The Association's Annual General Meeting on March 25th accepted the "new order" of which you had a summary in my last letter. Since you, Sir, and many of your contemporaries will, I hope, be joining the Association shortly, it may perhaps be useful to summarise the changes as they will affect those leaving the School this year.

First of all, though the style "Honorary Member" disappears, there remains, as foundation of all else, "Membership" of the Association. Members, and only Members, are entitled to play in O.E. teams, to receive the *O.E. Gazette*, to have notice of social activities (e.g. the School Dinner, which falls due this year and again in 1964), or to wear O.E. colours. The subscription for this basic Membership is modest, 12s. 6d. a year. Moreover, a boy joining when he leaves the School can take up a twelve year subscription for five guineas. There is a substantial gain in thus commuting—with the additional advantage that the Member keeps in touch with the School during the years he is most likely to be moving about and preoccupied with other matters.

Association membership, however, is only, so to speak, a door to the opportunities the Association offers. Supplementing it for those—I hope the majority of leavers—who wish to share the activities of the Association, social and athletic, are two separate memberships. For eighty years all Association activities were carried on from one centre: a club which had started as a meeting-place mainly for footballers continued as a focus of all activities, a centre for all Old Edwardians, of all ages and tastes, in and around Birmingham. To-day, with changing times, and more particularly with the purchase of our own Sports Ground at Streetsbrook Road, with its pavilion and bar, a separation of athletic and social activities has been found necessary, even though it is hoped most Old Edwardians will continue to support both sides of Association life.

Members of the Association interested mainly in its social side can become members of the Clef and Old Edwardians Club, with its comfortable premises in Paradise Street and all the amenities of a good Town Club at a very reasonable cost. For this there is an additional subscription up to the age of 21, of £2 10s., whereas the full subscription is £5 15s. University members, if their University is residential and outside Birmingham and while they are undergraduates, pay only £1 5s. *including* the basic 12s. 6d. for Association Membership. One can imagine no better bargains.

For those whose interest is on the athletics side, there now exists the Old Edwardians Sports Club, with its lovely grounds at Streetsbrook Road, a ground whose possession is made possible by the efforts mainly of the older generations of O.E.s. Members of the Association can join this, if they are playing members of one or other of the athletic sections, for a subscription of £1 1s. annually up to the age of 27. For non-playing members, those who merely want access to the amenities of the ground, the subscription is £2 2s.

I hope I have made clear how easy and inexpensive it is to share in any or all of the Association's activities ; and I hope most of this and later year's leavers will find it possible to prefer "all" to "any." Our aims remain what they were when the Association was founded, the aims of many generations of Old Boys—to maintain close connection with the School ; and to foster close liaison between Old Boys of all ages and interests. In the main, the burden of running the Association has always been borne largely by the older generations. But the Association will not prosper unless it has the support of each new generation as it leaves the School.

There is little room left, I fear, for news. But there is very little worthwhile news, anyhow. The Cricket Section had a good season and is improving both its playing conditions and its fixture list each year. Of the footballers one can say that, badly as it started, last season was a good deal better than its predecessor.

The very active Fives Section is bringing us a lot of credit. A good season finished with Hughes and Shaw getting through to the Final of the Kinnaird Cup. To the School may we offer congratulations on the brilliant success of a brave venture—a performance of Gluck's "Alceste" by the School Choral Society and the King Edward's Schools Combined Orchestra.

O.E.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Prompted by a letter which I received recently from a generous benefactor to the School, I wish to give public expression to his point of view. He is disturbed by the varying descriptions of the School that appear in the press and elsewhere, and the confusion caused by the addition of 'Edgbaston' and other superfluities to our title and address, which is 'King Edward's School, Birmingham.' Could this not, he suggests, be rectified by greater care on the part of the boys themselves?

Yours faithfully,

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

# SCHOOL TEAMS

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

After a dismal start, culminating in their defeat by Bromsgrove, the XV managed to turn the record for the whole season into the best for some years.

With three old colours returning and only two others with 1st XV experience, there was a large amount of team-building to be done. Lack of experience and of match practice was apparent in the first two matches which resulted in heavy defeats by Warwick and Denstone. An 'A' XV victory over Sebright removed any depression caused by the first few matches, and provided the necessary spur to eventual success. This success was to come slowly and by November 11th we had only a good draw against Worksop to our credit. The team spirit and enthusiasm was growing and its strength was shown by the fact that after the defeat by Bromsgrove, results were better and not worse.

The forwards, although small in height and weight and lacking in experience at the beginning of the season (only one of them having previous first team experience), contrived eventually to offset these shortcomings.

Clean possession from the line-out came from Parsons, who jumped well throughout the season. Here the task of the tight forwards, because of their lack of height, was more to prevent the opposition gaining clean possession. Hutchison proved himself very capable of upsetting the rhythm of many players taller than himself, with one unfortunate exception. The leadership of the pack was entrusted to Garrett, a young prop forward, when he came into the XV after the Bromsgrove match. He did the job vociferously and with distinction. In fact three prop forwards shared the two positions throughout the season. Injury made selection simple at times, but Cox, Garrett and Deacon contributed to the making of a solid front row. The speed and verve of Deacon in the loose was particularly noticeable. The hooker throughout has been Knowles, whose speed of striking was helped by practised quick scrummaging. A little more foresight in the loose would have been to his benefit. Hutchison's partner in the second row was eventually Rhodes, a strong young player, who, rising from the 3rd XV, gave much more aggression to the pack. Frazer played adequately in the second row, but as yet lacks experience and self confidence. Aucott left his previous season's position of prop forward and played this year at blind side wing forward. He is a strong player who unfortunately has been troubled by injury this season, but his experience has been invaluable and at times he has played brilliantly. Also, as vice-captain, he led the side well in the difficult first half of the season. At number eight Parsons, besides jumping well in attack, played intelligently throughout. Tyler and Gulland competed with noticeable enthusiasm for the vacant wing forward position, and again selection was difficult. Both improved tremendously and it is sad that Gulland finished the season with a cracked bone in his ankle.

Behind the scrum the defence has often been brilliant ; the tackling and covering generally good. Cole, a young, taciturn scrum-half, improved greatly as the season progressed and made several good breaks. His partner has been either Elgood or Packham, and he has given good service to both. Elgood, playing at outside-half or centre, has handled and passed well, but unfortunately only broken occasionally : his lack of real pace prevented him from being outstanding. His drop-kicking, together with that of Packham, has been a great asset to the side. Besides dealing with the job of secretary off the field, Packham has been a great power on it. His kicking in every situation has been exemplary, and his ability to create scoring chances has been a tremendous asset.

Righton, after starting at full-back, distinguished himself when played in the centre with some wonderful displays of tackling, and so retained this place. More than once has he subdued a dangerous opponent. The strength of Abrahams' running and tackling has made him an automatic choice as wing-three-quarter. His covering has been excellent and has saved the line on several occasions. At full-back Stinton's fielding has always been safe. His kicking has been safe and his tackling has improved beyond measure, to the delight and relief of players and spectators alike.

A fixture against Rugby in the Lent Term was the only innovation of the year, other than the tour of Ireland which will be mentioned later. The fixture against Cotton College was revived and resulted in a narrow and exciting win for the School. The results for most of the School sides, in particular for the U16 XV and U14 XV, have been most gratifying.

The 2nd XV found difficulty in finding a permanent captain and this might explain some of their lack of success. At times they played very well, but consistent play was as unobtainable as a consistent side.

The 3rd XV were the only side to do worse than in the previous season. All too often were their reliable players taken by the 2nd XV.

In only losing one match, and that by only one point against Solihull 3rd XV, the U16 XV had not only their own best season but also the best record of any School team. The team spirit and enthusiasm for the game engendered by Mr Wilson has been extremely high, and some excellent victories have been won. Here indeed is material for the future.

After a disappointing start to the season the U15 XV did much better in the Lent Term and won its last two matches.

The U14 XV, as mentioned previously, has improved tremendously, only losing two matches. Hard practice and keenness has here been shown its reward.

The U13 XV has had a better season, winning more matches than it lost. The double fixture with Solihull was again successful.

In short the prospects for the future look encouragingly bright. The successes this year are largely due to the enthusiasm, hard work and time-taking organisation of the members of the Common Room. Our thanks go especially to Mr Robbins whose perseverance with the 1st XV has at long last been rewarded and to all the other masters who have looked after teams.

*The XV has been chosen from :*

P. E. Stinton, R. M. Abrahams, C. J. W. Righton, R. H. Elgood, R. C. D. Greenhall, A. R. Packham, S. B. Cole, R. H. Cox, M. O. Garrett, G. D. Knowles, P. J. Deacon, A. A. Frazer, A. G. Hutchison, J. G. Rhodes, W. A. Aucott, A. H. Parsons, W. G. Gulland, C. D. Tyler.

*The following also played :* R. W. Bray, A. H. A. Osborn, M. C. Allport, P. K. Hall, S. C. Tew.

## THE BELFAST TOUR

This season it was decided that the School would withdraw from the Public Schools' Seven-a-Side Competition at Roehampton, and spend the time and money on a tour, which would benefit a greater number of boys. The party crossed from Liverpool to Belfast on the evening of Tuesday, 9th January, and returned on the evening of Saturday, 13th January. During this time the XV, besides receiving typically Irish hospitality from the Methodist College and Grosvenor High School, played matches against both schools with great success.

The first game, against Grosvenor High School, was played in biting rain which turned to sleet on occasions. Both sides found difficulty in controlling the ball and the nil-all draw was a fair result. Cole broke in the first half and crossed the line but failed to ground the ball properly, and the only other scoring chance came when Packham narrowly missed a penalty in the second half. The forwards played well in the second half against a much heavier pack and also up a steep slope ; the backs managed to avoid frost-bite.

Two days later on the Saturday morning the XV played the Methodist College on a very fine pitch. Good covering and tackling in the first half prevented the opposition from making use of their speedy backs on the wide pitch, until just before half-time, when we were temporarily reduced to fourteen men. The Methodist College left-wing went over in the corner following up a kick ahead. Back to full strength in the second half, the XV gained clean possession from a line-out in the Belfast '25'. A short kick ahead by Elgood caught the full-back fumbling and Allport, up quickly, dispossessed him and scored between the posts. Packham converted. The XV scored again when Packham kicked a good penalty goal following a scummage infringement. Play was kept open by both sides and the School forwards with victory in sight, still played really well and covered exhaustively. The game was considered to be harder and faster than the Bromsgrove game. Thus the XV ended a most successful tour with a fine display against some good opposition in a keenly contested game.

*The Party :* Packham, Abrahams, Righton, Stinton, Parsons, Cole, Elgood, Cox, Garrett, Knowles, Deacon, Frazer, Rhodes, Hutchison, Tyler, Gulland, Allport and Greenhall.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.



## THE XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

*At Eastern Road, Saturday, November 11th. Lost 11 points to nil*

Bromsgrove kicked off away from the pavilion and after only two minutes their scrum half, Sawtell, eluded the School defence to score in the right corner. Although the conversion was missed, Bromsgrove were soon pressing again, and only steady touch-kicking by Stinton and Elgood saved the XV. Handling amongst the Bromsgrove backs was weak, while the School backs were slow to tackle. Their touch-kicking took the XV away from the goal line, and they soon gained a strong attacking position after a forward rush. They maintained a steady pressure on the Bromsgrove defence for more than ten minutes, but could not score. This period of attack finished with an unsuccessful attempt at a drop-goal. Even after this the XV looked dangerous, until Packham mis-kicked a cross-kick, and Bromsgrove siezed their opportunity, their attack culminating in a line-out a few yards from the School's goal-line. The XV's defence, however, was solid, and for nearly fifteen minutes they kept Bromsgrove out, but conceded two penalties, of which the latter was successful. At half-time Bromsgrove were leading by 6 points to nil.

At the beginning of the second half, Bromsgrove again got within two yards of our line, but again the defence was solid enough to hold them. Then in the twentieth minute a forward rush from the School '25' brought them a second try, which was converted.

The XV again attacked the Bromsgrove line when a kick from Righton brought a line-out near the corner. But the Bromsgrove defence was as solid as ours, and they never lost control of the game, although they did not score again.

Both sides were good in the tight scrummages, working as units, and both were also effective in defence, again as units. Bromsgrove were better in the loose, and had a marked superiority in the lines-out, whence they gained too much possession of the ball. It was at the lines-out, combined with some excellent play by Sawtell, that the game was lost.

*The XV:* Stinton; Abrahams, Righton, Elgood, Greenhall; Packham, Cole; Cox, Knowles, Deacon; Frazer, Hutchison; Aucott, Parsons, Gulland.

R. W. BRAY.

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## THE XV v. RUGBY SCHOOL

*At Eastern Road, Saturday January 27th, 1962. Won 9 points to 8 points.*

This new match, which we hope will become an annual fixture, started with the XV playing towards the pavilion. For the first five minutes the School was on the defensive, but then gradually forced play into the Rugby half. A kick ahead took play up to their line and a quick heel from the ensuing loose scrummage, followed by some rapid passing by the backs, put Greenhall over near the posts. A quarter of an hour later play was again on the Rugby line, and Garrett forced his way over from

a line-out maul. Five minutes before half-time faulty tackling in the centre, following a set scrummage on our '25,' gave Rugby an overlap for their winger to score in the corner. The XV had been fortunate up to now as several kickable penalties had been missed by the Rugby captain. Nevertheless we turned round 6 points to 3 up.

The XV went further ahead in the second half when some fine inter-passing by Abrahams, Parsons and Cole finished with the latter scoring in the corner. Rugby now put all into attack and, with a plentiful supply of the ball, could have done much more with it, but poor passing in the centre wasted several chances. They eventually scored near the posts when their centre broke through and forced his way over.

The try was converted. The ensuing play was even, with each side trying to force the decisive score, but no-side soon prevented this.

*The XV* : Stinton; Abrahams, Elgood, Righton, Greenhall; Packham, Cole; Deacon, Knowles, Garrett; Rhodes, Hutchison; Tyler, Parsons, Gulland.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

### RESULTS OF FOOTBALL MATCHES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 7	Warwick School	Away	Lost	0 23
14	Denstone College	Home	Lost	5 30
17	Solihull	Home	Lost	0 11
28	Worksop College	Home	Drawn	6 6
Nov. 2	Monmouth School	Away	Lost	3 8
11	Bromsgrove School	Home	Lost	0 11
11	King's School, Worcester	Home	Won	9 6
28	Wrekin College	Away	Lost	5 14
28	Nottingham H.S.	Home	Won	11 0
Dec. 2	Ratcliffe College	Away	Won	6 3
14	Cotton College	Home	Won	11 9
Jan. 11	Grosvenor H.S. (Belfast)	Away	Drawn	0 0
13	Methodist College (Belfast)	Away	Won	8 3
27	Rugby School	Home	Won	9 8
Feb. 10	Mount St. Mary's College	Away	Lost	6 14
Oct. 21	An 'A' XV v. Sebright School	Home	Won	32 5
Nov. 14	A XV v. St. Edmund Hall	Away	Drawn	19 19
Dec. 15	Tudor Club, Cambridge	Home	Lost	13 19
Feb. 17	Old Edwardians, Extra 1st XV	Away	Lost	8 16

### SECOND XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 7	Warwick School	Home	Won	19 0
14	Denstone College	Away	Lost	3 46
17	Solihull School	Home	Lost	3 25
28	Tettenhall College 1st XV	Away	Lost	0 29
Nov. 2	Monmouth School	Away	Won	6 0
18	King's School, Worcester	Away	Lost	3 10
Dec. 2	Tudor Grange G.S. 1st XV	Away	Lost	0 28
Feb. 23	Lucas Engineering School	Home	Won	11 6
3	John Willmott G.S. 1st XV	Home	Won	22 6
10	Bournville T.S. 1st XV	Home	Drawn	3 3
17	Old Edwardians 2nd XV	Home	Drawn	5 5

### THIRD XV

Date	Opponents	Home	Result	Score
Oct. 7	Warwick School	Home	Won	13 3
14	St. Philip's G.S. 1st XV	Away	Lost	6 9
28	Tettenhall College 2nd XV	Away	Lost	0 22
Nov. 18	Lucas Engineering School	Away	Lost	8 9
25	King Henry VIII, Coventry	Away	Drawn	6 6
Dec. 2	Tudor Grange G.S. 2nd XV	Home	Lost	8 11
Feb. 10	Bournville T.S. 2nd XV	Away	Lost	6 8

### UNDER SIXTEEN XV

Oct. 7	Warwick School	Away	Won	12 3
14	Denstone College	Home	Won	3 0
17	Solihull School 3rd XV	Away	Lost	8 9
21	Sebright School	Away	Won	22 6
28	Worksop College	Home	Won	14 3
Nov. 18	King's School, Worcester	Home	Won	6 0
25	Sebright School	Home	Won	34 0
28	Nottingham H.S.	Home	Won	16 11
Dec. 2	Ratcliffe College	Away	Won	8 6
9	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	6 3
Feb. 10	Mount St. Mary's College	Away	Won	14 0

### UNDER FIFTEEN XV

Oct. 7	John Willmott G.S.	Home	Lost	6 17
14	Denstone College	Away	Lost	3 17
21	Marsh Hill T.S.	Home	Cancelled	
26	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	6 15
Nov. 18	King's School, Worcester	Away	Won	15 12
25	King Henry VIII, Coventry	Away	Lost	5 26
Dec. 2	Tudor Grange G.S.	Away	Lost	6 9
14	Cotton College	Home	Lost	14 8
Jan. 20	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Lost	6 26
Feb. 3	Ratcliffe College	Away	Cancelled	
Feb. 10	Bournville T.S.	Away	Won	14 9
17	Wrekin College	Home	Won	18 11
42	Solihull School	Home	Cancelled	

### UNDER FOURTEEN XV

Oct. 21	Sebright School	Home	Won	49 0
28	Marsh Hill T.S.	Home	Lost	3 8
Nov. 18	Sir Wilfrid Martineau School	Home	Won	6 3
25	Tettenhall College	Home	Won	6 3
Dec. 2	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Won	11 6
Jan. 27	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Won	16 8
Feb. 3	Ratcliffe College	Away	Cancelled	
10	Bournville T.S.	Away	Lost	6 8
17	Wrekin College	Home	Won	20 6
24	Solihull School	Home	Cancelled	

### UNDER THIRTEEN XV

Nov. 25	Tettenhall College	Home	Won	8 0
Dec. 2	Tudor Grange G.S.	Away	Lost	0 25
7	K.E.G.S., Five Ways	Away	Cancelled	
Jan. 20	Solihull 'A'	Home	Won	11 0
20	Solihull 'B'	Home	Won	33 0
27	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Lost	8 30
Feb. 3	Sir Wilfrid Martineau School	Away	Won	17 5
Feb. 10	Bournville T.S.	Home	Lost	0 3
15	K.E.G.S., Five Ways	Away	Cancelled	



## ATHLETICS

Not unusually, the term's athletics has been hindered by the weather. Standards were obtained on a number of cold, wet days and Prince Lee were easy winners.

Rain and wind also interfered with Sports heats and finals. This year some of the finals were held on the Saturday preceding Sports Day so that the main afternoon would be a more smoothly run meeting. R. M. Abrahams and T. C. Rollason tied for the Open Championship, and Levett were winners of both the Sports and the overall Championship.

Of our three longstanding fixtures, only the one against Nottingham H.S. was lost and this largely because of the absence of key men. During the afternoon, however, our new-found long-jumper, A. R. Packham, broke the School long-jump record (held since 1913) with a lengthy leap of 21-ft 6-in. S. C. Tew also broke the Junior discus record. Ratcliffe College visited us on the day after Field Day, and we were alarmed to find half our team absent. Surprisingly, however, every senior event was won, and the juniors were only narrowly defeated.

Abrahams, Rollason, Barlow and Edge have all performed extremely creditably in several events and should do well in the various Inter-Schools meetings next term. There were no victories this year at the Midland Public Schools Meeting though J. G. Ruddick came within a few inches of winning the mile.

If we are going to get anywhere with our athletics we must take it seriously. This does not mean that we cannot enjoy it—quite the contrary; the more we train, the more satisfaction we derive from our competitions. There is plenty of talent in this year's teams, and many boys are beginning to train conscientiously. This is a good sign.

Much of the credit for this must go to Mr Symes, and we give our thanks to him. We also give our sincere thanks to those much maligned people, the officials. Our masters have stood in some appalling weather, but judged with extreme patience.

Last but not least, we are grateful to Mr Holden for his treatment of our injuries and for his advice.

J. G. RUDDICK

## RESULTS

*v. Nottingham H. S.* Away.

K.E.S. 59. N.H.S. 72. Junior Match : K.E.S. 61. N.H.S. 59.

*v. Ratcliffe.* Eastern Road.

K.E.S. 84, R. 42. Juniors : K.E.S. 52, R. 64.

*v. Warwick v. Worcester R.G.S.*

K.E.S. 123, Warwick 84, Worcester 66.

Junior Match : K.E.S. 73½, Warwick 72, Worcester 86½.

*Midland Public Schools Meeting*, Tuesday, April 3rd, University Track.

100 yds. : 4th Rollason, T. C. 5th M. H. Powell.

880 yds. : 3rd J. G. Ruddick. 4th R. C. D. Greenhall.

Mile : 2nd J. G. Ruddick.

High Jump: 3rd A. R. Packham.

Long Jump: 3rd A. R. Packham.

Shot : 5th H. D. Barlow.

*Records during the term :*

Senior Long Jump: 21 ft. 6 in., A. R. Packham, March, Nottingham.  
Senior Hurdles : 14·6 secs. R. M. Abrahams. Sports Day, Univ. Track.  
Under 16 Discus: 17th March, S. C. Tew, 124 ft. 9 in.  
Under 16 Javelin: 27th March, S. C. Tew, 156 ft. 6 in.  
Open Relay. Levett: 47·5 secs. (Heats).

**SPORTS RESULTS**

(Meeting held at University Track, Saturday, 7th April.)

*Senior :*

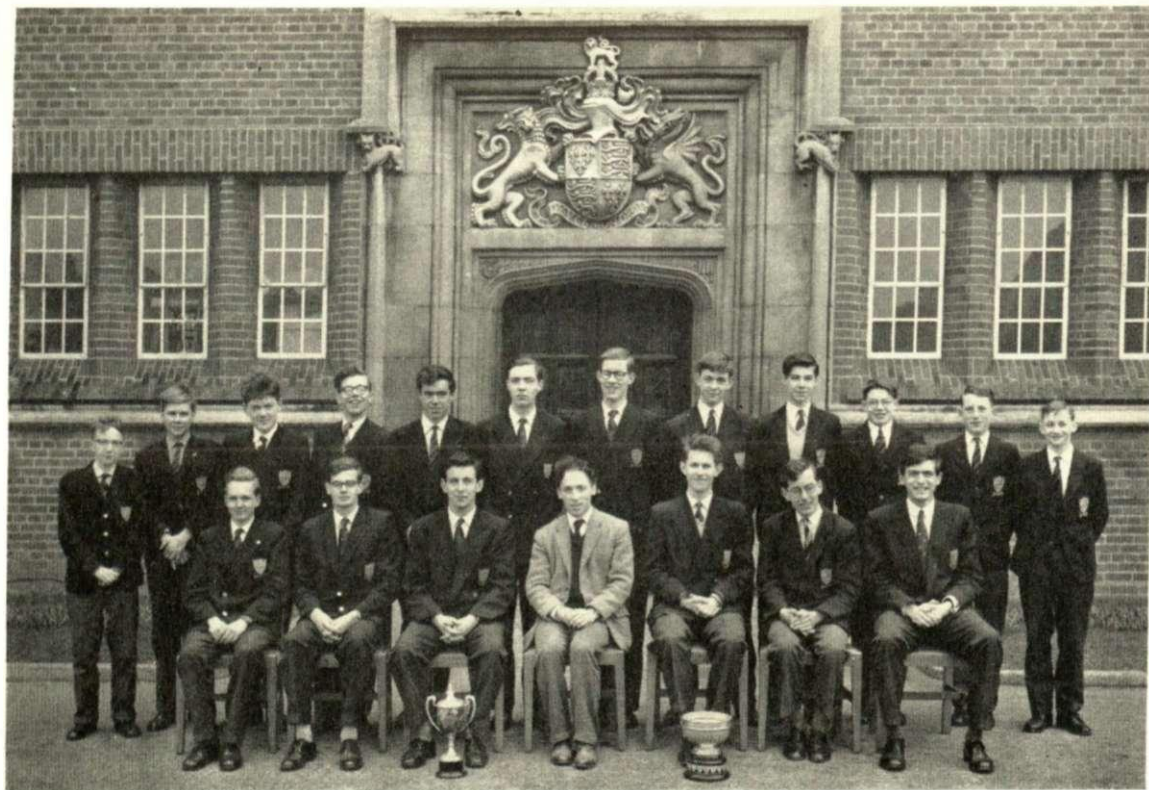
100 : 1st Rollason (*E*); 2nd Powell (*L*); 3rd Barlow (*L*). 10·9s.  
220 : 1st Rollason (*E*); 2nd Greenhall (*L*); 3rd Barlow (*L*). 23·7s.  
440 : 1st Rollason (*E*); 2nd Greenhall (*L*); 3rd Packham (*J*). 53·8s.  
880 : 1st Ruddick (*J*); 2nd Greenhall (*L*); 3rd Edge (*G*). 2m. 6s.  
Mile : 1st Ruddick (*J*); 2nd Norris (*L*); 3rd Williams (*V*). 4m. 40·1s.  
Hurdles: 1st Abrahams (*C*); 2nd Rollason (*E*); 3rd Packham (*J*). 14·6s.  
Long Jump: 1st Packham (*J*); 2nd Abrahams (*C*); 3rd Greenhall (*L*). 20 ft. 5 in.  
High Jump: 1st Clarke (*J*); 2nd Packham (*J*). 5 ft. 4 in.  
Shot: 1st Abrahams (*C*); 2nd Aucott (*H*); 3rd Barlow (*L*). 37 ft. 5 in.  
Discus: 1st Abrahams (*C*); 2nd Frazer (*L*); 3rd Edge (*G*). 102 ft. 0 in.  
Javelin: 1st Chadwick (*C*); 2nd Barlow (*L*); 3rd Rowan (*C*). 125 ft. 6½ in.  
Relay: 1st Levett ; 2nd Jeune ; 3rd Evans. 48·5 secs.

*Intermediate :*

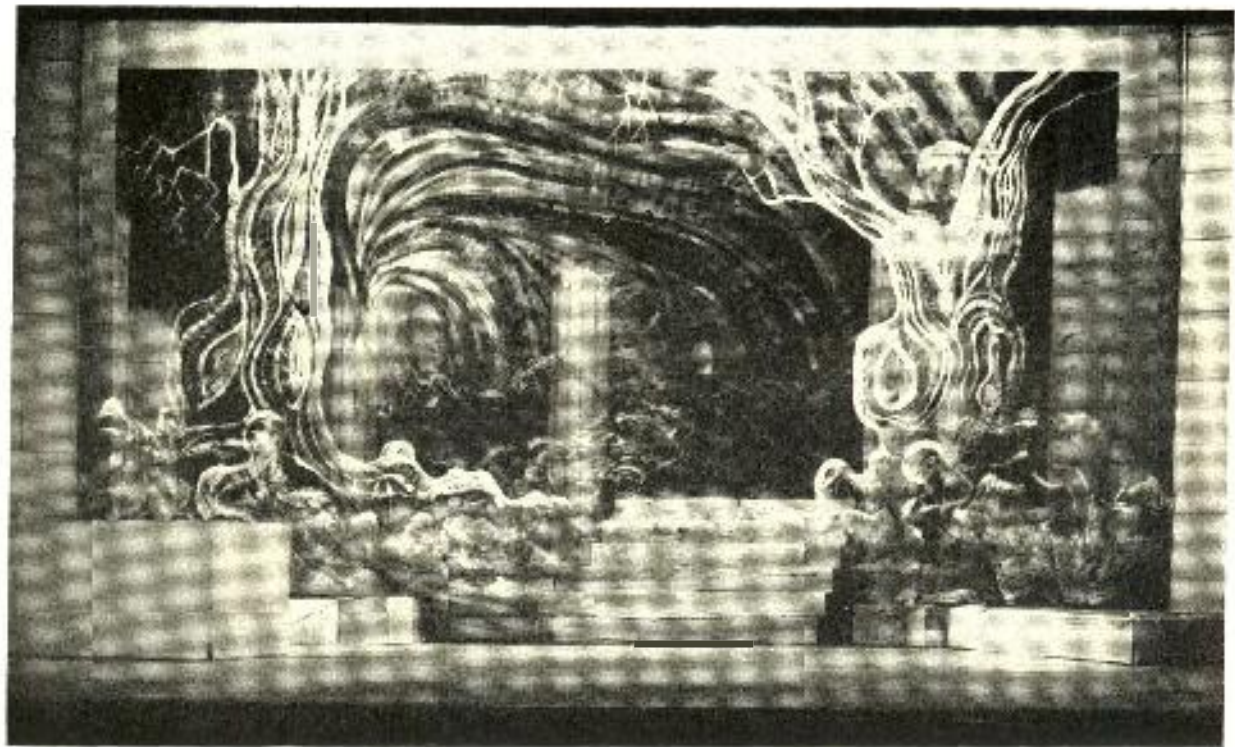
100 : 1st Gallett (*G*); 2nd Price (*J*); 3rd Haines (*H*). 11·2 secs.  
220 : 1st Gallett (*G*); 2nd Tipping (*P*); 3rd Price (*J*). 25·6 secs.  
440 : 1st Tipping (*P*); 2nd Gallett (*G*); 3rd May (*C*). 59·5 secs.  
880 : 1st May (*C*); 2nd Hey (*V*); 3rd Richter (*E*). 2m. 22·7s.  
Mile : 1st Brelsforth (*P*); 2nd May (*C*); 3rd Armitage (*P*). 5 m. 8·3 s.  
Hurdles (2 ft. 6 in.): 1st Gardiner (*C*); 2nd Gallett (*G*); 3rd Brown (*H*). 16·6 s.  
Long Jump: 1st Herring (*V*); 2nd Hey (*V*); 3rd Barnfield (*V*). 16 ft. 4 in.  
High Jump : 1st Herring (*V*); 2nd Osborne (*E*); 3rd Hey (*V*). 4 ft. 10 in.  
Shot : 1st Tew (*P*); 2nd Brown (*H*); 3rd Thomas (*E*). 40 ft. 1 in.  
Discus : 1st Tew (*P*); 2nd Herring (*v*); 3rd Thomas (*E*). 115 ft. 7 in.  
Javelin : 1st Tew (*P*); 2nd Osborne (*E*); 3rd Gardiner (*C*). 130 ft. 11½ in.  
Relay : 1st Heath; 2nd Gifford; 3rd Vardy.

*Trophy Winners :*

Under 12½ Champion : R. J. Parsons.  
Junior Champion : J. K. Mackenzie.  
Intermediate Champion : I. N. L. Gallett.  
Open Champion : R. M. Abrahams and T. C. Rollason.  
Wiggins-Davis Cup—U.12½ Relays : Gifford.  
Tudor Cup—Junior Relays—Vardy.  
Robert Moseley—Inter. Relays : Heath.  
Holdsworth Cup—Open Relays : Levett.  
Richards Cup—Cross Country (Inter.) : Prince Lee.  
St. Johnston Cup—Cross-Country (Open) : Prince Lee.  
Birmingham Athletic Club Cup : Levett.  
John Urry Cup—Standards : Prince Lee.  
Mitton Shield—Athletic Championships : Levett.



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, 1961-62



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## CROSS COUNTRY

The response to an appeal for runners in September was to set the trend for the remainder of the year. Practices were so well attended that we could immediately field a Senior and Under 15 team, and occasionally (though without much success) a 2nd or U.16 team.

The only two senior defeats of the year were against K.E.G.S., Camp Hill, and Newcastle H.S. In the former race, the absence of a key man was sufficient to tip the scales against us, and at Newcastle we were without both Cosgrave, the Vice-Captain, and Wallis, and chose to run our worst race against a team unbeaten for two years. However, both these results were reversed later at Rugeley. The Under 15's only defeat was against an extremely large Moseley team that was just too strong for us.

Individually, the season has been marked by the outstanding running of A. Norris, who has finished first of the School runners in all but one race. At Rugeley, he ran brilliantly to come third in a field of over 300 runners and he was also the individual winner of the School race. Improving steadily during season, J. B. Williams, the senior team discovery, ran extremely well at the Wolverhampton Relay in November and again at Rugeley where he finished 13th. No less than five of the juniors have at different times been winners of their races but of these, F. H. Armitage and M. W. Davis deserve special mention with a score of five first equals. Armitage went on to win the intermediate School race, with Paget second and Davis third.

The high note of the winter term was the victory in the first ever Wolverhampton G.S. Road Relay in which 27 schools took part. Always near the leaders during the race, we were able to draw away on the fourth leg to win by nine seconds.

Unfortunately, Cosgrave left us at Christmas after two or three years good running for the School, but the gap was quickly filled by Williams, with Wallis also back after a collarbone injury.

In February a combined K.E.S.—King Henry VIII Coventry team was defeated by the Oxford University "Tortoises" in what we hope will become an annual fixture. Then in March, 47 schools entered the Rugeley Inter-School race. With the considerable addition of R. C. D. Greenhall, we were delighted to have five runners home in the first 42 places. There was then an anxious wait for D. C. Robertson, our last counting man, who was 133rd, an extremely creditable position. The "Rugeley Bowl" was afterwards presented to the team by Mr Tom Farrell, the English half-miler.

At School, standards were again obtained in four separate races, held around Eastern Road, and Prince Lee won both of the House races.

During the season, J. W. A. Cosgrave and J. G. Ruddick were selected to represent the Warwickshire Junior (18-21 yrs) C. C. team in the Inter-County Championships.

Next year's team ought not to be expected to emulate this season, but the following year may well prove as good as this one, if not better. What is more important, however, is that there is now an outlet for some

boys' talents, in a field where the chance never existed before. The weekly gym period runs have been invaluable in spying out some of this talent.

I should like to conclude by thanking Mr Morris for his diplomacy and patience (our enthusiasm for new fixtures often left him in unfortunate positions), and by welcoming Mr Hadwen. I should also like to thank all the runners for the enthusiastic support that they have shown throughout the season.

J. G. RUDDICK.

## RESULTS

- v. *K.E.G.S., Aston*. Won. 28-50. Senior. Away.  
v. *Handsworth G.S.* Won. 34-47 (Senior). Away. Won. 38-39. (U.15). Away.  
v. *K.E.G.S., Camp Hill*. Lost. 40-38. Senior. Away.  
*Small Heath Harriers Youths (15-17) Relay*. 11th ex 31 teams.  
v. *Moseley G.S.* Lost. 55-27. U.15. Away.  
v. *Central G.S. and St. Philip's G.S.* Won. 44-97-37. U.15. Away.  
*Wolverhampton G.S. Road Relay*. (Cosgrave, Ruddick, Williams, Norris). 1st. 27 teams  
v. *St. Philip's G.S.* Won. 36-44 (Senior). Home. Won 21-39. (U.15). Home.  
v. *Newcastle H.S.* Lost. 54-31 (Senior). Away. Lost. 51-27 (2nd). Away.  
v. *K.H.S. Coventry*. Won. 38-44 (Sen.). Home. Lost 29-45 (U.16) Home. Won. 30-51 U.14½. Home.  
v. *Handsworth G.S.* Won. 31-49 (Sen.) Home. Won. 28-52 (U.15). Home.  
v. *K.E.S. Lichfield*. Won. 29-52 (Sen.). Home. Won. 39-42 (2nd). Home. Won. 36-40 (U.15). Home.  
v. *Sir Wilfrid Martineau S.* Won. 36-46. U.14½. Away.  
*Rugeley Inter-School Race* : (3, 8, 13, 16, 42, 133). 1st ex 47 teams.  
Teams have been chosen from the following :

Senior : Ruddick, Cosgrave, Wallis, Williams, Greenhall, Robertson, Dudley-Evans, Carpenter, Jones, R. T., Stagg.

Under 15 : Armitage, Davis, May, D. J., Brelsforth, Richter, Nurcombe, Hardingham, Dicks, Paget, Owen, Kilvert, Arculus, Dunford, Dyke.

U.16 or 2nd. : Dedicoat, Arthur, Faulconbridge, Rollason, Hemingway.

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## ETON FIVES

The School Fives team has tasted considerable success this season, only losing to one other school team (Repton), and this loss was mainly due to the off-colour performance of the first pair. During the winter term we gained victories over Stowe and Marlborough, and our second team beat K.E.G.S., Five Ways, and Wolverhampton, but lost to K.E.G.S. Camp Hill. In the Lent term we beat Shrewsbury, Stowe and Berkhamsted.

The most outstanding results of the year were gained on the London tour at Christmas, when we beat St. Olave's and Highgate, drew with the Old Olavians and City of London, and lost to the Old Citizens. Particular mention must be made of the commendable form displayed by J. C. Andrews who, coming into the first pair at the last moment, only lost one match. His best performance was in beating City of London first pair, who are considered one of the strongest school pairs in the country.



The first pair (R. Mellor and I. A. Emslie) have had quite a good season despite two poor displays against Shrewsbury and Repton. The second pair (R. J. Wells and P. D. Babb) have had reasonable results although they seem to enjoy playing all five games whether the opposition is good or bad—a most frightening habit. The Junior pair (J. C. Andrews and D. B. Taylor) have played consistently well, only losing to one other junior pair.

Unfortunately our draw in the Public Schools Competition is not as good as we had hoped.

The House Fives competition was very closely contested. The Senior competition was won by Cary Gilson, Levett and Vardy and the Junior by Evans. The eventual overall winners were Levett and Vardy.

The Fives handicap competition attracted a large entry and was eventually won by Emslie and Taylor.

It only remains to thank Mr Smith for his continued help and guidance.

I. A. EMSLIE.

The team has been selected from : R. Mellor, R. J. Wells, I. A. Emslie, Babb, P.D., Andrews, J. C.

The following have also played: Taylor, D. B., Forster, J. L., Barnfield, J. A., Page, R. C. J., Tracey, M.S., Hill, D.R., Paul, A. M., Dallaway, D.

The Junior pair has been Andrews, J. C., and Taylor, D. B.

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## SHOOTING

Starting the year with a small hard core of experienced team members, we were faced with the problem of forming an adequate team in time for the N.S.R.A. Public Schools competition, which was held near half term in the Autumn Term. Despite comparative mediocrity in the results of the Postal Matches for that term, on the actual day of the competition we achieved the score of 739 ex. 800, which was the highest for several years. Despite this, the improvement in the standard of shooting generally meant that we only came 86th out of 137. During the course of this term, School Shooting Colours were reawarded to B. J. Ecclestone and P. K. Hall, who both have “possibles” to their credit. The results of the N.S.R.A. House Competition are set out below

During the Lent Term, some practices were rather sparsely attended, owing to the rival attractions of rugby, cross-country running and so on. In spite of this, the results of the Postal Matches were pleasing, 14 being won, 4 lost and one tied. On the day of the Inter-Schools Country Life Competition, everyone shot with a commendable absence of “nerves,” producing a score of 744 ex. 800, or 884 ex. 992 including the landscape section, again the highest for some years. That the landscape scores were better than usual is a tribute to the clear target indications given by the Team Leader, Sgt C. G. Rowland. P. K. Hall has this term scored several “possibles,” one being during the actual Country Life Competition.

J. C. RAYNOR.

## HOUSE N.S.R.A. COMPETITION

1.	Heath	346
2.	Jeune	340
3.	Cary Gilson	339
4.	Prince Lee	336
5.	Evans	332
6.=	Levett	323
6.=	Vardy	323
8.	Gifford	291

## HOUSE COUNTRY LIFE COMPETITION

1.	Heath	345
2.	Cary Gilson	323
3.	Prince Lee	320
4.	Jeune	318
5.	Vardy	317
6.	Levett	294
7.=	Evans	279
7.=	Gifford	279

## N.S.R.A. AVERAGES

Name	Highest Score	Matches Fired	Average
J. C. Raynor	99	23	98.10
P. K. Hall	100	23	98.02
B. J. Ecclestone	100	23	97.56
Dawkins	96	23	92.52
Osborne	97	21	95.60
Lynock	97	20	95.05
Shepherd	95	15	94.33
Barnfield	93	14	92.52
Bunting	92	14	91.58
Davis	93	5	92.20

## CHESS

The end of the Lent term usually means the end of School chess for the year. However this year, as last year, the 1st team has reached the final stages of the *Sunday Times* National Schools Competition, the next round being next term. We have won the first round of these final stages by beating St. Boniface's College, Plymouth, by 4-2, thus reaching the last 8 out of the original 390 teams entered.

In the league we have been rather inconsistent, winning only seven, drawing one and losing two, for a final position of third. The team has usually been J. D. L. Ball, R. B. Davies, R. W. Goodsman, M. D. K. Halsey, A. J. Flavell and C. R. Flood, although J. M. Orrin, M. R. Bailey and C. J. Stanton have each played three times.

The 2nd team will probably finish in a similar position in the 2nd division. It is encouraging to see the third and inexperienced and promising fourth team win all their matches except for a draw apiece. Both are very likely to win their respective divisions.

Colours have been awarded to R. B. Davies, and re-awarded to J. D. L. Ball. These two fought for the Hurn trophy, the latter winning, and will also form the nucleus of next year's team, which should be of comparable strength to this year's.

Once again our thanks are due to Miss Chaffer for the use of the Dining Hall, and also to our chairman, Mr Hurn, whose advice has been invaluable.

C. R. FLOOD.

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## GYMNASTICS

During the first half of the Lent term, House Captains endeavoured to produce teams for the competition which was held on February 22nd. Some were formed easily, others were scraped together, but unfortunately Gifford were unable to produce a team. Jeune unexpectedly won the competition.

The senior Individual Competition was held on March 5th but there was a most disappointing number of competitors. I hope that this does not show a true picture of the enthusiasm for P.T. in the upper part of the School and that turn-out for this event will be greater in future. D. J. Prentice won this competition and the Junior Individual Competition, held a week later, was won by R. E. Milward and M. L. Dunford.

Our thanks go to Mr Symes and Mr Cotter for all their help and guidance during the various competitions.

A. J. C. PARK.

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## FENCING

This year has been marked by no outstanding development within the Fencing club, as happened last year. The Club has consolidated its sudden change, by enlarging the beginners' classes, which are very keenly attended and augur well for the future. The immediate prospects of the School team are unhappy, as only one regular member of this year's team expects to stay on. The Club would greatly appreciate some permanent method of marking out the 'piste' on which the fencers perform, but such things cost an unreasonable amount of money, so we have contented ourselves with expenditure on a gross of foil buttons.

This year's team, experienced but ignorant of the finer points of the game, has had moderate success. It has been chosen from N. M. Maybury, R. N. Harvey, J. C. Burgess, R. Watt, A. P. Dawkins, and C. D. Tyler, of whom the following have been awarded or re-awarded their colours for the season : N. R. Maybury, R. N. Harvey, J. C. Burgess.

As ever, we extend our thanks to Mr Cotter for his steady guidance and encouragement throughout the year.

C. D. TYLER.

## SQUASH REPORT

Squash has retained its popularity this year with a large entry for the Harris Squash Trophy. The standard of play seems to be rising at all levels except the top, where there is complete indifference to the game.

We are all extremely grateful to Mr Guy for his continued interest in school squash and his invaluable coaching.

R. MELLOR.

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## HOUSES

### CARY GILSON

The cupboard is no longer empty. After starting the year with literally nothing to lose, Cary Gilson have begun the climb from the bottom, albeit a little slowly. There has been some success in minor sports, but we came eighth overall in rugger, and there seem few prospects for the cricketers.

The rugger season began on a note of hope, with a convincing victory, but this lapsed into gloom as injuries and School team took their toll of our 1st XV, and we came eighth in the League Competition. As seems traditional, our 2nd XV also did badly, sometimes showing as little enthusiasm as skill in the mud. Our position in the knockout was little better, though this does not reflect the spirit and vigour with which our 1st XV played in all three matches.

We have met unexpected success in the Fives courts and on the Chess boards. The senior Fives team played well enough to earn a third share of a trophy, and the 1st Chess team mystified us all by winning a trophy as well. Unfortunately the supporting teams in these activities have not been up to the standard of their elders. The Shooting team have at last proved that they can overcome their nerves and shoot well in competition, but our instrumentalists and gymnasts suffered grave reverses in their respective activities. We have a House Choir. Although there has been much frenzied activity in cross-country and athletics, it has failed to produce impressive results.

Our hopes for the summer are not high, but the spirit of the House remains unbroken. With an exceptionally small Upper Sixth this coming term, much of the burden will fall upon the younger members of the House to achieve a standard which should augur well for the future. As always, our thanks are due to Mr Sacret, Mr Ramsay and Mr Morris for their unfailing support and encouragement through these hard times.

G. R. MACKENZIE.

## EVANS

Despite a general lack of individual talent the House continues to do well. Team work and team spirit have been responsible for most of the points we have collected, and it is a notable fact that where the whole House is involved we do well.

In the Rugby league the first fifteen was unpredictable, finally finishing fifth in their league. A young second XV played well, and in the league overall we were placed fourth. In the Knockout we failed for, despite the presence of three School forwards, the first XV won only one match ; the second XV fared no better, and we finished a disappointing fifth in Rugby.

Traditionally, the House never does badly in Athletics Standards, and this year was no exception. Almost all of the House braved the horrors of the cross-country course, and we finished second in standards, scoring only two less than Vardy. The House possesses no brilliant long distance runners, and we finished sixth in the races. In Athletics Standards a full effort was needed ; a full effort we had. Although the position of fourth appears mediocre, we were not far behind the leaders. Points in the Sports depended much on T. C. Rollason, who became joint Open Champion. In the athletic Sports we finished fourth—and consequently fourth in Athletics overall.

A few years ago it was declared that we should have a good Chess team. The forecast has at last materialised and we came first in Chess. J. D. L. Ball, our captain, won the Hurn trophy, and is the Warwickshire U.18 champion. In Fives we finished fourth ; the senior team finished fifth, but the Junior team swept all opposition before it and won their championship. Previous Evans House captains have written "Shooting remains obscure . . ." No change can be recorded, for we finished fifth in the N.S.R.A. competition and had no more success in the Country Life.

In other competitions we have not fared too badly. A position of fourth in Gym belied the closeness of the struggle, for we finished less than two scaled points behind the winners. Having finished second in the Instrumental part of the Music Competition, the Choristers finished fifth equal, giving us third place overall.

Our thanks are due to Mr Buttle, and the House tutors, Mr Hodges and Mr Holyoak. Under their careful and astute guidance we face the summer sports with confidence.

A. J. FLAVELL.

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## GIFFORD

We always take care to leave ourselves plenty of room for improvement. Fourth in Football was hardly better than last year ; seventh in Athletics was worse, largely because of a universal dislike of Standards. Our position of fourth in the Sports, due mostly to I. N. L. Gallett, the Intermediate Champion, and to our Under 12½ age-group, was spoiled by a dismal eighth in Standards.

Our Cross-Country runners did well to put us equal third in the team races, while the rest of the House plodded faithfully round the pavements of Edgbaston and we came fourth in Standards.

Meanwhile, activities which involved fewer participants brought us fewer successes. In Fives we came seventh, in Chess fifth. Our gymnasts had to withdraw from their competition, although we found some consolation in the fact that M. L. Dunford came equal first in the Junior Individual Competition. The instrumentalists also withdrew, although again we found consolation in the fact that the Choir finished second, and J. W. Deathridge won the Organ class of the Individual Competition.

Since we do not excel on the Sports field, what can we spend our time doing? Our only outstanding contribution to School life was our representation of nineteen people in the Opera. Apart from this, we seem very unspectacular in everything.

Our fortunes are likely to improve during the next few years, since we have a strong lower House.

Our thanks go to Mr Kay and also to Mr Benett and Mr Gregory who, we hope, will see some improvement in our history.

R. W. BRAY.

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## HEATH

Heath are obviously not yet ready to climb back to be Cock House. In fact with two-thirds of the House Competition already decided, the house will do well to retain fourth position. The year started disappointingly since neither rugby team had any consistent success. A late revival amongst first team members provided us with a few points and we finished a lowly sixth in the rugby league. This position, although quite just, could and should have been much better.

Our hopes for the Rugby Knockout were, as usual, high, particularly in the House 1st XV since we had regularly supplied five members of the School XV. The 1st XV were perhaps over confident and were beaten in the second round by the eventual winners. A late try decided a hard fought match and made the result 6-3 in the favour of Levett. Our Knockout position was fourth overall.

Lack of effort in the House continued until the start of the Lent Term. Our cross-country talent was nil. Practises were held and not attended. We finished eighth. At half-term, results which were occasionally announced improved a little. An Eton Fives return of 1·63 points actually showed an improvement of 1·63 points on last year. Rumours of 6th position in Chess also reached the House. The news was quickly followed by 3rd position gained by an extremely hard-working P.T. team. Sixth position in music was a little disappointing.

Shooting has been organised with quiet efficiency. We won the N.S.R.A. competition and then repeated the success in the "Country Life" competition. We enter the third stage of the competition with a good lead. Keeness was also shown in Athletics standards particularly



by the House official concerned and this was reflected to a surprising extent in the Athletics Sports in which we came second. We can only hope that this improvement can be carried into the summer term.

Once again our grateful thanks go to Mr Barlow, and to our House tutors, Mr Trott, Mr Stamp and Mr Wilson, for their much needed support and encouragement.

P. E. STINTON.

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## JEUNE

The future of Jeune is ominous ; indeed so is the present, but the efforts of a loyal handful of stalwarts is tending to overshadow the lack of determination and spirit existing in the House at the present moment. With the House championship being so closely contested this year, especially in the middle part of the table, the effort shown by a House may well prove as important as the talent it possesses.

House League Rugby could hardly have been worse than last year, when we failed to win a 1st or a 2nd XV match. This year we have recorded three 2nd XV victories, but these were insufficient to take us away from the eighth position, a position that we have now occupied for four successive seasons. Two extremely comfortable victories each for the 1st and 2nd XV's and one for the 3rd XV ensured a position of third in the Knock-out competition, but our final overall position in Rugby could not be raised above seventh, although only 3·16 scaled points separated us from the fourth House.

The highlight of the year, so far, has undoubtedly been the victory recorded by the Gymnastic team, which shocked the P.T. world with its unspectacular but workmanlike display. The same, unfortunately, cannot be said about Fives and Chess, in which we have all too easily slipped into the sixth and eighth positions respectively.

Our Cross-Country runners possibly entertained the inhabitants of Edgbaston more than those of any other House, and the result was a creditable position of third. The same standard of keenness was not however maintained in Athletics and we finished last, despite the efforts of a small minority to keep the Jeune flag flying.

The House marksmen carry on unheralded and our position of second in the N.S.R.A. competition was extremely satisfying.

The Orchestra could do no better than finish a close fifth in their competition. A position of fourth in the Choral section gave an overall place of fourth, a slightly disappointing result.

Perhaps in the summer term some of the untiring endeavour that has been shown by Mr Leeds and the House Tutors, to whom we are greatly indebted, will spread to the rest of the House and we shall return to our former glories.

A. R. PACKHAM.

## LEVETT

This year has so far been, with a few notable exceptions, remarkably successful for Levett.

Although only third in the Rugger League, the Knockout proved to be our salvation. The 1st XV, with a fair proportion of School players, backed up by the stalwarts of the League won the 1st XV Knockout competition for the first time ever. And so when the second and third fifteens' results were taken into account we were second in the Rugger Championship.

Fives was again won by us, though we were actually only equal first this year.

A fly must have got into the Levett preserve of Chess, for we were lucky to scrape home a poor third.

Fortunately the House Rugger Sevens were played this year. The House Senior Seven were considerably faster than any other House's team, and won the competition fairly easily.

As Rugger and Fives finished, we rested on our laurels—only to be smothered by them. The Gymnasts had difficulty in raising a team, and despite good leadership came bottom but one. As Cross Country reared its ugly head, House spirit seemed to trickle from our shoes. We disgraced ourselves in both standards and the race itself (except for the two who finished first and second in the Senior race), and were fortunate to be no lower than seventh.

Athletics standards was more satisfying; after a poor start some keenness was exhibited and we finally finished a good second. The Athletics Sports were a triumph—we were well supported and had a large proportion of the places, even if we did not win very many events. Largely because of the success of the Junior, and particularly the Open, relay teams Levett won Sports day and Athletics overall again.

The musicians have again produced a superb pair of performances. Not only did the instrumentalists win easily, but also the choristers, so that we won the competition by a handsome margin.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Nicholls as House Tutor and our sincere thanks are due to Mr Porter and Mr Freeman for their enthusiasm and guidance throughout the year.

R. J. WELLS.

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## PRINCE LEE

The House started this year with great determination to make amends for last year's dismal position of seventh in the House Championship. In the Rugby League Championship we swept all before us, both teams being undefeated—a success solely attributable to teamwork. Unfortunately, our success did not extend to the Knock-out, in which, handicapped by injuries, the 1st XV failed to win a game. The 2nd XV was defeated in the final and the 3rd XV only won one match. Our final position of third in Rugby was disappointing after such a good start.



In the final of the Water Polo competition we were again forced to acknowledge Vardy's supremacy. In a close race for the Chess championship we were narrowly beaten into second place. Positions of fifth in Fives and Gymnastics and fourth in the first part of the Music competition seemed poor rewards when so much work had been put in. Shooting remains little publicised; we were apparently placed fourth in the N.S.R.A. competition. Our talented Cross-Country team made up for a low position of fifth in standards by winning both races with comparative ease. F. H. Armitage won the Intermediate race.

The most heartening event of the year, to date, has been the way in which the House has responded to the challenge of Athletic standards. We won the John Urry Cup for the first time with a record number of 455 standards—a fair reflection of the high measure of enthusiasm shown by the House this year. In the Sports we came seventh; thus finishing second in Athletics overall.

With House Spirit so high, the immediate future seems bright and we are confidently looking forward to the remainder of the year.

It remains to thank Mr Williams and the House Tutors for their unfailing support and encouragement.

R. C. J. PAGE.

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## VARDY

After the departure of so many notable sportsmen at the end of last year, hopes for success this year were not high. It is in fact the case that the House is bare at the top but this has very largely been overcome by a talented lower House, consistency, and co-operation with House officials. The lower House tends to dominate most inter-House activities, and the upper House has consistently excelled itself in the Rugger Championship. Greater co-operation with officials improved the House's position considerably at cross-country and athletics.

The year began well with the House winning the Water Polo Competition, thus maintaining its domination in water sports.

The most satisfactory result for the House has been the position of first in the Rugger Championship. The House was second in the league championship but by winning the second and third team Knock-Out competitions and being runners-up in the first team the House attained the overall position of first. The season ended well with the House winning the U.16 seven-a-side competition.

The position in Eton Fives improved this year, the senior team coming first equal, the junior team second, giving a final position of first equal with Levett. The Position of second in P.E. was most satisfactory. At Chess the House came fourth, which was not as good a position as was hoped for after an unexpected victory over Evans, the eventual winners of the championship. Shooting was as successful as could be hoped for with the limited amount of talent. The House came sixth in the N.S.R.A., and fifth in the Country Life. Despite some reluctance on

the part of the musicians the House gained the position of third in both parts of the music competition with an overall position of second, which was most creditable.

In the past the Lent term has traditionally been Vardy's weakest but there was a vast improvement this year. At Athletics the House came third in the sports, third at standards and third overall. Cross-Country likewise improved, the House having the final position of second. Both these positions are most satisfactory, having been gained by keenness and co-operation from the whole House.

At individual activities the House has fared quite well, providing the Junior Athletic's champion, the Senior Gymnastics champion and the Fencing champion.

The Summer term is traditionally Vardy's strongest, but this year there are no great cricketers as in past years. This can be overcome, just as the lack of Rugger talent was overcome, by consistency and co-operation. If the House maintains its present attitude then it will certainly not disgrace itself in the Summer competitions.

Any success obtained so far is largely due to the guidance and inspiration of Mr Parry and the House Tutors, to whom we are greatly indebted.

R. MELLOR.

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## SCOUT GROUP REPORT

We used the term "Scout movement"; this implies progressive outlook, and in all departments of the group movement a continuous evolution is evident. First, and most important development this year is the final acquisition of the new country Head Quarters site. This will make possible a great extension of all outdoor activities, thus contributing to more worthwhile scouting. At the same time the long-awaited Senior scoutrooms have come at last into use; these palatial quarters are the latest word in convenience, and we are greatly indebted to the generosity of the governors of the School in this respect. This increase in accommodation is necessitated by a corresponding increase in numbers; we are now over two hundred strong, and at last have almost a full complement of scouters. In this context we welcome this year Mr Nicolls, Mr Wilson and Dr Warren, who are already contributing materially to the well-being of the group. Reorganisation plans are afoot, and soon the older members of the seniors will find themselves pensioned off, to lead a new life of service; changes in the age structure of the group will also take place; we hope that these are for the better.

A brief report of the sections of the Scout group reveals the greatest activity in that industrious hive of the Sea Scouts. Here the enthusiasm and generosity of Mr G. Clarke, O.E., their industrious scoutmaster, has produced some worthwhile activities. In particular we should mention this Summer's cruise in the Outer Hebrides. Four boats are now owned by this go-ahead section. The Senior troops are gradually

awakening, and last Summer held several expeditions. The great majority of seniors spent a light-hearted holiday on the Broads, with all the usual funnies thrown in. A party visited Finland on a hiking expedition, others travelled in the Pyrenees. In term the Senior section carries on an active outdoor programme, incorporating a large amount of public service in a matrix of useful training. Scout troops are following normal programmes of Scouting in term time, enlivened by enervating interludes at camp. Last Summer Mitre and New Troops visited Glen Trool in Galloway, a somewhat unusual type of site, but in most exciting surroundings. At the same time Park Vale and Vikings Troops were encamped in the Lake district, where in the unusual inclement weather a scouty programme was carried out. The usual rash of patrol camping serves as a useful practice for the rigours of these annual diluvial ordeals. Easter camp 1962 was held in perfect April weather in the Black Mountains of Brecon. Here a strenuous training programme yielded promising results, and many scouting open air topics were thoroughly explored.

Proficiency in the group is at present static. We should congratulate J. J. Claydon on gaining the Duke of Edinburgh's award, Gold standard, the first boy at this school to do so. Queen's Scout badge has been gained by N. J. Brown and J. J. Claydon, whilst in the Scout section Scout cords were gained by P. G. Wimpory, M. H. Drayton, M. J. Cooney and M. R. D. Randall.

In the future, we can look forward to a conventional Lake District camp on a previously used site by Mitre and New troop, whilst Park Vale and Vikings troops break new and somewhat dangerous ground on the offshore Scottish island of Kerrera, near Oban. The Sea Scouts will sojourn on the South coast, whilst the Seniors will be distributed from America through the Hebrides and Austria to Jugoslavia.

The group is slowly looking wider.

D. C. ROBERTSON

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## THE PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

The group has now been in existence for more than a year : its membership has grown to fifteen, and we have accordingly been able to extend the range of our activities. Our most common tasks remain shopping, gardening and interior decorating ; in all our assignments we are learning by our mistakes. Those of us who have hazarded our safety on the most precarious of ladders resent the suggestion that there is something unavoidably tame about " helping old ladies."

The volume of available work is still larger than the group at its present size can manage : new recruits from the Upper part of the School will be most welcome, and are assured of a worth-while and interesting time on Friday afternoons.

P. W. GRANT.

## SOCIETIES

In an age when we are for ever being confronted with horrifying images of the two cultures and the need for a cultural link between the arts and science, it is as well to look on our Societies as fulfilling not merely an entertaining, but even an enlightening role in our community ; it may be that they attempt to provide this very link. The School offers in the number and range of its Societies, advantages of which few other day-schools can boast. The statistician or the scientific historian could find little scope in them for tracing trends or theorising but perhaps their most striking quality is their resilience. So often have Societies risen from the ashes of their own destruction to enjoy a renewed support, that the seeming cessation of a Society's meetings is no proof of its extinction.

Many secretaries, no doubt taking note of the Film Society's meteoric rise and supposing that there is nothing quite like a film for pulling the crowds, have introduced films into their programmes. Yet the irony is that the very Society which encouraged the spread of this medium has not enjoyed so much support, particularly from the lower half of the School. Perhaps the novelty is no longer there ; or perhaps increased fare has led to a greater degree of selectiveness. There is obviously a moral somewhere. The Society, which only functions during the winter terms, ended its season on a topical and soul-searching note with films on the Hydrogen Bomb.

The Debating Society, after a year or two in the doldrums, has re-established itself as one of the School's major Societies. Attendance figures, whatever they show, point to a revival of interest, although several were no doubt at the joint debate with K.E.H.S. for questionable motives. Among the private debates was a Prefects' Debate, a welcome and witty innovation, and subjects have ranged from Civil Disobedience to women. The Junior Debating Society, equally bold and imaginative, is giving lively fare.

The Dramatic Society is the one Society which has only three evenings a year on which to make or mar its reputation. This year the bold experiment of producing an opera removed the School Play from its normal prominent position but rehearsals have already started for two short plays, to be produced jointly in the summer term.

The Shakespeare Society has enjoyed a successful period, though the standard of reading has been uncomfortably varied. The Elizabethan Society has had fewer members but this is a help rather than a handicap when casting parts. It is to be regretted that these play-reading societies have gained a reputation for being rigidly academic and mere extensions of school hours. They do, in fact, afford an excellent opportunity of spending a pleasant and informal evening in congenial surroundings, as well as of increasing one's literary appreciation. The third member of the play-reading trio, the Anagnostics, continues to meet on Saturday evenings also, though it is still regarded in some quarters as having rather dubious connexions with religion.

The Closed Circle suffers from misrepresentation likewise but its very nature prevents it answering for itself. Let it suffice to say that the veil of



obscurity which enshrouds it is not one of indecency, but that it has, in fact, heard several interesting, often learned papers, on a wide range of subjects.

The Christian Guild and its junior counterpart are making useful contributions to the School's spiritual life and it is interesting to note how they too, have extended and enlivened their approach. The Christian Guild has seen films on Bishop Wilson's experience in a concentration camp in Singapore and, at a joint meeting, on a recent trip to India by Mr Raymond Carter O.E., while the juniors have been feasted on film-strips, quizzes and play-reading.

The Modern Languages Society, despite the esoteric appeal of many of its meetings, has enjoyed the support of a growing number of non-specialists and similar links with the other culture can now be proudly claimed by the Scientific Society, which can boast a regular member from the Arts side.

The Geographical Society has had its customary programme of talks and films but has made a new venture by showing School members' slides during the lunch hour. This is really, the only time that the Literary Society can function, but it ensures that its interesting and thought-promoting talks have a good, receptive audience. The Art Circle meets at mid-day also, while the Art Society meets after School, but both offer lectures by guests and gentlemen of the School, that are not merely of interest to artistic initiates and are poorly supported by the rest of the School.

The members of the Natural History Society, without so rigid a time-table as other societies, have concentrated on tightening up their field work. Under enlightened leadership, they have embarked on a museum, to be used as a base for future operations, a magazine, of which one issue has already appeared, and a series of joint meetings and 'cultural exchanges' with K.E.H.S. The Archaeological Society has had several joint outings also and a good measure of co-operation seems to have been reached.

The Societies which rely on the support of the junior half of the School, before youthful ardour turns to cynical aloofness, the Philatelic and Railway and Model Engineering Societies, are still as popular as ever. The Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society, despite the sceptics, is still airborne and has not suffered the fate of its immediate predecessor the Jazz Circle, which faded out when its first secretary did. One Society that looks like staying with us is the new Historical Society, that appeared in the Lent term. The success of its first two meetings augur well for the future.

Perhaps the Societies seem to have developed or changed very little. But this is a good rather than a bad sign, at a time when anything cultural is being forced to take second place to social or athletic activities. Our School is first and foremost an academic institution, and as long as our societies help to broaden and develop the individual's outlook on life outside the syllabus, there can be little cause for complaint.

A. H. A. OSBORN.



## MUSIC

The musical activities of the School have been focused on the production of Gluck's "Alceste" during the last two terms. The performance of this opera, ambitious though it may have seemed at first, brought out the best in everybody, and even had the stage hands singing on the last night. Its main value lay in the fact that few schoolboys have the opportunity of taking part in an opera, and it is to be hoped that Gluck's wonderful music has left with many people a wish to sing in more operas.

This, then, has been the most significant work of the Choral Society. The other two musical societies have withdrawn to some extent to allow more time to be spent on opera rehearsals.

The senior of these, the Music Circle, meets on Friday afternoons to learn more about all kinds of music. During the last two terms it has heard talks ranging from "Modern Jazz" (by Mr Hoiyoake) to "Jacobean Lyrics" (by Mr Axford) and "Twelve Note Music" (by the present Secretary). It plans to visit Birmingham Cathedral in the summer to learn something of Church Music and Organs. It occasionally elects new members (from the Divisions and Sixths only).

Meanwhile, the Musical Society presents lunch-hour concerts on Wednesdays; these are intended for the whole School, although lamentably few people hear them. They are of a very high standard, and have ranged from Messiaen organ music to Haydn arias. Particularly notable have been performances of modern flute sonatas by R. M. Edwards, and of Romantic piano music by J. N. F. Craig. Last year's secretary, D. A. T. Powis, returned to perform violin music by Smetana and Dvorak, and Debussy's centenary year was marked by a concert of piano music, mostly Preludes, by J. W. Deathridge and M. J. Woodward.

The Chapel Choir is better and more adaptable than for some time. It continues to sing Evensong in Chapel every fortnight except in Lent, and also sings in extra services at the ends of terms. The Christmas Carol Service reached a very high standard, and the Passion Service, while being less ambitious, was nevertheless an example of good choral singing.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term, Dr Bernard Rose, Organist of Magdalen College, Oxford, came to judge the House Instrumental Competitions. Levett won with one of only a few good performances in a year in which the standard was lower than usual.

Musical events came thick and fast at the end of the Lent Term. "Alceste" on April 5th, 6th and 7th was followed by the School Service on the 8th and the House Choral Competition on the 9th. All these types of music—operatic, sacred, and secular—involved the same singers, and proved the Musical Department's adaptability. Mr Alexander Youngman, Director of Music at Rugby School, judged the House Choirs, which reached a higher standard than usual. He also judged the Individual Competitions later on the same day (April 9th).

R. W. BRAY.

## MUSIC COMPETITION RESULTS

House Music Cup : Levett.

Pianoforte I : Young, M. T. (*H*).

Instrumental I and II : Bott, W. E. (*V*) and Barlow, R. (*L*).

Pianoforte II : Smith, D. P. (*V*).

Instrumental III : Smith, R. J. (*V*).

Instrumental IV : Norris, A. (*L*).

Pianoforte III : Woodward, M. J. (*H*).

Organ : Deathridge, J. W. (*G*).

## THE STAGE

Now that Birmingham is to have a new and entirely modern professional theatre, it is perhaps opportune that members of the School should be told something about the installation of our own stage, which is undoubtedly one of the finest school stages in the Midlands and perhaps in the country. We are fortunate, firstly, in that the design of Big School, with its exceptionally lofty roof, enables us to 'fly' scenery, that is, lift it vertically out of sight by means of ropes and pulleys. This facility is usual in the professional theatre, and is obviously of great value when changes of set have to take place during a performance, but is quite rare in schools, where the stage height is generally only a little greater than that of the proscenium arch.

Another of our most prized assets is a very full and flexible lighting installation, recently augmented by a new switchboard. One board, the older of the two, is used for the lighting circuits on the stage, which consists of a number of permanent lighting battens, and also plug outlet points to which portable flood-and spot-lights may be fixed, their positions depending upon the type of production. The newer board is used to control the Front of House circuits, consisting of more plug points in the roof of Big School from which spotlights can be hung to the producer's requirements. Members of the school will have seen these lamps in position shortly before each play. For productions which require considerable use of the 'apron,' or projecting fore-stage, foot-lights or 'floats' can be fixed to plug sockets on the front of the stage. All these lights can be dimmed, independently or together, to suit the action of the play.

Another professional feature is an internal telephone system, linking the principal operation points backstage. It may seem strange that on such a well-equipped stage only three productions are undertaken annually. When it is remembered, however, that the scenery for these has to be designed, manufactured and painted by a small but devoted band from the Art Department and the Stage Gang, and that other things besides stage work have to be undertaken by most of the people concerned, this is quite a respectable total. In addition the stage staff is responsible for the setting at the Speech Day and Founder's Day celebrations, and at such events as the recent Scout Conference, for which a set was produced in the record time of five days. If there is anyone in the Middle School who would like to join in this very pleasant and rewarding activity, applicants for admission to the Stage Gang are always welcome. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that, without them, school plays would be nothing like as good as they are.

G. B. SKELSEY.

## THE ISLAND

The Junior Dramatic Society presented, on two evenings in October, Mr Axford's adaptation from parts of William Golding's novel 'Lord of the Flies.'

The action takes place on a deserted island somewhere in the tropics, where an air-liner has crashed, killing all adults on board, but leaving a large number of school boys, including a church choir, to fend for themselves. The play traces their degeneration from ordinary and reasonable civilized boys into bloodthirsty little savages intent on killing, first for food, and then for the sake of killing, the pig population of the island ; their growing disregard for law and order and all the decencies which alone can make life on the island tolerable : and their eventual descent to the point of killing one of their own number and attempting to kill another, which attempt is stopped by the timely arrival of a rescue-party.

This grim story is lightened only occasionally by less serious matter, and I wondered how many nightmares were suffered afterwards by younger members of the audience ; or even by older ones, seeing in the players something whose existence they had always suspected in their own children. Certainly at times the uncharitable thought occurred, that these boys were not acting at all, but just being themselves. There were several parts requiring a sustained performance, which must have put a great strain on the players' throats, apart from any other considerations. Much of the dialogue had to be shouted above the noise of the disorderly rabble. In particular T. H. Gretton, as the elected, ineffective, and finally rejected champion of law and order, and his equally ineffective henchmen, T. R. A. Reader and P. N. Hill (who filled the part of the myopic and querulous Piggy perfectly) ; and on the side of the savage element R. F. T. Hicks as their leader and C. D. Coode as his willing layabout, maintained their several parts well. The callous brutality of the last two had the much greater appeal to the majority of the boys on the island, and we were led to believe that, if things are allowed to take their natural course, the victory of evil over good is inevitable. The arrival of the sailors at the very end of the play was very much of an anti-climax, but it is difficult to see how any such interruption of an impending murder could have been otherwise.

The set was, as we have come to expect from our ubiquitous Art department, excellent, and all those other vital matters of stage direction, electrics, production, and the rest, which we the audience are usually not fully aware of unless they fail, went with their customary smoothness.

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## ALCESTE

The first thing to be said about the Choral Society's production of Gluck's 'Alceste' is that anybody who produces a real opera of any kind anywhere in England these days deserves a medal for doing something to fill a scandalous cultural vacuum. The second is that the production was a great success. To measure its success it is as well to remember not only the pleasure it gave but also to reflect on the difficulties that it had to meet. Here are a few of them.

First, there is no *habit* of producing or seeing opera in England. It is so much centred on London or connected with 'the season' that for many people it is a novel, and therefore alarming, experience. Second, an eighteenth century *opera seria* is about as far from what the twentieth century expects in a theatre as it is possible to be. Third, an opera needs very much more sheer organisation than a play. Fourth, it makes more demands on an amateur singer than a play does on an amateur actor. Fifth, there is no guarantee that people who can sing can also act, and it is idle to pretend that the music is all that matters in opera. In fact, the reason for the music is a dramatic action which needs to be seen if the music itself is to be appreciated at its true worth, a fact which Gluck himself thought worth pointing out. Sixth, it is not easy to find a suitable opera for a choral society to produce because the requirements of a choral society force the choice towards what is likely to be non dramatic opera. Gluck's 'Alceste' was an obvious choice because there is so much in it for a chorus to sing. Yet choruses, however dramatic *musically*, don't make an ideal medium for furthering a dramatic action, if only because it is rarely possible to hear what they are singing about. This does not matter when listening to an oratorio with the words on the programme in your lap but it does matter when watching an action in the darkness of a theatre. As a result of this fact, large tracts of the first act of 'Alceste' and parts of the later acts must be largely unintelligible to a modern audience, however good the performance. Moreover, it is not likely that a modern audience is as familiar with Euripides or with Greek myth as Gluck's audience was. These facts constitute a formidable problem for the producer.

Not all the difficulties mentioned above were overcome with complete success but when one thinks of the production and performance as a whole one thinks of it as being satisfying and successful. In the first place, the combined orchestra played with a sustained energy, confidence and sheer competence that was inconceivable when Mr Tunnard took it on. If it lacked attack in the first bar of several numbers and if its intonation was occasionally faulty this doesn't alter the fact that in the course of the opera, it played an awful lot of music with gusto and control. And after all, if Mozart could say after a performance of 'Don Giovanni' in which he himself had conducted a star-studded cast that 'some of the notes had fallen under the music desk but that all was well' who are we to look grave about the odd note that goes astray? The chorus, faced for the first time with the labour of memorising all its music, sang with plenty of zest and weight. There were times admittedly when a small semi-chorus failed to make itself properly felt but for the most part they all sang as if they were well aware that of all operas 'Alceste' offers them a benefit performance. Of the principals Mrs Robbins and Mr Cole sang Alcestis and Admetus very convincingly and often very movingly indeed. Their greater maturity was principally evident, I thought, in the fact that their singing was much more dramatic than that of the other soloists. It was also more relaxed in the recitatives and recitative needs some degree of freedom if it is to sound as expressive as it should. Of the remainder, Roger Bray as the High Priest and Apollo was clearly the



most accomplished singer and John White as Evander was equally clearly the most accomplished actor and a pleasant singer into the bargain. As a result he gave the best all round performance (apart from a villainous tendency to stoop rather ingratiatingly) by a member of the School. John Heighway as Hercules and Geoffrey Charlton as Thanatos each looked electrifying in his own way and both sang efficiently.

As for the production, the general layout seemed excellent even if some of the details went astray. The action was played on a spacious set, broken by some admirable columns and a very impressive piece of statuary. This set was beautifully lighted—even if the principal actors sometimes refused to get into perfectly good spotlights—and artfully concealed for the scenes in the underworld by the best gauze I've seen since Stratford's 'As You Like It' in 1952. On this set the chorus was always well grouped in a satisfying variety of arrangements but I thought that its supplicating hands were insufficiently controlled, a fact which was made more obvious by the expressive hands of Alcestis, Admetus and Evander. In fact, hands in general bothered me more than they have done in a school production for a long time. At half-clench they express precisely nothing. I put it down to the fact that all concerned had other problems on their minds. I'm sure, too, that the producer couldn't have intended one of the spirits of the underworld, in the act of menacing Admetus, to move into a dance routine that looked like a rather rheumatic twist. But these were small blemishes in a production that tackled the main problems surely and successfully. Clearly, both Mr Tunnard and Mr Bolton deserve considerable applause for having the imagination and resolution to embark upon such a huge venture and congratulation on having carried it out so successfully.

Two final points. The first is that in the Friday night performance the part of Alcestis was sung by Miss Joan Fulford and (I am told) very well too. The second is that Gluck died in 1787 and *not* 1798 as the programme so mysteriously asserted.

A. J. TROTT.

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### THE 'CLOUDS' AT CAMBRIDGE

A party of boys and masters from the Classical side visited the Cambridge Arts Theatre in February to see a performance of the 'Clouds,' a comedy by the Athenian comic poet, Aristophanes, produced in the original Greek.

A word is needed about the play's theme. It is essentially the conflict between old and new, between the coming and passing generations, a theme that has as much a place in our society as in Aristophanes'. Strepsiades ('Twister'), an elderly farmer, ruined by his horse-loving son Phidippides, goes to learn from a certain Socrates, who he is told can make the worse cause the better. After entering Socrates' school (the 'Thinking-Shop') and failing as a pupil himself, he sends his son in his stead. He is handed over to be instructed by the Just Plea, portrayed in this performance as a lanky, sombre youth, and by the Unjust Plea,



aptly sporting sideboards and a leather jerkin in the best modern idiom. In the contest that ensues, the Unjust Plea, representing the new age, is victorious, a popular result. And so, aided by what Phidippides has learnt, Strepsiades can now confound his debtors with his 'logic' but the tables are soon turned when his son uses his new knowledge to beat up his father and prove that he is justified in doing so. Strepsiades, disgusted with the new learning promptly sets the Thinking-Shop alight, the highlight of a plot that may strike the modern reader, unacquainted with the background to Greek comedy, as fanciful, even fatuous—but it was strikingly relevant for those who first heard it.

The actors were all competent, though Strepsiades was outstanding in his portrayal of the dithery, cowardly old man. The set, though simple in design, tended to dominate the stage, leaving little room for action, especially with the chorus on stage. The chorus of clouds, hindered by the unsuitable music to which their lyrics were set, at times sank into the unintelligible but having them attired in gaily-coloured crinolines and parasols, male and female alike, was a fine touch. Other points that spring to mind were Socrates travelling through the air in a basket and the Unjust Plea acting true to himself and his cause, by making advances to one of the female clouds in the chorus.

The cast, one could fairly say, gave a lively and imaginative, if not particularly inspired performance of a play that has proved its durability by the way it can still amuse now, two thousand years later.

A. H. A. OSBORN.

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### THE ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBITIONS

Since September, 1961, the Julian Horner Bequest has made available four Arts Council Loan Exhibitions of Reproductions, each for a two week period. The Exhibition of Etchings from the Arts Council Collection in September, 1961, was followed by Picasso Part One in October.

Then in January, 1962, the School enjoyed the exhibition of 17th century Dutch masters which included some fine exteriors and portraits. This was closely followed in February by the Ecole de Paris exhibition which included reproductions of works by artists as diverse as Buller, Chagall and Roualt.

These Arts Council Exhibitions are notable for extremely high quality reproductions, invariably most suitably framed and mounted.

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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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"The light gleams an instant, then it's night once more."

*Samuel Beckett, "Waiting For Godot."*

All of us might not feel quite as pessimistic about the nature of life as Beckett's Pozzo, but it certainly does not seem to hold much more than 'a gleam of light' for vast numbers of people. Their minds are shut to anything which rises above the mundane considerations of their own material comforts and superficial joys; for them, the barrier between Art and 'entertainment' is as impregnable as the Berlin Wall. Those of us who care for this School and want to see it setting an example to all of Birmingham and the surrounding area would hate to think that many of its pupils are uninterested in breaching that barrier. Unfortunately, we have to face the fact that lack of interest in, even downright hostility towards the Arts is widely prevalent in K.E.S.

The most obvious manifestation of this attitude was in the disgustingly poor attendances at the last School Play. It may perhaps be said that this was the result of exceptional circumstances, but there has definitely been a trend towards smaller audiences at School productions than was the case four or five years ago. Further evidence is provided by the fact that the Musical and Literary Societies consider themselves lucky if they have twenty people at a meeting, while the Art Circle rarely gets more than about half a dozen.

People intelligent enough to be at King Edward's should be able to realise that there is far more to education than forms and homework, namely the cultivation of individual minds through lively and satisfying outside interests. Such interests will not be found by confining extra-curricular activities to the playing-fields. Sport in itself can do nothing but good in developing physical fitness and skills, but this only remains true as long as its importance does not become out of proportion. It is, for instance, no valid reply to a remonstrance about not attending a School Play or Concert to say, "Well, you didn't go to last week's rugby match, did you?" Such a remark is nothing short of a falsification of values: sport and Art cannot be put on the same plane of human activity.

Those who scoff at poetry as cissy or at Beethoven because he does not get into the Top Ten are cutting themselves off from a major part of life. It is foolish to create consciously a mental block against the efforts of those people, particularly masters, who try to develop enthusiasm and eager response to Art in others.

Instead, and here we exhort our readers directly, try to help them by listening sympathetically and by endeavouring to see from where they derive their enjoyment of books, music or pictures. Look at painting and try to find out what makes people think them beautiful. Read the classic novels and some poetry—once an effort has been made, it is an unusually insensitive person who fails to thrill to Keats' Odes or the first few books of "Paradise Lost." Listen to good music, and if you only like the noisy bits at first, that, at least, is better than nothing. You will find it far more satisfying to enjoy these things than to jeer at them. Furthermore, it is a good idea to try and create something yourself by writing poems or short stories, because even if the result is naïve and unskilled, its production will have been an achievement.

We hope that this Editorial has not sounded pompous or too self-satisfied. It probably has. But this does not really matter, if it has made members of the School think seriously about their prejudices and encouraged them to pay attention to the cultural activities which take place in this community.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

### SCHOOL DIARY

The truncated Summer Term began on May 3rd, and ended on July 13th. Half Term was taken from June 8th to June 12th.

The Chief Master spent the first half of the term in Central Africa, visiting schools on behalf of Voluntary Service Overseas.

The School Plays were presented before small but select audiences on May 24th, 25th and 26th (a review appears elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.)

The General Inspection of the C.C.F. took place on May 23rd.

G.C.E. 'A' level began on May 31st, and 'O' level on June 18th.

The Admission Ceremony took place on June 28th.

The End of Term Service was held in the Cathedral on July 11th.

A New Street tradition was revived by the celebration of Speech Day on Saturday, July 14th, the day after term ended. The prizes were presented by Sir Lionel Russell, C.B.E., M.A., Chief Education Officer of the City of Birmingham. For the second time in ten years the O.E.A. Cricket Match, which was to have been played on the same afternoon, was spoiled by rain.

We notice with pleasure, not unmixed with trepidation, the appearance at the end of term of the 'Classical Fifth Magazine,' a collection of original verse and prose.

We congratulate M. D. K. Halsey on the award of a Foreign Office Mecas Scholarship.

We congratulate J. W. Deathridge on being elected to an associationship of the Royal College of Organists.



## GOVERNOR'S NEWS

The Bailiff of the Governors this year is Alderman Mrs E. V. Smith, J.P. In succession to the Right Reverend C. G. St M. Parker, now Bishop of Bradford, the University of Oxford has appointed as its representative governor the Right Reverend D. B. Porter, the new Bishop of Aston.

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## OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

We note with pleasure that A. C. Smith has been selected to tour Australia with the M.C.C.

We congratulate the following O.E.'s on their awards at Cambridge:

E. K. Turner, on being the only candidate placed in the First Class of Moral Sciences Tripos Part II and being adjudged 'special distinction', and on being elected to a Research Scholarship at Trinity;

D. H. Fremlin, on being a wrangler on the Maths Tripos Part II;

P. W. Johnson, on being elected to the Caldwell Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, after being placed in Class I of the Natural Sciences Tripos Part I.

At St John's College:

M. G. Varley, on election to a Laski studentship and a Christopher Vincent Travel Award;

I. D. Bent, on election to a Strathcona Studentship;

M. S. Silk, on election to a scholarship on the strength of getting a first in the Classical Tripos Part I.

G. J. Gregg, on the award of a S. Catharine's College prize for getting a first in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Part I.

At Oxford, where most results are published later, we congratulate C. W. Long on a first in the School of Oriental Studies, and on passing into the Foreign Office.

At University College, London, we congratulate D. Gompertz on the award of a Beit Memorial Fellowship (for Medical Research).

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## THE COMMON ROOM

We congratulate:

Mr and Mrs Stamp on the birth of a son, in May.

Mr and Mrs Chapman on the birth of a daughter, in June.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Smith on the birth of a son, in July.

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We welcome the following masters:

Mr D. H. Benson, O.E., for Chemistry.

(Mr Benson is an ex-School Captain.)

Mr A. Robinson, for Physics.

Dr D. P. Nicholas, for Biology.

Mr M. Hopley, part-time, for Craft, especially woodwork.

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Dr Warren, Mr Ruddock and Mr C. W. Smith left at the end of the Summer Term.

## OBITUARIES

H. E. GREENWAY and J. A. REEVES were killed in a motor-car accident on December 28th, 1961. They were in the same form in the school throughout their career. Both were able scientists in the middle of their University courses, one at Oxford and the other at Cambridge.

H. E. GREENWAY entered Shell A as a Foundation Scholar in 1952. He retained his place in the top stream of the school, entered the Science side and was awarded a State Scholarship in 1958. Three months later he obtained a place at Merton College, Oxford. He was not an outstanding athlete but he played Rugby for his House and then took up rowing, of which he became school captain. He was always a keen scout and in his last year at school an outstanding A.S.M. of New Troop—hard working, always cheerful and most helpful to younger boys.

He left school in 1959 and spent a year studying at McGill University, Montreal, after being awarded a grant by the Goldsmiths' Company for this purpose. On his way back he travelled across the U.S.A. and visited Mexico. He went up to Oxford in 1960 and had just completed four terms of his course in Physics.

J. A. REEVES entered Shell A at the same time as Greenway and remained in the same form with him. He obtained his State Scholarship in 1958 and followed this with a Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge. He was good all round at games, representing the school in the 2nd XI, 2nd XV and in athletics, while also leading the Ib Chess team. He captained Vardy at Fives for three years and swam for his House. He was a keen Scout both in Vikings and in the Senior Troop, of which he was a Troop Leader.

He left school in 1959 and went straight to Cambridge. He was placed in Class I in the first part of the Natural Science Tripos and had just begun his work for part two in Chemistry.

The record of their achievements shows that two distinguished O.E.'s have been lost at the beginning of their careers. Their contemporaries have lost two good friends whom they will remember for a long time—Greenway perhaps for his cheerful helpfulness and Reeves for his competence and quiet modesty. To the families of both we offer our very sincere sympathy.

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## THE PREFECTS ROOM

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

R. J. GILSON : Secretary of the Cartland Club ; Secretary of the Shakespeare Society (*Evans*).

R. M. ABRAHAMS : Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Cary Gilson*).

The following left at the end of the Summer Term :

R. C. D. GREENHALL (1954-62) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1961-2 ; Prefect 1960-2 ; Captain of Rugby

Football 1961-2 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-2 ; XXX Colours 1959-60 ; Athletics Colours 1960-2 ; House Captain 1961, 1962 ; Dale Memorial Medal 1962 ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada 1962 ; Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. (*Levett*).

R. MELLOR (1954-62) : Vice-Captain of the School and President of the Cartland Club 1961-2 ; Prefect 1961-2 ; House Captain 1961-2 ; Secretary of Eton Fives 1960-1 ; Eton Fives Colours 1960-2 ; Lawn Tennis Colours 1961-2 ; School Captain of Squash 1960-2 ; A.S.M. in the Scouts 1960-2 ; Sheffield University. (*Vardy*).

P. E. STINTON (1954-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; Under Officer in the Royal Naval Section ; Rugby Football Colours 1961-2 ; XXX Colours 1960-1 ; Lawn Tennis Colours 1961-2 ; House Captain. (*Heath*).

W. A. AUCOTT (1954-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football 1961-2 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-1-2 ; XXX Colours 1959-60 ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Heath*).

R. W. BRAY (1957-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; House Captain 1961-2 ; XXX Colours 1961-2 ; Assistant School Recorder 1961-2 ; Choral Society Soloist 1961, 1962 ; Secretary of the Music Circle ; Sewer of the Shakespeare Society ; Corporal in the C.C.F. ; Academic Clerkship (Choral Scholarship) at Magdalen College, Oxford. (*Gifford*).

I. A. EMSLIE (1954-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; Captain of Lawn Tennis 1961-2 ; Captain of Eton Fives 1960-1-2 ; Lawn Tennis Colours 1960-1-2 ; Eton Fives Colours 1960-1-2 ; Grey College, Durham. University (*Cary Gilson*).

A. J. FLAVELL (1954-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; School Chess Team 1961-2 ; House Captain ; Corporal in the C.C.F. ; Manchester University (*Evans*).

P. W. GRANT (1955-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of the Dramatic and Literary Societies ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; Minor Scholarship in English at Queens' College, Cambridge. (*Levett*).

B. J. HAMBIDGE (1957-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; Captain of Swimming 1960-1-2 ; Swimming Colours 1959-62 ; A.S.M. in Scouts ; Leeds University (*Prince Lee*).

G. R. MACKENZIE (1957-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; House Captain ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; Swimming Colours 1962 ; Secretary of the Film Society ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; National Coal Board Scholarship ; Manchester University. (*Cary Gilson*).

A. R. PACKHAM (1954-62) : Prefect 1961-2 ; House Captain ; Secretary of Rugby Football 1961-2 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-1-2 ; Athletics Colours 1960-1-2 ; Cricket Colours 1962 ; Cricket Blazer 1961 ; XXII Colours 1959-60 ; Leading Seaman in the Royal Naval Section ; Bache Memorial Cup 1962 ; Birmingham University. (*Jeune*).

A. H. A. OSBORN (1955-62) : Prefect 1962 ; Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE ; XXX Colours, 1961-2 ; Secretary of the Anagnostics ; Minor Scholarship in Classics at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. (*Prince Lee*).

D. C. ROBERTSON (1954-62) : Prefect 1962 ; Secretary of the Natural History Society ; A.S.M. in Scouts ; Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford (*Prince Lee*).

J. W. DAWSON (1955-62) : Prefect 1962 ; Treasurer of the Cartland Club, 1962 ; Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford. (*Levett*).

W. G. GULLAND (1956-62) : Prefect 1962 ; School Recorder ; XXX Colours 1961-2 ; Exhibition in Engineering at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. (*Jeune*).

J. G. RUDDICK (1954-62) : Prefect 1962 ; Captain of Athletics and Cross-Country ; School Athletics Colours 1959-60-1-2 ; Secretary of the Art Circle ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Jeune*).

G. M. SHEPHERD (1957-62) : Prefect 1962 ; Under-Officer in the C.C.F. Sheffield University. (*Cary Gilson*).

## THE CARTLAND CLUB

The officials of the Club in the Summer Term, 1962, were:

<i>President</i>		R. Mellor
<i>Secretary</i>		R. J. Gilson
<i>Treasurer</i>		J. W. Dawson
<i>Librarian</i>		G. N. Charlton
<i>Victualler</i>		M. S. Tracey

The following were members of the Club:

R. C. D. Greenhall	I. A. Macrae
R. M. Abrahams	A. H. A. Osborn
C. J. Allen	A. R. Packham
W. A. Aucott	R. C. J. Page
P. D. Babb	A. H. Parsons
R. W. Bray	J. C. Raynor
J. J. Claydon	C. J. W. Righton
G. P. Cotterrell	D. C. Robertson
P. J. Deacon	C. G. Rowland
B. J. Ecclestone	K. C. Rudd
C. S. Edge	J. G. Ruddick
R. J. S. Edis	D. E. B. Selkirk
I. A. Emslie	M. A. Sevirt
A. J. Flavell	M. A. Sheen
P. W. Grant	G. M. Shepherd
W. G. Gulland	G. B. Skelsey
P. K. Hall	R. J. Smith
B. J. Hambidge	P. E. Stinton
R. H. C. Jones	R. H. Tedd
F. M. G. Kornhauser	D. H. Twiss
G. R. Mackenzie	T. J. Wheatley

## COLOURS

**We congratulate :**

M. S. Tracey, R. H. C. Jones, A. R. Packham, P. D. Babb and A. J. Watts on the award of School Cricket Colours.

J. A. Barnfield and M. R. Shenstone on the award of School Cricket Blazers.

D. J. J. Glover, N. R. Baker and W. P. Ferns on the re-award, and C. J. W. Righton, J. D. Rees, S. B. Cole, R. J. Lowe, M. E. Bates, J. P. Croxall, A. M. Downing, A. J. G. Hey, I. C. Morgan and R. G. Woolley on the award of School XXII Colours.

R. H. Tedd and C. B. Tedd on the re-award, and A. H. Parsons, G. R. Mackenzie and R. C. Booth on the award of School Swimming Colours.

P. E. Stinton and R. Mellor on the re-award and M. L. Bason, R. H. Elgood and J. L. Forster on the award of School Lawn Tennis Colours.

R. Mellor and R. J. Wells on the re-award, and P. D. Babb and J. C. Andrews on the award of School Eton Fives Colours.

A. P. Dawkins and G. S. Bunting on the award of School Shooting Colours.

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## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

After the Chief Master's return from Central Africa the School undertook a collection of books for the very needy School Library of S. Martin's College, Malosa, Nyasaland. Here is a boys' boarding secondary school established by the Universities' Mission to Central Africa at what is to become the Headquarters of their work. For 60 years the work has been centred on the Island of Likoma in Lake Nyasa, chosen years ago in the interests of security. Now it is inconvenient of access; and the new Bishop has established the centre of operations at this Mission, consisting of a lovely church on top of the hill, a primary school, a secondary school, the Missionaries compound and the lepro-sarium, this last being particularly beautiful, well laid out and well kept.

The Cot Fund this term amounted to £60.

We should particularly like to thank Mr Ruddock before he departs for the work that he has done in running the Cot Fund and keeping us awake to other people's needs.

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## THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

The weather during the early part of the year was notable for its coolness. January and February were both very cold at each end, but warmer in the middle, February being the cooler of the two: maximum temperatures in these months were sometimes almost down to freezing point. The early part of March was exceptionally cold, the average maximum this year being about 35 or 36°F., as compared with a normal



of about 51°F. Later it warmed up slightly, but remained cool and damp till the latter half of April. At Easter, the temperatures almost rose to the seventies, but May and June proved to be slightly cooler than this; the rainfall in May was quite high, but June was much drier than usual.

At Easter, we said good-bye to R. Ledger, our Senior Observer, and his place has been ably taken by A. I. Wallace. The cold weather early in the year deterred many of the more junior of the observers from taking the readings, but the Summer Term saw a big improvement in their keenness. A recruitment drive brought in some fresh blood in the form of members of the Removes and Shells, who are now playing their part.

L. J. ARTHUR.

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### SPEECH DAY, 1962

This year, Speech Day was held on Saturday, 14th July, the day after term ended; this was a return to a tradition which had held sway at the end of the nineteenth century. We were pleased to have as our guest a very good friend of the School, Sir Lionel Russell, Chief Education Officer for the City of Birmingham.

After the Quatercentenary Song and the prize declamations, the Chief Master welcomed Sir Lionel and the present Bailiff of the Governors, Alderman Mrs E. V. Smith. He then turned to his customary review of the past School Year, which, he was pleased to say, had been good and successful. He related its success to three basic questions which, he said, every leaver ought to ask of himself: what have I done with my brains? what have I done to help others? and what have I contributed to the School as a community? In answer to the first question, Edwardians had obtained the creditable total of fifteen awards at Oxford and Cambridge, while a number of other competitive scholarships had been won. Apart from the 70 people going on to university, more than ever before were leaving School for Colleges of Advanced Technology and sandwich courses. The Chief Master felt sure that the satisfactory results obtained this year by Old Edwardians in degree examinations had been due quite considerably to the encouragement given to independent work by Sixth Form Prize Essays. To see examples of the use of brains, he urged all our guests to pay a visit to the excellent exhibition in the Art Department.

Although he doubted whether our social conscience had, in fact, become more acute in the last two or three years, the Chief Master said that the outward signs of it had become more obvious. The Personal Service Group was doing useful work; our special effort last term for Oxfam had raised £120; and we had made a good collection of books for the library of the very needy secondary school at Malosa, Nyasaland. In the realm of school activities, we had also had a good year, because, although our success in the major sports had been mixed, we had done excellently in many others. Athletics had attained an unprecedentedly high standard; the Chess team had so far reached the semi-finals of the

*Sunday Times* national public schools tournament, while the Tennis, Shooting and Swimming teams had all had good seasons. The School Rowing IV had just won its first trophies.

After congratulating Classical Fifth on their enterprising new magazine, the Chief Master expressed dissatisfaction with the rearrangement of the School Calendar, thanked all those parents who had given gifts to the School, and, finally, presented a bust of our Founder to Sir Lionel Russell.

Having presented the prizes, Sir Lionel addressed the assembly on the subject of Work. He told us that when he had been young, nobody liked to confess to working hard, but this silly convention had now happily disappeared. The first object of work, said Sir Lionel, was to enable an individual to support himself and his family, and this was very worthy, as long as it did not become the sole object; for our society was becoming increasingly interdependent, and we work not only for ourselves but for the community. Unfortunately, the British do not fully realise that national prosperity concerns us all and that work is the best assurance that we shall remain strong enough to choose our own way of life. Furthermore the work that we do now affects the whole of the world, and everyone should remember this.

Sir Lionel said that "the greatest work is creative work," and that, in this world of expanding knowledge, we can all help to develop and to put to practical use this knowledge, and he reminded us that, as we should well know as members of a school like K.E.S., teachers are creators. He pointed out that every nation had something to teach us, saying that the wisest statement he had heard at a recent UNESCO conference on Youth had come from a woman delegate from the Ukraine, who had said that "the worst punishment a young man can suffer is expulsion or exclusion from Work." He hoped that we would all go forward to careers of strenuous, useful and satisfying work.

The Chief Master then presented memorial awards and house trophies, after which the School Captain thanked our guests for attending, remarking on how appropriate it was that the City's Chief Education Officer should be the last person to give advice to our leavers.

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## MUSIC

The shortness of the Summer Term, and the abundance of examinations and other more athletic activities, as well as the fine but exhausting achievement of performing an opera at the end of last term, have led to a temporary retirement of the school's choral forces, the Chapel Choir being the only part of these which has continued to operate with fixed ends in view. There has therefore been no end-of-term concert, although the School Orchestra has met as usual for rehearsal. For the same reason, the Musical Society has been able to present only two concerts this term, but the second of these was an important occasion in the year, for, despite the lack of available time, a small group of enthusiasts from the

School Orchestra had managed to rehearse a difficult Bach suite and a Haydn minuet. The driving force of C. J. Tipping was primarily responsible for producing this concert, and we hope that he will continue this good work.

The Music Circle met only once, in the Cathedral, when lamentably few of its members attended to listen to a recital of modern works on the organ, given by J. W. Deathridge, and introduced by Mr Tunnard.

Another important event was the tape-recording of the Chapel Choir for the School Archives. This took place on a hot Sunday afternoon late in the term, and consisted of a recital of music chosen to represent the several major festivals of the Christian year. Mr Tunnard gave an introduction to the items, and members of the School should apply to him if they wish to order discs or tapes of the recital.

Many of the school's best instrumentalists are departing for higher education: we wish them all good fortune, and hope that they will be able to carry on their musical activities wherever they go. We shall miss most of all R. W. Bray, who possesses one of the finest voices K.E.S. has heard during recent years.

J. A. WHITE.

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## THE SCHOOL PLAYS

A strong word should be said first about the appallingly poor and disappointing attendances at this year's Dramatic Society presentations. Bad publicity, proximity to the opera and the approach of examinations may partly explain this, but much of it was due to sheer apathy and indifference on the part of the school. This, when K.E.S. has the highest academic standard in the City, says little for Birmingham's appreciation of the Arts.

To turn now to 'Squire Lubberly' itself and its production: farce and comedy are usually more difficult to produce than straight plays, particularly if the farce was written in the seventeenth century and is therefore remote from the experience of modern audiences. There is a great danger of it falling flat, especially when the actors are not used to playing farce. However, both Mr Trott and his cast rose to the occasion.

Two observations only on the production: the confusion of mixing some English names and allusions, like Cockney and Tyburn, with such French ones as Paris and Limoges might have been resolved. Secondly, the ending of the play was slightly abrupt and did not quite seem to succeed.

Mr Trott was fortunate in having at his disposal a largely veteran, experienced and self-assured cast. C. J. Allen, as Squire Lubberly, the baffled country squire double-crossed by city slickers, had probably the most difficult part in the play, but he carried it off admirably. W. P. Ferns, with his drawling mid-Atlantic accent, was well cast as the intriguing Neapolitan, Sbrigani, and he did very well. C. G. Rowland, as the elderly and irritable Orontes, gave a convincing and polished performance. J. R. Key-Pugh, as Erastus, filled his part with assurance

and reasonable competence. A. H. A. Osborn and P. W. Grant, also veterans of many productions, gave smooth performances as the representatives of the seventeenth century National Health, although at times Grant seemed to be giving something rather in the nature of a personal declamation to the audience. Undoubtedly the best performance in a female part was given by P. R. H. Johnstone, as Lucetta, whose acting was most accomplished and realistic.

Beside these smooth and assured operators, the two young actors playing the other women, P. N. Hill and E. W. Gretton, had a difficult task in which they were not entirely successful. But all things being considered, both, especially Gretton, did well. Of the other characters, the two counsellors, C. J. Tipping and N. W. Sanders, were greatly appreciated by the audience, although Sanders had difficulty with his top notes. M. J. Fell and D. S. Mitchell, too, gave extremely competent performances.

A few minor general points before leaving the acting: sufficiently frequently to mention it, jokes were lost in the laughter at a previous joke; and the usual line was missed here and there, although these passed unnoticed by the majority of the audience.

Finally, a word about the set for 'Squire Lubberly,' which consisted solely of a door set incongruously in some rather shabby curtains. After the fine sets designed for former plays, this was rather disappointing, but the generally high quality of the acting drew attention away from such defects.

The second and shorter play, W. B. Yeats' 'The Resurrection,' set in the dramatic background of the third day after the Crucifixion, with a mob celebrating a pagan festival prowling the streets, was in a very contrasted mood.

In his production, Mr Hadwen refused to compromise by introducing realism, as, knowing his audience, he might have done. He retained all the Yeatsian effects of masks and percussion, and introduced ideas of his own, such as the reading of the poems from the roof of Big School and the entry of the Syrian from the back of the hall. All of these came off powerfully. One criticism of the production was the lack of activity from the electricians, although there was great scope for lighting effects in a play of this sort. The only attempt at such effects, at the end of the play on the last night, only emphasised this fault.

The actors in 'The Resurrection' were not called upon to give character performances, since their parts were the stylised embodiments of ideas and attitudes. R. F. T. Hicks, as the rational Alexandrian Greek, G. R. C. Smith, as the Hebrew who refused to see what his heart believed, and J. C. Burgess, as the perceptive Syrian, gave accomplished performances, although the laughs were unconvincing and there was a tendency towards monotony in Burgess' delivery. However, the success of Mr Hadwen's production was shown by the powerful effect the play had on the audience, who sat silent and rapt throughout its length.

All together, the two plays provided a varied and rewarding evening's entertainment, spoiled only by the lack of response on the part of the school.

R. J. S. EDIS.



## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

In an article which appeared in the last edition of the *CHRONICLE*, members of the School were told about our excellent stage and its installations, and it seems appropriate that they should now be told about the organisation which uses that stage.

It should be said right away that the Dramatic Society is as worthwhile an association as any in the School; it is as creative in its activities as the Art or Music Departments, and quite probably has a wider appeal. The high standard and varied nature of its productions are remarkable and undisputed. For a long time, the Dramatic Society confined itself to Shakespeare, but since the war its horizons have broadened so that, in the last eighteen months or so, we have been able to boast of productions of plays by such diverse figures as Ibsen, Plautus, Molière, Yeats and William Golding (in a home-produced adaptation).

Thus, our activities are varied, and their excellence, which will not be questioned by any who regularly attend School Plays, is due to a fortunate combination of circumstances. First, we are lucky enough to have a group of masters, who are all experienced in producing and keen enough to devote countless hours of their spare time to preparing and rehearsing plays. Secondly, there always seems to be a good number of able actors who, by the time they reach the upper reaches of the Society, have had some years of experience as they have come up through the School. Producers are thus helped by the fact that they know the abilities of their cast and can select plays accordingly. Thirdly, there is usually a body of keen boys who enjoy taking minor and walk-on parts, and who, perhaps, hope to be spotted in the chorus and given a leading part in the next production; this quite often happens. Finally, we have our stage—but the praises of this have already been sung in this magazine.

The main feature of the Society's year is obviously the School Play, which is usually seen by about one thousand people. However, other productions are often undertaken, as in 1961 when we performed Plautus' *Mostellaria* for the Classical Association. Should the senior members of the Society have enough drive, revues or other original entertainments are sometimes presented at the end of the School Year. If ideas are good enough, they will always get a sympathetic hearing, and masters, if their interest is captured, are usually willing to give help and advice to enterprising boys.

A word is needed now about the Junior Dramatic Society. Here, producers have to face the daunting difficulties of unbroken voices and lack of experience in how to behave on stage, but, helped by the great enthusiasm of the participants, they usually overcome these problems and the Junior Play is always one of the highlights of the School Year. Everybody in the Junior School should take part in at least one play; it is a richly rewarding experience which gives great satisfaction.

In fact, every member of the Dramatic Society, however apparently blasé, gains satisfaction from taking part in a play. On the most obvious level, to know what goes on behind stage heightens one's appreciation when watching other productions. But more important is the excitement derived from being involved in the creative process of taking a dramatist's



words from the page and making out of them something living. The actor's contact with his audience is immensely stimulating, and if he is successful in moulding them into one person reacting as he wants, he leaves the stage with a remarkable feeling of intense joy. No experience is more thrilling than this, and, although the principals feel it most, it communicates itself to even the humblest member of the cast.

Any boy in the School can share such an experience in a great variety of plays; nobody should be afraid of coming forward—the oddest people have acting talent. I hope that members of the School will have the good sense to see what a worthwhile activity it is to take part in a School Play, Senior or Junior, and that when the opportunity offers itself this year, they will rush to seize it.

C. J. ALLEN.

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## SCHOOL TEAMS

### CRICKET

Had the XI produced the form it showed during the Cricket Week earlier, I would be able to report a very successful season. Unfortunately, I cannot. With a large nucleus of experienced players round which to build a team, it was thought that 1962 would be a good year. We started well with a creditable showing against the Old Edwardians. Then came the slump; the decline really began at Denstone. After having the two previous matches abandoned, we lacked match practice. The result was fatal. Denstone, with 9 members of their 1960 team remaining, beat us by 150 runs. Indeed, our total of 65 was good compared with those of other schools. Such a defeat sapped our confidence and a win was badly needed. This was hoped for against Wolverhampton, but illness deprived us of a captain and although M. S. Tracey stepped nobly into the breach, we could only draw. Then the 'A' XI, again captained by Tracey, lost by 8 wickets at Repton. Confidence was now completely shattered. We regained a little with a good performance against King's School, Worcester, but it was not until we played Manchester G.S. that we began to get into our stride. Against Warwick the following week, chasing 184 runs in 106 minutes, we scored 116 for the loss of 1 wicket in only 52 minutes—P. D. Babb hitting 71 in 33 minutes. Then, as usual, the collapse came and we slumped to 132 for 8 at the close. We gained our first victory against the Common Room and with our tails up set about the Old Edwardians Association. When rain stopped play we were in a very commanding position. During the cricket week we hit top form and beat the Midlands Club Cricket Conference XI. We did well to draw with the Gentlemen of Worcestershire and Warwickshire Club and Ground, but the M.C.C. proved too strong an opposition for us. A more detailed report of Cricket Week is to be found elsewhere.

The batting, potentially strong, frequently failed. This was mainly owing to the failure of last year's stars to regain their true form. Of these, only P. D. Babb, who proved to be the main strength of our batting,

bettered his previous season's performance. He treated all bowlers with contempt and delighted us all with his varied array of strokes, both orthodox and unorthodox. A brilliant cover fielder, he seemed able to throw the stumps down from any position and gained us many useful wickets by doing so. A. J. Watts, last season's No. 11, has turned into a very reliable No. 3 batsman ; when chasing the runs he has also proved an able opener. He has been more successful this season with his off-breaks, and should prove a very useful all-rounder.

J. A. Barnfield, a stylish young batsman, has, as was expected, proved to be a reliable source of runs. It was unfortunate that we had to lose his services for two vital matches, as he was representing the Warwickshire U.15 XI.

M. S. Tracey, the most experienced member of the XI, had a disappointing season. His batting has been good at times, but he has too frequently lost his head at crucial moments. His bowling remained accurate and steady but he only really shone in the field. His advice as Vice-Captain has been useful and he captained the side ably against Wolverhampton and Repton.

R. H. C. Jones only started scoring runs in the last week of the season ; lack of confidence had been his downfall earlier on. His wicketkeeping has been erratic. He completed his year of office as secretary without any major mishaps. J. D. Rees, a young defensive opening batsman, must produce some attacking strokes if he is to do at all well next year.

The bowling was a little more penetrative than it has been in the past and several times we have bowled a team out on our own wicket—a fine achievement. M. R. Shenstone, a young fast bowler who came into the side after five matches has bowled accurately, but has been dogged by ill-fortune. He bats well as a lunch-watchman and is a spectacular and efficient short leg fielder. A. R. Packham's bowling has been more accurate this season and for this reason he has enjoyed more success. His performance with the bat has not been as good as last season, but he did score many useful runs in the last week of the season.

The fielding of the XI has been erratic. During Cricket Week the ground fielding was excellent, but unfortunately whenever the ball went up into the air it was a completely different story.

Both the 2nd XI, captained by C. J. W. Righton, and the 3rd XI, under J. W. Dawson, have had successful seasons. Three members of the U.15 XI have represented the County U.15 XI and, backed up by several other good players, this XI has had a good season. The U.14 XI has been the most successful of all the teams and here again there are several promising players for the future.

Finally, we must all thank Mr. Guy for all that he has done for us and we hope to reward him with better results in 1963. Our thanks are due to the masters who help with the other teams, to Mr. Cockle for so cheerfully correcting our many faults, to Mr. Holden for producing such good wickets, which unfortunately only the batsmen appreciate, and to R. W. Bray for scoring and helping to keep the morale high.

R. C. J. PAGE.

This season the XI has been selected from : M. S. Tracey, R. H. C. Jones, P. D. Babb, A. J. Watts, A. R. Packham, J. A. Barnfield\*, M. R. Shenstone\*, Glover†, Rees†, Cole†, Ferns†, Lowe†, Righton†, Morgan†, Bates†, Downing†, Honeybone and R. C. J. Page.

\*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES

(Played 19 : Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 12)

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.  
(Played at Streetsbrook Road, 28th April, 1962)

The XI	..	..	153 (M. S. Tracey 44, A. J. Watts 39).
Old Edwardians' C.C.			114 for 3 (P. Vernon 62 not out).

THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S.  
(Played at Wyggeston, 5th May, 1962)

Wyggeston G.S.	..	..	207 (Tuckerman 47, Essex 47).
The XI	..	..	149 for 8 (P. D. Babb 73, Carter 4 for 30).

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL  
(Played at Eastern Road, 12th May, 1962)

The XI	..	..	41 for 2. (Rain stopped play).
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THE XI v. WREKIN COLLEGE  
(Played at Eastern Road, 19th May, 1962.)

Match abandoned.

THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE  
(Played at Denstone, 26th May, 1962)

Denstone	..	..	212 for 7 declared (Hitchcock 68, Wossdale 51, R. C. J. Page 3 for 51).
The XI	..	..	62 (M. S. Tracey 21, Yates 4 for 6).

THE XI v. WOLVERHAMPTON G.S.  
(Played at Eastern Road, 2nd June, 1962)

Wolverhampton	..	..	121 (M. S. Tracey 3 for 9).
The XI	..	..	105 for 8 (J. D. Rees 41, Willets 6 for 35).

THE XI v. R.G.S. WORCESTER  
(Played at Worcester, 9th June, 1962)

The XI	..	..	128 (J. A. Barnfield 47, A. J. Watts 20, Weaver 4 for 39).
R.G.S. Worcester	..	..	129 for 6.

AN 'A' XI v. REPTON 2ND XI  
(Played at Repton, 14th June, 1962)

The 'A' XI	..	..	73 (P. D. Babb 20, Kirby 4 for 18).
Repton	..	..	74 for 2 (Dowdney 33 not out).

**THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 16th June, 1962)

The XI	..	..	208 for 6 declared (P. D. Babb 50 not out, J. A. Barnfield 35, M. R. Shenstone 26, R. H. C. Jones 23, M. S. Tracey 22).
King's School, Worcester	..	..	127 for 4 (Pickup 64 not out, R. C. J. Page 2 for 37).

**THE "A" XI v. TUDOR GRANGE 1ST XI**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 20th June, 1962)

Tudor Grange	..	..	154 (Ellis 55, Watson 36, R. C. J. Page 3 for 42, A. J. Watts 3 for 61).
The 'A' XI	..	..	138 for 9 (A. J. Watts 38, R. H. C. Jones 32, A. R. Packham 24 not out, Edwards 4 for 29).

**THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE**  
(Played at Trent, 23rd June, 1962)

The XI	..	..	146 (M. S. Tracey 43, J. D. Rees 22, S. B. Cole 22, Freebairn 4 for 27).
Trent College	..	..	147 for 3 (Granger 66 not out, R. C. J. Page 2 for 45).

**AN 'A' XI v. MALVERN 2nd XI**  
(Played at Malvern, 28th June, 1962)

Malvern	..	..	153 for 3 declared (Collin 55 not out, McBain 40).
The 'A' XI	..	..	123 for 5 (A. J. Watts 41 not out, D. J. J. Glover 39, P. D. Babb 20).

**THE XI v. MANCHESTER G.S.**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 30th June, 1962)

Manchester G.S.	..	..	200 for 6 declared (Swann 54, Phillips 48, Brooks 38 not out, A. J. Watts 2 for 68).
The XI	..	..	167 for 3 (A. J. Watts 68, J. A. Barnfield 63 not out).

**THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL**  
(Played at Warwick, 7th July, 1962)

Warwick	..	..	184 for 8 declared (Hayes 71, A. R. Packham 4 for 55).
The XI	..	..	132 for 8 (P. D. Babb 71, M. S. Tracey 27, Fowler 4 for 26).

**THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 12th July, 1962)

THE XI			
J. D. Rees, c. Traynor, b. Holyoake	10		
M. S. Tracey, b. Freeman	1		
A. J. Watts, b. Guy	8		
J. A. Barnfield, l.b.w. Cockle	24		
P. D. Babb, b. Freeman	47		
R. H. C. Jones, c. and b. Guy	24		
R. C. J. Page, b. Freeman	11		
D. J. J. Glover, l.b.w. Guy	0		
C. J. W. Righton, b. Guy	0		
A. R. Packham, not out	36		
M. R. Shenstone, c. Harris b. Cockle	6		
Extras	7		
TOTAL	174		

THE COMMON ROOM			
J. B. Guy, b. Watts	16		
W. Traynor, c. Shenstone b. Watts	17		
A. J. Trott, c. and b. Shenstone	15		
T. G. Freeman, c. Watts b. Packham	51		
S. J. Holyoake, c. Shenstone b. Page	1		
W. R. Buttle, l.b.w. Watts	23		
D. F. Cockle, c. Packham b. Page	19		
M. A. Stamp, c. Shenstone b. Page	2		
N. D. C. Harris, c. Rees b. Watts	1		
J. P. Hadwen, not out	1		
A. Morris, b. Watts	1		
Extras	12		
TOTAL	159		

J. B. Guy 4 for 21 ; T. G. Freeman 3 for 43 ; D. F. Cockle 2 for 43.

A. J. Watts 5 for 36 ; R. C. J. Page 3 for 54.

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIAN ASSOCIATION  
(Played at Eastern Road, 14th July, 1962)

O.E.A. . . . . 28 for 4 (A. R. Packham 3 for 10).  
Rain stopped play.

THE XI v. MIDLANDS CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE  
(Played at Eastern Road, 16th July, 1962)

M.C.C.C.	
W. L. Jones, run out	1
A. J. P. Humphries, c. Watts b. Page	54
B. C. Homer, l.b.w. Packham	107
P. A. Gough, not out	27
C. M. Edwards, c. Babb b. Page	15
P. O. Kendrick, not out	36
B. O. Hands	
F. H. Landucci	
R. Leonard	
L. S. Deamer	
J. A. C. D. B. Wildsmith	
} Did not bat.	
Extras	6
TOTAL	246
for 4 wickets declared.	

R. C. J. Page 2 for 90.  
A. R. Packham 1 for 68.

THE XI	
M. S. Tracey, run out	42
A. J. Watts, b. Deamer	4
P. D. Babb, c. and b. Kendrick	61
J. A. Barnfield, run out	32
R. H. C. Jones, b. Deamer	41
D. J. J. Glover, b. Landucci	0
A. R. Packham, not out	47
R. C. J. Page, l.b.w. Deamer	0
J. D. Rees, not out	10
C. J. W. Righton	
M. R. Shenstone	
} Did not bat.	
Extras	11
TOTAL	248
for 7 wickets.	

Deamer 3 for 80.  
Kendrick 1 for 51.  
Landucci 1 for 30.

THE XI v. WORCESTERSHIRE GENTLEMEN  
(Played at Eastern Road, 17th July, 1962)

WORCESTERSHIRE GENTLEMEN	
C. Whitehouse, c. Shenstone b. Packham	14
E. Tinkler, l.b.w. Tracey	15
A. Smith, b. Page	44
N. Lewis, c. Tracey b. Page	6
H. Smeeton, b. Page	19
R. Hinds, c. Jones b. Page	23
R. Biddle, c. Watts b. Page	72
W. Clarke, l.b.w. Watts	1
J. Ross, c. and b. Page	0
P. Hewitt, c. Watts b. Page	9
C. Sanders, not out	0
Extras	11
TOTAL	214

R. C. J. Page 7 for 59.  
A. R. Packham 1 for 17.  
M. S. Tracey 1 for 26.  
A. J. Watts 1 for 86

THE XI	
M. S. Tracey, b. Sanders	5
A. J. Watts, b. Sanders	16
P. D. Babb, b. Tinkler	51
J. A. Barnfield, b. Lewis	8
R. H. C. Jones, st. Ross. b. Tinkler	14
A. R. Packham, l.b.w. Hinds	19
J. D. Rees, c. and b. Smeeton	11
D. J. J. Glover, c. Tinkler b. Hinds	0
C. J. W. Righton, not out	7
M. R. Shenstone, not out	3
R. C. J. Page, did not bat.	
Extras	26
TOTAL	160

for 8 wickets.  
Sanders 2 for 42 ; Tinkler 2 for 26  
Hinds 2 for 7 ; Lewis 1 for 19  
Smeeton 1 for 10.



**THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 18th July, 1962)

WARWICKSHIRE AND GROUND	
P. Vernon, run out	4
A. E. H. Hornig, c. Barnfield b. Watts	45
G. E. Phillips, not out	119
R. H. Bayley, c. and b. Watts	13
A. Marton, not out	50
A. V. Wolton	} Did not bat.
H. J. Roberts	
R. T. Spooner	
C. W. Grove	
A. Graham	
D. L. Clugston	
Extras	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233</b>

for 3 wickets declared.

A. J. Watts 2 for 82.

THE XI	
J. D. Rees, l.b.w. Wolton	6
M. S. Tracey, c. Spooner b. Graham	4
A. J. Watts, l.b.w. Graham	8
J. A. Barnfield, c. Phillips b. Graham	68
P. D. Babb, c. Spooner b. Wolton	17
R. H. C. Jones, not out	21
A. R. Packham, b. Graham	0
D. J. J. Glover, c. Spooner b. Grove	1
C. J. W. Righton, not out	31
M. R. Shenstone	} Did not bat.
R. C. J. Page	
Extras	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>

for 7 wickets.

Graham 4 for 39 ; Wolton 2 for 62 ;  
Grove 1 for 19.

**THE XI v. M.C.C.**  
(Played at Eastern Road, 19th July, 1962)

M.C.C.	
W. B. Bridge, c. Watts b. Page	117
G. Hartley, c. and b. Page	34
T. W. Sheppard, c. Barnfield b. Tracey	32
R. D. James, c. Jones b. Tracey	20
J. J. Hossell, c. and b. Tracey	7
J. H. Leigh, c. Rees b. Page	0
P. Cranmer, not out	38
G. Crwys Williams, not out	0
E. B. Lewis	} Did not bat.
G. A. Ward	
R. W. Stewart	
Extras	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250</b>

for 6 wickets declared.

M. S. Tracey 3 for 60 ;

R. C. J. Page 3 for 111.

THE XI	
J. D. Rees, b. Stewart	0
A. J. Watts, b. Ward	46
M. S. Tracey, l.b.w. Williams	20
J. A. Barnfield, c. and b. Ward	0
P. D. Babbs, b. Stewart	16
R. H. C. Jones, c. Lewis b. Williams	5
A. R. Packham, c. Bridge b. Hossell	14
C. J. W. Righton, b. Stewart	0
D. J. J. Glover, c. Cranmer b. Stewart	0
R. C. J. Page, l.b.w. Bridge	6
M. R. Shenstone, not out	8
Extras	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>

Stewart 4 for 27 ; Ward 2 for 41 ;  
Williams 2 for 43 ; Hossell, 1 for 4 ;  
Bridge, 1 for 0.

**CRICKET AVERAGES**  
**BATTING (Qualification 100 runs)**

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
P. D. Babb	15	2	450	73	34·62
J. A. Barnfield	15	2	344	68	26·46
A. J. Watts	17	1	350	68	21·88
M. S. Tracey	15	0	239	44	15·93
A. R. Packham	14	3	171	47*	15·55
R. H. C. Jones	16	2	212	41	15·14
J. D. Rees	18	2	159	41	9·94
D. J. J. Glover	17	4	113	39	8·69

\*Indicates not out.



THE XI, 1962

*Back Row (left to right) :* R. W. BRAY (*Scorer*), D. J. J. GLOVER, A. J. WATTS, M. R. SHENSTONE, J. A. BARNFIELD,  
S. B. COLE, J. D. REES.

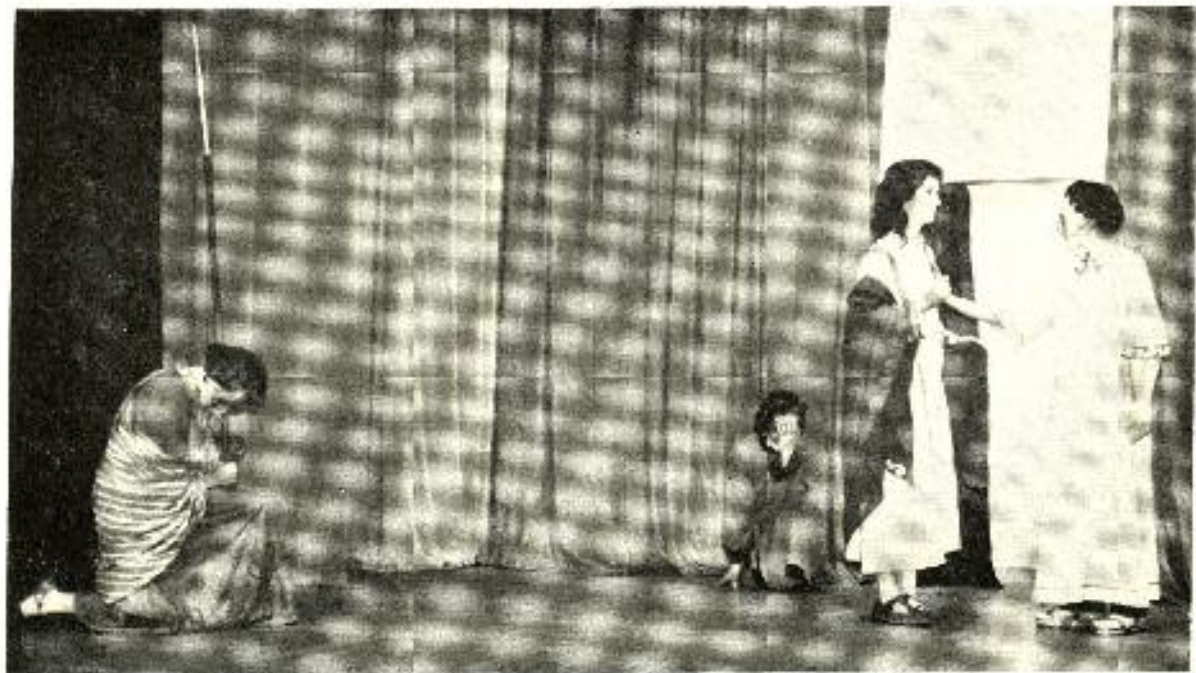
*Front Row (left to right) :* A. R. PACKHAM, M. S. TRACEY (*Vice-Captain*), R. C. J. PAGE (*Captain*), R. H. C. JONES  
(*Secretary*), P. D. BABB.



"SQUIRE LUBBERLY"



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"THE RESURRECTION"

*(Play Photos by D. H. Twiss)*





THE SWIMMING TEAM, 1962

*Back Row (left to right) : G. R. MACKENZIE (1962), R. H. TEDD (Vice-Captain) (1960-1-2), R. C. BOOTH (1962), C. B. TEDD (1961-2).*

*Front Row (left to right) : B. J. HAMBIDGE (Captain) (1959-60-1-2), J. COTTER, ESQ., A. H. PARSONS (Secretary) (1962).*



# BOWLING (Qualification 100 overs or 10 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
A. R. Packham	160.5	30	491	22	22.31
R. C. J. Page ..	223.5	39	760	31	24.52
A. J. Watts ..	152.4	18	534	20	26.70
M. S. Tracey ..	89.4	14	323	10	32.30
M. R. Shenstone	131.2	29	473	8	59.13

# FIELDING

R. H. C. Jones 10 (c. 8, st. 2) ; A. J. Watts 9 ; M. R. Shenstone 8 ; R. C. J. Page 5  
A. R. Packham 4 ; J. D. Rees 4 ; M. S. Tracey 3 ; J. A. Barnfield 3 ; P. D. Babb 2 ;  
S. B. Cole 2 ; R. J. Lowe 1.

# SWIMMING

Hard training was commenced on the first day back at school this term. Work in the water took place twice a week and sometimes more frequently, while weight training was put to good use several times a week. Never has a team trained so hard, and many people were staggered at the amount of training we got through, but it gained us amazing results.

Both swimming teams enjoyed great successes: the Senior team had an unbeaten season, winning eight matches and drawing one, and the Junior team tasted almost as much success by winning eight matches and losing one. The results could hardly have been more satisfactory as the one drawn fixture in the Senior matches was against Rugby School in their bath. Due to very cold water and the odd length of the bath (which is twice as long as our own), some of our performances were well below standard.

However, there are several individual performances which should be brought to light. The Senior team was very strong in all strokes, and we were always confident of having several individual winners. C. B. Tedd was the strongest of our freestylers. In the open 100 yards freestyle he set up a new record of 59.6 secs. In the backstroke, R. H. Tedd performed creditably all through the season and it was a fitting climax for him to break one of the oldest records still in existence—the open 50 yards backstroke. He beat the old record by a fifth of a second, recording 31.8 secs.; the record had stood since 1944. Our all-round strength always showed in the Medley Relay in which we were never beaten all season. The Medley team, composed of C. B. Tedd, G. R. Mackenzie, B. J. Hambidge, and R. H. Tedd, broke the record several times and finally lowered it to 79.0 secs. in one stupendous swim, when 1½ seconds were taken off.

The Junior team also had its stars. Leader of this team was R. Norrington, a freestyle swimmer, but towards the end of the season his times became so good that he was promoted to the senior team. P. Mangan was defeated only twice in Junior breast-stroke races.

Diving still remains our weakest event, and it will certainly remain so unless the divers put in much more practice.

Prospects are good for next season, as only three of the Senior Team are leaving. If the younger members keep up their present rate of improvement they should obtain worthy results in the future.

The Water-Polo team once again had an unbeaten season. In fact we became so proficient in this art that games against other schools became rather one-sided, and in our final game against Shrewsbury we won by eleven goals to two.

Life-Saving was not so well pursued as last year. The reason for this was that far too many people wanted to take an instructor's certificate and there were not enough younger boys to make up the classes. Thanks are once again due to G. R. Mackenzie, the secretary, who had a difficult time persuading House Captains to get their entries in before the examining day.

On behalf of the teams I would like to thank several people. First and foremost is, of course, Mr Cotter, who has worked extremely hard all through the season training us, and we all greatly appreciate it and hope he will be rewarded with as much success in future seasons. Thanks are also due to Mr Symes, Mr Porter and Mr Gregory for their continued support at swimming matches.

B. J. HAMBIDGE.

#### RESULTS OF SCHOOL SWIMMING MATCHES AND WATER-POLO

Trent	..	..	Won	42-14	
Malvern	..	..	Won	70-58	} Won 7-0
Bromsgrove	..	..	Won	70-27	
Repton	..	..	Won	57-35½	
Ratcliffe	..	..	Won	57-19½	
Wrekin	..	..	Won	61½-36	} Won 4-0
Rugby	..	..	Drawn	38-38	
Solihull	..	..	Won	43-33	} Won 4-0
Shrewsbury	..	..	Won	48-18	

#### RECORDS BROKEN DURING THE SEASON

Open and Intermediate 100 yards Freestyle: C. B. Tedd. 59.6 secs.

Open 50 yards Butterfly: B. J. Hambidge. 31.5 secs.

Open 200 yards Freestyle: R. H. Tedd. 2 min. 20.2 secs.

4 × 1 Length Open Medley Relay (C. B. Tedd, G. R. Mackenzie, B. J. Hambidge, R. H. Tedd). 79.0 secs.

Plunge (Under 13½): D. L. Parsons. 46 ft. 8 in.

Open Half-Mile: R. H. Tedd and C. B. Tedd. 12 min. 15.4 secs.

Open 50 yards Back-stroke: R. H. Tedd. 31.8 secs.

#### THE SWIMMING SPORTS

For the second year, the Swimming Sports were held in the School Bath. The Senior Sports took place on the evening of Friday, 13th July, and the Junior Sports on the following afternoon of the 14th. On the Friday we were blessed with warm weather but unfortunately it was a miserable, wet day on the Saturday, although on both occasions events took place with continuity and smoothness. But, owing to unavoidable circumstances, one or two boys were in consecutive events, which unfortunately did not really allow them to give of their best. As a result, potential winners did not do as well as they should have done.

The Water-Polo knockout was won by Vardy who defeated Prince Lee by two goals to nil. Vardy also won the Swimming Championship.

The Old Edwardians continued to turn out in ever-increasing numbers but the School still managed to beat them in both the relay race and the water-polo, the latter being won by four goals to one.

I would like to express our appreciation to Mrs Lunt and the Chief Master for presenting the trophies and certificates at the two sports. Thanks are also due to Mr Cotter, chairman of the Swimming Committee, and the members of the Common Room who acted as officials.

B. J. HAMBIDGE.

#### WINNERS AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENTS

50 yards Freestyle: C. B. Tedd (V). 26.9 secs.  
 100 yards Freestyle: R. H. Tedd (V). 62.6 secs.  
 200 yards Freestyle: R. H. Tedd (V). 2 min. 20.2 secs.  
 100 yards Breast-stroke: B. J. Hambidge (P). 74.9 secs.  
 50 yards Back-stroke: R. H. Tedd (V). 31.8 secs.  
 50 yards Butterfly: B. J. Hambidge (P). 32.9 secs.  
 Half-Mile: C. B. Tedd (V) and R. H. Tedd (V). 12 min. 15.4 secs.  
 Dive: B. J. Hambidge (P).  
 Plunge: T. H. Gretton (C). 43 ft. 10 in.  
 The Carr Cup for the Open Champion: C. B. Tedd and R. H. Tedd.  
 The Governors Cup for the Junior Champion: J. B. Young.  
 Allday Shield for Swimming Champions: Vardy.

#### LAWN TENNIS

The School team has been successful this year, only losing two of its eight matches. Our loss to Nottingham was due mainly to lack of match practice, while absence of concentration and steadiness resulted in our second defeat by Rugby. Had the team played as well as it is capable throughout the year, we should have had an unbeaten record, but we lacked consistency. Our chances of doing well in the Youll Cup at Wimbledon seem slim, but we might do well in the Plate.

The two singles competitions have been moved from the Summer term to the Michaelmas term. The House league tennis was won by Vardy and Evans, the Knockout by Vardy and tennis overall by Vardy.

We are very much indebted to Mr. Leeson for his understanding and encouragement.

I. A. EMSLIE.

#### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

May	24—VI v. Nottingham		Lost 3½-5½
	26—VI v. Denstone		Won 9 - 0
June	16—VI v. Solihull		Won 8 - 1
	23—VI v. Trent		Won 8½-½
	28—VI v. Malvern		Won 8 - 1
	30—VI v. Manchester		Won 7 - 2
July	3—VI v. Rugby		Lost 2 - 7
	7—VI v. The Common Room		Won 5 - 3

## LAWN TENNIS CHARACTERS

I. A. EMSLIE (*Captain*) : This year, despite the captaincy, boaters and numerous sweaters, he has steered his inexperienced partner to some notable victories, but has been known to lose to inferior pairs. As captain, he has controlled his team well. R.M.

R. MELLOR : He has guided his partner to a quite exceptionally successful season for a third pair. His game combines both power and subtlety, but once put out of his stride he finds it impossible to recover. He has caused many pairs to lose a grip on their tennis and themselves.

M. L. BASON (*Secretary*) : He has produced steady form this season, but could improve with practice. As secretary he has caused us much concern, but fortunately every cloud had its silver lining.

P. E. STINTON : His tennis has greatly improved this season because his game has become steadier and more adaptable. His armour is very difficult to penetrate this season. He has successfully conquered his desire to play in a boater.

R. H. ELGOOD : His results have been good but his play has been erratic. Luckily his lapses in concentration have been well covered up by his partner. Shows no enthusiasm for the game.

J. L. FORSTER : In his first season in the VI he has played brilliantly on one or two occasions, but he must learn to control his impetuous instincts. He has faced the captain's less controlled services with great resignation.

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## ATHLETICS

What could have been an excellent season proved to be most disappointing. For the majority of matches during the term, we were without the drive and efficiency of Mr. Symes, and his absence was felt in both coaching and general administration, but we thank Mr. Nicholls and other masters for their help during this period.

There were also three other factors which led to disappointment. Firstly, we were unable to field a full strength team for virtually all our matches, because of injury. Secondly, wind and drizzle seemed continually to plague our efforts. To add to this, mediocre running tracks prevented many good times, dulling the enthusiasm of even the keenest athletes. For one home match, we were grateful to run on a neighbouring school's track because our own grounds were unable to accommodate us !

But this year's team was perhaps stronger all round than last year's, when the captain wrote of it being the best ever to represent the School. The results of the triangular matches were usually decided in the last two events, and each time we seemed to be unlucky. R. M. Abrahams, the Vice-Captain, performed well in several events, but in a way this pinpoints our weakness. There were a few very good athletes, each competing in too many events, so that if one was absent, there were perhaps three places to fill, instead of one. A. Norris ended the season by retaining the B.G.S. Mile Trophy for the School, setting up two excellent records with his time of 4 mins. 26.5 secs.

For many matches during the summer, we fielded U.15 and U.13 teams, in addition to the usual U.16 side. The youngest team was not very successful, but the other two performed fairly consistently and should do well in the future. Good prospects are S. C. Tew and I. N. L. Gallett.

On the whole then, a disappointing year. The University track was unavailable except for Sports Day, and there was nowhere for our athletes to race or train. We hear rumours of a new running track and sincerely hope that these are true, because at present our facilities are not all that the School could wish for and our performances for the School correspondingly suffer.

J. G. RUDDICK.

The following have represented the School during the season :  
R. M. Abrahams, T. C. Rollason, R. C. D. Greenhall, A. R. Packham,  
H. D. Barlow, C. S. Edge, A. Norris, Powell, Clarke, Tew, Aucott,  
A. H. A Osborn, Tyler, Williams, Wallis.

#### RESULTS OF SUMMER TERM ATHLETICS MATCHES

*v. Handsworth G.S. v. Kings Norton G.S. Away.*

Senior	_____	2nd	94	90	58
U.15	_____	2nd	85	74	56
U.13	_____	2nd	52	65	57

*v. Denstone v. Ratcliffe. Away.*

Senior	_____	2nd	105	90	58
U.15	_____	3rd	95	90	46

*v. Kings Norton G.S. v. K.E.G.S., Five Ways. Away.*

Senior	_____	2nd	50	47	34
U.15	_____	Won	35	53½	43½
U.13	_____	2nd	25	27	67

*v. Worksop College at K.E.G.S., Five Ways Track.*

Senior	_____	Draw	58	58
U.16	_____	Lost	58	61

*Birmingham Grammar School Sports*

5th ex 17.

1 Mile : A. Norris, 1st. Time : 4 m. 26.5 secs. (New B.G.S. and K.E.S. record).

*v. Denstone, Saturday, 12th May.*

100 yards : T. C. Rollason, 10.1 secs. (Unratified because of wind and slope assistance).

#### CRICKET WEEK, 1962

The first Cricket Week in the history of the School turned out to be a great success. Far from being overawed by the occasion, the XI produced its best form of the season and beat the Midlands Club Cricket Conference, drew creditably with the Gentlemen of Worcestershire and Warwickshire Club and Ground, and lost to the M.C.C.



On Monday, July 16th, we entertained the Midlands Club Cricket Conference XI. The M.C.C.C. won the toss and elected to bat. Although the XI captured a quick wicket, A. J. P. Humphries and Old Edwardian B. C. Homer added 154 for the 2nd wicket in 91 minutes. Homer scored a most entertaining century in 89 minutes. The M.C.C.C. declared at 246 for 4, leaving the XI 162 minutes to score the runs. The XI accepted the challenge. Tracey and Babb added 56 for the second wicket in 35 minutes. Babb completed his half-century in 49 minutes. Barnfield and Jones continued the good work and when Packham came in 90 runs were needed in 58 minutes. 32 minutes later Jones was out and only 37 runs were needed. Packham and Rees hit off these runs and the XI won by 3 wickets with 11 minutes to spare.

The next day, our visitors were the Gentlemen of Worcestershire. Forced to bowl first on a perfect batting wicket, the XI snapped up four wickets for 71. Smith however offered some resistance and aided in turn by Smeeton and Hinds took the score to 145 when he was bowled by Page. Watts and Page snapped up two more quick wickets but Biddle, who scored 73 in 53 minutes, aided by Hewitt took the score to 214. Page finished off the innings taking the last two wickets with successive balls and his final analysis was 7 for 59 in 23 overs. In reply, the XI were kept far more subdued than the previous day. Babb scored his second successive half-century and the XI were finally content to play out time with the score at 160 for 8.

On Wednesday, July 18th, our opponents were Warwickshire Club and Ground. Old Edwardian Phillips, coming in at the fall of the first wicket scored a fine century in 137 minutes. When the Club and Ground declared at 233 for 3 he was undefeated with 119. Graham, a young fast bowler, soon had the XI in trouble. Supported by ex-first team players C. W. Grove and A. V. Wolton, the bowling was very difficult to get away. Barnfield held the side together with a fine innings of 68 in 115 minutes. Righton delighted everyone by taking 20 runs off Wolton's last over before the umpires decided it was too wet to continue. At this time, 7 minutes before the scheduled finish, the XI had scored 160 for 7. It was very pleasant to see the re-appearance of an England sweater on the ground ; it was worn by R. T. Spooner.

On Thursday, July 19th, the XI entertained the M.C.C. Basil Bridge, the Warwickshire all-rounder and G. Hartley opened for the M.C.C. and scored 92 for the first wicket in 48 minutes. Runs continued to come quickly. With the score at 204 for 2, the XI captured three quick wickets. Tracey had James caught behind the wicket. Page had Bridge caught by Watts in the deep and, in the same over, Leigh was caught at slip by Rees. Peter Cranmer, the M.C.C. captain, after hitting Page for 21 in an over, declared his side's innings closed at 250 for 6. Stewart, an M.C.C. young professional fast bowler, captured a wicket in his first over. Tracey and Watts saved the situation but then the XI collapsed to 102 for 9. Only Babb and Packham reached double figures. Page and Shenstone prolonged the end for half an hour but the M.C.C. succeeded in winning comfortably. A disappointing end to a most successful week.

Our thanks must go first to Mr. Guy for initiating the cricket week and for using his expert judgment as regards refreshment, and then to Miss Chaffer and her staff for supplying such excellent lunches and teas. The cricket was good, the food excellent and the drinks plentiful—no one could ask for more. All concerned spent a most enjoyable time and we can only hope that Cricket Week next year will be as successful and enjoyable as it was this year.

R. C. J. PAGE.

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## HOUSES

### CARY GILSON

The performance of Cary Gilson during the Summer term has been as successful as was anticipated, and our expectations are reflected in the position of seventh in the Cock House Championship. We have fought all year to get off the bottom of the table and can at least take heart in the fact that we did so.

Prospects for the cricketers were dim at the beginning of the term but, playing with more enthusiasm than skill, we came fifth in both the League and Knockout, giving us fifth place overall. The 1st XI played sometimes with inspired vigour, and on several occasions lost only narrowly, but the 3rd and 4th XI's again seem set in the path of their predecessors, losing all their matches except one.

In the so-called minor sports, where prospects had seemed somewhat brighter, only the Tennis came up to expectations. In the League we finished fifth by dint of some hard bargaining and we were unlucky in the Knockout to meet and be beaten very narrowly indeed in the second round by our strongest rivals, thus giving us second place. Our marksmen again seem to have lost their touch—or the target—for we came sixth in the Tunstall Cup Competition, though our Captain blames this on the system which prevented our best shots, who were members of School clubs, from going to Kingsbury to shoot. Swimming was equally unsuccessful. The water polo team came fifth in their competition at the beginning of the year ; we were sixth in standards and put up only a mediocre performance in the relays and sports, giving us an overall position of sixth.

As was said at the end of last year, there is no cause for despondency in our lowly position, because our spirit and enthusiasm are high and we only lack the individual ability. The time must come again when this spirit will be linked with talent, and the star of Cary Gilson will rise once more.

Our thanks must go to Mr Sacret, Mr Ramsay and Mr Morris for their continued help and support. We trust that next year their reward will be greater.

G. R. MACKENZIE.

## EVANS

In the summer season, we have put into practice the theory that a house can do well if all its members work together, without relying on the invincible individual. Our positions are a credit to each member: we gained second place in Cricket and Tennis, and even managed to do well in Swimming Standards. A final position of third in the House Championship has been well earned by sheer hard work.

Cricket has been the main attraction, and from the beginning of the season we set out to hit hard and high, bowl fast and ensure that there should be fun for all. It can be safely said that everyone who played for the House League teams enjoyed the game, and, when we gaily won the Championship, could be justifiably proud of the part he had played. Although the junior teams reached their finals in the Knockout, they both lost, while the first and second teams missed the sparkle that had previously characterised their efforts.

Tennis has been the surprise of the year, but all doubts about our ability have been dispelled by our coming first equal in the League and reaching the Knockout Final.

In Shooting we finished only eight scaled points behind the leaders; this statement is, however, calculated to distract attention from the fact that we only achieved seventh place. But Evans is always a happy house, displaying an ability to laugh at its misfortunes. And our major misfortune this year has been swimming. Standards and Life Saving went well, and we won the two combined, but, lacking any fast relay team, disaster—as well as everybody else—overtook us in the bath, and we finished 6th overall.

At the end of the term we were forced to cede Mr Hodges to Gifford; we thank him for the part he has played in the House and wish him every success, unless it be at the expense of Evans. Mr Buttle and Mr Holyoake are still with us, and it is with deep gratitude that we thank them for their efforts.

A. J. FLAVELL.

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## GIFFORD

Although we could easily and justifiably blame our position of eighth on lack of talent, and sheer lack of numbers, we must search deeper for the cause of our failure this year. True, we did not expect to do well—which is probably why we didn't. In a few cases, however, we did less well than anticipated, especially in Cricket, the only major sport where the Captain failed to raise full teams. In Tennis, matches were badly hit by examinations, and we fielded (or is it courted?) our full team only once. In Shooting, enthusiasm has been lacking, despite the encouragement and example of the Captain, while we possess fewer members of the C.C.F. than any other House. Our most successful Summer sport was Swimming where there is talent and keenness throughout the House.

Results show where our future glories lie hidden; our youngest members achieved a magnificent treble: the Under 12½ running relay,

the 3rd team swimming relay, and the 4th XI Cricket Knockout. The problem is to maintain their enthusiasm and aim it in the right direction. Members of the House must realise that House activities provide useful self-discipline, in that they do things which they are not compelled to do, but which they probably do not want to do. House officials gain experience of dealing with people, and results show whether they have adopted the right approach to persuade, rather than compel, people to play their game. To be found wanting is not going to have lasting consequences, but it will be a valuable warning for the future when one has left School.

These two factors—lack of enthusiasm in some players and lack of tact in some officials—are the reasons for our dismal performance this year.

It is a pity that our fortunes should be at such a low point as we say goodbye to Mr Kay and Mr Benett ; both have been admirable advisers and supporters of the House in every field, while their encouragement has never been found wanting (and always, it seems, wanted). Mr Hodges will take over the House, ably supported by Mr Gregory, to whom our thanks go wholeheartedly for his help during the difficult transitional period. They can rest assured that our position could hardly get worse. One can only hope that the House will share their enthusiasm.

R. W. BRAY.

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## HEATH

The House's final position in the Cock House championship was fifth. Although undistinguished, this position could have been worse. Our potential was extremely limited. The House lacked sportsmen in the matchwinning grade.

The one exception to this rule was the Shooting Team, who won the Tunstall Cup and the N.S.R.A. and Country Life competitions. The Shooting Captain's share in an individual award together with the middle house winning the 'C' Company Competition meant that we had won five out of the six Shooting trophies.

A well organised Cricket section managed third in the league. Lack of ability was concealed to some extent by enthusiasm. The fates were against us in the Knockout : an unbroken opening stand of 125 was achieved by the 1st XI, but the match was then postponed through rain. Having to start afresh on the next day, the whole team could only make 76. Our Knockout position was disappointing.

In the Tennis league we were seventh, in the Knockout second. Some of our performances on court were pathetic. Heath's swimmers were more successful ; in the Swimming Sports they came third, giving them a very creditable overall position of second. Fortunately the year had ended on a bright note.

Our thanks go to Mr Barlow, and to Mr Trott, Mr Stamp and Mr Wilson for their guidance and encouragement.

P. E. STINTON.



## JEUNE

This year we find ourselves in an almost identical position to that of last year. In sports in which we possess talent we have done well, notably in the Cricket and Rugby Knockout competitions, but in others the necessary effort and determination has not been forthcoming. Standards are the best proof of a House's all-round strength and spirit, but in both Athletics and Swimming standards we found ourselves extremely close to the eighth position.

In the two major sports, Cricket and Rugby, we finished fifth and seventh respectively, but we could hardly be separated from those Houses immediately above us. In the Cricket league, the 1st XI started well but could not maintain their form and this, coupled with the poor second team results, brought us a position of sixth. In the Knockout the 1st, 3rd and 4th XI's each won two matches, giving us an overall position of second. In both Fives and Tennis we were lacking in talent and our positions of sixth were not unexpected. In the latter, however, practices were held regularly and conscientiously attended, and in a year or two these practices should be rewarded by better results.

The only sports in which we have finished in the top half of the table have been Gymnastics, Shooting and Cross-Country. Our positions of first, second and third respectively have been well earned.

For the second successive year we have won the team relays in Swimming, but in competition with School Club members we have not fared so well and our final position in Swimming was fourth. In Music and Chess, positions of fourth and eighth respectively have been achieved and unfortunately prospects are no better for the future.

Next year we shall, unfortunately, be without Mr Ruddock, to whom we wish the best of luck in his new appointment. We thank him for his support during the last three years, as indeed, we sincerely thank Mr Leeds and Mr Leeson for the enthusiasm with which they also have supported us.

A. R. PACKHAM.

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## LEVETT

Once again a poor showing at Cricket meant that the efforts in the first two terms to win the House Championship were nullified. Indeed they were convincingly crushed. Does this average position of fourth in the championship have any meaning? What is important surely is that we won the Rugby Knockout and the Seven-a-Side competition, that we were the best House at Eton Fives again, that we won the Open Athletics relay again, in record time, and the Athletics Championship, and that we won the first and second team Swimming relays. It is noticeable that only one of these successes occurred in the summer.

To rectify our perennially bad showing at cricket, everyone must practise and anyone with any talent must develop it fully. Most of our individually talented this year have been athletes, and it is pitiful that since they were members of the Athletics Club they were redundant for six weeks in the middle of the term with nothing to do.



What actually were the results of Cricket? In the league, the first XI won only one match and the second XI, under the determined leadership of a cricketingly ignorant captain, won two. More concentration at the right time might have brought more success to the individuals concerned and thus greater enjoyment to the side. In the Knockout, the first XI, which contained nine members of School Clubs, though only two from the Cricket Club, once again failed to record a win. Cary Gilson, last year the sufferers of our first victory for several years, played determinedly and avenged that defeat. The second XI also lost all three matches. The third XI won two and the fourth XI one : is this the hope for the future? It is sad to say that our only contribution to the Cricket Week was an assistant scorer and umpire.

The apparent supremacy at Tennis last year did not last long. An overall position of fifth this year was a true reflection of our strength. We won but three league and one Knockout matches. Prospects in this sport are apparently good, with a young side and some Club members.

As has been said before we had some success at Swimming, though it is generally true to say that at this sport we are usually about as good as we are bad at Cricket. The sight of our Swimming Captain making up over ten yards on his last leg to win the first team relay should not have been missed. We had come third, indeed almost second, in standards and all our life savers had passed their tests. Cannot our cricketers match this feat of application?

Mr Porter retired at the end of the term after thirteen years as Housemaster. At the final House meeting he was presented with a record player from "past and present members of his House, with affection." For everything he has done we thank him and wish him well in the future. Our thanks go to Mr Freeman and Mr Nicholls, and our best wishes to the former as he takes over the House.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

### PRINCE LEE

Our position of second in the Cock House Championship is a fair reflection of the efforts of the House this year. The House possesses only a few really talented sportsmen and has attained its high position through teamwork. It has been proved by our winning Athletics and Swimming Standards that when it comes to a test of the whole House, and not just a few talented individuals, then Prince Lee comes first.

This same driving power spurred us on in the Cricket league. Our teams, virtually devoid of talent, managed to come fourth. In the Cricket Knockout we reached the final in the first and second teams but the third XI let us down by losing all its matches. With four members of the School 1st XI and two other members of the Cricket Club, the 1st XI were strong favourites to win the Knockout. However, luck was against us in the final and we lost to Vardy by 7 runs. The 2nd XI did well to reach the final but, as was expected, found Vardy far too strong for them. We thus finished fourth overall in Cricket.

It is becoming traditional for us to do badly in Tennis and this year was no exception. We finished seventh—an improvement on last year,

if nothing else. In Shooting, we failed to retain the Classification Shield by a small margin. We came third in the Tunstall Cup Competition and third overall. Although the House obtained more Swimming standards than any other, we possessed fewer life-savers. B. J. Hambidge tried hard, but he could not win the Swimming Sports for the House alone, so our overall position was low.

Those then are the facts. The future looks promising. If the House continues to respond so well to the call of duty, and if next year's House officials keep up the high standards set by their immediate predecessors, then Prince Lee can move up that one vital place in the House Championship next year. Our leavers are relatively small in number but they are all sad losses and we shall miss them greatly. We wish them all success in the future.

Finally, on behalf of the House, I must thank Mr Williams and the House tutors for all that they have done and for the keen interest they have shown in our varied activities.

R. C. J. PAGE.

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### VARDY

The Summer term, traditionally the House's strongest, has seen Vardy win the three main sports, Cricket, Swimming and Tennis. These results consolidated the House's position at the top of the Cock House Championship, the House winning for the third year running with a total of 431.3 scale points out of a maximum 450. This is a very fine achievement of which the House can justifiably be proud, but it must remember that next year it starts from scratch again, and although the House undeniably has ability, it must maintain the enthusiasm and co-operation shown this year if it is to win for the fourth year in succession.

At Cricket, the House maintained its position of first overall, coming second in the league competition and winning ten out of twelve Knockout matches. The first, second and third teams all won their respective Knockout competitions.

Swimming this year has again been an overwhelming success. Although the House won Swimming overall with an increased lead, it slipped to second in both standards and the Terminal Swimming competition. However, dominance in the Sports, despite the fact that no relays were won, secured the first position overall. The victory in the Sports is largely attributable to R. H. and C. B. Tedd, who were first equal in the Senior Half Mile swim and the Senior Swimming Championship.

Tennis, a sport at which the House has not always made the best of the talent available, was most successful this year, both league and Knockout teams being undefeated. As with Fives, which the House also won, the team was extremely young and with good reserves ought to do well in the future, provided the traditional Vardy complaint, over-confidence, does not take hold.

Shooting this year has been run efficiently and the results, although not brilliant, were as good as could be expected. The hard work of the Captain and members of the C.C.F. in the House was rewarded by the

House winning the Classification shield. An overall position of fifth after the three competitions were fired was fairly satisfactory.

This year has been successful for the House mainly because all members have shown enthusiasm for the various activities which was backed up by efficiency on the part of the House Officials, who worked extremely hard. A large part of the credit must go to Mr Parry and the House Tutors, who have always been most helpful and encouraging.

R. MELLOR.

### THE COCK HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1961-2

		<i>Scaled Points</i>
1st.	Vardy _____	431.3
2nd	Prince Lee _____	330.6
3rd	Evans _____	325.6
4th	Levett _____	294.9
5th	Heath _____	286.7
6th	Jeune _____	280.6
7th	Cary Gilson _____	252.2
8th	Gifford _____	224.2

### C.C.F. REPORT

During this year the C.C.F. has continued to offer an interesting and exciting means of learning to lead. Although to the outsider Friday afternoons have continued along familiar lines, many new features of the C.C.F. are apparent too.

The Adventure training section has continued to offer a wide range of activities, such as an expedition to Snowdonia for 5 days at Easter. Throughout the year, mysterious activities in the Art and Craft department were observed until, the fruition of Mr. Symes' and P.K.Hall's efforts appeared in the shape of three canoes. These, along with two others, were extensively used during our annual camp at the School of Infantry, Warminster.

This camp itself was the most obvious and popular new excursion from C.C.F. tradition. Our hosts at the School were most generous in all respects and our most excellent sleeping accommodation, accompanied by superb food, made the camp the best yet attended by this School. Extensive training facilities were loaned to us by the Marquis of Bath in his residence, Longleat House.

The Annual General Inspection was held in the early evening of 23rd May, when we were honoured by the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Lord Willoughby de Broke. The C.C.F. banner was trooped as a fitting and moving end to the proceedings.

The C.C.F. has continued to send cadets on courses at Christmas and Easter, and cadets have been to the Army Outward Bound School and have taken the J.S.C.B. at Frimley Park.

Our Shooting Team retained its second position in the Royal Engineer's 22 Competition for Midland Schools, now having the excellent record of winning it once and being second twice during the first three years of the competition. Four cadets obtained nine prizes between them

in the Birmingham Bisley competition, and the Shooting Secretary won the Class M 200 yards competition.

The C.C.F. has continued to render great service to the School and has, in fact, by enlarging its scope of activities, opened up the way to greater opportunities for training leaders.

G. M. SHEPHERD.

### SCOUT REPORT

The Summer, always the best time for scouting, has this year been used to good advantage. Despite the curtailed term, most patrols have managed to camp at some time, and fairly high standards of camping have been attained. During the Summer, also, the Group has broadened its sights and on one or two occasions has co-operated with West division, the most notable being at the Handsworth Rally when juniors and seniors took part in a miniature Highland Games in honour of the guest, Sir Charles Maclean, the Chief Scout. Although members of the Scouts were unable to attend the P.L.'s week-end training course at Barnt Green, assistance with the various arrangements was given to the Division by the Seniors and Scouters.

Easter camp, held near Hay-on-Wye, was most successful, and a large number of badges and tests were passed. The site and weather combined to make the camp most enjoyable, and the Group was congratulated by the District Commissioner on behalf of the County Commissioner for the high standard of scouting at the camp.

During the holidays, the Group was dispersed throughout the Continent, the British Isles and America. Park Vale and Viking Troops were camping on Kerrera, an island near Oban, New and Mitre Troops staying at Eskdale in the Lake District on a site previously used in 1955. The seniors visited Yugoslavia, Austria and Scotland, hiking across Europe to Liechtenstein, and were also represented on a scout trip to America. The Sea Scouts spent their time sailing off the South Coast.

This term, unfortunately, we say good-bye to Dr Warren, who, although he has been at K.E.S. only a year, has given invaluable help and assistance to both the Juniors and the Seniors.

Scouting is giving pleasure to more people at K.E.S. at present than ever before, and for this we are all grateful to Dr Mayor and his colleagues.

R. MELLOR.

### THE PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

The group continues to expand slowly and this term has had the assistance of some members of the Scout Group. We hope that this arrangement may continue.

Letters elsewhere in the CHRONICLE suggest a widespread need for something constructive to do on a Friday afternoon : anyone who feels bored is assured that we can at least cure him of *that*.

Our thanks are due to Mr Williams and Mr Bolton for their work in the organisation of the group, and to them and other members of the Common Room for assistance with motor cars.

P. W. GRANT.



## PARTY TO THE ARDENNES

During the Easter holidays a party of 37 boys, under the leadership of Mr Leeds and Mr Hodges, spent a week at Anseremme, near Dinant, Belgium.

After an early departure by coach from Birmingham and an uneventful crossing from Dover to Ostend, we arrived at a hostel in Brussels in time for an evening meal and a walk in the town before bed. The following morning a coach and a student arrived to take us on a guided tour of the Belgian capital, the climax of which was a visit to that remarkable architectural feat, the Atomium. In the afternoon our coach took us on to Anseremme *via* Namur where we reached our hotel, which was situated on the banks of the Meuse. The first full day there was, in fact, Easter Sunday. In the morning a few members of the party attended a service at a nearby Protestant Church, the sermon and service being in French.

Our main excursion took us into France to the ancient cathedral city of Reims. Notre-Dame de Reims is one of the most impressive monuments of mediaeval Europe. We admired the sculpture, especially "Le sourire de Reims" and the magnificent rose window. Later in the afternoon, we were conducted through miles of cellars cut in the chalk soil and followed the processes of the manufacture of champagne. Other excursions took us to Spontin, where we viewed the castle and tasted the products of the mineral water factory, and to the picturesque flower gardens of Annevoie.

Many interesting walks took place in the neighbourhood, including one to the cliff-top fortress of Dinant and an astonishing grotto where the flash-light photographers found no shortage of stalagmites and stalactites to snap. The holiday was brought to a conclusion with a boat trip up the Meuse on a gloriously sunny afternoon. We were particularly lucky with the weather and we all very much enjoyed living, eating and drinking in a French atmosphere, and putting our hard-learned French into practice. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr Leeds and Mr Hodges for organising and leading such an interesting and enjoyable holiday.

S. A. COCKLE.

M. A. MAY.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

SIR,

It was good to see so many 'leavers' with us at the Club in Paradise Street and afterwards at Streetsbrook Road on the 9th July, particularly as a larger number than usual seem keen to play Rugger and Cricket as O.E's. This is most encouraging to those, both players and others, who are doing their utmost to regain the tradition of O.E. Rugger and to build up a similar tradition in Cricket.



The Rugger Club has been having a lean time during the past few seasons, partly due to the improvement in 'non Old Boys' Clubs and partly because some of our better players have been available only spasmodically. If all had been with us regularly the picture would have been very different. Some of the older men have, through sheer loyalty to the Club, continued to turn out in the Senior XV longer than they wished to. Until comparatively recently it went without saying that any one living anywhere near Birmingham played for an O.E. XV. But of late, if their skill merited it, it was understandable that the odd exception wished to play regularly in top-class Rugger. With regard to Cricket it is true that our Club was revived only in 1948 but in spite of 'leakages' of one sort or another, encouraged or otherwise, the playing strength has improved and so has the Fixture List. To enable the Rugger Club to regain its one time very fine Fixtures, which not so very long ago included Coventry, Waterloo, Birkenhead Park and Northampton, and the Cricket Club to continue to strengthen its list, all, repeat all, those leaving School who are keen to play either of these games must lend a hand. Personal Honours are no doubt sweet but, to quote, "The Glory's in the Game."

Are there any golfers of promise coming along? Some of our low handicap men are getting a little long in the tooth.' We are fortunate in that, due to the initiative of an O.E. nearly 20 years ago, we compete in the Halford-Hewitt Trophy at Deal and it may be of interest that the number of teams is limited to 64 and that quite a number of well-known Public Schools cannot enter until vacancies occur. This is most unlikely to happen and we, therefore, must see to it that not only do we send a team and keep our place, but that our representatives are able to bring credit to the School.

I hope this is not too much like a sermon as you may get enough of these anyway.

Finally, congratulations to the School on another successful year, particularly to the Swimming Team whose unbeaten record is very heart-warming.

O.E.

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DEAR SIR,

A north-west wind blowing through our courts has confided to the Tudor Club that a solicitous interest in its welfare is displayed at Edgbaston. In other words, you would like to know just how absurd previous generations of awful prefects and officious Cartlanders can be, stripped of the usually unnatural dignity of school office and school environment. And, you know, many of them are almost human; many others appear often to be rather less. To begin at the top with last year's president, J. C. Green (Fitzwilliam) has ceased to be vacant and has become engaged, as has his predecessor, C. R. Edmonds (St. Catharines)—is this an occupational hazard? The new president, J. C. Field (Pembroke) spends an inordinate amount of time at the University Library—we think this is a work-front concealing a similar venture. The new secretary,

W. E. Oddie (Pembroke), is in love with his sax, and has made life unbearable for priceless fungi over the road: their keeper is hoping to invoke the Noise Abatement Act as soon as he knows about it. This summer's exam results are not discreditable, and we are pleased to record a good sprinkling of Firsts; D. H. Fremlin (Trinity) has proved that to be a Senior Wrangler one must grow at least a foot of beard, and E. K. Turner (Trinity) that to be dedicated though inhuman is profitable: his result is outstanding. Though we have taken no prominent part in the healthy traditional pastimes of Cambridge—'fixing' Union elections, beating up its Presidents, failing examinations or even organising 'Ban the Gown' marches, we are not wholly inconspicuous in other less newsworthy arenas. D. J. Munrow (Pembroke) exercises his bassoon many times a week, which is more than he does with his mind. A. B. Loach (Caius), who was illiterate when he came up, has shown no signs of benefitting from a Cambridge education. D. A. Webb (Emmanuel) is more than faintly amused by the bodies he has to cut up, but R. J. Cadwallader of the same college lives miles out of town in Railway Cuttings, and is never around to be amused by anything. M. A. Wilkins (Magdalene) coxes a rowing Eight full of double-barrelled Hons and likes it; W. J. Partridge (Caius) rows almost unaided for his college's second boat, and doesn't. P. M. Cairns (Kings) sings divinely and is a promising aesthete into the bargain.

We feel the presence of many others, a fair proportion of whom, having only recently emerged from army units and lost property offices all over the country, would be almost totally unknown to you still at school, and who were busy working out who were to be next year's prefects besides themselves while you were still in your cradles. But with a strong Edwardian representation arriving this October, resounding with great names such as Papps and Greenhall, we are confident that this year's mighty will become next year's fallen, and suffer the privileged humiliation of appearing in the Cambridge letter, all for your delight.

With good wishes for the coming year,

Yours sincerely,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

SIR,

It is felt by about half of the 59 members of the Upper Sixths of the School, both inside and outside the Cartland Club, that the club in its present form tends to induce an undesirable division within this group, and that this leads to a certain amount of bad feeling. To counteract this situation it was suggested that a satisfactory remedy might be provided by making membership of the club the privilege of all members of the Upper Sixth Forms.

Since the clubroom could clearly not accommodate such an increased membership throughout the year, I would suggest that the proposed system might operate during the Summer term alone.

It was recognised that such an arrangement is not the only solution to the various cliques which result from the present system, but although

the suggested amendment might possibly require the club's exceeding its statutory maximum membership of 53, to which its supernumeraries must be added, in practice, it was felt, this would cause no serious problem, as not all members would use the clubroom simultaneously.

Yours faithfully,

M. D. K. HALSEY.

*(But membership of the Cartland Club involves a share in the government of the school. To throw the club open to all boys of a certain standing would inevitably detract from its authority: it would become merely a common room for Upper Sixth forms.—Editors.)*

DEAR SIR,

It is a disheartening fact that many of the lower school find themselves channelled into the Combined Cadet Force without being made aware that the attitude to international affairs which such an organisation to some extent must inevitably involve may not be consistent with the deeper implications of the Church as a redemptive society. The fusion of ideal and actual, the incarnation of the Kingdom of God, which integrates what is on earth so that it is as things are in heaven, implies the internationalism, pacifism and communism characteristic of the love of God and man in community found in the life and teaching of Christ and frequently in the history of the early Church as it lived in Christ.

This century, as never before, mankind is confronted with enormous possibilities for good and evil which the blessings of technological advance have brought into view. It will be an unutterable tragedy if the great new fact of our time, the world Church, compromises with the spirit of death and fails to guide our feet into the way of peace. Any attempt to lead young people into creative service—making things, writing things, painting things, sharing experience and helping others—deserves all the support we can give; and any organisation which teaches us, even indirectly, to meet barrier with barrier or bomb with bomb must surely die a natural death as the work of supernature goes on.

Yours faithfully,

G. N. CHARLTON.

DEAR SIR,

An increasing number of boys is spending its Friday afternoons in remnants, in other words, largely wasting this time unprofitably in formrooms. This seems to me an extremely poor state of affairs, since Friday afternoons are set aside for useful activities beyond the ordinary School Curriculum. Would it not be better to make participation in one of the wide range of activities—C.C.F., Scouts, Personal Service and Voluntary Art—compulsory for all boys, at least until the Sixth or Upper Sixth forms?

Yours faithfully,

R. J. S. EDIS.

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# King Edward's School Club

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR APRIL 1st, 1961 to MARCH 31st, 1962

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Governors' Grant .. .. .		300	0 0	By Football .. .. .		284	3 3
„ Heath Testimonial Fund .. ..		10	17 0	„ Cricket .. .. .		403	19 9
„ Levett Trust .. .. .		10	10 0	„ Athletics .. .. .		85	5 3
„ Mayo Trust .. .. .		13	14 8	„ Swimming .. .. .		39	9 10
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund		7	13 8	„ Fives .. .. .		201	16 11
„ Solomon Memorial Trust .. ..		1	19 10	„ Tennis .. .. .		92	5 7
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions ..		60	15 6	„ Squash Rackets .. .. .		15	7 4
„ Boys' Subscriptions .. .. .		691	7 6	„ Fencing .. .. .		4	6 6
„ Grant from School Stock .. ..		400	0 0	„ Rowing .. .. .		53	8 0
		£1496	18 2	„ Cross Country Running .. .. .		22	16 8
				„ Shooting .. .. .		1	9 11
				„ Chess .. .. .		28	9 9
				„ CHRONICLE .. .. .		150	3 3
				„ Civic Society .. .. .		7	6
				„ Natural History Society .. .. .		1	11 0
				„ Photographic Society .. .. .		1	14 0
				„ Aeronautical Society .. .. .		2	2 5
				„ Geographical Society .. .. .		13	3
				„ Printing and Stationery .. .. .		64	16 6
				„ Postage and Telephone .. .. .		8	17 6
				„ Bank Charges .. .. .		10	0
				„ Christian Guild .. .. .		2	9 8
						£1466	3 10
Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1962 ..		1496	18 2				
Deficit brought forward, April 1st, 1961 ..		20	19 2				
Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1962		1466	3 10				
Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1962 ..		£9	15 2				

(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

P. KILLWORTH } *Hon.*  
I. C. STIRK } *Auditors.*

Owing to the alteration in the date of publication of the CHRONICLE these accounts include the cost of one issue only, instead of the usual two.