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

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

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EDITORIAL

All but new readers will probably be surprised by the appearance in the CHRONICLE of advertising. Many people may feel that this new move 'lowers the tone' of the magazine and is not in keeping with the traditions of the CHRONICLE. It is therefore only fair that members of the School should be apprised of the reasons for the decision to introduce advertising.

From the financial point of view, it has become clear over the last few years that as the cost of producing the magazine is ever increasing, so its size is ever dwindling. Last September's edition, for instance, was exceptionally and disturbingly thin, in spite of its costing a very high price. And so, if the CHRONICLE was not to descend into a bare collection of reports and results, positive action had to be taken. We could expect no more money for expansion from the School Club, and so it was decided that such money should be obtained from advertising revenue.

At the present time, such revenue will be used to provide space for articles and features showing a widening outlook on the world. In this edition, we have introduced letters from Old Edwardians overseas and a wider range of articles on School activities as a start in this direction. It is hoped that the CHRONICLE will now be able to reflect and encourage a greater interest in the life of the School and of the world outside.

These moves are not meant to clash with the function of the "Miscellany"—to be published in July—which is more concerned with such directly creative literary pursuits as poetry, fiction and discussion. In K.E.S., there has been no tradition of imaginative work being encouraged by a school magazine, and the "Miscellany" is now trying to foster such a tradition. However many scholarships and academic honours its pupils may gain, a school is not really successful unless it contains an influential body of lively people engaged in creative pursuits.

This year, there have been signs that members of the School are using their ability in these directions more than for some time. We can point to the excellent (and financially successful) production of "Volpone," the new liveliness of the Debating Society, the encouraging response to the "Miscellany"—from the Lower School particularly—, the *Revue* to be produced in July, and indeed to the changes in the CHRONICLE. It is to be hoped that people will respond to such examples and make their own contribution to a livelier community.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term commenced on Thursday, 7th September, on which day Athletics Standards also began.

On September 12, the General Committee Meeting of the School Club was held, at which the Historical Society was elected to membership of the Club.

The Athletics Sports took place on September 27.

Field Day, September 29 to October 1, was longer than usual this term, since there had been no Field Day the previous summer term.

Founder's Day was commemorated on October 13, when the Bailiff of the Governors, Mrs E. V. Smith, presented the prizes.

Half-Term was taken from November 2 to November 5.

On November 10, the XV, in a very poor season lost the Siviter-Smith cup to Bromsgrove at Charford by three points to nil.

The Carol Service was held on two consecutive evenings, December 17 and 18. The first service began at 5-0 p.m. in an endeavour to help people escape the fog.

Mr John Rust, Vice-Principal of the Birmingham School of Music, kindly adjudicated the House Music Competition, Part I, on December 18. Gifford's House Orchestra won, with their piece 'Ostinato,' specially composed by J. W. Deathridge.

The Michaelmas Term, the longest on record ended on December 19.

An extremely successful Prefects' Ball was held on January 2, with music provided by Mr Maurice Udloff and his Band.

The Lent Term began on January 7 and ended on March 28. Half-Term was taken from February 22 to February 26. We were snow-bound for most of the term.

On January 24, the annual Foundation Service was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Bull Ring, at which Canon Edward Patey of Coventry Cathedral gave the address.

A rare opportunity of seeing a play by Ben Jonson was provided by the Dramatic Society who performed "Volpone" on three successive evenings, January 31, February 1 and February 2, before large audiences.

On February 21, the School Choral Society and Combined Orchestra performed Haydn's "Creation."

The House Gymnastic Competition was held on February 22, and was won by Vardy. The Individual Gymnastic Competitions were held on March 4 and March 6.

The four Lent Addresses, which began on March 6, were given by the Reverend Keith Wilkes of Birmingham University.

On March 14 the Inter-House Cross-Country Competition was held. On the same evening the School Confirmation Service took place at Edgbaston Old Church.

Field Day was taken on March 18th.

The end of term School Service was held at Edgbaston Old Church on March 24th, followed by the Corporate Communion of the newly confirmed on March 26.

The Individual Music Competition took place on the evening of March 26 and on the following afternoon the Choral part of the Music Competition was adjudicated.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Alderman Mrs E. V. Smith, J.P., completed her term of office as Bailiff on March 31st and is succeeded by Professor D. R. Dudley, Professor of Latin in the University and himself an Old Edwardian.

Councillor R. I. Scorer, M.C., J.P., has been elected Deputy Bailiff.

We congratulate Alderman Sir Walter Howard on the honour of Knighthood conferred on him by the Queen in the New Year Honours' List. We congratulate Alderman J. Wood on being elected President of the Association of Education Committees. In succession to the late Dr Byng Kenrick, Alderman H. Tyler has been nominated by the City Council to the Governing Body.

OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

R. P. Duncan Jones has been elected to a Fellowship of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

A. C. Smith has returned from the M.C.C. tour of Australia and New Zealand as joint holder of the world record for a ninth-wicket stand in Test cricket.

P. B. Jackson has most deservedly returned to the England Rugby team.

In connection with this, Sir Donald Finnemore writes : " Has any School ever before achieved the record of having played on the same day an old boy for England in a Test Match and an old boy for England in an International Rugger match, as King Edward's School has done in A. C. Smith and P. B. Jackson ? "

O.E. NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

Dr Maurice H. F. Wilkins, who left School in 1935, is one of two Britons who, with an American, have been jointly awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize for medicine. The award was made in recognition of ' a major breakthrough ' in the study of heredity—the discovery of the molecular structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (D.N.A.).

Dr Wilkins went to St. John's College, Cambridge, after leaving School, and returned to Birmingham in 1938 to do research in the Physics Department at the University, on the luminescence of solids. During the war, with a number of other Birmingham scientists, he worked in America on the Manhattan Project that led to the production of the atomic bomb. He is at present deputy director of the Biophysics Research Unit of the Medical Research Council, and is working at the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate :

Mr and Mrs Trott on the birth of a daughter on October 11.

Mr and Mrs Robbins on the birth of a daughter on January 13.

Mr and Mrs Symes on the birth of twins, son and daughter, on January 27.

Mr and Mrs Hopley on the birth of a son, on February 13.

Mr and Mrs Benson on the birth of a son on February 17.

Mr Gregory on his engagement to Miss Alison Webb.

Dr Nicholas on the award of a Ph.D.

Mr Robbins on his appointment as player-manager of the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby team which is to tour South Africa in the summer.

PREFECTS' ROOM

R. C. J. Page has been appointed Captain of the School.

C. G. Rowland has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following have been appointed Prefects :

C. J. ALLEN : Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of the Literary Society ; Secretary of the Closed Circle (*Levett*).

R. C. BOOTH : Vice-Captain of Swimming ; Sergeant in the R.A.F. Section ; House Captain (*Gifford*).

R. H. COX : Captain of Rowing ; Petty Officer in the Naval Section (*Vardy*).

W. P. FERNS : Secretary of the Debating, Dramatic and Film Societies ; Scrivener of the Shakespeare Society ; Drum-Major in the C.C.F. ; House Captain (*Evans*).

R. O. JENKINS : Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Cary Gilson*).

A. R. LEECH : Secretary of the Natural History Society ; A.S.M. in the Scouts ; House Captain (*Prince Lee*).

D. R. PLOWRIGHT : A.S.M. in the Scouts (*Evans*).

M. H. POWELL : (*Levett*).

J. C. RAYNOR : Captain of Shooting ; Staff-Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Jeune*).

P. H. REES : Secretary of the Historical and Geographical Societies ; A.S.M. in the Senior Scouts (*Prince Lee*).

T. C. ROLLASON : Vice-Captain of Athletics ; Secretary of the Scientific Society (*Evans*).

R. H. TEDD : Captain of Swimming ; House Captain (*Vardy*).

C. D. TYLER : Vice-Captain of Rugby Football ; House Captain (*Levett*).

The following left School during the year :

R. J. GILSON (1955-1962) : Vice-Captain of the School ; President of the Cartland Club ; Prefect 1962 ; XXX Colours 1962-3 ; Scrivener of the Shakespeare Society ; House Captain ; Exhibition in Modern Languages at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (*Evans*).

R. M. ABRAHAMS (1960-1963) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Captain of Rugby Football 1962-3 ; Captain of Athletics 1962-3 ; Rugby Football Colours 1961-3 ; Athletics Colours 1960-3 ; House Captain ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; Queens' College, Cambridge (*Cary Gilson*).

M. N. BAILY (1956-1963) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; House Captain ; A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Christ's College, Cambridge (*Jeune*).

R. H. C. JONES (1957-1962) : Prefect 1962 ; Secretary of Cricket 1962 ; Cricket Colours 1962 ; Secretary of the Modern Language Society ; Flight-Sergeant in the R.A.F. Section ; Wadham College, Oxford. (*Vardy*).

I. A. MACRAE (1955-1963) : Prefect 1962-3 ; School Recorder ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; Selwyn College, Cambridge (*Jeune*).

J. G. RHODES (1958-1963) : Prefect 1963 ; XXX Colours 1961-3 ; Leading Seaman in the Royal Naval Section ; Jesus College, Cambridge (*Vardy*).

J. P. SINGER (1956-1963) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; Exhibition in Modern Languages at Selwyn College, Cambridge (*Cary Gilson*).

THE CARTLAND CLUB

The officials of the Club in the Lent Term, 1963, were :

<i>President</i>	.	C. G. Rowland
<i>Secretary</i>	.	B. S. Wilkins
<i>Treasurer</i>	.	H. J. F. Tarratt
<i>Librarian</i>	.	K. F. W. Gumbley
<i>Victualler</i>	.	G. D. Knowles

R. C. J. Page

The following were members of the Club :

R. M. Abrahams	A. R. Leech
C. J. Allen	R. J. Lowe
M. R. B. Bailey	I. A. Macrae
M. N. Baily	R. S. Mallatratt
N. R. Baker	A. J. C. Park
J. D. L. Ball	D. R. Plowright
M. L. Bason	M. H. Powell
C. J. Bent	P. Quinton
R. C. Booth	J. C. Raynor
M. T. Broadbent	J. C. W. Read
G. D. Burnett	P. H. Rees
R. H. Cox	J. G. Rhodes
J. W. Deathridge	T. C. Rollason
W. P. Ferns	A. J. Smith
R. C. W. Hadley	R. H. Tedd
D. J. Honeybone	C. D. Tyler
W. F. Hurford	R. W. Watt
P. S. Jenkins	J. A. White
R. O. Jenkins	M. D. Windram
J. R. Key-Pugh	M. J. Woodward
D. W. Knowles	S. R. Woodward

D. C. Young

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made :

Oxford :

G. D. Burnett to a Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Worcester College.

A. R. Leech to a Scholarship in Biology at Brasenose College.

M. H. Powell to an Exhibition in Engineering at Lincoln College.

C. G. Rowland to a Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Worcester College.

A. J. Smith to a Scholarship in Science at St. John's College.
W. S. Truscott to a Scholarship in Science at Balliol College.
M. A. Gerzon (*O.E*) to a Scholarship at Corpus Christi College.

Cambridge

J. D. L. Ball to a Scholarship in Mathematics at Trinity College.
J. P. Gibson to a Scholarship in Science at Emmanuel College.
R. J. Gilson to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Corpus Christi College.
C. J. Goodman to an Exhibition in Science at Peterhouse.
K. F. W. Gumbley to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Pembroke College.
P. H. Rees to an Exhibition in Geography at St. Catharine's College.
P. E. Roe to a Scholarship in Science at Downing College.
J. P. Singer to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Selwyn College.
T. Whitmore to a Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ's College.
M. D. Windram to a Scholarship in Science at Queens' College.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

C. D. Tyler, M. O. Garrett, S. B. Cole and G. D. Knowles on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

R. H. Cox, M. C. Allport, A. G. Hutchison, J. G. Rhodes, and R. H. Elgood on the re-award, and J. A. Barnfield, G. D. Bennett, J. L. Forster, J. M. Freeman, R. J. Lowe, M. H. Powell, S. C. Tew, M. L. Bason, R. O. Jenkins and A. S. Lowenstein on the award of School XXX Colours.

D. C. Young on the award of School Cross-Country Colours.

J. D. L. Ball on the re-award, and M. R. B. Bailey and M. S. Dunn on the award of School Chess Colours.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following :

J. C. Raynor on winning a National Coal Board Scholarship.

W. P. Ferns and J. P. Singer on winning the Charles Massey Debating Trophy for the School.

J. D. L. Ball on Captaining the England Junior Chess Team.

R. C. J. Page on being selected to play for the Warwickshire Young Amateurs XI.

J. A. Barnfield on being selected for the English Schools Representative XI (U.15's).

D. C. Young and J. B. Williams on being selected to run for the Warwickshire Junior Cross-Country Team.

C. B. Tedd on being selected to swim for Warwickshire in the National Championships.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

During the Christmas term the offertories in Chapel and at the Carol Service were devoted to the fund for building a Chapel at St. Joseph's College, Chidya, South Tanganyika, where an old Edwardian, Timothy Brooke, is at present serving as a Schoolmaster. To this we were

able to send £90. The Cot Fund amounted to £110, and this was divided between the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust and the *Birmingham Mail* Christmas Tree Fund. Christmas cards made in the Art department raised £33 for the Midlands Spastics' Association.

In the Easter term the cause of Christian education in Africa was still in the forefront of our effort, and the collections in Chapel were devoted to the work of the Usuthu Mission in Swaziland, at present being served by an Old Edwardian, J. C. Mayor.

We are grateful to Mr Hamlin for taking over from Mr Ruddock the running of the Cot Fund for keeping us alert to other people's needs and for working the regular collections through a lively committee.

Once again during Lent we had on Wednesdays Famine Lunches to raise funds for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. Altogether, Oxfam collections raised £135, while the Cot Fund realised £87.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We are very grateful for continued help from leavers and their parents, which takes various forms. Further teak seats have been given which will furnish the south field and make watching summer games all the more agreeable. The Library and the Cartland Library have been enriched with welcome and interesting books. Above all, we are grateful to a number of parents who give a covenanted gift to the School Fund. This has meant a very considerable growth of the fund, whose main target at the moment is the plan for the provision of squash courts. In addition, a number of parents specially keen on the Scout group have made gifts and covenants with a view to the purchase of Andrew's Copse. For all of these we are grateful. They do make possible the enrichment of life at the School.

The Eric W. Vincent Trust has once again given a travel bursary which will enable two members of the Sixth form to make an adventurous expedition to Poland in the Summer.

Mr Holland W. Hobbiss, the architect who built the School has generously doubled the capital sum with which he, on the occasion of his retirement, founded the Hobbis Prize for the encouragement of Architecture.

OBITUARIES

By the death on August 7th of Dr W. BYNG KENRICK at the age of 89, Foundation and School have lost one of the staunchest of Governors. Having become by the nomination of the Corporation a Governor in 1916 he had been for some time and by a considerable number of years the senior member of the Governing Body. Three times he has served as Bailiff; he was Chairman of the Site Committee, responsible for completing King Edward's School and the High School on the Edgbaston site; he was more recently Chairman of the Grammar Schools Committee where his exceptionally close knowledge of methods and men at Margaret Street enormously benefitted the Aided Grammar Schools of the Foundation.

Byng Kenrick retained to the end of his life a remarkably lucid mind and a rare facility for expressing it in beautifully balanced periods and felicitously chosen phraseology. Time after time at Education Committee or Sub-Committee and at Governors' meetings colleagues have said to one another "we really ought to have had a tape recording of that wonderfully fair and balanced statement of the case." He combined long experience with great wisdom and a passion for justice.

While he was always keen to secure for King Edward's School the maximum freedom of opportunity, and judged requests and suggestions for it by reference to the best, to what he had known at Rugby, it was his particular endeavour through all his days to advance educational opportunity for girls.

He was one of the very great men of his generation in local government ; he went on to the City Council in 1914, became an Alderman in 1929, was Chairman of the Education Committee from 1922-28 and from 1931-43, was Lord Mayor 1928-9, and became an Honorary Freeman of the City in 1938. When he retired from party politics he devoted himself to the cause of education in Birmingham at every level, from primary school to University. He was a very regular visitor to Schools both personally and officially on their high days. In his old age he developed a remarkable mellowness which took the form of an unexpected tolerance of younger and less experienced colleagues on a committee : while he did not suffer fools gladly, he did suffer them, but woe betide the one who went too far—Byng Kenrick could be devastating in riposte.

He was a charming host, a most hard-working gardener and as a reading man one who kept himself extraordinarily well up to date. It is rare to meet so conspicuously conscientious a man. In him the Foundation has lost a firm and valued friend.

SIWARD JAMES, who died on the 4th November, was both an Old Edwardian and a former Governor. He was of an age, with that other distinguished and long-serving Governor, Dr Byng Kenrick. By profession a Solicitor, he became a Governor in 1915 and retired in 1956 when, on the death of his wife, he moved away from Birmingham. He was Bailiff twice, in 1917-1918, and in 1942-1943. In his latter term of office he had the very grave difficulties of seeing that building on the site did not come to a halt during the war. He was Chairman of the Finance Committee and brought in the new financial arrangements for the running of the School. Always an extremely loyal Old Edwardian, he gave back to his old school richly in wise services rendered. He was a loyal friend to his school and when he gave up his home in Solihull in 1956 he made generous presentations from his books to the School Library.

THE LIBRARY

After a rather lean period, the Library has begun to enjoy better times. There have been welcome rises, both in the number of books taken out legally (especially fiction) and in the number of library-ticket holders—but still only half the School have tickets and the Middle School are particularly reluctant to buy any. History and Science remain the two most-used sections, despite the Scientists' claims that a new Science book is a rare luxury. But, as past experience has shown, new science books are speedily 'borrowed' for good.

Going Our Way?

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There have been two innovations this year, one welcome, the other unpopular but just as necessary. Books are now stamped with the date of return and not of issue, a step which was, in the opinion of many, long overdue. The second innovation was the introduction of *Master's Detentions* as punishment for malefactors in the Divisions and above—instead of a banning. I hope this will curb the zeal of the more irresponsible elements among the Upper School. Generally discipline has been better than before—but there is still a good deal of room for improvement, especially in Private Study Periods.

The most pleasant features of the Library are its new acquisitions : and more books have entered the Library during the last term and a half than ever before over a comparable period. The numbers were swelled no doubt by an exceptionally large and generous number of presentations. Our thanks must go to C. D. A. Powell, Esq., for a complete set of Toynbee's " Study of History " ; to T. W. Hutton, Esq., for the " Chandos Memoirs " and other books ; to Dr Hilda Walker for many books from the library of Dr Cranston Walker ; to Dr Mary Winfield for books in the spheres of English Literature and Classics ; and finally to the Parents' Fund, whose generosity remains unbounded and greatly appreciated.

The Library Staff has been willing and efficient, making the Librarian's job easier and more pleasant than it might have been ; but the testing times lie ahead, with the 'A' and 'O' levels and the Book Check still to come. This is no time for the staff to rest on any laurels it may have won—and I don't think it will. One thing is certain ; without Mr Blount's skilful guidance and helpful advice, this Library would be in a far worse state than it is at present.

P. S. JENKINS

CHAPEL NOTES

Chapel life continues along much the same lines as before. The Holy Communion is celebrated fortnightly, and in Lent weekly, on Tuesday mornings. Evensong and Evening Prayers alternate weekly on Wednesday afternoons. Matins is said on Friday mornings, although the School has forgotten this. To our Holy Communion services we have welcomed several visiting celebrants, including the new Bishop of Aston, who visits us termly. Collections have been given to various organisations and in particular to S. Joseph's College, Chidya.

One innovation recently introduced is to have the lesson in Chapel coincide with the text of the Christian Guild Bible Studies, on the occasions when they follow immediately afterwards. The series of Lent addresses in Chapel this year was given by the Reverend Keith Wilkes, a Chaplain at Birmingham University.

Our thanks are due particularly to the Chapel Choir, whose impeccably high standard of singing always delights the few who go to Evensong. It is to be hoped that their example of service will be followed by the small boys who persistently break Chapel windows during their games of football.

B. S. WILKINS.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Both August and September were cooler and wetter than normal. After a slightly warmer than average October, temperatures dropped steadily—November 41°F. (av. 44°F.), December 34°F. (av. 40°F.), January 28°F. (av. 38°F.)—but rainfall in these four months was well under half the normal, except in November. January, 1963, was the coldest month on record at K.E.S., beating February, 1947, by 0.6°F.: minima were 2°F. lower than in 1947 although the absolute minimum (9°F.) was 4°F. higher than the 1947 figure.

The past few months have been notable for more than just their extraordinary weather. Last October the station was subjected to a full-scale Meteorological Office inspection (an event which occurs only every 5 years) through which it came with great credit. But no sooner had its usefulness been re-affirmed than rumours were heard that its future was in jeopardy as the site was required for tennis courts. When this was officially confirmed plans were drawn up for an alternative. It was necessary to seek the advice of the Meteorological Officer of Birmingham Airport and the result of his report to the Meteorological Office is awaited. At the moment the station's chances of survival are not very good.

In view of the fact that throughout the difficult conditions of the Christmas holidays every single reading was taken and that this could be the last time that "the Met." will contribute to the CHRONICLE, it has been thought fit to list the staff of the School Meteorological Station.

Senior Observers : A. I. Wallace and L. J. Arthur ; Assistant Observers : S. F. Drinkwater, I. D. Lamb, P. L. Marcus, A. R. Wallace, P. H. Bennett and C. J. Darrall. Although he insists that he has retired, A. R. Long helps whenever his services are requested.

A. I. WALLACE.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1962

Founder's Day was celebrated in Big School on Saturday, October 13th. After the Chief Master had welcomed the guests, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman Ernest W. Horton, brought the City's greetings to the School and emphasised the close ties between us.

The Chief Master remembered for a moment the late Dr Byng Kenrick, and spoke of him as a man with wit and wide vision who had done much for the Foundation. He then welcomed the new Bishop of Aston on his first public appearance as a School Governor.

The Chief Master, saying that Founder's Day was one on which we should measure our achievements, said that we had won sixteen State Scholarships and the excellent total of 53 distinctions at 'A' Level. 'O' Level results had been very good indeed, only two boys failing to achieve the standard required for promotion. However, we were not interested in academic success alone and the Chief Master emphasised that our gaze was ever broadening outwards.

After the prizes had been presented, Alderman Mrs E. V. Smith, Bailiff of the Governors, told the School that "You have more intellect and ability than many others, and because you have that ability and that opportunity more is going to be expected of you." She said that, in this

age of rapid advance, there is a new challenge opening out for us : we cannot afford to slack or we shall be left behind.

Just as important as having the ' know-how ' was having the ' know-why.' Gathering of knowledge would not ensure wisdom, but ' if you can gain wisdom as well as knowledge, then King Edward's Foundation will grow and flourish for another 400 years,' she said.

After the School Captain had thanked the guests for their presence, the proceedings closed with the School Song being sung.

“ VOLPONE ”

There are two ways of handling “ Volpone ” : one can either present it as Jonson intended, or one can carve it up into a kind of Jacobean Whitehall farce. Mr Trott chose the first alternative and his actors supported him splendidly in a particularly sympathetic production. The play is a comedy, but it is a comedy of morals in which the audience is expected to judge the characters and their crimes. If they are to do this, the play must live and the characters must show convincingly the alternating sycophancy and triumph which their deceptions demand. The element of pretence upon which the comedy depends makes exceptional demands on the chief actors, for they have in effect to play not one role but several, as the situations of the complex plot demand. In this production the cast had the vigour and assurance to do this, to become live figures in whom we could believe, not static personifications. Volpone himself is a titanic figure, for he is much more than a comic miser who plays with his would-be heirs. C. J. Allen, who played the part with an ease and conviction which made him wholly plausible, was at his finest in the comic scenes. He knows how and when to be comic and, with a range of facial expressions which are hugely amusing, he brought life to his asides from the couch, and to his reactions and gestures during the action. Later, as he pranced about the stage with gay abandon, soliciting reactions to his own pretended death, we felt the impact of the born comic actor, the man who can raise laughter not by reading out jokes, but simply by moving and speaking. But the part demands more than this. It demands the dignity of the magnifico who worships his gold, who mesmerizes the unwilling Celia, who denounces his parasites at the cost of ruining himself. He and his verse are so great that we lose touch with his evil, and admire his grandeur instead. In expecting an actor to realise this superhuman figure, Jonson was being optimistic, and Allen just failed to achieve the sheer dignity required, particularly in his immensely difficult opening speech. He has great flexibility, but this part demands two actors, a comedian and a tragedian. Allen gave us one completely. He all but succeeded with the other.

The most accomplished performance of all came from C. G. Rowland as Mosca. Oozing obsequiousness from the tips of his fingers, he managed to survive Jonson's most complex situations without any suggestion of implausibility or bustle. He was able to capture the audience whenever necessary with a single wicked grin, and his final *volte-face* was startlingly grim even to those acquainted with the text. It was the finer points of his acting which showed his ability best. The movement of a finger, the position of his arms, the mock-humble bow : all gave convincing signs

of the combined scorn and flattery which the part needs. His quick lithe movements across the stage, and his habit of addressing his victims from behind were excellent attributes for this repellent figure.

Perhaps the most startling performance of the play was G. R. C. Smith's Corbaccio. No other amateur performance that we have seen has given so convincing and complete a rendering of such a part as this. In every detail he was an old man. Not only the obvious hobble, and harsh, rasping voice, although the latter requires great ability, but little details such as the compulsive movement of the head characteristic of old people, and the blank expression of a deaf person, were minutely and consistently displayed. This part was sustained right down to the final slow, painful exit, which most of the audience regrettably could not see. Smith fully deserved the applause that he was given. For quite different reasons we must commend J. P. Singer's Voltore, and in particular his conduct of the court scenes. He has the strong resonant voice and the commanding presence which such a part demands, and knows well and can reproduce the stylistic tricks of the professional advocate. Another successful and highly original character performance came from W. P. Ferns. His Sir Politick Would-Be was a chattering bore with a range of suitably absurd habitual movements and a permanently inane expression. His rather surprising voice sounded suspiciously like something from a dull debate in the House of Lords, but it tended to blur his words occasionally. Ferns, like Smith, gave a carefully detailed and sustained performance, and we were disappointed only by the fact that his plot was truncated and left rather uncertainly unresolved. J. C. Burgess as his foil, Peregrine, was a clear and exact speaker, and was commendably prompt with the cues which his repartee demanded. Corvino, played by R. F. T. Hicks, and Celia, played by S. D. Henderson, were a widely contrasted pair. Hicks gave us a splendidly Machiavellian figure of dark-haired, bearded evil, and his delivery was efficient and varied. He must, however, see that his gestures and words are co-ordinated and be careful not to overact. Henderson had little opportunity to display his talents : most of Jonson's heroines are little more than lay figures. He looked highly desirable. P. R. H. Johnstone as Madame Would-be was more fortunate. He is an accomplished female-impersonator, and gave a vigorous and garrulous performance, including a surprising and engaging titter. Bonario, the good boy of the play, was played earnestly by T. M. Davies, who has a fine flair for melodrama and can be crushingly superior. R. M. Abrahams as an Advocate tried to sound legalistic and boring and succeeded. The judges' activities as a whole badly needed activating. They were much too deliberate to be convincing. T. R. A. Reader, however, delivered the final sentence with a fine sense of dignity. The page, J. F. Stoker, sang Mr Tunnard's arrangement of the song clearly and tunefully.

As a whole this year's play was particularly satisfactory in one respect. Cues were taken up quickly : actors spoke to each other instead of declaiming to the audience ; there were suitable reactions and gestures from those not involved in the immediate action. Together these indicate not only able production, but a knowledge and use of stagecraft often lacking from more sophisticated amateur performances. The play was amusing because the principals had the sense of proportion to exaggerate

enough to become comic, but not so much that they became absurd. The fact that professional critics saw fit to treat the play with professional sourness is itself a tacit acknowledgment of its professional standard.

Finally to the people who really make possible a dramatic performance : designers, painters, electricians and stage-crew. Their job is long, hard, dirty and often unappreciated, but if they did not work as consistently as they do, there would be no School play. The sets are worthy of special congratulation, in particular a beautifully painted, Canaletto-like backdrop of Venice. The lighting was as slick and efficient as ever, and the stage-crew performed their mysteries silently and swiftly.

Jonson dedicated "Volpone" to 'the two famous universities.' At least two members of those universities enjoyed and acclaimed Mr Trott's new production of the play.

G. B. SKELSEY, O.E.

P. W. GRANT, O.E.

MUSIC

For school music, the current year is proving to be a very interesting one. In the Christmas Term, the Musical Society presented a recital of the piano music of modern French composers, brilliantly played by M. J. Woodward, and an organ recital of music by Bach and modern composers, given by J. W. Deathridge, an occasion which was enjoyed by a much larger audience than usual. R. M. Edwards, accompanied by P. G. Wimpory, gave a beautiful performance of the lovely G major flute concerto by Mozart, and, near the end of the term, we welcomed back a well-known Old Edwardian, Mr J. W. Jordan, to give the Christmas organ recital.

All the musical forces of the School united to perform the exhilarating music of "The Creation" by Haydn in the middle of the Lent Term. All who took part benefitted immensely from this great experience.

The Music Circle continues to thrive, and like its kindred society is having a year among the Moderns. We heard two talks in the Christmas Term, one on Jazz from C. J. Goodman, and one on Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" from the secretary J. W. Deathridge. In the Lent Term, members of the Circle attended a performance of Britten's latest and greatest work, the "War Requiem," in the Town Hall : we hope that such visits become regular events.

We would like a greater number of the younger members of the School to take an active part in the performance of music of any kind. Anyone who can play an instrument moderately well, and who would like the enjoyable and instructive experience of taking part in a concert, should see the secretary of the Musical Society as soon as possible.

J. A. WHITE.

"THE CREATION"

When we heard last year that the Choral Society and Joint Orchestra were to be joined by the Dramatic Society in a production of Gluck's "Alceste," some of us were reminded of Dr Johnson's remark about a woman preaching : 'It is like a dog's walking on his hind legs. It is not done well ; but you are surprised to find it done at all.' But we were wrong : it was done well, and in particular the Joint Orchestra, despite the complete exclusion of outside reinforcement, acquitted itself with credit.

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All of which had spoilt us for coming this year to listen to the Chorus and Orchestra in a performance of Haydn's "The Creation." For it is commonly supposed that "The Creation" is a straightforward, genially naive confection, which any enthusiastic amateurs can take in their stride. (In fact, it is the crowning masterpiece of Haydn's long career, a work of profound and passionate intensity.) Furthermore, we may—quite unreasonably—have expected that the Joint Orchestra would have made further strides forward (quite unreasonably, because a school orchestra is doomed every year to lose its best players and to replace them with those who are for the time being its worst).

If this performance of Haydn suffered from the expectations raised by the Gluck production, we must nevertheless record our thanks to Mr Tunnard and his singers and players for giving us the rare opportunity of hearing "The Creation" uncut. The Third Part contains some of Haydn's finest music, notably the spacious and majestic duet of Adam and Eve with the chorus. 'By thee with bliss, O bounteous Lord, both heaven and earth are stored.' It is true, however, that what follows is a little indecisive, with its sudden hint of the Fall ('O happy pair, and happy still might be, if not misled by false conceit ye strive at more than granted is') and hasty recovery of cheerfulness in the last chorus.

No performer in "The Creation" can complain that the composer starves him of meat, and the Choral Society obviously enjoyed chewing theirs. There were some precarious moments (for example, in the complexities of "Awake the harp"); but rhythm remained firm and intonation generally true. Would the Society welcome more members? The volume of tone from its present forces was not always adequate, or vivid enough in quality. But this was partly because many singers, especially among the trebles, kept their heads resolutely buried in their copies, and partly because the conductor was forced to nurse the orchestra with such vigilant concern that the singers were denied some of the stimulus which any schoolboy chorus needs from its conductor.

The orchestral introduction to "The Creation" is labelled "Representation of Chaos." It would be a wanton exaggeration to suggest that this title would have fitted the playing of some of the later sections. But Haydn's score calls for dexterity and delicacy. An orchestra which contains, in addition to a number of highly competent players, some who can as yet play neither in time nor in tune must inevitably do less than justice to such music, however manfully (or rather, girlfully and boyfully) it tries. It says much for Mr Tunnard's sympathetic but firm direction that, whatever happened in the middle of a bar, the players were usually together at the beginning of the next one.

The boy soloists J. A. White (tenor) and J. S. Heighway (bass) both did well in their different ways. White, whose voice was presumably suffering from the hangover of a cold, found some of the arias overtaxing, but handled the recitatives most effectively. Heighway's voice is excellent in parts of its range. Some of his solos sounded diffident; he was, appropriately, at his best in the Garden of Eden, exchanging paradisaical blandishments with the soprano, Miss Marion Milford, whose singing added so much to the evening's pleasure. The presence of a professional

among so many amateurs could be unfortunate in its effect : Miss Milford's skilled and sensitive performance apparently gave confidence to the other soloists and challenged the chorus and orchestra to give of their best.

F. J. W.

THE SCOUT CONCERT

On November 23rd the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra offered an evening of music in aid of the Scouts' Country Headquarters Fund. This orchestra is perhaps the leading amateur orchestra in the Midlands, and thus a high standard of playing was heard.

The programme opened with a vigorous performance of Weber's overture "Euryanthe," which immediately made obvious the excellence of the orchestra's brass section. This overture is no less perfect a miniature tonal drama—with, perhaps, more vivacity and more delicate lyricism—than the more famous "Der Freischütz." Unlike the earlier work, this one begins impetuously, but this time, the dramatic contrast is provided by a mysterious interlude of ghostly visions. The strings conveyed this feeling extremely well, although at times the rhythmic flow seemed to be lost ; after which the orchestra returned in full, and the work was brought to a close with a brilliant coda.

The two items that followed this were Johann Strauss' "Tales from the Vienna Woods," and Entracte No. 2 from the Ballet music, "Rosamunde," by Schubert. The conductor, Kenneth Page, chose a rather slow time for the Strauss and, with his rather heavy method of conducting, these charming waltzes lost their lively rhythmical flow. This, however, was followed by a first-rate performance of Schubert's Entracte, probably the best of the evening, with some exceptional playing by the clarinettist and the oboist.

The highlight of the evening was Mozart's Piano Concerto, K466, in D minor. With the completion of this work in February 1785, Mozart cut the few remaining links that bound him to the traditional conception of the keyboard concerto. By adopting his demonic key of D minor for both the first and last movements, he put aside all pretence of writing entertainment music. The dark colours of its sinister opening came over well, and the entry of the woodwind and horns one after the other, like a flash of lightning, was effectively accomplished. The soloist, Ruth Hanson, certainly had the right approach to this work, playing with an extremely delicate touch. A mature interpretation of this work could not be expected but in certain places, especially after the introduction of the second theme, one could have hoped for more scintillating passage-work than was produced. Generally, however, this was a good performance.

After the interval, the orchestra played Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, which gave great scope for the brass section. It was an exciting performance, with some particularly good string playing in the third movement (Scherzo: pizzicato ostinato). As the concert finished rather late, it was announced that the Overture "The Yeoman of the Guards" would not be played. Some returned home disappointed at not hearing their Gilbert and Sullivan, but the majority were thankful that such an enjoyable evening had not been spoiled.

M. J. WOODWARD.

THE SOCIETIES

There are a host of Societies, but a census might well reveal that a few people go to many societies and that there are few societies which can claim consistently satisfactory attendances. The sad truth is that the majority of societies are languishing.

The Christian Guild flourished for a time, with several discussions on the theme of Communism, which seemed to attract many ardent Marxists from the School. This term, numbers have fallen, and a lecture by the Reverend Donald Tytler on "Christianity in Schools," which one might have considered important for the upper half of the School, was heard by a mere handful of people.

The Archaeological Society has had a good year so far, partly because of its close liaison with the neighbouring establishment. Among its many meetings, B. J. Rollin gave an illustrated lecture on his recent holiday in Greece. At Half-Term of the Michaelmas Term, a joint party went by coach to visit Devizes and West Kennet, where, after a mile-long trek over muddy fields and in the pouring rain, members were rewarded by the sight of a Neolithic Long Barrow. Another rather minor society, which seems to be rising out of the gloom is the Philatelic Society. It has attracted a large proportion of the junior half of the School by its stamp auctions and quizzes.

In September, the Historical Society was elected to the School Club after an eloquent speech by its secretary, which disputed the saying, "History is bunk." The initial excitement now seems to have subsided, but its numbers still remain above the average. The Geographical Society has heard two interesting lectures by Old Edwardians: the one talked about his journey around the world on a bicycle, and the other about an expedition to Antarctica.

The newly progressive Literary Society is attempting to attract new members by certain innovations, among which poetry-reading seems to be popular. Closely allied to this, the Dramatic Society is still priding itself on the success of the School Play "Volpone" and proudly announces that there will be a Revue at the end of the Summer Term. A further literary-minded society that is worthy of mention is the Closed Circle which remains terribly intellectual.

The three Saturday-evening societies are still succeeding in attracting members from other less intellectual pursuits at that time. The Elizabethan Society differs from the Shakespeare Society in that it does not only read Shakespearean plays. This year, besides "Macbeth" and "King Lear," it has read Thomas Kyd's "Spanish Tragedy," and later proposes to read "The White Devil." The third Society is the Anagnostics, which is the Greek word for 'readings', and it reads Greek and Latin plays in translation.

The Scientific Society has held a few meetings since September, but no details about them seem available.

Of the remaining societies, the Photographic and the Art Societies brighten our surroundings. The Modern Language Society has heard an interesting lecture by Professor Alan Ross on the Language of the Pitcairn Islands. The Debating and the Musical Societies are considered elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.

Perhaps of all, however, the Film Society must take pride of place ; for it has had a good year, both financially and in attendances. Among a wide variety of films shown, two were outstanding, Alan Resnais' "Hiroshima Mon Amour" and "The Ladykillers".

Whatever truth there is in the claim that 'tea and tele' elicit people away, this certainly is not applicable to this society.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The photographic competition held at the start of the Christmas Term proved a complete success. Altogether some 50 entrants, representing equally all age groups in the School, submitted about 180 monochrome prints and 100 colour transparencies, covering a wide variety of subjects from catherine-wheels to glaciers. Such was the high standard of photography that the entries were divided into 14 sections according to subject, and a prize was awarded in each section. The judging was kindly undertaken by Mr S. Eades of Lacey Studios and Mr J. B. Hurn, who also presented the prizes and commented on many of the colour slides at a meeting of the Photographic Society.

An exhibition of the entries was arranged in the Exhibition Room for Founder's Day, and A. R. Leech, aided by a small band of helpers, stayed until late on the Friday night to get the display ready for the morning. The exhibition drew large crowds and the general comment was on the high standard of work.

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The competition was rewarding in that it not only displayed a good general interest in photography throughout the School, but also revealed a good section of unsuspected talent. While it would be unfair to mention names, it is hoped that all gentlemen who won prizes or whose work was highly commended will support the Society in its future activities.

Although the competition was a success, there must surely be a larger proportion of budding cameramen in the School than 1 in 14, and it is hoped that, if such an endeavour is undertaken again, the response will be even greater.

D. R. PLOWRIGHT.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society, after going through a lean period, has now re-established itself as one of the School's major societies ; indeed, it is probably the major, regular, all-year-round society. This almost meteoric rise to the heights of success culminated in the winning of the Charles Massey Debating Cup for the first time since 1957. Unfortunately, successes at Cambridge have meant the loss of two of the Society's most prominent debaters, J. P. Singer and R. J. Gilson, who served on the Committee for three years. Not only has the Society grown in popularity, but it has also widened its range of activities, debating with other Schools and furthering the tradition of Impromptu Debating, re-introduced in 1960 by H. J. Ferns, who was then the Secretary.

Attendance figures show most clearly the increased interest in debating in the School. Whereas before twenty was the average attendance, last year the average was doubled to over forty, and this year it has risen again to fifty. Unfortunately, the standard of debating, though rising, did not rise with the same rapidity, but nonetheless, speaking before larger audiences has given confidence to young debaters, and now the standard is at a high level. In 1961, our performance in the Charles Massey Cup Competition was not very impressive, but the team (J. P. Singer and W. P. Ferns) learned from its mistakes, and in 1962 went on to win. The competition was hard, against the six major Midland schools, but the team just beat Solihull on the unanimous vote of the three judges. That night at the Imperial Hotel, J. P. Singer firmly assured the house that "time in sixth forms was wasted", and W. P. Ferns opposed a motion that "the best things in life were still free". At least one old lady was shocked by the Secretary's frivolity. However, it was an encouraging success and reflected the increased interest of the School during the past two years.

Joint meetings with K.E.H.S., both at home and away, have widened the range of the Society's activities, and the Lent Term brought some even newer faces upon the scene in the form of the Debating Society of Edgbaston Church of England College for Girls, the holders of the Margaret Pugh Cup (the female equivalent of the Charles Massey Cup.) Members of the Society have gained experience in debating with people whom they have not met previously and whose arguments they do not know beforehand. The Impromptu Debate of 1961 revealed hidden talent in the various strata of the Senior School, and other such debates

are to be held. It is this type of debate that gives a true indication of a school's debating capabilities. The Society had another success in sending a team to the Junior Debating Society, when the School Captain and the Secretary, somewhat surprisingly, convinced our younger members that Prefects acted within the articles of their oath, despite violent accusations by outraged Shells. The Society also provided three speakers at a Secondary Schools' Conference held in the Midland Institute, when unilateral nuclear disarmament was the subject. The latest innovation is the Prefects' Debate, and these are now held annually. In these debates, the Prefects' Room selects the motion and provides the four paper speakers. Having discussed football and women, no doubt the subject next year will be drinking—one wonders whether the tradition will be continued when such topics have been exhausted. However, it has been a successful experiment and some intelligent debating has been the result. Let us hope that this widening range of activities will continue to widen.

In private debates, political subjects have sparked off some heated arguments, and members have had to be called to order on occasions for venting their spleen on the opposition in too vigorous a manner. The Society approved of Civil Disobedience in certain circumstances, condemned the Immigration Bill, asked Dr Beeching to resign and criticized the U.S.A. for its action in the Cuban crisis ; in fact, the Cuban motion was billed as an Emergency Debate being organized at a few hours' notice when the crisis was at its height. M. T. Broadbent has been conspicuous in defending Conservative policy, as has W. D. Lane in his work for the Socialists—the two Harolds please note. The Secretary has been consistently on the left, but has hotly denied belonging to the Labour Party. It has been perhaps over these controversial issues that the best debating has been produced. Lastly, we must thank the School for its support, but it is sometimes a pity that our most ardent supporters, in the present as in the past, remain silent and so do not qualify to vote in the Nicholas Hammond Trophy election. Notably one must remember with regret that R. M. Abrahams, a stalwart supporter whose voice was heard to such fine effect in the School Play, has not been a paper speaker, though his work in celebrating the winning of the Charles Massey Cup was splendid. We have a lot of people to thank : the Art department for example, and especially I. S. Duncan, for providing us with posters, sometimes at very short notice. But most of all, we must thank Mr Blount, our Chairman, who has supported us tirelessly, giving us much help and encouragement. Let us hope that, in the future, the Society may repay his efforts by giving full support to all activities that it may arrange.

W. P. FERNS.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Natural History Museum ? At School ? Really ? Where ? Such ignorance, widespread throughout the School, is perhaps excusable when one considers that this institution has been in existence for barely a year, and is situated at the southernmost extremity of the School. It is in fact "that little room at the end of the Elementary Biology Laboratory". Formerly a greenhouse, this room has at last undergone its long awaited

conversion into a museum. One side is now occupied by glass-topped exhibition cases surmounting yards of robust shelving, whilst against the opposite wall are spacious glass-fronted cupboards. For the serious-minded naturalist there is a working bench at one end, and pastel green Venetian blinds protect the specimens from direct sunlight.

So much for the furniture ; one does not usually go into a museum of natural history to admire the furniture, although in our case I suspect that one would. We are not short of suitable museum material. Generations of Old Edwardians have left us collections of beetles, shells, bird's eggs, fungi, and dried plants, etc. We do, however, need time to arrange these, and at present the exhibition cases are somewhat bare.

Collections such as those mentioned above are of use and interest to a minority only, for reference purposes, and it is to be hoped that these display cases will contain exhibitions on particular topics, arranged by members of the Natural History Society. Such displays can be changed frequently, and the dry collections relegated to the lower shelves. In this way we hope to prevent our museum from becoming a dingy mausoleum—a fate exemplified by many provincial natural history museums.

A. R. LEECH.

SCHOOL TEAMS

RUGBY FOOTBALL

This year the XV has had its most disappointing season : no school game has been won and only two drawn. At the beginning of the season, prospects seemed bright, for there were five backs and six forwards returning who had represented last year's moderately successful XV on several occasions. In addition, there was the unbeaten U.16 XV from which to choose. These very disappointing results must be explained ; they cannot be excused. There was a notable absence of old colours which gave an indication of what was to be demonstrated on the field : there were no really outstanding players. However, a lack of individual brilliance can be compensated for by teamwork ; spirit and enthusiasm follow on naturally provided there is luck.

There was a run of eight defeats : Warwick and Solihull were perhaps the burial ground of the XV's hopes, for we lost, where, had we persevered and held our lead, we would have won. Honours belong to the opposition, to our pack, and discredit to our backs. The strain of the Bromsgrove match behind us, the last of our eight successive defeats, the team ran riot at Oxford, throwing the ball from one side of the field to the other, thrilling the spectators and eventually winning by a very creditable margin. This should have been the turning-point, the sign of a reversal of fortune, but it was not to be. A mediocre King's, Worcester XV dispelled all hopes, for the team gave what was certainly its worst exhibition throughout the whole season. Nevertheless, we improved slightly to draw matches we should have won, losing where we should have drawn. The XV this year seemed to be without luck ; on many occasions a lead of six points in the first half was frittered away by mistakes unworthy of the general level of

play, or, as happened at Bromsgrove, time was not on our side. No team, however, can rely on luck and it must be said against the XV that too many chances were missed. In all our games, except perhaps against Worksop and Monmouth, we had as many opportunities as our opponents, yet lack of quick thinking and of initiative too often cost us valuable points. As a team we were too orthodox, there was a pattern in our play that was too easy to follow, and thus too easy to deceive. Our opponents took their chances and we missed ours ; there can be no dispute over who should have won—the game is won on chances taken.

The pack was well up to the standards of previous years, well drilled and with a solid push. It was light however, and too often became discouraged in the latter stages of games, when, tired, with the opposition putting on the pressure, they became too despondent and looked for defeat, where, if they had held together, they would have found victory. The pack was good in the tight, but in the loose (and it is from here that scores are mostly made) there were too many forwards hanging around, and those that were there did not look for the ball. On many occasions when our forwards were first there, the opposition came away with the ball. Similarly in the lineouts, when we got the ball (and J. M. Freeman jumped well throughout the season) the opposition were allowed to harry our half-backs ; when they got it we were held back. Whichever happened there was a weakness. The pack was led for the second season in succession by M. O. Garrett, who also fulfilled the duties of secretary with great efficiency. At prop, he inspired the pack as much by his actions as with his voice, usually being the first man on the loose ball, especially from the kick-off, when the rest of the pack tended to hold back. R. H. Cox's experience enabled him to hold the other prop position. His tight scrummaging and line-out work were excellent but he might have been quicker about the field. G. D. Knowles, a much improved player, made the hooking position his own showing greater speed in the loose than last year. There was an abundance of good material for the second row and J. M. Freeman held his position throughout. The other position went to A. G. Hutchison for most of the season by virtue of his talent in the line-out, but, for the last four games, J. G. Rhodes replaced him. After a poor start to the season Rhodes justified his place with his hard scrummaging and speed into the loose. S. C. Tew's weight and strength made him an automatic choice at No. 8, although his play indicates a domination of the mental by the physical. At open side wing forward G. D. Bennett positioned himself well, but all too frequently let the fly-half break through. C. D. Tyler, the Vice-Captain, playing at blind side, was a constant source of worry to opposing scrum halves, and, moreover, covered an enormous amount of ground both in attack, behind the three-quarters, and in defence, saving the line on many occasions.

Behind the scrum, the backs were only mediocre, collapsing under pressure in erratic performances during the early part of the season, and being a constant source of despair to the then successful forwards. They lacked real penetration. However, the defence improved immensely for the Bromsgrove match, and continued to improve towards the end of the season during which period the pack was going through a lean spell. At scrum-half S. B. Cole was undoubtedly the outstanding player in the

XV. His defensive kicking was immaculate, and his breaks from the base of the scrum brought him more tries than any other member of the XV and established him as the most penetrating back. His partner for the first half of the season was R. H. Elgood but he was replaced by J. A. Barnfield whose handling, acceleration and kicking were more than competent. M. C. Allport is always looked upon as a veteran campaigner, yet this was really his first full season for the XV. His crash tackling in the centre on its day was the best in the team, and although this season did not provide him with the opportunities in which he has excelled in the past, he was seen to run well with the ball when it did finally reach him. The other centre position was competed for by J. P. Croxall, I. N. L. Gallett, and J. L. Forster, the latter being preferred for his natural ball-sense and good change of direction. M. H. Powell and H. D. Barlow vied for the vacant wing position, the latter unfortunately was beset by injury early in the season. Powell's speed and acceleration off the mark was eventually preferred to Barlow, who, despite powerful running, is handicapped by a weak defence. Both would do well to realize that scoring requires not only speed but determination and the will to stop at nothing short of the goal line. After several experiments at full-back R. J. Lowe was eventually chosen. His undoubtedly powerful kicking deteriorated in accuracy towards the end of the season, but he always provided a cheerful face even in the worst moments of despair.

Results have not been good, yet the Rugby has been enjoyed by all. Although there is no substitute for a successful season, there is consolation in the hope for a more successful one next year. I would like to leave this thought to my successor : "What is defeat ? Nothing but education ; nothing but the first step to something better."

The 2nd XV have no need for excuses : they were quite definitely the most successful School team this year remaining unbeaten by other schools' 2nd XV's. It is an excellent record and perhaps points towards the truth of the XXX this year ; there were many above average players but too few outstanding ones. For the first time, in R. J. Gilson, a permanent captain was appointed. This gave the team stability, and their record is proof enough of his successful leadership, which engendered a fine spirit and enthusiasm for the game as it was played under this advocate of "open rugby".

The 3rd XV have had only a mediocre season but have undoubtedly enjoyed their type of rugby.

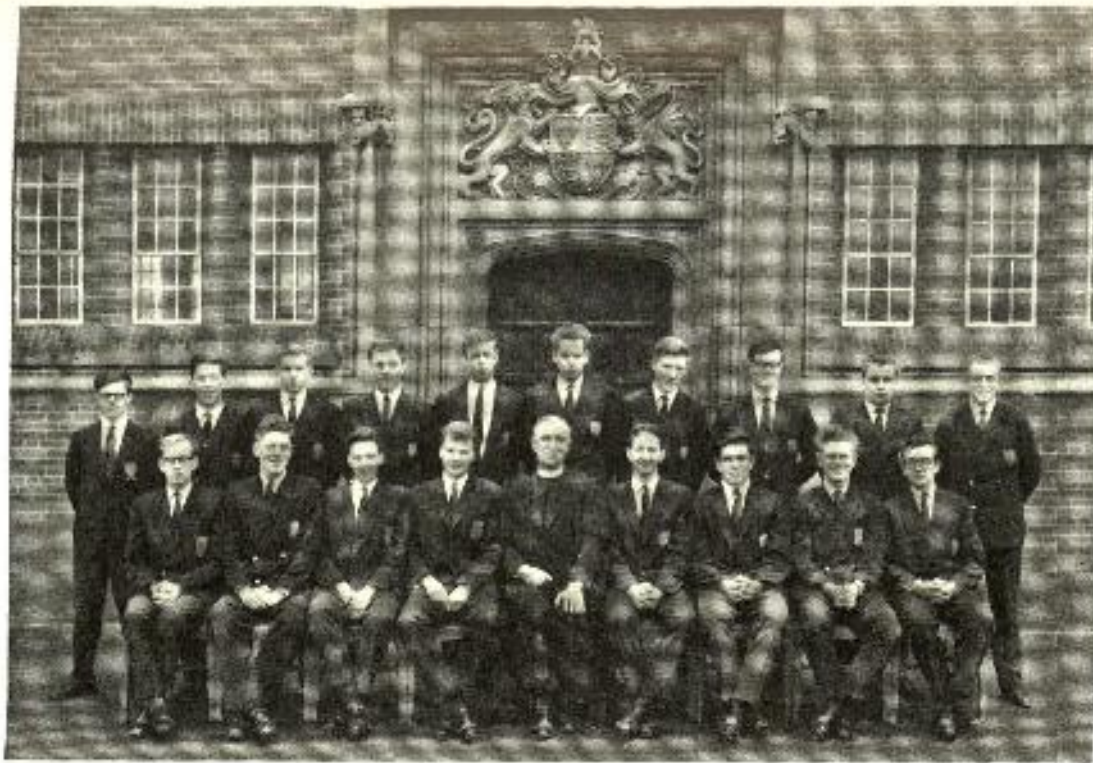
The U.16 XV did not quite live up to expectations after last year's all-conquering team, but, nevertheless, the defeat of Bromsgrove was perhaps a good omen for the future.

The U.15 XV played well for such a small team. The only two matches they did lose were against good sides and the margin of defeat was very small.

The U.14 XV recovered from a big first match defeat to go unbeaten for the rest of the season.

The U.13 XV won both their games.

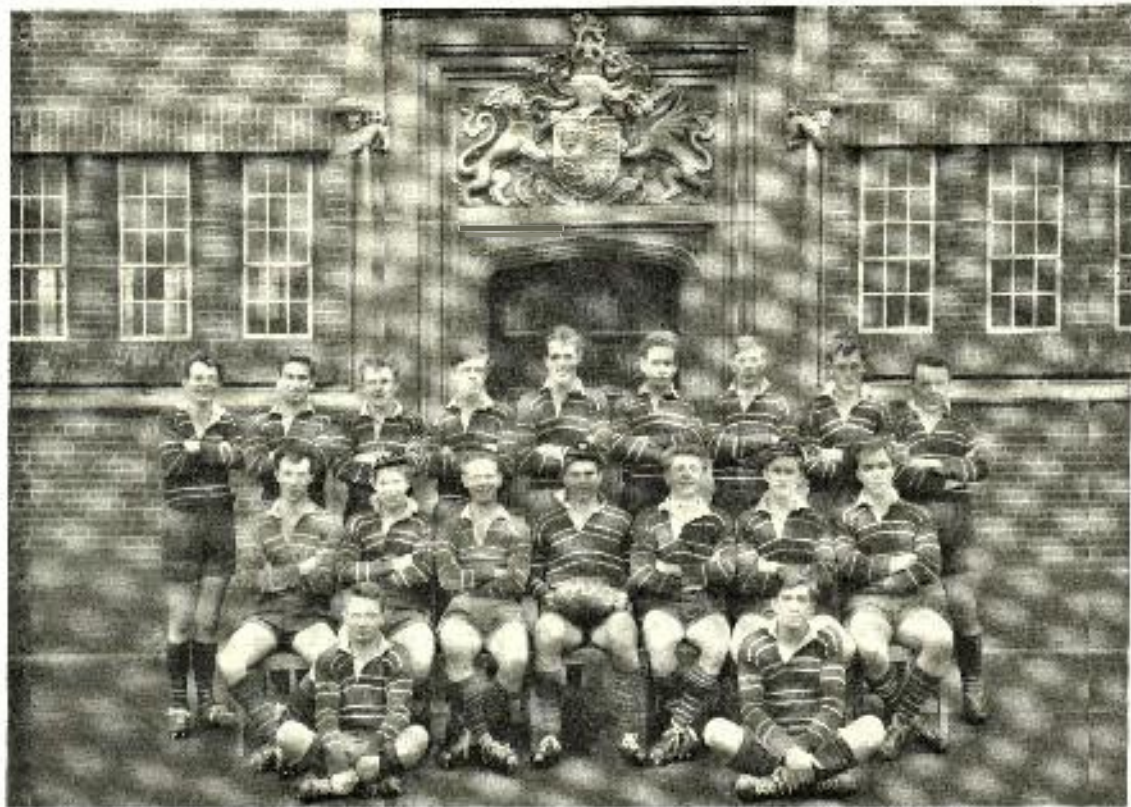
Overall, despite the XV's disappointing season, the other School teams have done extremely well, especially the younger XV's. Prospects for the future must be brighter. Our thanks go to Mr Robbins, who has



THE PREFECTS, 1962-3

Back Row (left to right) : J. C. RAYNOR, A. R. LEECH, T. C. ROLLASON, R. H. COX, J. G. RHODES, M. H. POWELL, M. N. BAILY, D. R. PLOWRIGHT, R. O. JENKINS, P. H. REES.

Front Row (left to right) : R. C. BOOTH, R. H. TEDD, C. J. ALLEN, R. C. J. PAGE (School Captain), THE CHIEF MASTER, C. G. ROWLAND (School Vice-Captain), R. M. ABRAHAMS, C. D. TYLER, W. P. FERNS.

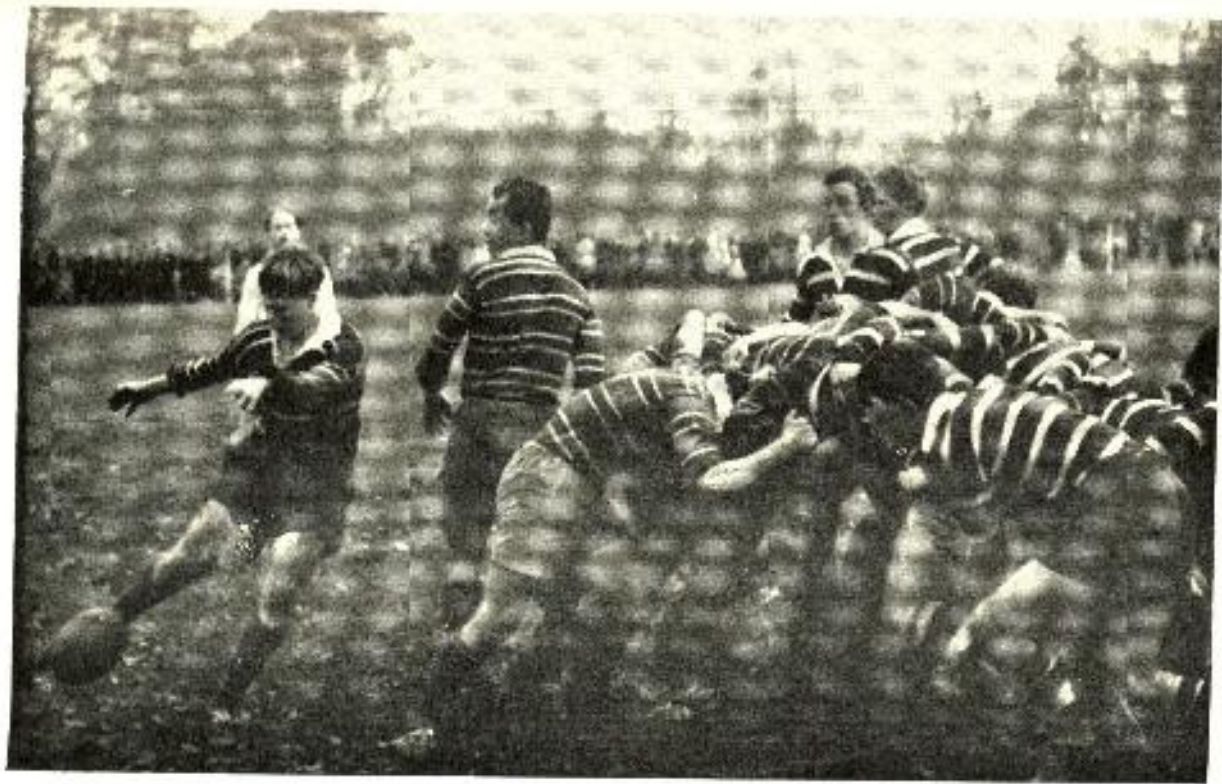


THE XV, 1962-3

Back Row (left to right) : R. J. LOWE, M. C. ALLPORT, G. D. BENNETT, J. G. RHODES, J. M. FREEMAN,
M. H. POWELL, H. D. BARLOW, R. H. ELGOOD, S. C. TEW.

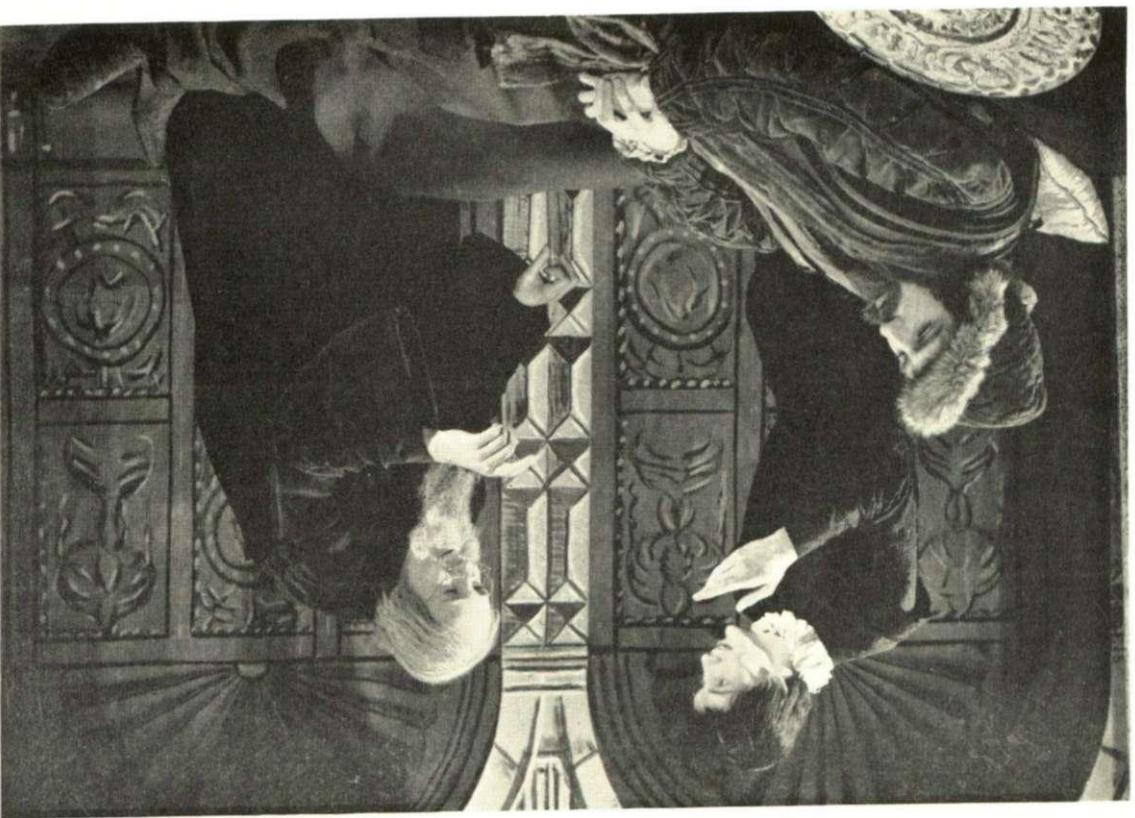
Front Row (left to right) : A. G. HUTCHISON, S. B. COLE, C. D. TYLER (*Vice-Captain*), R. M. ABRAHAMS (*Captain*),
M. O. GARRETT (*Secretary*), G. D. KNOWLES, R. H. COX.

Seated on Ground : J. A. BARNFIELD, J. L. FORSTER.



THE BROMSGROVE MATCH, 1962

B. H. Smith



borne our misfortunes with patience maintaining team spirit at the highest possible level, and to all the other members of the Common Room whose enthusiasm, perseverance, and knowledge have all contributed vitally to this year's most enjoyable season of rugby.

R. M. ABRAHAMS.

The XV has been chosen from :

R. J. Lowe, R. M. Abrahams, M. C. Allport, J. L. Forster, M. H. Powell, H. D. Barlow, R. H. Elgood, J. A. Barnfield, S. B. Cole, M. O. Garrett, G. D. Knowles, R. H. Cox, A. G. Hutchison, J. M. Freeman, J. G. Rhodes, S. C. Tew, C. D. Tyler, G. D. Bennett.

The following also played :

J. P. Croxall, I. N. L. Gallett, M. L. Bason, I. C. Woodrow, A. S. Lowenstein.

RESULTS OF FOOTBALL MATCHES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 2	P. G. D. Robbins' XV	Home	Lost	16 28
" 6	Warwick School	Home	Lost	6 11
" 13	Denstone College	Away	Lost	5 17
" 16	Solihull School	Away	Lost	6 13
" 20	Tettenhall College	Home	Lost	3 11
" 23	Monmouth	Home	Lost	6 21
" 27	Worksop College	Away	Lost	0 12
Nov. 10	Bromsgrove School	Away	Lost	0 3
" 13	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford	Away	Won	30 8
" 17	King's School, Worcester	Away	Lost	6 11
" 24	Wrekin College	Home	Cancelled	
" 27	Nottingham H.S.	Away	Lost	3 8
Dec. 1	Ratcliffe College	Home	Drawn	8 8
" 8	Cotton College	Away	Drawn	3 3
" 13	Tudor Club	Home	Won	16 9
Jan. 19	Moseley 'A' XV	Home	Cancelled	
" 26	Rugby School	Away	Cancelled	
Feb. 9	Mount St. Mary's College	Home	Cancelled	
Mar. 9	Old Edwardians Extra 1st XV	Home	Lost	6 17

SECOND XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	Warwick School	Away	Won	14 11
" 13	Denstone College	Home	Drawn	3 3
" 16	Solihull School	Away	Won	6 0
" 20	Sebright School 1st XV	Away	Lost	3 14
" 23	Monmouth	Home	Won	8 5
" 27	Tettenhall College	Away	Won	15 0
Nov. 17	King's School, Worcester	Home	Won	16 0
" 24	John Willmott 1st XV	Away	Lost	6 11
Dec. 1	Tudor Grange G.S.	Away	Lost	3 10
" 8	Bromsgrove School	Home	Drawn	6 6
Feb. 2	Lucas E.S.	Home	Cancelled	
" 9	Bournville T.S. 1st XV	Away	Cancelled	
Mar. 9	Old Edwardians 2nd XV	Away	Lost	3 6

THIRD XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	Warwick School ..	||	Away	Drawn	8 8
" 13	King Henry's, Coventry	||	Away	Lost	3 6
" 16	Solihull School ..		Home	Won	3 0
" 27	St. Philips G.S. ..		Home	Lost	0 6
Nov. 24	John Willmott 2nd XV		Away	Won	3 11
Dec. 1	Tudor Grange G.S.		Away	Lost	6 17
" 8	Lucas E.S.		Away	Cancelled	
Feb. 9	Bournville T.S. 2nd XV		Home	Cancelled	

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	Warwick School	..	Home	Won	22 0
" 13	Denstone College	..	Home	Lost	0 5
" 27	Worksop College	..	Away	Lost	0 11
Nov. 17	King's School, Worcester	..	Away	Drawn	3 3
" 24	Marsh Hill T.S. ..	..	Away	Won	8 5
" 27	Nottingham H.S.	..	Away	Lost	3 13
Dec. 1	Ratcliffe College	..	Home	Lost	3 17
" 8	Bromsgrove School	..	Home	Won	8 3
Feb. 9	Mount St. Mary's College	..	Home	Cancelled	

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 13	Denstone College ..	..	Away	Lost	8 9
" 20	Sebright School ..	..	Away	Won	20 6
" 27	Tettenhall College	..	Away	Drawn	0 0
Nov. 17	King's School, Worcester	..	Home	Cancelled	
" 24	Marsh Hill T.S. ..	..	Home	Won	13 5
Dec. 1	Tudor Grange G.S.	..	Home	Won	8 0
" 8	Cotton College	..	Away	Cancelled	
Jan. 26	Solihull School ..	..	Away	Cancelled	
Feb. 2	Ratcliffe College ..	..	Home	Cancelled	
" 9	Bournville T.S.	..	Away	Cancelled	
" 16	Wrekin College	..	Away	Cancelled	

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 13	King Henry VIII, Coventry	..	Away	Lost	0 23
" 27	Tettenhall College	..	Home	Won	12 3
Nov. 17	Sir Wilfred Martineau T.S.	..	Away	Won	17 6
" 24	Marsh Hill T.S. ..	..	Away	Won	5 0
Dec. 1	Tudor Grange G.S.	..	Away	Drawn	3 3
" 8	John Willmott G.S.	..	Home	Cancelled	
Jan. 26	Solihull School	..	Away	Cancelled	
Feb. 2	Ratcliffe College ..	..	Home	Cancelled	
" 9	Bournville T.S.	..	Home	Cancelled	
" 16	Wrekin College ..	..	Away	Cancelled	

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Nov. 17	Sir Wilfred Martineau T.S.	||	Home	Won	27 0
" 24	Marsh Hill T.S. ..	||	Home	Cancelled	
Dec. 1	Tudor Grange G.S.	||	Home	Won	11 3
" 8	John Willmott G.S.	||	Home	Cancelled	
Jan. 26	Solihull School	||	Home	Cancelled	
Feb. 2	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	||	Away	Cancelled	
" 9	Bournville T.S.	||	Away	Cancelled	

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

At Charford. Match Lost. 3 points to nil.

A strong Bromsgrove team kicked off into the wind and found the going hard up the hill. The XV made full use of the elements employing long cross- and touch-kicks, and soon came to exert constant pressure on the Bromsgrove line. The lot of carrying out these tactics fell mainly upon J. A. Barnfield, who, though comparatively inexperienced in this class of rugby, played with great assurance. However, the enemy line would not be penetrated despite the efforts of the pack, which had done so well in the mud, and which was playing on this firmer surface with determination and honour, the latter being a virtue one Bromsgrove second-row forward obviously lacked.

Having been beaten to the touchdown on at least two occasions, the XV did not let such misfortune dishearten them, and Bromsgrove were adequately held. In one of the brief Bromsgrove attacks, a penalty was awarded against the School. It would have been an injustice if this kick had succeeded. S. C. Tew tried the only other penalty kick at goal in the match a little later, this time from the Bromsgrove ten-yard line, and though he made use of his weight to get the distance, the wind carried the ball slightly off course. So, at half-time, there was no score.

The position was by no means hopeless for the XV. Although the wind would be against them, they were playing the better rugby. S. B. Cole at scrum-half was extremely competent and imaginative, and the front row looked particularly powerful. G. D. Bennett was breaking quickly, but unfortunately, he often failed to execute his tackle. Immediately after the restart, the XV came close to scoring when C. D. Tyler was held up on the line, after a move which included a brilliant run by R. M. Abrahams, who always looked dangerous. As captain, he had been exhorting his team to greater efforts, and it was a pity that he did not see more of the ball out on the wing. It was now Bromsgrove's turn to attack, but the XV held them successfully until, five minutes from the end, a line-out was awarded five yards from the School line. Bromsgrove won the jump, passed it along the line and had at least two extra men when they went over and scored. The kick failed, but there was no time to reply.

Thus, the Siviter-Smith Cup stays in Bromsgrove once again, though the XV must not feel dejected. They played good rugby, but the bounce was against them ; indeed they have been dogged by ill-luck throughout the season. Perhaps, with a run of defeats behind them, they were trying too hard, but theirs was not an inglorious defeat.

W. P. FERNS.

ATHLETICS

As an experiment, and because term began so early in September, the Athletics standards and sports were run off at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term. Even at this time of the year, early autumn, the weather was cold and windy thus preventing any good performances in the finals, which were run off on two separate days. The Athletics Championship was won by Levett. Our thanks to Mr Symes for his efficient organisation, and to all the other masters whose help is so vital in this sport.

R. M. ABRAHAMS.

SPORTS RESULTS

(Meetings held at University Track on Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 September.)

Senior :

100 : M. H. Powell (*L*) 1st, H. D. Barlow (*L*) 2nd, C. D. Tyler (*L*) 3rd. 10·6 secs.
 220 : M. H. Powell (*L*) 1st, R. S. Mallatratt (*C*) 2nd, C. D. Tyler (*L*) 3rd. 24·2 secs.
 440 : P. Stagg (*E*) 1st, M. H. Powell (*L*) 2nd, S. G. Eddins (*G*) 3rd. 54·0 secs.
 880 : P. Stagg (*E*) 1st, P. E. Roe (*G*) 2nd, J. B. Williams (*V*) 3rd. 2 min. 12·6 secs.
 Mile : P. Stagg (*E*) 1st, J. B. Williams (*V*) 2nd, J. P. Croxall (*P*) 3rd. 5 min. 3·3 secs.
 Hurdles : R. M. Abrahams (*C*) 1st, A. C. Butler (*J*), 2nd, A. J. Herring (*V*) 3rd. 14·9 sec.
 Long Jump : R. M. Abrahams (*C*) 1st, H. D. Barlow (*L*) 2nd, D. W. Clark (*L*) 3rd,
 19 ft 3 in.
 Discus : S. C. Tew (*P*) 1st, R. M. Abrahams (*C*) 2nd, A. A. Frazer (*L*) 3rd. 107 ft. 4 in.
 High Jump : A. J. Herring (*V*), 1st, D. W. Clark (*L*) 2nd, S. B. Cole (*H*) 3rd. 5 ft. 4½ in.
 Shot : R. M. Abrahams (*C*) 1st, H. D. Barlow (*L*) 2nd, S. C. Tew (*P*) 3rd. 39 ft. 4½ in.
 Javelin : G. J. Chadwick (*C*) 1st, J. H. C. Rowan (*C*) 2nd, H. D. Barlow (*L*) 3rd.
 144 ft. 5 in.

Intermediate :

100 : D. K. Earl (*G*) 1st, D. R. Hill (*L*) 2nd, M. F. Haines (*H*) 3rd. 11·4 secs.
 220 : D. K. Earl (*G*) 1st, M. E. Haines (*H*) 2nd, D. R. Hill (*L*) 3rd. 26·0 secs.
 440 : D. K. Earl (*G*) 1st, A. G. Thomas (*E*) 2nd, D. R. Hill (*G*) 3rd. 57·5 secs.
 880 : D. J. Brelsforth (*P*) 1st, A. M. Paul (*V*) 2nd, E. D. Akehurst (*J*) 3rd. 2 min.
 23·4 secs.
 Mile : D. J. Brelsforth (*P*) 1st, A. M. Paul (*V*) 2nd, R. J. Meakins (*G*) 3rd. 5 min.
 17·8 secs.
 Hurdles : R. G. M. Duffield (*E*) 1st, A. G. Thomas (*E*) 2nd, E. D. Akehurst (*J*) 3rd.
 16·0 secs.
 Long Jump : D. R. Hill (*L*) 1st, D. B. Taylor (*V*) 2nd, D. K. Earl (*G*) 3rd. 16 ft. 2 in.
 High Jump : M. G. Davies (*P*) 1st, P. W. Osborne (*E*) 2nd, D. R. Hill (*L*) 3rd. 4 ft 9 in.
 Shot : A. G. Thomas (*E*) 1st, M. Pitt (*L*) 2nd, R. G. M. Duffield (*E*) 3rd. 35 ft. 9 in.
 Discus : A. G. Thomas (*E*) 1st, R. G. M. Duffield (*E*) 2nd, P. W. Osborne (*E*) 3rd.
 111 ft. 8½ in.
 Javelin : P. W. Osborne (*E*) 1st, A. G. Thomas (*E*) 2nd, S. C. Bates (*C*) 3rd. 138 ft 7½ in.

Trophy Winners :

Under 12½ Champion	..	I. A. Baird.
Junior Champion	..	P. J. Kilvert.
Intermediate Champion	..	A. G. Thomas.
Open Champion	..	R. M. Abrahams.
John Urry Cup—Standards	..	Levett.

CROSS COUNTRY

As forecast by last year's Captain of Cross-Country, this year's team did not emulate that of last year. After a promising start in which they won the first two matches, defeating three schools, the senior team failed to beat any other schools, although they repeated the victory over Handsworth G.S. and were unfortunate only to draw with K.E.S., Lichfield, after having the first three runners home. However all but four of the defeats were avenged later at Rugeley. Apart from beating Handsworth G.S. in the first match of the season the U.15 team failed to score a victory.

Individually, the most notable addition to this year's senior team has been D. C. Young. He has improved steadily throughout the season and has finished 2nd in the team in every race except one, when he was 1st. At Rugeley he ran well to finish 16th out of a field of nearly 400. In the other teams there are no outstanding runners and hardly ever has any one runner been 1st in the team on more than one occasion.

During the season the School entered three inter-School races. In the winter term the team of four finished a disappointing 10th ex 27 in the Wolverhampton G.S. Road Relay, after being well-placed at the end of the 1st leg.

In the middle of February, for the first time, the School entered the Warwickshire Schools' Championships at Coventry. In the U.17 event the team finished only 18th ex 25, but in the U.19 event in which we had four individuals running, D. C. Young and J. B. Williams, coming 6th and 8th respectively, were selected for the Warwickshire team to run in the Inter-Counties Championships.

In the Rugeley G.S. Inter-School race the team ran extremely well and finished 10th ex 47; a fine performance considering its only average success during the season.

At School, despite the appalling conditions, standards have proceeded as in previous years, but six races were run this year instead of four.

The House Cross-Country races were held on March 14th; the Championship was won by Vardy.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr Morris for his help and patience in organizing the matches, and also Mr Hadwen and Dr Nicholas for accompanying the team on occasions. Our thanks also go to Mr Holden for the advice and encouragement he has given.

J. B. WILLIAMS.

RESULTS

- v. K.E.G.S. Aston and Handsworth G.S. Home. 1st 47-79-54 (Senior), 2nd 58-50-66 (U.15.).
- v. Central G.S. Away. Won 35-47 (Sen.), Lost 48-29 (U.15).
- v. Bishop Vesey's G.S. Home. Lost 44-36 (Sen.).
- Wolverhampton G.S. Road Relay (Young, Jones, Stagg, Williams). 10th ex 30 teams.
- v. Newcastle H.S. Home. Lost 55-31 (Sen.), Lost 57-27 (2nd).
- v. Handsworth G.S. Away. Won 38-40 (Sen.), Lost 52-28 (U.15).
- v. Moseley G.S. Home. Lost 47-34 (Sen.), Lost 55-25 (U.15).
- v. King Henry VIII, Coventry. Away. Lost 53-31 (Sen.), Lost 58-24 (U.16).
- v. Burton G.S. Away. Lost 37-41 (Sen.), Lost 63-21 (U.16), Lost 61-23 (U.14½)
- v. K.E.S. Lichfield. Away. Drawn 40-40 (Sen.), Lost 65-21 (U.15).
- Warwickshire Schools' Championships. 18th ex 25 teams. (U.17).
- Rugeley Inter-School Race (4, 16, 111, 134, 154, 174) 10th ex 47 teams.

Teams have been chosen from the following :

Senior : Williams, Young, Stagg, Bailey, Armitage, Hardingham, Brelsforth, Richter, Eddins.

The following have also run : Arthur, Jones, R. T., Roe, May, D. J., Davis, M. W
U.15 : Owen, Dyke, Dunford, Kilvert, Pickvance, S. M. J., Blandford, Jeffcoat, Arculus, Warr.

2nd or U.16 : Dedicoat, Nurcombe, Hanes.

FIVES

Despite its youth and inexperience, the Fives team has had a remarkably successful season with notable victories over Stowe (twice), Berkhamstead, and Marlborough. The senior team has met with considerable success, the first pair, J. C. Andrews and J. A. Barnfield, losing to only two school pairs and gaining an outstanding victory over Highgate. Three pairs were entered for the Midland Championships and all did far better than expected, with Andrews and Barnfield losing in 4 games in the final of the Plate Competition against a strong Old Edwardians pair.

After a term which had provided in the main only average opposition, the London Tour (January 12-16) brought a check to our run of victories, although two creditable draws were forced. The Lent Term, after a reasonable start, suddenly turned in our favour and prospects for the Public Schools Competition in April were promising.

It is unfortunate that J. A. Barnfield was unable to play in the Public Schools Competition this year, for in his first full season for the senior team he has risen admirably to all occasions and his game increases in brilliance from match to match. If any criticism is to be made it is that his cut tends to be ineffective and that he suffers from momentary lapses in concentration.

J. L. Forster has become a fives player with remarkable speed, and his retrieving downstep is often brilliant. He could, however, do far better if he had a higher opinion of his play, which is not nearly as poor as he thinks.

D. B. Taylor had an erratic start to the season, but of late he has improved considerably, and his inclusion in the Colts Pair has at last brought success to that pair. He has proved himself an efficient and conscientious secretary. With continued hard practice and a less tense match attitude he should do very well in the future.

G. R. Dicks has had a mixed season : he seems to do well at home, but not too well on away courts. His abundant promise would be more easily fulfilled if he could control his impetuosity. He has done very well in the Colts pair and has achieved some success in the second pair.

P. A. Bowes is probably the most consistent player in the team, but he must learn to develop his attacking shots, which at the moment are far too weak. He has made a promising Colts Pair combination with Dicks, and recently he and Forster have struck a winning spell in the second pair.

The following have also played : Page, Chadwick, Croxall, Ferns, High, Matthews, P.R.M., Phillips, Pritchard and Shenstone.

In the House Competitions, Vardy, with three School players, easily won the Senior Competition with Levett second and three Houses third.

Finally our thanks must go to Mr Smith for his unfailing encouragement and for his efficient management of all the game's departments, and to J. G. Rhodes and R. M. Abrahams for their help in transport.

J. C. ANDREWS.

SHOOTING

As there was no shooting report in the last **CHRONICLE**, a brief review of the activities of the '303 season would not be out of place. Practices on the open ranges at Kingsbury were held fairly regularly on Thursday afternoons. Attendances at these were increased over the figure usual in previous years, mainly by the new ruling for the Tunstall Cup, the results of which are set out below.

Scores were not noteworthy in the M.R.A. "Ashburton Trial," but the Birmingham Bisley on the following day provided a gratifying contrast. The five of us who went won a total of £5 10s. in prize money, and B. J. Ecclestone won the 200 yd 'M' class competition. A. P. Dawkins and G. S. Bunting were awarded their shooting colours.

Towards the end of the term we reverted to '22 shooting, and achieved third place in the competition for the Royal Engineers Warwickshire Trophy.

The inordinate length of the Autumn Term was perhaps a blessing in disguise, for it enabled the somewhat depleted team to have a fortnight's more practice than usual before the N.S.R.A. "Staniforth Cup" competition. In this, our score was 768 ex 800, the highest ever recorded by this School, an increase of 24 points over last year, and we were positioned 39th ex 120, a rise of 47 places from our previous position.

Other pleasing features of this term were that seven "possibles" were scored during practices, and that the School record was raised to 100.9. The standard achieved in the House Competition was also higher than in previous years. The results appear below.

In the Lent Term there was some remarkably good shooting, but unfortunately not by eight people at once. However, we have won all our postal matches to date.

For the winners of the House "Country Life" competition, P. K. Hall has presented the "Hall Trophy" for which we are most grateful.

It would be impossible to conclude this report without saying how much we appreciate the continuing instruction and encouragement given by W. O. Cockle as he presides over our practices. We also thank Lt. Ramsay for the long-suffering way in which he deals with our '303 practices.

J. C. RAYNOR.

TUNSTALL CUP COMPETITION

1. Heath	||	||	||	120 ex 140
2. Jeune				118
3. Prince Lee				112
4. Vardy				108
5. Levett				107
6. Cary Gilsor				103
7. Evans				102
8. Gifford				0

HOUSE NSRA COMPETITION

1	Jeune ..	.	358 ex 400.
2	Vardy ..	.	355
3	Heath ..	.	342
4	Cary Gilson ..	.	333
5	Evans ..	.	323
6	Levett ..	.	303
7	Prince Lee ..	.	290
8	Gifford ..	.	285

N.S.R.A. AVERAGES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Matches Fired</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. C. Raynor	100·9	20	99·33
A. P. Dawkins	100·7	20	96·83
G. S. Bunting	99	20	96·08
Davis	98	20	96·17
Barnfield	98	20	95·25
Edmonds	97	16	94·00
Tallett	98	13	94·08
Henderson	98	10	94·17
Cove	97	6	96·08
Coates	95	6	93·08
Rowan	100·5	4	95·17
Osborne	97	4	94·16

CHESS

The team's performance in the *Sunday Times* Schools' Chess Competition in 1962 was the best since we first entered for the tournament in 1957. The semi-finals and finals were played at the Rembrandt Hotel in London on the 27th and 28th of July. So the team, consisting of J. D. L. Ball, J. M. Orrin, M. S. Dunn, M. R. B. Bailey, C. J. Stanton and R. B. Davies went to London on the morning of the 27th to play Bemrose School, Derby, in the afternoon. Here, the opposition was much stronger than any we had met previously and towards the end of the four-hour session, it was becoming very clear which was the stronger side. We lost the match by $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$, a decisive enough margin. The following day, we played Whitgift School, Croydon, in the losers' final, and this match we won, thereby reaching a final position of third. Nearly four hundred schools had entered the competition.

This season, we rather ambitiously entered five teams in the Birmingham and District Junior League. The first team has won five matches and lost one so far, the loss being to a school that we managed to beat in the *Sunday Times* Competition. It should finish high in the final placings. Our two teams in the second division are finding the going a little hard, but with a good final effort, should finish quite creditably. Our fourth and fifth teams, both containing a number of young players who have not had much previous match experience, are proving very successful. The fourth team, to date, has played eleven matches, won ten and lost one. The fifth team has played nine, won six, drawn one and lost two.

In this year's *Sunday Times* Competition, we have won our zone, but as we are losing J. D. L. Ball before our next match, we are going to have to work very hard to win any more matches. Ball has played on board one for our first team since November 1960, and in nearly fifty matches there has conceded only four losses and eleven draws. His departure will certainly leave a gap in the team that the rest of us will have to work hard to fill up.

House chess has proceeded smoothly, and both the individual competitions are nearing completion, but neither has been decided yet.

We thank Mr Hurn for all his help and encouragement during this very crowded season.

R. B. DAVIES.

GYMNASTICS

Only after the initial fascination of the 'new toy' had worn off could practices for the House Competition begin in earnest. Unfortunately, for the second year running one House could not gather together a team. The Competition was held on February 22nd and was won by Vardy with last year's winners surprisingly low down the field. The Individual Competitions now cater for three age groups and were held on March 4th and March 6th. The Senior was won by D. W. E. Thomas, the Intermediate by P. R. M. Mathews, and the Junior by R. J. Parsons and P. J. Belman.

There are encouraging signs amongst the Shells this year. Several manage to attain a reasonable state of equilibrium on two hands, and some are already becoming quite proficient on the trampoline. Perhaps standards will begin to crawl up at last.

It is hoped that both gymnastics and trampolining can be developed together, because the age-old dream of a School Team came true, when we beat King's Norton G.S., in the Lent Term.

Once again we are grateful to Mr Symes and Mr Cotter for their continued encouragement and guidance throughout the year.

A. J. C. PARK.

FENCING

The beginners' classes of last year have failed in their enthusiasm and consequently this year's advanced class is disappointingly small. However, two further large beginners' classes have been formed this year, and it is to be hoped that a large proportion of these will continue fencing next year. The enthusiasm, at times wild, shown by these younger members of the Club would certainly lead one to expect from them a continued interest in the sport.

The Fencing team this year did not have too happy a start, but when one member of the team changed from right- to left-handed fencing our fortunes changed. The team has had quite considerable success during the latter half of the season.

The marking-out of a foil piste has been welcomed by the Club, especially for home matches. The present painted lines are far superior to the irregular chalk lines used previously.

This year's team has been chosen from : C. D. Tyler, J. C. Burgess, J. B. Grimmett, S. J. Watt, R. E. Z. Habermass, A. W. Parker, and R. W. Watt. J. B. Grimmett has been awarded and C. D. Tyler and J. C. Burgess re-awarded their colours for this season.

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

R. W. WATT.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED

K.E.S. v. K.E.G.S. Five Ways	_____	12- 4	Won	H
K.E.S. v. Lucas Engineering School	....	4-12	Lost	A
K.E.S. v. Halesowen G.S.	_____	8- 8	Drawn	A
K.E.S. v. Birmingham University	_____	3-13	Lost	H
K.E.S. v. Halesowen G.S.	_____	11- 5	Won	H
K.E.S. v. Birmingham University	_____	5-11	Lost	A
K.E.S. v. K.E.G.S. Five Ways	_____	12- 4	Won	A
K.E.S. v. Bishop Vesey's G.S.	.....	9- 7	Won	A

SQUASH

Squash is becoming a more popular game each year, as is made evident by the increases in the entrants for the Harris Trophy.

Considering the handicap of having only one court, the standard of squash is fairly high. Of the matches played so far, we have won one and lost two. However, we have not as yet been able to put out our strongest team. Before Christmas we lost to the City of Birmingham Training College but, with a much strengthened team, we won the return game last term. The other match was against a team of Old Edwardians. We have also played a social match against K.E.H.S.

We are, as always, indebted to Mr Guy for his valuable advice and coaching and for his tolerance on being faced with a large number of broken rackets. We must also thank the other masters who coach the beginners.

The following have represented the School this year : J. G. Rhodes, M. L. Bason, J. L. Forster, A. A. Frazer, J. C. Andrews, R. M. Abrahams, R. H. C. Jones and R. C. J. Page.

R. C. J. PAGE.

HOUSES

CARY GILSON

At last the fortunes of the House are changing. Although we are not heading for the bright lights of the Cock House trophy we are rising, at last, from the bottom of the ladder, no longer slowly, but with a more pronounced leap. Moreover, we are doing this, not as the result of two or three people's effort, but as a result of the whole House combining together, which is, after all, the purpose of the House system. The era of the individual sportsman is over.

We started off the year well in Water Polo. Having lost our previous year's House Captain of many seasons' experience we entered the water shivering in trepidation, yet managed to reach the final and hold Vardy to only two goals.

In Athletics N. J. Collins for the second time in three years coaxed the House into obtaining standards to such a successful end that we came second, only just losing to Levett in a last-minute recount. In the Sports we did very well to come fourth, and it is pleasing to note that I. A. Baird won the U.12½ trophy. The Rugby League saw the fruits of previous years' hard work finally reaped. The experienced 1st XV only lost to Vardy, while the small and light 2nd XV caused as much pleasure by actually winning two matches. The Fives team came only third equal, while the less talented junior team obtained a lower position. We have not yet won a chess match, and are not a very musical House. In Shooting the House did well to come fourth in the N.S.R.A. competition after only one practice, while in Gymnastics many weeks of practice could only produce a position of fifth—such are the vagaries of sport.

Although so far results have been pleasing it is mainly because of the arrival in the sixth form of a group who have been promising much for some years. They will soon have left, and it is up to the younger members of the House to replace them. Moreover, we are traditionally stronger at winter games and hopes for the summer are not very great. However, so long as we turn out full sides and put all our limited resources into the various games, that should be sufficient to carry the House through to a respectable position. Our thanks go to Mr Sacret, Mr Ramsay and Mr Morris whose constant support and advice is now being rewarded.

R. M. ABRAHAMS.

EVANS

"We have not done badly. We have done very well. We have not done quite well enough."

The Prime Minister's words better apply to the House than to the country as a whole. We are within striking distance of winning the House Championship, but now that the Rugby Knock-Out has been cancelled, only redoubled efforts in the remaining competitions will put us at the top. We must give of our all in Cricket, in Tennis, in Swimming, indeed in everything that lies before us.

Athletics Standards in the Michaelmas Term proved too rude a shock for the House, usually conspicuous for mass effort, and we came fourth. Despite the absence of our Captain, the athletes came second in the Sports. The First and Second XV's played well and fought their way into second place in the Rugby League. We obtained a surprising fourth in Water Polo, which was played before the winter ice formed, a more expected fourth in Senior Fives (overall we came 3rd), 3rd in cross country, fifth in the N.S.R.A. shooting, and a thoroughly deserved second in Gymnastics, the team giving a well-drilled performance. The orchestra relied on music rather than gimmicks and came third. The Choir relied on gimmicks as much as music and our final position was 2nd. Our intellectuals won us the Chess Cup, defeating all and sundry.

Our motto for the future must be : " Honour lies in honest toil," for we have an uphill task ahead of us, but not an impossible one. Our summer sports are improving and our position in the House Championship, I am sure, will improve. Our thanks must go to Mr Buttle for his smooth organization and encouragement, and to our House Tutors, Mr Holyoake and Mr Robinson, a new and welcome arrival, who have ably supported him.

W. P. FERNS.

GIFFORD

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr Hodges as our new Housemaster, and we hope that his years with the House will be happy and successful.

After finishing eighth in the Cock House Championship last year we started the Michaelmas Term determined to improve our position. This we have done in all sports except Rugger, although in most the improvement has been by only one or two places.

In the Rugby League we were seventh. From the outset, it was clear that the 1st XV was to be our weakest for many years and our low position is due to the failure of this team to record any victories : one match was drawn however. This effort and the three wins of the stronger and more talented 2nd XV were just sufficient to keep us from eighth position.

Before the Rugby League, two competitions had already been decided and in both we improved on our performance of last year. In the Water-Polo Knockout we rose from fifth equal to fourth equal and in Athletics Standards we gained three places, more standards, and came fifth.

Fives and Chess have also improved. The Senior Fives team has won more matches and the Junior team, who have a very strong Remove pair, has also improved. Chess has been played quietly and steadily and more victories than before have been announced.

Amidst the general pattern of slow improvement two competitions, Gymnastics and Music, stand out. The Orchestra, playing the highly original composition of their conductor, so impressed the adjudicator that he gave them top marks, and the Choir also won. The Gymnasts attained our highest place in this event for seven years in coming sixth.

Our prospects of continuing the general improvement in the Summer Term are good. Indeed, we can hardly do worse in Cricket and Tennis. In Swimming we have talent which, if supported by the remainder of the House in Standards, should give us a high position in this sport.

Our thanks go to Mr Hodges and Mr Gregory for their continued advice and encouragement.

R. C. BOOTH.

HEATH

Heathans are invariably optimists. Whenever our fortunes are at a low ebb, we confidently forecast a flood-tide of success three years ahead. But those seers of 1960 who said that 1963 would be a good year for the House have proved unreliable.

We began the year on a very inauspicious note. Our swimmers, who came second in July, could only manage seventh equal in September in the Water-Polo competition. We hope that this was due to the illness of the Swimming Captain and that we will do better this coming season.

Our efforts at Rugger were rewarded with a position of eighth in the League. Mercifully we were spared the Knock-out. The Third XV played a practice game against Levett and won convincingly. Unfortunately their Knockout too has been cancelled. Despite poor results it is pleasing to record that we have generally managed to field a full team, thanks to the willing co-operation of several members of the House who hoped they had long since retired from such active service.

In other spheres we have had more success. At Fives, our Juniors are setting a good example : the Remove pair is unbeaten. It is reported that we have won a Chess match. The Shooting team came third in last term's competition and classification continues. The Orchestra achieved a position of fourth in the first part of the Music competition and the Choir performed well. Cross-country running started with many members of the House unaware of it and we came 8th. It is to be hoped that our scratching from the Gym competition marks the end of the slump and the beginning of a rise to better things.

Finally we must acknowledge our debt of gratitude to Mr Barlow and the House Tutors who encourage and support us in very trying circumstances. Dare we hope for greater success in 1966 ?

J. R. KEY-PUGH.

JEUNE

The prospect facing the House at the beginning of the year seemed in many ways to be rather grim. We had not achieved a very high position in the championship during the previous year, and on top of this we had lost many of our best sportsmen.

The first activity of the year, Athletics, seemed to be bearing out the prophecy. We finished a dismal eighth in Standards and also in the Sports, where we were hampered by non-attendance. The only encouraging aspect was the enthusiasm and talent of the younger members of the House.

The Rugby season, however, produced a pleasant surprise. The second Fifteen swept all but Vardy before them and the first Fifteen won enough matches to give us a position of third in League Rugby.

In two activities in which we did well last year we were unlucky. In spite of much hard work the House Choir finished seventh and so did the Gym team. Seventh rather seemed to be our station, as the House Water Polo team also came seventh.

One bright spot was provided by the Shooting team who, inspired by the deadly accuracy of their captain won the N.S.R.A. competition.

The Chess team is not outstandingly talented but bettered the position of eighth last year to finish sixth.

The Fives team, despite its dual captaincy, is in much the same position as the Chess team. The team is young, however, and there is hope for the future.

The House responded slowly to the fine oratory of the Cross-country Captain, but we finished second.

The mood of the House is changeable, there is enthusiasm for some activities, but for others none. Considering the small amount of talent we have the results are not as discouraging as they might have been.

We welcome this year a new House Tutor, Dr Nicholas and we thank him, Mr Leeson and our Housemaster Mr Leeds, for their help and support.

M. N. BAILY.

LEVETT

We have yet to win the Cock House Championship. After ably supporting the seven other Houses in the final placings for so long, the House provided sterling competition for the middle positions. At the moment, it looks like doing so again.

In Rugby, the major winter game, we have done worse than last year in coming sixth in the league : last year we were third. The disappointment of the cancellation of the Knock-out robbed us of possible laurels. Our athletes have equalled last year's position of first in the Sports while in Standards the general keenness made us first, one place better than last year. Our shooting remains on the same level as before, and we were sixth again in the N.S.R.A. The pleasing contortions of our gymnasts gave them third place—better by four than last year. We look back to warmer evenings, when we came second equal in water-polo, a position we have occupied for several seasons. The Fives captain reports a drop from first equal to second in the Eton game, but in chess we have improved our position of third to second.

We know what a sportsman is, yet we can rarely find the right blend of enthusiasm and ability in all activities. The spirit in the House is friendly, with humour the predominating note. Some people, however, find it too easy to laugh at the distasteful, and it is here that the only fault can be found.

This year we welcome Mr Chapman as a House Tutor. To him, to Mr Nicholls, and particularly to Mr Freeman, our House Master, go our thanks for their cheerfulness, criticism, and guidance during the past months.

C. D. TYLER.

PRINCE LEE

In his concluding remarks of the Michaelmas term, Mr Williams summed up our efforts as, "setting a high standard of mediocrity". Unfortunately this tendency persisted into the Lent term.

In the Rugby League championship, generally ragged play in both 1st and 2nd XV's, and a large number of injuries towards the end of the season, combined to reduce our last year's position of first to the dismal position of fifth this season. The cancellation of the Knock-out, owing to the weather, has denied us the chance of gaining a higher overall placing in Rugby.

The number of Athletics standards gained by a House is often used as an index of that indefinable attribute—House spirit. If this is indeed the case, one must sadly conclude that it is at low ebb in the House at present, as we were placed sixth in the Athletics Standards competition.

This performance was but partly atoned for by a number of pleasing performances on Sports Day when we achieved a position of third. The Juniors especially did well, and P. J. Kilvert won the Under 14 championship.

Our position of fourth in Chess was not inspiring, but hardly unexpected, and the Captain of Fives reports that a similar result can be expected here. Our Shooting appears not to have improved despite considerable practice, and a position of seventh was achieved in the N.S.R.A. competition. With much practice, and perhaps a little talent, the Gymnastics team has succeeded in raising the traditionally low standard of Prince Lee gymnastics, to achieve a position of fourth in the competition.

Neither has success come our way in non-sporting activities. A position of sixth in the House instrumental competition both disappointed and surprised our Director of Music, who thought the effort worthy of a higher position.

After this somewhat disappointing display we must resign ourselves to a lower position than second in the Cock House competition this year. All is not lost however, and we looked forward to Cross-Country in the hope that this would provide the much-needed highlight of the year. We finished fourth.

Finally, we have much to thank Mr Williams, and the House Tutors Mr Axford, Mr Hadwen and Mr Cotter, for both in the way of encouragement and practical help.

A. R. LEECH.

VARDY

This year, although the House has a small Upper Sixth Form, there is no lack of talent in any sport except Athletics. As usual we performed disappointingly in the Sports, and had only one individual winner. We were, however, third in Standards—a good effort.

Despite the gloomy prognostications of some experts, the two League Rugby teams managed to rise to the occasion, with the result that they won all their matches and the League Trophy.

In the minor sports we did better than usual. We again won the Water-Polo Knock-out, and the Fives team, putting aside its desire to hibernate, won all its matches. The Junior team has also won all its matches so far.

The results of several outstanding Chess matches being calculated, our position was third. In the N.S.R.A. competition the House came second, less than one scaled point behind the winners, while the Gymnasts worked extremely hard to win the House Gymnastics Competition.

Cross-country standards were remarkable for the optimism of the Captain and the reluctance of members of the House to complete the course. Our final position was first.

The instrumentalists gained fifth place in the Music Competition, and the choir apparently practised hard to finish third.

The House still possesses considerable talent in many activities and should do quite well in the future.

Finally, our thanks to Mr Parry our Housemaster, and Mr Harris and Mr Hamlin for their help and encouragement at all times.

R. H. TEDD.

THE SCOUT GROUP

We aim in our scouting to provide interesting and useful activities. To do this we continue to break away from our town-centred, Friday-afternoon environment. The 1960's, just as much as the time of Baden-Powell, give scope for developing enterprise, initiative and leadership.

The new system of advancement directly to the Seniors at fifteen and then on to the Rovers after two years introduced last year is now fully established, and nine senior scouts were invested as Rovers last term. The Group benefits from earlier promotions and activities which can be better suited to a smaller age range.

The bad weather has by no means dampened the enthusiasm of our troops. Both Mitre and Park Vale enjoyed their ambitious Christmas hikes in the snow. Vikings and New Troop have also braved the elements to go hiking and camping. All four troops, aghast at the rising cost of equipment, have attacked with vigour the deterioration and damage that can descend on stores and troop rooms. The B-P Guild again helped the Seniors by organising an elaborate rescue operation last Autumn.

This year we welcome Mr Robinson, who is helping with the Sea Scouts. This troop whose sailing has been temporarily curtailed, is busy maintaining and improving its boats.

We congratulate Mr Hamlin on the award of the Wood badge. We give our continued thanks to Dr Mayor and his colleagues for their hard work.

M. N. BAILY.

PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

The numbers of those who have volunteered their services to help old people rose, at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, to twenty. Moreover the amount of work to be done seems to increase in variety. Two Trust Homes for old people are visited regularly each week, the Evans Cottage Homes at Selly Oak and the Lench's Trust at Ladywood, where the jobs vary from fetching coal to decorating. Others regularly visit private houses in the Stirchley, Ladywood and Weoley Castle areas, where there is a certain amount of decorating and outside work to be done. Two members even found themselves rebuilding a wall.

Besides these weekly activities, Field Days have been devoted to special projects. The last two Field Days were spent at St. John's, Ladywood. This church is in the heart of a 'slum' area, and both the building and the churchyard have suffered greatly from malefactors. The group spent the time in cutting hedges, lopping off branches and generally making the churchyard tidier.

Last term too, several members went to the Family Service Unit Centre in New John's Street. This centre is an old vicarage that is used to house social workers and their families who belong to the Unit. Our members were engaged in decorating a room, which will, when it is completed, become a playroom for the children living there.

Finally our thanks must go to Mr Williams and Mr Bolton for their efficient management of the group, and to Mr Kay and Mr Axford, who kindly offer their services in car transport.

M. J. WOODWARD.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

This has been a particularly eventful period for the R.N. Section. During the summer, for Annual Training, some of us cruised in the Channel aboard H.M. Frigate *Urchin*, escorting Her Majesty the Queen, aboard the Royal Yacht, to Plymouth and Dartmouth ; crossed over to Brittany, sailed, steered, pulled and went ashore at Morgat. Others did Arduous Training in the Cairngorms, a report on which will be found elsewhere, whilst the younger cadets spent a very full week in *H.M.S. Collingwood*, a shore establishment. Here they went afloat, fired Bofors guns and even went aloft in aircraft.

The long Field Day in the autumn term enabled a party to cruise from Portsmouth to Bristol in the small minesweeper *H.M.S. Venturer*. They were fortunate, when right out in the Channel, in being given a demonstration that small ships do not capsize in a full gale, and were able to take over the duties of some of the crew who were temporarily indisposed. Others braved the weather learning the elements of mountaineering in Snowdonia, whilst the main party had some very exciting sailing in Portland Harbour, were soaked to the skin in a night anti-sabotage exercise around the dockyard and had a fascinating morning on the Tactical Trainer, a complicated device normally used for training ship's officers in hunting submarines.

Last but not least, our whaler has arrived and is now afloat, through the courtesy of the Sea Cadet Unit *Vernon*, on Edgbaston Reservoir.

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After the glories of Annual Camp at the School of Infantry, Warminster, for the Field Day week-end in the Christmas Term the Army and Basic Sections, together with the R.A.F. Section, went North to the T.A. Training Centre at Blackshaw Moor, Leek. The unexpected task of rescuing an army 3-tonner from a ditch and the obstinate refusal of the mess stoves to function normally on the first night added to the problem of installing 200 cadets in a strange camp. The A and Q branches, in fact, learned a great deal in a short time at Leek, and much useful experience was gained in running this type of 'short, sharp,' self-help camp. The School Rover Crew, who joined us for this camp, did sterling work on the messing side and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

Training started on the second day. B and C companies did training circuits on nearby moors, and A Company embarked on an arduous two-day scheme. An ominous wind which had arisen during Saturday afternoon turned into a tearing gale during the night. Most of A Company managed to keep some canvas over their heads, resisting the temptation to retreat to the nearby cowshed. For the rest of the Section in the huts at the Camp, the storm was fearsome enough.

On Sunday, C Company saw training films, did a compass scheme and initiative tests. Their Officers and C.S.M. Page broke the record for the assault course. A Company, after their experiences the previous night, changed their planned route back in favour of a shorter one, though a handful of stalwarts insisted on taking the original route.

The Field Day week-end was, all things considered, a very valuable experience. Since then the traditional activities have been to the fore : the recruits duly passed their Recruit's Test ; all B Company survived the

Basic Test, an excellent result this, with twenty-nine Credits. Out of thirty-four candidates in A Company for the Proficiency Certificate, all but one passed and four gained Credits. Fusilier Brigade Depot, Sutton Coldfield, now provide the Examining Board and we make no secret of our relief that our Pass rate has remained at the high level of recent years. It is turning out to be an excellent year for the Signals Platoon ; they have won the Inter-Command Wireless Network Morse Competition, which is open to all C.C.F.'s and some other military organisations.

While maintaining a high standard in Service examinations the C.C.F. endeavours to adapt itself to changing circumstances through increasing emphasis, at all levels, on initiative training. The old fallacy that the C.C.F. turns innocent children into little militarists must be destroyed once and for all.

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Since the last report of its activities in the CHRONICLE, the R.A.F. Section has not been idle.

Summer Camp, 1961, was held at R.A.F. Kinloss, a Coastal Command station in Morayshire. There was flying for all in Chipmunks or Ansons and a very cold and strenuous day in the Cairngorms.

Field Day in the following term was spent at R.A.F. Gaydon and in the Lent term, Field Day consisted of an initiative exercise over the Lickey and Clent Hills. The Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency examinations were taken at the end of the Lent Term. Out of the eight cadets who took the Advanced, six obtained distinctions.

Summer Camp, 1962, was at R.A.F. West Raynham, in Norfolk. Activities included flying, inspecting the airfield and the aircraft on it, and the traditional football match. Later in the holidays, four cadets went on a Gliding Course at St. Athan.

The first two days of the Field Day week-end in the Christmas term were spent with the Army Section in camp near Leek. On the Saturday there was a strenuous initiative exercise in Dovedale. The Section returned to Birmingham the next day and spent the following day at R.A.F. Gaydon.

Some members of the Section have spent the snowbound Friday afternoons of the winter making model gliders from their own designs.

C. G. ROWLAND, R. C. BOOTH.

ARDUOUS TRAINING, JULY, 1962

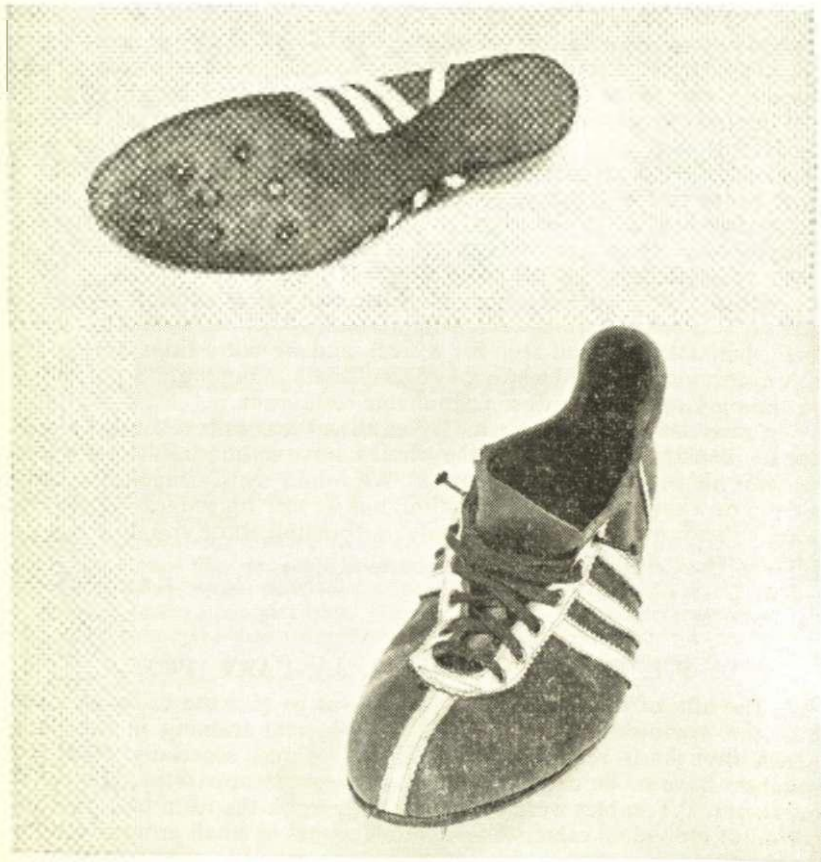
Last summer Lt. Benett led the ten stalwart members of the Arduous Training Course into the rugged country of the Cairngorms in N.E. Scotland ; three members went ahead by car, whilst the remainder travelled by night-train and bus to Braemar, whence a shuttle-service was performed to Derry Lodge—our first night's camping site.

It was from here that we set out the next morning in brilliant sunshine along the Lariug Gru, heavily loaded with stores. We walked until evening and pitched our tents on a little island in a most beautiful valley, overshadowed by Ben Macdui on the one side and the corries of Breariagh on the other.

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In the morning, we set out together to climb the Devil's Point and Cairn Toul ; on the ascent we met a rescue party looking for a lost family of seven and we promised to keep a look-out for them, little realising that this was to prove impossible. After all but one of the party had climbed Devil's Point, we continued over jagged boulders to Cairn Toul. At this point, the thick mist that was to surround us for the remainder of the day descended, but nonetheless we pressed on around the high ridge of Breariagh. On several occasions we stopped, thinking that we could hear strangers' voices, but when Lt. Benett called out, there was only the wind and the mist to answer him. Eventually we stumbled on to the peak of Breariagh from which we made a steep and treacherous descent. On coming out of the mist we could see the most wonderful panorama, and sat for a full quarter of an hour taking in the winding valley beneath us, bathed in the evening sunlight.

We returned to Derry under a blazing sun the next morning, collected more provisions, and pushed slowly northwards until we came upon a good site where we rather lazily pitched our tents. However we determined to show our mettle on the following day, probably the hottest of all, and set out in separate parties with differing routes and objectives. One party walked round Loch Avon, climbed Ben Macdui and met some Naval Ratings staying under the Shelter Stone. Then a severe change in the weather caused us to retreat to Derry, where we set up our tents in pouring rain after fording the swollen river. On this day, some went to Loch Avon whilst others discovered a Royal Hunting Lodge, after which, somewhat exhausted, we settled down to our last night in Scotland.

After rising early the next morning we packed up and seven of us left on a forced march to reach Braemar in time for our bus. This was the first civilization we had seen for a week and we felt a little strange ; we felt even more so in Edinburgh late that night eating a good square meal in the only open, but rather fashionable restaurant.

I must here express on behalf of us all our gratitude to and admiration for Lt. Benett, who organised the whole course so admirably and amazed us with his energy and nimbleness. We found the Cairngorms countryside to be awe-inspiring and beautiful, but its very ruggedness was in some ways a handicap, for it often left only one possible route and thus hindered excursions by individual groups.

J. G. RHODES.

P.T. LEADERS' COURSE, JANUARY, 1963

The aim of the course at Oswestry was to give the cadet an insight into the organisation and methods of physical training in the Army. Much thought is required before giving lessons, especially when large numbers have to be catered for with little or no apparatus. To aid the instructor, P.T. tables were devised. These took the form of a half-hour period of individual exercises and simple games in small groups or teams. At the beginning of each day the Instructor gave the cadets, to warm up, one of these tables to perform. The tables were in four parts and gradually each cadet was given control over a class of twenty men to take one part, a very valuable experience.



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THE CHEMISTS

As well as practice in the art of leadership there were many periods for improving individual skills at vaulting and agility, work on the trampoline and other, more common, pieces of apparatus, team competitions in basketball and obstacle courses.

An interesting lecture was given on the subject of "potted sports". This is a means of organizing a competition for several teams in several events simultaneously, catering for large numbers of men and taking less than an hour to arrange.

Altogether I found the course interesting and well balanced but not so strenuous as to make it uninviting. I had the feeling that the gymnasium was not fully equipped, but when I saw the high standard of performance by all the instructors on the apparatus, I felt that I still had much to practise and polish on traditional gear before attempting anything new. Being a very average gymnast I found this opportunity of gaining hints and tips from actual performers most interesting and useful.

For one shilling a day the course was very good value and, at least for all our energies in the gymnasium, we were rewarded with a wide range of well prepared meals, even though we had to march half a mile through deep snow to the mess hall.

A. J. C. PARK.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF RHODESIA

M. A. Sheen left K.E.S. in July, 1962, and in the following autumn went out to Rhodesia to teach for a year at a school in Bulawayo. He sent us the following personal report after his first few weeks in Africa.

"Now that I have been at Whitestone School in Bulawayo for half a term and the long summer holidays have arrived, I can give you some of my impressions of Rhodesia. I would emphasise that they are very much limited first impressions, because it would take a life-time to understand all about this country.

"It is summer here and the weather is hot, with a brilliant sun shining almost all day. The midday temperature is regularly ninety degrees or more in the shade, and most men here wear shorts all day, although one does become acclimatised amazingly quickly. The rainy season started in early November—the only time of the year that rain falls. The showers only interrupt the sun for an hour or two, but in that time they are heavier than the heaviest of English downpours. In the dry winter, grass will only grow if the ground is watered regularly, and the parched earth's only cover is provided by stunted trees and scrub bushes. This landscape is broken by many kopjes (*pron.* as 'copies'); these are small hills of sandstone, some being incredible heaps of huge boulders, like giant cairns.

"The schools in Rhodesia are run on lines very similar to English preparatory and public schools. They are nearly all boarding schools, as the people are scattered over a large area. Whitestone School is a private preparatory school just outside Bulawayo, with a hundred and twenty-six boys. Most of the leavers go to Rhodesian public schools, but a few go to schools in England or South Africa.

“The main difference between English and Rhodesian schools is that the latter are more relaxed and less formal than their English counterparts. This is typical of Rhodesian life—the pioneer spirit still remains, the people being forward-looking and progressing quickly. This means that they tend to be sincere and frank ; they know what they want, and will work hard and honestly to get it. Unfortunately, the Arts and cultural life generally tend to be left behind, and would be virtually dead were it not for the efforts of the Jewish section of the people. The Jews see the importance to a country, however new and progressive, of an artistic tradition ; it is, for instance, thanks to them that there is a municipal symphony orchestra in Bulawayo.

“I do not intend writing about politics. I have been here only long enough to realise that most English people, even those with good education and a sympathetic interest, know absolutely nothing of the problems confronting politicians in Africa. The only way to appreciate these problems properly is to live here for at least twenty years. Until then, no one can presume to pass judgment on African affairs and politics.”

M. A. SHEEN, O.E.

LETTER FROM THE LEBANON

M. D. K. Halsey last year won a Foreign Office Mecas Scholarship which enabled him, after leaving School in July, to go and work for a year in the Lebanon.

“At half-past ten on an October evening, I and my two fellow-students from the Foreign Office arrived at Mecas. We dined with the outgoing course students at the local arab café, run by the mukhtar of Shemlan. After the meal, we were able to admire the superb view over Beirut, which lay ten miles and 3,000 feet below us, twinkling with bright lights, set against the black of the Mediterranean.

“The village of Shemlan stands on the Lebanon ridge, overlooking the coast and the city of Beirut. On a clear day it is just possible to make out Cyprus under the clouds which indicate its position some forty miles to the North-west. The village has a population of about 150, is situated in a predominantly Druze area and is known in the Lebanon as the host village of Mecas and the centre of an abortive *coup d'état* a year or so ago. Mecas is a modern and well planned centre dating from the Second World War, when it was set up primarily to train intelligence officers for the army in Jerusalem. After the war it moved to Shemlan and it was taken over by the Foreign Office for the training of diplomats in Arabic. The course is arduous, concentrating solely on Arab language, civilisation, history, customs, geography, economics and politics. Each day, there are five 40-minute periods, and in addition about forty hours private study per week is required.

“In many ways, the whole of the Lebanese coast is not at all ‘arab,’ and this is true to a lesser extent of all the country which is very Western in outlook. Beirut, for example, could almost be a French city, for not only are all the street-names French and French the language of the elite, but also the city has most of the amenities of a Western city—bowling alleys, cinemas, theatres, and even a go-kart stadium. However, the

city does retain an Arab flavour in its street hawkers, jewellery boutiques, and above all in its fruit and flower markets. These are certainly the most colourful and charming aspects of Beirut, because the modern craze for skyscrapers and concrete constructions is rapidly destroying any Eastern atmosphere.

"The Lebanon itself is really a mosaic of ethnic groups ; at some time the area has been invaded or ruled by Chaldeans, Babylonians, Hittites, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Assyrians, Persians, Franks, Medes, Aramaeans and Mirdites. All have left their mark, and at the entrance to Nahr-al-Kalb about ten miles from Beirut one can see side by side rock engravings of Nebuchadnezzar and Rameses III, Crusaders, Arabs, and Napoleon III, together with memorials to Allenby's armies of the First World War and to the Australian troops of the Second. Such monuments as these, the temples of Baalbeck or the ruins at Byblos help to attract nearly two million tourists to the Lebanon every year.

"Even without the revenue from this source, the Lebanon is a wealthy country, as its fruit and vegetables are exported all over the Middle East. Capital flows in from Kuwait and the other oil sheikdoms, certain towns being exclusively owned by Kuwaitis and Saudis. Political stability encourages this trend, particularly as, in commerce, the Lebanon has taken over the trade which used to flow through Haifa, and, in banking, has ousted Cairo as the financial centre of the Middle East. Beirut has one of the very few money markets which is absolutely free and liquid, for any currency is readily convertible.

"The basic impression the country makes is of great potential being tapped, however inefficiently, through co-operation and moderation. Druzes, Maronites and Muslims agree to keep the 'confessional balance' upon which stability and hence prosperity, is built. The Lebanon is a country of booms in all spheres of trade, which is nevertheless characteristically inefficient and venal. It is tied to its Arab neighbours by bonds not only of economics but of politics, the chief of these being the Israeli question, upon which all Arab states are agreed.

"The future of the Lebanon seems secure, for as the riviera of the Middle East it is unrivalled in both climate and attractions, which include beaches, water-skiing, casinos and night clubs as well as the natural beauty of the country and the grandeur of its monuments. It is sufficient tribute to its attraction that the oilmen at the centre, when comparing it with anywhere else in the Arab world, describe it as paradise."

M. D. K. HALSEY, *O.E.*

OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

SIR,

I suppose one is liable to be given advice however old one may be until perhaps reaching the position of being the oldest inhabitant. Most of your readers are probably younger than I (although I am not yet the oldest inhabitant I hasten to add) and I am presuming to proffer a small piece. There will be occasions when they will be approached, in the most disarming way, of course, to do a job, in the interests of something or other, possibly to fill a gap and usually only on a temporary basis.

If they have the 'interest,' whatever it may be, at heart they will very likely succumb to the blandishments of the other party and agree. Having done so they may find the 'gap' is wider than they were led to believe and there they are—trapped. This applies particularly to being put on Committees. It applies to other things, too, I may say. Analysing this I think the root of the trouble may be conceit or perhaps pride. One, perhaps, feels deep down, although it would never be admitted openly, that, after all, who else could do the job better. But of course, all your readers will be well aware that pride is a deadly sin and is to be shunned. I failed to recognise it soon enough so I will proceed.

You will have noticed the wonderful improvement in the Rugger Club record this season. It is a great pity that so many games have had to be cancelled as there is little doubt that the results would have been even better. We are very glad to have seen more of Roger Wilson and Derek Benson. We have had some good youngsters and one or two should be very useful in the First XV when they have become a little more acclimatised to senior rugger. We want all you can give us and it doesn't necessarily follow that a School XV that hasn't been very successful won't produce fellows who will eventually become first class players. I can remember more than one instance of men who did not even make the School XV eventually becoming regular members of the O.E. First XV. One in particular was an outstanding County Player. So we want not only those who have made their mark in School Rugger but everyone.

The Cricket season is not very far away and I hope we shall have some more good newcomers. We have our eye on one or two. While on the subject of cricket, Alan Smith and Ossie Wheatley haven't done too badly and it may be a very long time before we have others as outstanding. On second thoughts, it is possible it may not be all that very long.

Turning to something a little different, the School seems to turn out some pretty important people, and it was a great honour for the School when Dr M. Wilkins was awarded a Nobel Prize.

O.E.

OXFORD LETTER

SIR,

It is difficult for me to give you a general picture of Oxford—as difficult indeed as it is to give such a picture of K.E.S. You have an ever-increasing array of activities to cater for as many tastes as possible. So have we. Oxford also has the additional advantage that discipline is generously understanding—more so in many ways than in the other place! Thus the prefects who last year were punishing you for climbing up drainpipes now smile tolerantly as they help each other over their college walls at the dead of night. However, lest you think this is Utopia or the Promised Land, let me remind you that work also is an important part of Oxford life. Never (with due respect) did K.E.S. see such hard work as is done by (most) Oxford undergraduates.

Old Edwardians are typical of most schools represented at Oxford. At the last call-over there were about 40 from the Birmingham stable, though there may be further dark horses who have taken up professional

and everlasting studentship as a career. At one extreme there are those who delayed as long as they dared before finally coming up : on the other there are those scarcely out of the cradle who have so many years in front of them that they can always grow a beard and go to Cambridge if they fail their exams. A few of the 2nd year men have taken up a life of public service. M. K. Lee (Worcester) is rumoured to be Secretary of his Junior Common Room (which is a mixture of Cartland Club and Trade Union), while D. S. Filkin (Univ.) is Chairman of one of the University Political Clubs, though it would not be fair to Mr Macmillan's or Mr Wilson's chances in the next election to mention which. Another 2nd year classicist, I. Plenderleith (Chch.) has to stop work at 9 o'clock every night, when the Christchurch clock strikes 101 times. Talking of clock towers, R. W. Bray (Magdalen) is not contemplating with any pleasure the thought of climbing Magdalen tower at 5-30 a.m. on May 1st in order to sing pagan hymns to heathen deities. There are two more Old Edwardians at Magdalen ; J. W. Dawson lives on top of a very long and exhausting flight of stairs, and has taken up Judo, presumably to help him to climb them. D. C. Robertson goes caving and brings back small sprigs of vegetation which he spreads round his room to the consternation of visitors. From St. Edmund Hall comes news that J. W. A. Cosgrave has been swimming (!) this winter, while his fellow-freshman W. G. Gulland has taken up work as an occupation, but finds time to sail (on the frozen Cherwell ?) in between bouts. R. J. Wells (Merton) has been observed, but one suspects that he spends most of his time playing Fives for the Old Edwardians in remote parts of the country.

Generally speaking, then, we're behaving. All we need is a steady stream of Edwardians to fill the gaps caused by graduates retiring into business or some other part of the wide world.

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

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

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EDITORIAL

It is a general truth about human beings to say that we rarely appreciate events as they happen, and that we afterwards compensate for this through nostalgia. This statement is particularly applicable to school-life. In the Lower School, day-to-day life seems a continual worry about tests, prep, unpalatable periods and, for misbehavers, the dread of waiting for retribution to fall from prefect or master. As one progresses, these worries, perhaps overwhelming at the time, are seen in perspective as trivial. They are replaced by the new anxiety of external examinations and, more particularly, that of gaining a university place. Except for the lucky few who always seem certain to carry off an Oxford or Cambridge Scholarship, this problem of university or college admission, upon which indeed hangs the whole course of one's life, haunts a boy all through his time in the Upper School.

Thus, a boy is too intimately concerned with his personal problems, trivial or otherwise, to detach himself from his life at school and to see what it is making of him as a person, to appreciate the part it is playing in maturing him. Indeed, his comments on King Edward's are likely to be confined to grumbles about the withered apples served up as a 'summary' second course in the Dining Hall, the lack of soap in the wash-rooms, and the disgusting temporary sanitation at Eastern Road. It is a kind of guilt-feeling over this grudging attitude, common to us all, that leads thoroughly mature men to claim that their school-days were the happiest days of their lives. They—or to be more honest, we—tend to forget the unpleasant events, the worries, and remember only the happy occasions. This is a view filtered and distorted by time, and just as incomplete as our grumblings: never believe the wistful lectures from the middle-aged on 'how-lucky-you-are.'

It is the person who has just left school, and is in the strange limbo between school and university who is best situated to assess the impact King Edward's has made upon his life. The basic question the leaver must ask himself is whether his time at school has made him an independent individual, whether he can think for himself, and whether he can act upon his own decisions. A person who feels that he can face the world on his own terms is one who has benefited fully from school, while one who depends for his opinions and decisions on the influences of the mass media and his own social circle has not benefited as fully. Edwardians have great opportunities and resources at school, and it is up to everyone to take full advantage of these, for he will find that the more effort he puts into school, in both academic and non-academic fields, the greater will be his satisfaction as, having left, he looks back with candid affection and peers forward with hopeful apprehension.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Summer Term commenced on Thursday, 25th April. On April 29th the Cartland Club held its first meeting of the term.

The Junior Play, "No Human Woe," written and produced by Mr. Axford was presented on three successive evenings, May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The C.C.F. held its annual Church Parade at Edgbaston Old Church on May 12th.

On May 24th, the South Field was transformed into an airfield for the arrival, by helicopter, of the officer to inspect the C.C.F.

The K.E.S. Chamber Ensemble under the direction of C. J. Tipping gave a concert in aid of OXFAM on May 30th.

Half-Term was taken from May 31st to June 4th.

The G.C.E. 'A' Level began on June 10th and the 'O' Level on June 17th.

Speech Day was held on July 13th when Professor G. W. H. Lampe, M.C., D.D., Ely Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, presented the prizes. The annual cricket match against the Old Edwardians was rained off soon after the start.

On July 15th and 16th, the Sixth Formers under the direction of W. P. Ferns produced an entertaining revue, called 'The End of the Line.' Large audiences were noted on both nights.

The School Service was held in the Cathedral on July 17th.

The Term ended on July 18th with the retirement of Mr. Craddock, who had served the School as porter for many years.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

We would like to join our congratulations with those of many of their old friends to Mr and Mrs F. H. Viney on the celebration of their Golden Wedding on June 21st. Mr. Viney is the Governor with the longest service to the Foundation, and to him as a benefactor the school has been indebted on a large number of occasions. It must be that he is the most generous living benefactor.

And following closely in their wake Mr and Mrs T. W. Hutton celebrated their Golden Wedding on September 16; many congratulations are offered to the Chairman of the Direct Grant Schools Committee.

Mrs D. M. Wynne has joined the Governing Body as representative of Staffordshire County Council in succession to Mr F. Hardman.

It must be put on the record with our great gratitude that the Bailiff, Professor D. R. Dudley, prevailed upon the Deputy Bailiff, Councillor R. I. Scorer to play in the Bailiff's XI against the Junior XI during cricket week. Appropriately enough the Bailiff's score of 23 exceeded that of the Deputy Bailiff by one run.

THE COMMON ROOM

We extend our sympathy to the Chaplain on the death of Mrs Williams, who was, of course, well-known in the School as a member of the Music Staff.

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Morris on the birth of a daughter in March ; Mr and Mrs Nicholls on the birth of a son in July ; Mr and Mrs Holyoake on the birth of a son in September.

Mr Ballance has now retired completely from teaching, and we wish him much happiness for the future.

Mr Hadwen has left to teach at the University of Lund in Sweden, and we wish him luck.

THE PREFECTS' ROOM

The following were appointed prefects at the beginning of the Summer Term :

M. L. BASON : Captain of Tennis (*Cary Gilson*).

J. R. KEY-PUGH : House Captain ; A.S.M. in Scouts (*Heath*).

G. D. KNOWLES : Petty-Officer in the Naval Section (*Evans*).

H. J. F. TARRATT : Secretary of Railway and Model Engineering Society (*Levett*).

B. S. WILKINS : Secretary of Christian Guild ; A.S.M. in Scouts (*Jeune*).

The following left at the end of the Summer Term :

R. C. J. PAGE (1955-63) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club 1962-3 ; Prefect 1961-3 ; Captain of Cricket 1961-3 ; Cricket Colours 1960-3 ; Captain of Squash 1962-3 ; House Captain 1961-2 ; Under Officer in the C.C.F. ; Dale Memorial Medal 1963 ; Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada 1963 ; Birmingham University (*Prince Lee*).

C. G. ROWLAND (1955-63) : Vice-Captain of the School and President of the Cartland Club 1963 ; Prefect 1962-3 ; Under-Officer in the C.C.F. ; Knight Memorial Medal 1963 ; Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Worcester College, Oxford ; Shell Scholarship (*Vardy*).

C. J. ALLEN (1955-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of the Literary Society ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; Christ's College, Cambridge (*Levett*).

M. L. BASON (1958-63) : Prefect 1963 ; Captain of Tennis 1962-3 ; Tennis Colours 1961-3 ; Exeter University (*Cary Gilson*).

R. H. COX (1955-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; XXX Colours 1961-3 ; Captain of Rowing 1962-3 ; Rowing Colours 1961-3 ; Petty Officer in the Naval Section ; Knight Memorial Medal (*Vardy*).

W. P. FERNS (1956-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; XXII Colours 1961-3 ; Secretary of Debating, Dramatic and Film Societies ; Scrivener of Shakespeare Society ; Editor of MISCELLANY ; House Captain ; Drum

Major in the C.C.F. ; Nicholas Hammond Debating Trophy 1962-3 ; Pembroke College, Cambridge (*Evans*).

G. D. KNOWLES (1955-63) : Prefect 1963 : Rugby Football Colours 1962-3 ; Petty Officer in the Naval Section ; Liverpool University (*Evans*).

A. R. LEECH (1956-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Secretary of the Natural History Society ; House Captain : A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Brasenose College, Oxford (*Prince Lee*).

D. R. PLOWRIGHT (1956-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Secretary of the Photographic Society ; Secretary of the Cot Fund Committee ; Warranted A.S.M. in the Scouts ; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. (*Evans*).

M. H. POWELL (1956-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; XXX Colours 1962-3 ; Athletics Colours 1962-3 ; Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Lincoln College, Oxford (*Levett*).

J. C. RAYNOR (1957-63) : Prefect 1963 ; Captain of Shooting 1961-3 ; Shooting Colours 1960-3 ; House Captain ; Staff-Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; St. John's College, Oxford (*Jeune*).

P. H. REES (1956-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Secretary of the Historical and Geographical Societies ; A.S.M. in the Senior Scouts ; Exhibition in Geography at St. Catharines College, Cambridge (*Prince Lee*).

T. C. ROLLASON (1958-63) : Prefect 1963 ; Captain of Athletics 1963 ; Athletics Colours 1961-3 ; Secretary of the Scientific Society ; Pembroke College, Cambridge (*Evans*).

H. J. F. TARRATT (1956-63) : Prefect 1963 ; Secretary of Railway and Model Engineering Society ; Acting Petty Officer in the Naval Section ; Magdalen College, Oxford (*Levett*).

R. H. TEDD (1955-63) : Prefect 1962-63 ; Captain of Swimming 1962-3 ; Swimming Colours 1960-3 ; House Captain ; Lincoln College, Oxford (*Vardy*).

C. D. TYLER (1955-63) : Prefect 1962-3 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football 1962-3 ; Rugby Football Colours 1962-3 ; Captain of Fencing 1960-2 ; House Captain ; A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Leeds University (*Levett*).

R. C. BOOTH has been appointed Captain of the School for 1963-4.

R. O. JENKINS has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School for 1963-4.

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A. J. Watts on the re-award, J. A. Barnfield, M. R. Shenstone and J. D. Rees on the award of School Cricket Colours.

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W. P. Ferns, S. B. Cole, I. C. Morgan, J. D. Croxall, A. J. G. Hey, A. M. Downing and R. G. Woolley on the re-award, W. R. Sykes, D. B. Taylor, D. R. Field, R. H. Elgood, and D. J. May on the award of School XXII Colours.

R. C. Booth and C. B. Tedd on the re-award, J. M. Freeman and R. Norrington on the award of School Swimming Colours.

H. D. Barlow on the re-award, M. H. Powell, P. Stagg and S. C. Tew on the award of School Athletics Colours.

A. P. Dawkins and G. S. Bunting on the re-award, and G. A. E. Davis on the award of School Shooting Colours.

I. S. Duncan, M. O. Garrett on the re-award, J. H. C. Rowan and A. R. Hemingway on the award of School Rowing Colours.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

The Oxfam campaign has continued to gain zealous support and a detailed note of this is appended, written by the chief promoter of the campaign over the year.

Through the Cot Fund during the year a sum of £270 was collected for two selected charities in each term. In the summer term the term's total of £75 was divided between the Ockenden Venture and the British

Empire Leprosy Relief Association. BELRA has a special claim upon King Edward's School because of the self-sacrificing work of Dr John Lowe, O.E. ; in addition to the Cot Fund, a special house-to-house collection for BELRA was organised by the Biological Upper Sixth and raised £50.

It has been decided to support at the rate of £36 a year a homeless waif at the Nairobi Youth Centre, and regular sponsorship of this boy is to be arranged.

Collections at Holy Communion and at the School Service in the Cathedral were devoted to the work of the Cambridge Mission to Delhi—another responsibility which falls specially upon the shoulders of King Edward's School, because Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott, O.E. was largely instrumental in starting the Cambridge Mission. We are able to send to it a sum of £40

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents and friends have indeed been generous to the School this year. The purchase of the Scouts' Country Headquarters, Andrews Copse at Alvechurch, led to an appeal for funds, both to repay the loan of the purchase price and to build the Country Headquarters. We are very grateful to a number of parents who have made gifts to this cause and especially to those who have given a seven-year covenant. The K.E.S. Fund is also very grateful for the increasing practice of parents wishing to express their appreciation by means of a covenanted subscription. It does look as if from the parents' fund it may soon be possible to undertake the next big endeavour.

It was decided that leavers might be invited to join in the enrichment of the furnishing of Big School, and a scheme has been undertaken for the addition of some more oak chairs inscribed with their donors' initials. As a first instalment two dozen of these have been given. It remains to be seen for how many there will ultimately be room. The Library has benefited by gifts both in cash and in kind and the Cartland Library has been increased by a number of books from leaving members.

To all our benefactors and donors we would express our cordial thanks.

R. C. DUNT : AN APPRECIATION

Distance is supposed to give a view perspective. It does of course give you a different view because you see less detail and more altogether. Preference for the wider view has been unfair on the English kings, each of whom is labelled in young minds a good or bad king, good or bad man, so that there are four types of king. Perhaps the same system works for schoolmasters. If it does, Roger Dunt's reputation among his pupils will not suffer : they will all remember him as 'good school-master, good man.'

Roger seemed at first different from the other masters, detached in some way that they were not. His eyes were not on his surroundings so much as on something just above the floor, or during lessons on the book in front of him. It was assumed as a result that petty crime could be committed unnoticed, and experiments were periodically conducted to see at what point it became obtrusive. There was a persistent legend that he lost patience with wasps, but imaginary ones followed round the room were evidently no substitute. That year after year of the classicists he taught were in fact mildly behaved suggests that he thought reproof largely unnecessary ; though I remember occasions when puerility beyond the usual limit was scathingly rebuked in a few words.

The detachment went no further. When he had his eyes above the floor, he could probably see a text of Juvenal or Euripides with the perplexing parts underlined in red ; and he was as eager to discuss their interpretation if he was in two minds as to expound passages that he alone understood. So much at home was he in his work that it was interesting to speculate on what he did outside school and earlier in his career. Discovering that he went to Felsted School was something of a triumph, and it said in the Blue Book that he went to Hertford, but that was as far as we got.

Some schoolmasters are bent both on driving the dull from behind and on suppressing the intelligent and well informed, presumably to maintain their authority. What his pupils could tell him meant as much to Roger as what he could tell them, and only occasionally was he short with ignorance and blind spots. Some of his expressions of irritation stick in the mind : ' you can conjugate that verb ' he would say ' till you're blue in the face, but you won't get this out of it.' The impressive succession of his pupils who were accepted at Oxford or Cambridge is a measure not only of his astute teaching but also of the attention he devoted to the needs of each of them.

When the sixth were forming a society of Anagnostics to read classical plays on Saturday evenings, Roger's co-operation in principle was certain. What they never expected was that he would regularly travel from home to read with them. It was never known how much he enjoyed reading a part himself or whether he intended to be funny when he read solemn or comic lines in a deadpan voice. The society was always in his hands : he was to it a sort of permanent ' deus ex machina ' to guide its affairs from outside and above.

The death of someone you know makes you think among other things of the tributes that would have been better paid in his lifetime. The unhappy shock of Roger's death to those he once taught is a reminder of the gratitude they owe him for teaching them with ungrudging care in important years and helping them to grow up.

M.D.R.

R. C. DUNT

Roger Dunt was commonly called by his colleagues " Doctor." This degree might be expounded thus : Ph.D. (K.E.S. University, Amoris Causa). It is a measure of the affection felt for him by those who worked with him and passed their daily round in his company.

Doctor Dunt had taught at this school since May 1929, was a House-master for 30 years, and Head of the Classical Department for almost as long. He was Chairman of the House Committee for many years, and with all these commitments was of course constantly in the thick of School business. As a colleague he was known as a witty raconteur, a considerate and fair man, reasonable in his legitimate demands on our time and work, an accurate and down-to-earth scholar, always ready for a laugh and never standing too high on his dignity. In his younger days he was a considerable hockey player, and I can remember him playing Soccer for the Common Room against the School.

He died suddenly, when he seemed to be well on the way to recovery from an illness which had kept him away from School for several weeks. We have lost a man who, perhaps best of all those teaching at K.E.S., was qualified to be called by that name which, inexplicit though it is, implies a great deal, a "character." He is greatly missed.

T.G.F.

OBITUARY—ERIC W. VINCENT

By the death on September 1st of Eric Vincent, King Edward's School has lost one of its most loyal sons who was always to his school and to the Old Edwardian Association a most generous benefactor. The son of Sir Harry Vincent, the founder of Bluebird Toffee, he was at King Edward's School from January 1910 to July 1913, when he left to join his father in business. In his school career he won his form prize and also, forthcoming events casting their shadows before, the prize for voluntary art. He left from the Lower Modern Sixth and he was a member of Langley's House. He was always a great connoisseur of pictures and had made for himself a notable collection. The etchings in the Four Citizens' room are a gift from him, together with a goodly number of the Art reference books in the Art department.

As Chairman of Harry Vincent Ltd., he was a notably considerate employer and set a high standard of human relations in his firm. He had much to do with the completion of the Queen Elizabeth hospital. He was a life Governor of Birmingham University who honoured him with an honorary Doctorate of Laws a year ago. He will be very greatly missed in the promotion of a number of good causes. He was a Director of the Repertory Theatre and took an active interest in its future. In 1954 he founded the Eric W. Vincent Trust which has been responsible for many kindnesses, especially in the Midlands, and which has regularly supported the Eric W. Vincent Travel Bursary at King Edward's School.

He was an expert producer of books and he had a number of commemorative publications to his credit. He had an excellent taste in printing, to which his work "Q.H." the history of the Queen's hospital in Birmingham bears eloquent tribute. He also produced a history of the University of Birmingham and "Notable Pictures," being an account of the contribution of the public picture gallery fund to the Birmingham Art Gallery. He was a truly cultivated man, a man of wide sympathy

and humble Christian faith. Our deep sympathy goes to his widow. We are very grateful to him for his many gifts to King Edward's School and to the O.E.A. : in particular, for the years after the War until the purchase of Streetsbrook Road, he provided for the O.E.C.C. on his own ground at Hunnington.

SPEECH DAY 1963

This year, Speech Day was held on Saturday, 13th July, when we welcomed as our guest Professor G. W. H. Lampe, Ely Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, who was for some years a member of the Board of Governors.

After the Quatercentenary Song and the prize declamations, the Chief Master welcomed Professor Lampe and the Bailiff of the Governors, Professor D. R. Dudley. He then proceeded to discuss the ways in which parents showed their appreciation of K.E.S., mentioning the new trampoline, the Scouts' country headquarters and the fund for our own squash courts. The Chief Master said that the year had been a good one, summing it up as 'testing, exacting and purposeful.' The standard of individual effort as revealed in the Prize Essays was excellent, and showed the present generation of Edwardians to be outward-looking, painstaking and imaginative. We had had a visit from H.M. Inspectors during the Lent Term ; they had been able to make a number of useful suggestions, some of which had already been implemented. Turning to sporting activities, the Chief Master was able to say that most teams, apart from the Rugby XV, had been successful. He mentioned particularly the successes of the Athletics team since we had taken the new track into use, of the completely victorious Swimming team and of the XI. During the year a special effort had been made for other people through Oxfam and the Personal Service Group, and a radical reorganisation of the C.C.F., designed to speed up training, had been decided upon. The Chief Master spoke sadly of the 'terrible weekend' when we had learnt of the deaths of Mrs Williams and of Mr Dunt. Mrs Williams had played an important part in the musical life of the School as a teacher of the piano, while Mr Dunt had been one of the major figures of K.E.S. for over 30 years, both for the responsibilities he held and for his own personality. After congratulating Mr Viney, one of our senior Governors, on his Golden Wedding, the Chief Master invited Professor Lampe to present the prizes.

Having carried out this duty, Professor Lampe began his speech by bemoaning the fact that he was never fortunate enough to become Bailiff of the Governors. He went on to discuss how one is to judge the success of a school : those who pass through it must, at the end of their time be real, independent people. It follows that you can only appreciate the effect of your school when you have left ; a good school produces people of mature judgment, whose faculties are well-developed, and with a proper sense of responsibility. Professor Lampe warned us against

the dangers of carrying over school attitudes towards the world in general and particular individuals into later life, a point which he illustrated by a well-known story about an Admiral and a Bishop.

The world today, said Professor Lampe was an interesting and exciting place. People's attitudes are changing in many ways, particularly over such problems as the racial question and the starving peoples in the world today. In this climate of change, the experience of the past should always be with us to act as a guide ; people of broad education are needed to cope with modern problems. Such people are to be looked for in the universities, but, concluded Professor Lampe on a note of warning, it is impossible to develop the universities indefinitely.

After the Chief Master had presented the Memorial Medals, the School Captain thanked our guests for attending, and the assembly sang the School Song to conclude the ceremony.

MUSIC

The outstanding musical event of the first half of the Summer Term was undoubtedly the OXFAM concert, this innovation proving financially successful and very exciting for all concerned in its production. The plagues of amateur music-making, lack of rehearsal time and absence of overworked players, tended to affect the standard of performance, with which some of us were dissatisfied. None of us can deny, however, that, as a social event, the occasion was a very lively one and well worth repeating in the future.

Perhaps the most important achievement of the OXFAM concert, besides the foremost one of raising money for the hungry, was that it brought the activities of the School's most eminent music student, J. W. Deathridge, into the public eye. Two of his compositions were played, the second of which, the Concerto for Voice and Orchestra, was given its first performance with the composer conducting. Deathridge's pieces are always very enjoyable to perform, and these two were no exception. Later in the term, in the final concert of the Musical Society's present season, his third opus was performed for the first time : this, the Nocturne for Tenor, Flute and Piano, is a much quieter work than his previous compositions, showing greater sensitivity to the meaning of his text and a more refined knowledge of the various timbres of flute and voice than before. He has made a large contribution to the musical life of K.E.S. during the past two years, and we shall miss his services when he leaves school at the end of the Summer Term.

The Musical Society and the Music Circle have not been much in evidence this term, for the usual reasons. The two concerts which were produced have, however, been quite successful ones, well-performed and well attended. The first presented the talents of those who had won prizes in the Individual Music Competition, and the second, which drew the largest audience on record, was given by members of the Society's

Committee who were on the leavers' list. Finally, all of us who are leaving would like to thank Mr Tunnard for the many opportunities for various and rewarding musical activities which he has given us, and would heartily endorse the constant cry of school music for more support in all its branches.

J. A. WHITE.

'OXFAM' CONCERT

The School's efforts to squeeze out money for 'Oxfam' until it hurts have taken various forms. Perhaps the most meritorious and successful has been this concert, which succeeded in giving pleasure to a considerable number of people as well as in raising a substantial sum for the fund.

Organized spontaneously by the leading musicians of the year, it had the distinction of including music composed in the School as well as being played by our own musicians. The programme was arranged in general on the lines of the B.B.C.'s Thursday Invitation Concerts, with contemporary items sandwiched between established compositions. A rondeau from Purcell's 'Abdelazar' suite was used as an overture, followed by the first domestically composed piece, John Deathridge's 'Ostinato for Limited Resources.' Then came Bach's Suite in B minor for two flutes, strings, and continuo ; and the first half of the programme was concluded by two choruses, one from Haydn's 'The Seasons' and the other from Bach's 'Peasant Cantata,' conducted by Mr Tunnard from the organ.

This pattern was repeated after the interval, Mozart's youthful Symphony No. 12 in G and the second suite from Schubert's 'Rosamunde' ballet music framing Deathridge's substantial 'Concerto for Voice and Orchestra' (a setting for tenor voice of a characteristically beautiful but obscure poem by Dylan Thomas). The concert was most appropriately ended by the valedictory final trio and chorus from Bach's 'Peasant Cantata,' with Mr Tunnard this time at the piano.

The chamber orchestra of strings, 2 flutes, oboe, clarinet, horn, trumpet, trombone, percussion, and continuo was firmly and clearly conducted by C. J. Tipping (except for the Concerto, which was enthusiastically conducted by the composer). It was generally agreed that the Concerto was the highlight of the concert. The setting is imaginative and original, and being carefully designed for the musical forces available it received a more than adequate performance. J. A. White was in noticeably better voice than when he was heard in 'The Creation,' and he sang the difficult solo part with real feeling and distinction.

The relaxed and confident playing of the flutes (Edwards and Morton) and the steady lead given to the orchestra by its leader, R. Clark, were among the things which contributed to the success of the evening. So also, for those who could see it, was the Heath-Robinson percussion instrument, built up on a coat hanger of preserving jars and water, and played with

great violence and dexterity with two teaspoons by J. C. Burgess, which rang through the 'Ostinato.' The composer who, imagining sounds which no existing instrument can make, designs an instrument to make them, will, like Wagner, never lack supporters.

C.H.C.B.

OXFAM

Of the 3000 million people who inhabit the earth, some 2000 millions are undernourished or starving. This fact led the school to concentrate its charitable efforts on raising funds for the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief.

Famine Lunches formed the spearhead of the effort. Boys in the Fourth forms and upwards were asked in the Lent terms of 1962 and 1963 to pay 2s. 6d. for a lunch of bread and cheese on every Wednesday in the term. Approximately £27 was raised in 1962 and about £140 in 1963 in this way.

In the Summer term in 1963 the Musical Society gave a concert in aid of Oxfam, and raised some £55. The Dramatic Society generously donated £18 to Oxfam from the profits of their most successful revue "The End of the Line," and at the end of the term the boys of Mathematics set C3 produced a mathematical magazine entitled "Conundrum," the profits of which were to go to Oxfam. In addition a small number of boys in the Sixth form organised official Oxfam pledged-gift schemes which formed a regular source of income for the Committee for Famine Relief. In these many and varied ways King Edward's School was able to make some contribution towards the easing of the plight of the hungry masses of the underdeveloped world.

P. H. REES.

"NO HUMAN WOE"

Potentially an extremely moving play, 'No Human Woe' by Mr Axford made its point by neat manipulation of idea through characterisation; the children all exhibited that egotism and lack of real social consciousness which indicate immaturity of judgement, and the tragic ending underlined an insistence upon the suffering entailed in full Christian commitment. Only in the last scene could one feel that the play's impact broke through into clarity of gesture and spontaneity of movement. This was due more to the relative inexperience of Mr. Axford's cast and to lack of adequate rehearsal time than to any intrinsic faults in the play.

Parallels with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament were inevitably made, but I don't think that they should be taken too seriously: not all pacifists are ignorant of human evil, either their own or that in others. But in Mr Axford's version, substantially following tradition, the Children's Crusade was born of innocent idealism and the self-inflated opinions of its boy-Bishop leader, Stephen. The latter's optimism and the treachery of two businessmen in Marseilles land the children in slavery with the Moors: Stephen is killed by the slave-trading crew. Amongst the older boys, only the priest-to-be, John, refuses to recant after being

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singled out for special interrogation : the play ends with his imminent martyrdom and final reliance upon Christ.

The performance of S. A. Atkin as Hugh deserves first mention : his gentle voice belied his public belligerence, and his acting showed intelligent apprehension of growth in self-knowledge. S. W. Mitchell as the rather tough-sounding would-be priest had an irritating habit of wagging his head, and his gestures were a little mechanical, but he rose to the occasion at the end, revealing the strength of his faith beneath the gruffness. M. C. Blair as the sceptical Nicholas was fluent and had considerable presence of mind on stage, and P. G. Reasbeck as Stephen "thought" in that quiet, tenaciously self-enclosed manner, which so often distinguishes the obstinately romantic idealist. The scene in which the younger boys mocked their elders was rather stiff despite the lively efforts of M. B. Plested, B. V. Hayes, K. G. Whittingham and T. H. Penniall. R. N. Barlow as the war-wounded veteran's son sang beautifully but acted in a bright, matter-of-fact manner which is difficult to justify. J. Sabell and P. A. Gompertz were delightful as the merchants : Gompertz all beard and cynical roughness (though he over-acted a little on the last night and didn't always phrase his speeches well), and Sabell sentimentally anxious to have his morality and his profit. R. S. Guck amused as a weakly pious ostrich, intellect well in the sand. R. Clark endured his ordeal amongst the lower school with good grace.

Generally, Mr Axford had prepared his leading characters efficiently. The dancers suffered from the same malaise—lack of time for rehearsal—which denied the production its possible fullness. The set by A. J. Dawkins was very fine—the single arch lent a Gothic air to the whole, and the various additions to this basic notion were very neat. Apart from one glaring mistake on Thursday night, the stage gang were persuaded to speed things up, and the lighting was interesting throughout.

The chief difficulty Mr Axford had to face was that which confronts all historical dramatists—the dialogue had to attempt 13th century modes of thought and yet hold a modern human vigour. Some of the characters seemed a bit too genteel—particularly Richard and the Merchant Hugh the Iron—but one would expect choir school boys to be exercised about their faith and consequently to appear a little pietistic. A lesser fault lay in the rather static first act : not all the brief bursts of action were easily related to the subject matter, though the scuffle over marbles was one piece of business which worked in well. Mr Tunnard's songs did much to relieve arguments between boys rooted to one position for too long. Scene changes were rather long, which perhaps argues a lack of slickness backstage, and tended to reduce tension. Some say there were ecclesiastical errors : for instance, Bishops don't pray in mitres. I wouldn't know. But the play was admirably suited to the range of boys' abilities, and the clarity of the central concept—a kind of nominalism, I suppose—emerged quite convincingly through character. I didn't think it as good as "The Island," but the industry and energy involved were well worth while. No doubt we shall have more, and even better, plays for the junior school from Mr Axford.

J.P.H.

THE END OF THE LINE

It has by now become a commonplace that productions at K.E.S. are to be judged by professional standards of excellence, and the satirical revue "The End of the Line"—performed to packed houses in the last week of term—proved no exception. "The End of the Line" did not follow the 'fruit-salad' tradition laid down by its predecessors "As you are" and "Let's face it" in presenting a mixture of funny, serious, and musical sketches. *Winterbourne* and *Join the Navy* being perhaps the only vestiges of the old type, the revue remained wholeheartedly in the current satirical trend. This extended even to a practical joke on the audience, and the fact that some considered this at the expense of the National Anthem and not of themselves, perhaps made it all the funnier. The audience was sent away bewildered by, to say the least, an imaginative rendering of the National Anthem.

It is sometimes the fate of satire that it should leave its audience uncertain as to the satirist's intentions, but this revue in general made its point in every sketch. This is indeed where it differed from previous productions. Of the many splendid examples, the U.C.C.A. sketch could not be beaten in its basic, satirical idea, the presentation of the competition for entrance into University as a game of chance on the same level as Monopoly—with the marker's cap arbitrarily obtained by the throwing of a six, the marker announces that "each applicant shall receive one thousand 'A' level marks, in certificates of one hundred, fifty, twenty-five, and ten."

Veering from butts of parochial and national topicality, the sketches pointed one finger and sometimes two at objects for genuine satire. "The intended symbolism" of famine lunches, for instance, suffered punishment at the hands of C. G. Rowland and S. R. Woodward. The Revue rose to a climax in the *H. M. Inspectors* sketch, handled with exaggerated melodrama by W. P. Ferns and C. G. Rowland. This, of course, invited jibes at the common room, and these were forthcoming in plenty. In general, however, this sketch avoided the cheap laugh, and was as funny for what it did not say, as for what it did. I enjoyed R. H. Cox's wordless, smoky impersonation, just as much as D. R. Plowright's final line after his short hymn-practice: "You're just like the rest of them. You never sing, all you can do is sit there and laugh."

Good as it was, this sketch was marred by a few points. Three irrelevancies crept in: the "marble bust of the founder" aimed at, and received, the cheap laugh; the odd Vaudeville song 'Dear School Inspectors'; and the second occurrence of the Guy and Woods chemistry text book.

The script of this revue was intrinsically much funnier than that of previous productions. In almost every item, it was much funnier for those with a close knowledge of K.E.S., and in two cases the satire was so compressed as to lose much at even the second performance. The school song given us was funnier when read than when performed. Often the

change of one letter was enough for the purpose, yet how many among the audience heard the final line :

“Money’s good, the prize is pleasant, and the glory’s in the gain.”? The performers realized the difficulty of differentiating “gain” from “game,” and forced home “gaiN” as loudly as they could, but “N” is rarely a very loud noise.

The Lamentable Tragedy of Harold MacMillan was received rather better than the other perversions of Shakespearian titles—greeted by a strained silence—in S. R. Woodward’s transatlantic introduction. A word-perfect knowledge of “Macbeth,” and to a lesser extent of other plays, was needed to enjoy this sketch fully. Once again the smallest letter change was made important, but, one fears, was lost to many. “Not on the stocks, fool” called the genuine ghost of Maudling from the choir gallery.

The audience did, however, enjoy the sight of MacMillan’s blushing red plus fours, and the brusque presentation of Harold Wilson completed an enjoyable item. It is worth noticing that this sketch satirised politics more than parties, and avoided the charge of being left-wing by its view of Harold Wilson, who turns out to be as bad as MacMillan but through design and not incompetence :

“We shall not spend a large expense on you . . . And make us even with you for not electing us before.” Finally, the sketch left us with the impression that all politicians in the long run win with honest trifles and avoid great issues, and that they are all ‘wise, amazed, temperate and furious, loyal and neutral in a moment.’

The musical side of the revue was fairly competently handled. The folk song group met its match in the electronic equipment, which emitted several piercing howls when provoked. Upset by this, the group’s performance was patchy, ranging in one night from a first-rate beginning, to a disjointed second half. They were helped by simple, striking sets and lighting which projected the mood that the group itself only briefly caught.

The original music composed by J. W. Deathridge, W. P. Ferns, and A. J. C. Park was excellently played and was of a high quality. For instance, in the Navy sketch, clumping choreography and lyrics that were hardly funny were carried by a catchy tune (helped of course, by a clever set).

All the performers in this revue deserve high praise. Some have been mentioned already : one who has not is R. C. J. Page who deserves nothing but admiration for his difficult monologue after the style of Shelley Burman. Another monologue, read so well by D. R. Plowright, on an incident occurring during Expeditions week-end, deserves special mention as the best single item. The three performers on whom the revue depended so much were C. J. Allen, W. P. Ferns, and C. G. Rowland and their sustained performances showed their dependability. Finally, the director must take lone praise for the revue with its few faults and many virtues.

A good revue, then, funny, sharp, to the point, and with surprises all the way. It is however, as it says, the end of a line, for it seems to this critic that little more can be done in this field : school topics have been almost exhausted, and the common room cannot endure such another hammering for some years to come. The next revue must be the beginning of a line for there is ' nothing left remarkable beneath the visiting moon ' to satirise at K.E.S.

C. D. TYLER.

THE ART SOCIETIES

King Edward's School has, among its many distinctions, that of being one of the very few schools in the country privileged to have regular Arts Council Exhibitions. During the past year we have enjoyed comprehensive exhibitions of the work of Braque, Picasso, Degas and of collections of contemporary etchings, lithographs and water colours. Tape-recorded interviews with boys revealed a wide general interest in these exhibitions although the number of those who claimed to appreciate them fully was disappointingly small. We hope that people who are unversed in the fine Arts, but whose interest is stimulated by these exhibitions, will encourage this interest by coming to Art Society and Art Circle meetings.

The Art Society aims to provide, for the school at large, opportunities to acquire a basic knowledge of varied aspects of art. To this end the Society has, during the past year, heard a wide range of topics, from a talk by Mr. D. V. Clark, Deputy Director of the School of Graphic Design, to a film on the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral. The varied programme began with a talk by Mr. Hurn, who gave an account of his visit to the Low Countries. With the aid of colour slides he went on to tell members about points of interest in each of the towns he had visited. From the new high density buildings on the coast between Dunkirk and Ostend we were taken in spirit to, among other places, Ghent with its many pinnacles and onion spires. The amount of rebuilding in the town was a special point of interest, as was the Van Eyck altar piece of the Adoration. Mr. Hurn spent some time on the paintings which he had seen during his tour. We were shown works of Bosch, Breugel and others, as well as a few works of Rembrandt from the Rijks Museum in Amsterdam.

In the next meeting, our interest was transferred to Canada, with a talk by J. R. Baugh, entitled Wisconsin '62. He spoke of the fundamental differences between the architecture of Chicago and the smaller towns further north and went on to describe two buildings which particularly interested him, one of which was the Orthodox Church by Frank Lloyd Wright. The talk by Mr. Clark on " Art into Advertising " was a highlight of the year. The speaker began by comparing examples of sentiment and sentimentality in advertising, giving a brief resumé of the need for advertising in a modern capitalist country and showing how in all modern countries apart from the U.S.S.R. advertising had gone hand in hand

with production. Later he showed many examples of graphic design in advertising, remarking that the main purpose of advertising was to make an impact, however bad the advertisement may seem to the public. This concluded a term's programme typical for its variety.

The Art Circle, on the other hand, aims to give boys who already have a little knowledge of the arts, an opportunity to further that knowledge. Last year, the Circle concentrated on a study of the development of modern painting. In spite of the controversial nature of this subject and the widespread feelings aroused by some modern paintings, deplorably little advantage was taken of this opportunity.

A stimulating and lively programme is being planned for the future and officers of the Art Society and Circle will warmly welcome enquiries and new members.

I. S. DUNCAN.

J. A. HUTCHINSON.

COMPOSING FOR LIMITED RESOURCES

Having been asked to write a few words as opposed to a few notes I have come to the conclusion that it is very difficult to write about composing music. I cannot go into the creative process as this is a mystery (especially to me). All I am able to do therefore is to expound upon the technique of composing for limited resources.

School orchestras are notorious. How many of us have had to sit valiantly through a school concert vaguely reminiscent of a cats' harem? At King Edward's, however, we are fortunate in having a number of very capable instrumentalists who raise our standard well above that of the average school orchestra. Nevertheless there are palpable weaknesses in any amateur ensemble.

The most common fault invariably lies in the string section who always seem to delight in playing a few cycles flatter or sharper than everyone else. Brass instruments, too, tend to become a little trying at times, and a cluster of oboes is for ever liable to metamorphose into a gaggle of geese! Boys who take up these instruments are brave fellows indeed.

While composing for limited resources, one has continually to ask oneself the question, "Will they be able to play it?" Thus the composer himself is very limited and his resourcefulness stretched to the limit. Hence many of the parts are considerably more difficult than others, all according to the technique of the instrumentalists.

Both in the "Concerto for Voice and Orchestra" and the "Ostinato" I have made extensive use of percussion—pitched (e.g. xylophone, timpani) and pitchless (e.g. triangle, cymbal). The basis of the whole, however, is usually the combination of timpani and piano. Strings are hardly ever prominent and merely act in a supporting rôle. The woodwind and brass are used both in combination and individually, especially the latter.

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BARCLAYS BANK

I must admit that at first I was a trifle worried about the amateur's approach to the contemporary idiom. Despite the tremendous initial difficulties, however, the players soon enter into the spirit of the music and play with terrific panache. Rhythmic complexity is soon overcome (not without some anxiety, though) and a few wrong notes or minute variations in pitch are generally obscured in the *mêlée* (except to composer and players). There are, however, many exposed passages—especially for the woodwind instrumentalists who, nevertheless, played their parts admirably.

From an ardent admirer of Bartok, Hindemith and Stravinsky (in that order) the occasional Bartokism or Stravinskyism is bound to crop up accidentally here and there. This has tactfully been pointed out by some of my colleagues whom I have usually managed to quell with a suitably acid comment to the effect that there is a bit of Deathridge there as well. I most certainly do not admit the influence of Lionel Bart !

Writing for school resources has given me the chance to try out a few theories, the main of which is the derivation of a whole piece from a simple series of notes into an organic whole. I have also experimented a great deal with orchestration. Thus the rehearsals have been especially interesting, even though I have taken a few bites out of the conductor's stand when fortuitous polyphony has arisen in the orchestral tutti (i.e. the awkward bits). I am especially indebted to the instrumentalists who have shown such remarkable patience with my obscure manuscripts and played the music therein so well.

J. W. DEATHRIDGE.

SCHOOL TEAMS

CRICKET

This has been one of the most successful seasons the XI has had for many years. The XI, the youngest for several years—a good omen for the future—started the season by gaining two fine victories and finished on an equally high note beating the Gentlemen of Worcestershire and coming close to victory in the match against the M.C.C. In between, the XI played consistently with occasional flashes of brilliance and very occasional failures. Persistent bad weather towards the end of the season was instrumental in keeping the total number of wins down to eight. Indeed, rain deprived us of the chance of becoming the first team to beat both the O.E.C.C. and the O.E.A. in the same season—the XI was well on top when rain caused the abandonment of the O.E.A. match for the second successive year.

We obviously benefited from the weekly coaching sessions held in the Indoor School at the County Ground throughout the winter. However after a good start in which the XI won its first two matches, beating the O.E.C.C. by 4 runs, in a very close and exciting game, and Wyggeston by 7 wickets, we suffered a slight set-back, losing the next two matches.

At Bromsgrove we had the worst of the wicket and at Wrekin, an injury sustained early in the game reduced our bowling and batting strength. The XI soon put this set-back behind them, winning the following matches against Denstone and Wolverhampton. Further victories were recorded against R.G.S. Worcester, Trent College and Malvern II.

Our main strength lay in our bowling. For the first time in many years the opening attack acted as a spearhead, thus giving the spinners a chance—in the past few seasons the spin bowlers have had to come on before a wicket had fallen, bowling to batsmen who were firmly established.

R. I. Nuttall, a fast bowler with a fiery temperament, has often produced the unplayable ball, but usually his speed has proved too much for the opposition. D. B. Taylor has normally shared the opening attack with Nuttall. Taylor is a young player who by assiduous practice has improved greatly during the season. Now that he has learned not to sacrifice accuracy for speed, he has become a good bowler moving the ball off the pitch and making the occasional ball rise dangerously. D. R. Field has not fulfilled all that he promised. In the nets he is a dangerous fast-medium bowler. However, in the middle he tends not to follow through properly and is therefore erratic. He must also avoid the tendency to bowl too short. A. J. Watts was not called upon to bowl as often as he has been in the past, but he has been a valuable asset, always bowling to orders. After a good start to the season, his batting often failed—too frequently he was out to a lackadaisical stroke. He did a great deal of valuable work as vice-captain.

The batting was not so consistently good and batting failures were the main reason for our losing four matches. As was expected, J. A. Barnfield proved to be the mainstay of our batting. It is a pity that so much weight had to fall on his broad shoulders. With better support next season he must surely better even this season's record. His two undefeated centuries in successive matches were thoroughly deserved—may there be many more. J. D. Rees has been a reliable batsman and has now begun to play some attacking strokes, the lack of which proved a serious weakness in his batting last season. Next year should prove to be a very successful one for him. M. R. Shenstone has had a disappointing season as an opening batsman. He held our batting together in the match against Wolverhampton but he has been effective in only one other match. He is a very courageous short leg fielder but even here he seems to have lost a little of his brilliance of the previous season although he has held several superb catches. He has been a diligent and cheerful secretary and I am sure he will prove a very popular and effective captain next season.

P. A. Bowes has already firmly established himself behind the stumps. He is very agile and safe and is the best wicket-keeping prospect we have had since A. C. Smith. He is the safest batsman in the side, but he unfortunately possesses only one real attacking stroke. For one who has practised so assiduously, it is disappointing that W. R. Sykes has not made a good score. He possesses the strokes and it is only lack of con-

fidence that has prevented him from playing them. Earlier in the season he also lacked patience, a fault which I hope he has now overcome. He has proved a very safe fielder and has taken some notable catches.

Apart from a notable exception, the fielding of the XI has been fairly good. Strangely enough, it has been the difficult catches which have been held and the easy ones dropped. Bad fielding, combined with a poor batting display, lost us the match against Wrekin College, when the XI dropped fourteen catches. Mercifully, this was an exceptional performance.

The 2nd XI, captained by W. P. Ferns, has had a good season, losing only two of its eleven matches. Unfortunately they only succeeded in winning three.

The U.16 XI, under the captaincy of M. W. Davis, a leg-break bowler of considerable promise, who has played for the XI on three occasions, have an excellent record (Played 8, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 1, Abandoned 1)—another good omen for the future.

The U.15 XI has had a disappointing season considering its success last year as the U.14 XI. Apart from the captain, A. M. Paul, who has already played for the XI, there seems a lack of good players, mature enough to be thrown into the front line next season—I hope to be proved wrong.

The U.14 XI has given very little room for encouragement, but the U.13 XI goes a long way to restore our faith in the future. In this age group there are a goodly number of promising young players and one can only hope that they develop fully and not just fall by the wayside as so many do.

On reflection, not only can we look back on a successful season but, with such a young first team and such a successful U.16 XI, we can look forward confidently to the immediate future. It is a pleasant change for us to be able to reward Mr Guy with some of the success he so richly deserves. We only wish we could have done even better. With all due respect to those concerned, no master has worked so hard for any game, both in and out of season, as Mr Guy has for cricket. Any success gained by the team is primarily due to his coaching and guidance. We all have a great deal for which to thank him.

We must thank Mr Benson and Mr Cockle for the advice they have given so willingly and cheerfully, and all the masters who help run the other teams. Our thanks are also due to Mr Holden and Mr Adams for the hard work they have put in, to Miss Chaffer, for again providing the excellent lunches during Cricket Week and to P. R. Handford, who has been such an efficient scorer. The compiling of the Cricket Records (to be found elsewhere in the CHRONICLE), an arduous and exacting task, is a fine example of his efficiency.

Finally, we must, of course, thank Mr Guy and hope that next season will prove to be a memorable one for him.

R. C. J. PAGE.

This season the XI has been selected from :

A. J. Watts, M. R. Shenstone, J. A. Barnfield, J. D. Rees, R. I. Nuttall*, P. A. Bowes*, Sykes†, Taylor†, Field†, Ferns†, Hey†, Morgan†, Croxall†, Elgood†, Davis, Osborne, Paul and R. C. J. Page.

* indicates School Cricket Blazer.

† indicates School XXII Colours.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

(Played 20 : Won 8, Drawn 4, Lost 4, Abandoned 4)

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDSIANS' C.C.
(Played at Eastern Road, April 27th, 1963)

The XI 88
Old Edwardians' C.C. 84 (P. O. Kendrick 35, D. B. Taylor 4 for 19, R. I. Nuttall 4 for 22).

THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S.
(Played at Eastern Road, May 4th 1963)

Wyggeston 134 (Conley 66, R. I. Nuttall 3 for 32, A. J. Watts 3 for 37, R. C. J. Page 3 for 48)
The XI 137 for 3 (J. A. Barnfield 63, A. J. Watts 46 not out)

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL
(Played at Charford, May 11th, 1963)

The XI 79 (A. J. Watts 38).
Bromsgrove 80 for 6 (P. Sawtell 41, A. J. Watts 3 for 19).

THE XI v. WREKIN COLLEGE
(Played at Wrekin, May 18th, 1963)

Wrekin 164 (Philp 63, R. C. J. Page 6 for 46).
The XI 94 (J. A. Barnfield 38).

THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE
(Played at Eastern Road, May 25th, 1963)

THE XI		DENSTONE	
M. R. Shenstone, b. Wheatman ..	2	Hankinson, c. Field b. Page ..	52
P. A. Bowes, c. Shrouder		Smith, c. and b. Page ..	7
b. Hankinson	13	Barnsley, b. Watts ..	0
J. D. Rees, not out ..	62	Shrouder, b. Watts ..	5
J. A. Barnfield, run out ..	15	Young, c. Barnfield b. Watts ..	9
A. J. Watts, b. Shrouder ..	20	Turnbull, c. Field b. Page ..	16
I. C. Morgan, b. Oldknow ..	7	Short, b. Page ..	16
R. C. J. Page, b. Shrouder ..	10	Wheatman, c. Bowes b. Watts	13
W. R. Sykes, l.b.w. Shrouder	0	Oldknow, not out ..	12
W. P. Ferns, not out ..	11	Vafardaii, c. and b. Watts ..	9
D. R. Field } did not bat		Henegan, b. Watts ..	0
D. B. Taylor } ..		Extras ..	5
Extras ..	15		
TOTAL ..	155	TOTAL ..	144

for 7 wickets declared.

Shrouder 3 for 29

A. J. Watts 6 for 66.

R. C. J. Page 4 for 58.

THE XI v. WOLVERHAMPTON G.S.
(Played at Wolverhampton, June 1st, 1963)

Wolverhampton 72 (R. C. J. Page 5 for 16, D. R. Field 3 for 9)
The XI 75 for 6 (M. R. Shenstone 30 not out).

THE 'A' XI v. REPTON II
(Played at Eastern Road, June 4th, 1963)

'A' XI ..	..	89 (J. A. Barnfield 31).
Repton ..	..	91 for 3.

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL
(Played at the County Ground, Edgbaston, June 5th, 1963)

THE XI		WARWICK	
R. C. J. Page, c. Evans b. Chare ..	34	Sellar, c. Bowes b. Taylor ..	15
M. R. Shenstone, c. Evans b. Chare	23	Seaborn, b. Nuttall ..	1
A. J. Watts, l.b.w. McDonald	28	Wankling, c. Shenstone b. Taylor ..	9
J. A. Barnfield, c. Ogden b. Round	31	Evans, c. Sykes b. Watts ..	25
W. R. Sykes, c. Evans b. Round ..	5	Chare, c. Bowes b. Taylor ..	0
J. D. Rees, not out, ..	18	Round, b. Nuttall ..	6
I. C. Morgan, c. Evans b. Round	4	Ogden not out ..	34
P. A. Bowes, not out ..	8	Cosnett not out ..	7
R. I. Nuttall	} did not bat.	McDonald	} did not bat.
D. R. Field		Nye	
D. B. Taylor		Grayer	
Extras ..	2	Extras ..	7
TOTAL ..	153	TOTAL ..	104
for 6 wickets declared.		for 6 wickets.	

Round 3 for 28.
Chare 2 for 71.
McDonald 1 for 44.

D. B. Taylor 3 for 38.
R. I. Nuttall 2 for 27.
A. J. Watts 1 for 7.

THE XI v. R. G. S. WORCESTER
(Played at Eastern Road, June 8th, 1963)

R. G. S. Worcester, having won the toss, made a good start putting on 105 for the first wicket. Then Nuttall and Page got to work and they collapsed from 129 for one to 154 all out. The XI made a poor start, losing two wickets for only 14 runs. Then Barnfield came in and batted superbly, scoring his maiden century in 99 minutes. Barnfield made the winning hit with a six into the stream.

R.G.S. WORCESTER		THE XI	
Pryce, b. Nuttall ..	39	R. C. J. Page, b. Weaver ..	9
Hind, c. Watts b. Page ..	62	M. R. Shenstone, l.b.w. Archer ..	5
Weaver, c. and b. Page ..	17	J. D. Rees, c. Starkey b. Archer ..	16
Lewis, b. Nuttall ..	0	J. A. Barnfield, not out ..	116
Stevenson, b. Nuttall ..	2	P. A. Bowes, not out ..	10
Knowles, b. Page ..	8	A. J. Watts	} did not bat.
Downes, b. Page ..	5	W. R. Sykes	
Archer, b. Page ..	0	W. P. Ferns	
James, not out ..	2	R. I. Nuttall	
Starkey, b. Nuttall ..	4	P. W. Osborne	
Follett, b. Nuttall ..	0	D. B. Taylor	} Extras ..
Extras ..	15	Extras ..	2
TOTAL ..	154	TOTAL ..	158

R. I. Nuttall 5 for 16.
R. C. J. Page 5 for 48.

Archer 2 for 36.
Weaver 1 for 47.

for 3 wickets.

THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER
(Played at Worcester, June 15th, 1963)

The XI ..	..	164 for 9 declared (J. A. Barnfield 101 not out).
King's School, Worcester ..	..	166 for 7 (Barlow 74, R. C. J. Page 4 for 49).

THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE
(Played at Eastern Road, June 22nd, 1963)

Trent, who won the toss, were soon in trouble. Nuttall took a wicket in the first over of the match and he and Osborne took the first four wickets for 6 runs. Trent never recovered and were all out before lunch for 55. The XI scored the necessary runs for the loss of 4 wickets and the match was over by 2-40 p.m.

TRENT COLLEGE		THE XI	
Scrimshaw, l.b.w. Nuttall	0	R. C. J. Page, b. Jones	10
Cullen, c. Shenstone b. Osborne	4	M. R. Shenstone, l.b.w. Jones	0
Harvison, b. Nuttall	2	J. D. Rees, c. Harvison b. Jones	20
M. Freebairn, b. Field	7	J. A. Barnfield, l.b.w. Shelton	5
Tompkin, b. Osborne	0	A. J. Watts, not out	3
Jones, b. Nuttall	14	W. R. Sykes, not out	13
J. Freebairn, not out	10	P. A. Bowes	} did not bat.
Stuart, b. Page	12	M. W. Davis	
Abell, b. Page	0	R. I. Nuttall	
Adams, b. Page	0	D. R. Field	
Shelton, b. Nuttall	1	P. W. Osborne	} Extras
Extras	5		
TOTAL	55	TOTAL	56

R. I. Nuttall 4 for 23.
R. C. J. Page 3 for 3.
P. W. Osborne 2 for 19.
D. R. Field 1 for 5.

Jones 3 for 34.
Shelton 1 for 17.

for 4 wickets.

THE 'A' XI v. MALVERN COLLEGE 2nd XI
(Played at Eastern Road, June 27th, 1963)

Malvern 136 (R. C. J. Page 7 for 51).
'A' XI 138 for 6 (J. D. Rees 53 not out, J. A. Barnfield 43).

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL
(Played at Eastern Road, July 6th, 1963)

Warwick 82 for 5 (Rain stopped play).

THE XI v. MANCHESTER G.S.
(Played at Manchester, July 10th, 1963)

Manchester 125 for 8 declared (Hoggard 59, R. C. J. Page 5 for 14, A. M. Paul 3 for 45).
The XI 38 for 9 (R. C. J. Page 15, Stanyard 7 for 15).

THE XI v. COMMON ROOM
(Played at Eastern Road, July 11th, 1963)

Common Room 98 (W. Traynor 32, R. I. Nuttall 7 for 38).
The XI 60 for 7 (J. B. Guy 4 for 11, D. F. Cockle 3 for 5).

THE XI v. O.E.A.
(Played at Eastern Road, July 13th, 1963)

O.E.A. 61 for 5 (C. Jordan 22 not out, D. B. Taylor 4 for 20) (Rain stopped play)

THE XI v. MIDLANDS CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE
(Played at Eastern Road, July 15th, 1963)

M.C.C.C. 54 for 4 (M. Bloomer 29 not out). (Rain stopped play).

THE XI v. GENTLEMEN OF WORCESTERSHIRE
(Played at Eastern Road, July 16th, 1963)

THE XI	
R. C. J. Page, b. Thomas	24
P. A. Bowes, c. Hewitt b. Thomas	47
J. D. Rees, c. Biddle b. Tinkler ..	45
J. A. Barnfield, not out	47
R. H. Elgood, c. Tinkler b. Hinds	5
A. J. Watts, run out	4
M. R. Shenstone	
W. R. Sykes	
D. R. Field	} did not bat.
R. I. Nuttall	
D. B. Taylor	
Extras	7
TOTAL	179

for 5 wickets declared.

Thomas 2 for 45
Tinkler 1 for 37.
Hinds 1 for 40.

GENTLEMEN OF WORCESTERSHIRE	
A. Smith, b. Page	11
D. Clinton, c. Sykes b. Nuttall ..	22
E. Tinkler, b. Page	3
M. Newbury, b. Page	9
R. Biddle, b. Nuttall	0
H. Smeeton, c. Barnfield b. Page	7
R. Hinds, c. Page b. Watts	18
J. Russell, b. Page	0
P. J. Hewitt, run out	17
W. Alderman, not out	34
D. Thomas, b. Page	0
Extras	1
TOTAL	122

R. C. J. Page 6 for 47.
R. I. Nuttall 2 for 29.
A. J. Watts 1 for 45.

THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE C.C.C. XI
(Played at Eastern Road, July 17th, 1963)

Warwickshire C.C.C. 89 for 2 (J. D. Bannister 40 not out, K. R. Keeling 36).
(Rain stopped play).

THE XI v. M.C.C.
(Played at Eastern Road, July 18th, 1963)

M.C.C.	
H. W. Russell, b. Taylor	2
G. Hartley, b. Nuttall	5
M. M. Burton, c. Bowes b. Nuttall	5
J. H. Leigh, c. and b. Field	15
P. Cranmer, c. Barnfield b. Page ..	21
L. S. Foster, c. Page b. Nuttall ..	79
H. J. Mesnell, b. Taylor	23
J. J. Hossell, c. Watts b. Page ..	10
A. G. Marshall, b. Nuttall	6
J. B. Guy, c. Field b. Nuttall	16
E. B. Lewis, not out	2
Extras	2
TOTAL	186

R. I. Nuttall 5 for 26.
D. B. Taylor 2 for 38.
R. C. J. Page 2 for 76.
D. R. Field 1 for 44.

THE XI	
R. C. J. Page, b. Hartley	58
P. A. Bowes, b. Hossell	31
J. A. Barnfield, b. Hartley	3
A. J. Watts, l.b.w. Marshall	20
J. D. Rees, b. Hartley	3
R. H. Elgood, c. Lewis b. Hartley	1
D. R. Field, c. Foster b. Hartley	13
W. R. Sykes, b. Marshall	19
M. R. Shenstone, c. Guy b. Hossell	1
R. I. Nuttall, not out	7
D. B. Taylor, not out	0
Extras	4
TOTAL	160

for 9 wickets.

Hartley 5 for 55.
Marshall 2 for 28.
Hossell 2 for 43.

CRICKET AVERAGES
BATTING (Qualification 100 runs)

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. A. Barnfield	16	3	510	116*	39.23
J. D. Rees ..	16	4	287	62*	23.91
P. A. Bowes	12	5	122	47	17.42
A. J. Watts ..	14	2	207	46*	17.25
R. C. J. Page..	15	0	198	58	13.20
M. R. Shenstone	15	1	114	30*	8.14

*Indicates not out

BOWLING (Qualification 10 wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. I. Nuttall	187	52	413	41	10.07
R. C. J. Page	244.2	51	605	55	11.00
D. B. Taylor	128.2	30	351	20	17.55
A. J. Watts	97	21	288	16	18.00
D. R. Field	91	20	263	13	20.23

FIELDING—CATCHES

P. A. Bowes 12 (c. 8, st. 4) ; J. A. Barnfield 10 ; R. C. J. Page 9 ; D. R. Field 8 ; M. R. Shenstone 6 ; A. J. Watts 6 ; W. R. Sykes 6 ; R. I. Nuttall 2 ; J. D. Rees 2 ; I. C. Morgan 1.

CRICKET WEEK 1963

It was sad that, due to the awful weather of the end of term, two of the week's four matches, as well as the O.E.A. match of the previous Saturday, had to be abandoned. In spite of these disappointments, Eastern Road saw some excellent cricket, with the M.C.C. match providing a magnificent climax to the season.

On Monday, the visitors were from the Midlands Club Cricket Conference. Having won the toss and decided to bat, they were soon in trouble against some good seam bowling and when rain stopped play they were 54-4.

Next day, however, when we entertained the Gentlemen of Worcestershire, the weather remained dry. The visitors won the toss and put the XI in to bat. The openers made a good start, laying the foundation for a useful score, before Page was clean bowled for 24 with the score at 37. Bowes was joined by Rees ; both were clearly in good form and, batting in a characteristically steady manner, they put on 71 runs for the second wicket before Rees was caught in the covers for 45. Barnfield went in next and dominated the rest of the innings. The score had reached 143, when Bowes was caught at forward short leg for a very sensible 47. When Watts was run out about half an hour later, the XI had made 179 for 5, at which point they declared, with Barnfield undefeated for 47. Page thus left the Gentlemen 132 minutes to make the runs, but ensured that their openers would have to survive a tricky quarter of an hour before tea. This plan worked, for Page himself broke the opening partnership by bowling Smith before tea. After play was resumed, he and Nuttall took five quick wickets and had the visitors struggling at 60 for 6. Hinds now offered some resistance, but was tempted into folly by the introduction of an all-spin attack. He was out to a brilliant catch by Page off Watts, but only after the captain had indulged himself in some juggling practice. Another wicket fell in the next over but Hewitt and Alderman took the score to 118, before Hewitt was run out. The last wicket did not, however, stand for long, and the XI won by 57 runs.

The following day's match was unfortunately rained off, when the visitors, Warwickshire Club and Ground, had scored 89 for the loss of two wickets.

However, we welcomed on Thursday the M.C.C. in a match full of exciting cricket and fluctuating fortunes. Again Page lost the toss and led his team out to field, but Nuttall and Taylor made a devastating start by taking the first three M.C.C. wickets for only 19 runs. Cranmer and Leigh had begun to make up for this and to master the bowling, when they were out at 49 and 57 respectively, and the XI appeared to be on top once again. But Foster and Meynell hit out and had taken the score to 150, before Foster was out, having scored 79 runs in little over an hour. More runs were added by Hossell and Guy, but when Field had the satisfaction of catching Guy for 16, the M.C.C. were all out for 186. Nuttall finished with the excellent figures of 5 for 26, and when Page had Hossell caught by Watts, he equalled O. S. Wheatley's record of 55 wickets for the School in one season.

The XI went for the runs, and the openers put on 69 in virtually even time, before Page, having scored an elegant 58 out of these runs, was beaten by Hartley's googly. Barnfield soon fell to the same ball, but when Watts joined Bowes the score soon mounted to 102 for 2. The character of the game was soon changed, however, when three wickets fell quickly. But the XI still tried to force the pace; Field and Sykes both played entertaining, if too short, innings, but when Sykes was out a few minutes before 7 o'clock the last pair were content to play out the tense final two overs. With the unusual sight of Nuttall playing six forward defensive shots in succession, the XI finished at 160 for 9, only 26 runs behind.

A new feature of Cricket Week this year was that a junior XI, drawn from the U.16 and U.15 teams, played matches against the Bailiff's XI and Harborne 2nd XI. They recorded a fine 5-wicket victory over a distinguished Bailiff's team, packed with representatives from the Board of Governors, the City Council, Birmingham University, Vince House and the Prefects' Room.

It is, I feel, appropriate to conclude this report with a few words about the retiring captain, R. C. J. Page. For four years, he has been the most consistently effective bowler in the XI; he has bowled 897.4 overs, including 205 maidens, and has taken 147 wickets for 2654 runs at an average of 18.05. Spin bowling has always been recognised as the most interesting single department of the game, and these figures, although impressive, cannot begin to indicate the intelligent thought and effort which Page has always put into his bowling. Had this year's weather been more favourable, even more records might well have tumbled to him. It has been a pleasure this season to see him actually applying his immaculate batting style to the business of getting runs, culminating in his highest-ever score of 58 against the M.C.C. Page has the unusual record of being Cricket Captain for two years, and his mature and friendly leadership has been vital in the building of a successful team and a group of good young players for the years to come. Let us hope that he goes on to achieve more cricketing success in the future.

C. J. ALLEN.

SWIMMING

The School Swimming Team again had a very successful season. It won all its matches. The team was a young one, and was very good on all strokes. Next year's prospects too are excellent as only the captain is leaving.

Considerable winter training was done by all the team, although it was difficult, because of the lack of space at Tiverton Road, to organize team practices on a large scale.

The team, swimming in the luxurious atmosphere of the heated school bath, developed a dislike for cold water which nearly proved disastrous when we swam at Repton School. Several members of the team were badly affected by the cold, and the result of the match depended, for the only time during the season, on the final relays.

R. C. Booth swam well all the year on breast-stroke. He was able to produce a little extra speed when he most needed it, and in consequence beat some very good breast-strokers from other schools.

C. B. Tedd, who was the star of the team, remained unbeaten on freestyle events, and broke two school records. His talent on all strokes helped to fill the events.

R. J. Norrington and J. M. Freeman improved greatly during the season and next year should be very difficult to beat on the sprint freestyle events.

P. F. Mangan also showed great improvement on last year's times over 100 yards breast-stroke.

Two boys were promoted from the Junior to the Senior Team, J. B. Young on 200 yards freestyle, and D. K. Earl, on back-stroke. Their present performance and their willingness to train hard looks well for future years.

The most improved section of the swimming team was the diving. For the first time for several years we had divers who were a match for all the schools we met ; D. J. Prentice and M. J. Cooney are to be congratulated on the high standard they have reached.

The Junior Team, whose best swimmers were promoted to the Senior Team, did not have a very successful season. They were a very young side indeed, and they should do well in the future. The team contained several outstanding individual swimmers, all of whom should be challenging for places in the Senior Team next year. D. M. Horton, M. L. Dunford, J. C. Burgess and P. M. Holtham all show great promise for future years.

Life-saving again flourished, although the number of R.L.S.S. awards gained decreased slightly. R. C. Booth organised this activity very competently.

We are grateful to those members of the Common Room who devoted so much time to supervising practices at the Bath, and finally I would like to thank the masters who officiated at the matches throughout the season, especially Mr Cotter, whose hard work, patience and diplomacy smoothed the path for the swimmers. We are very grateful for all his help.

R. H. TEDD.

School Swimming Colours were re-awarded to C. B. Tedd and R. C. Booth.

They were awarded to J. M. Freeman, R. J. Norrington and D. J. Prentice.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Water-Polo</i>
v. Trent (A) ..	Won 32-15	Lost 21-26	—
v. Ratcliffe (H)	Won 34-21	Won 32-23	Won 6-0
v. Solihull (H)	Won 50-27	Won 41½-24½	Won 5-0
v. Rugby (H)	Won 53-27	Lost 29-37	Won 8-0
v. Repton (A)	Won 41½-35½	Lost 29-37	Won 4-1
v. Wrekin (A)	Won 60-40	Lost	—
v. Bromsgrove (A)	Won 56-33	Won 32-29	Won 9-0
v. Shrewsbury (H)	Won 42½-35½	Lost 18-38	Won 6-0

RECORDS

During the season the following new records were set up :

50 yards Freestyle open : C. B. Tedd. 25·6 secs.

100 yards Freestyle open : C. B. Tedd. 58·2 secs.

200 yards Freestyle open : R. H. Tedd. 2 mins. 17·0 secs.

½-mile Freestyle open : { C. B. Tedd } 12 mins. 2 secs.
 { R. H. Tedd }

50 yards Back-stroke open : R. H. Tedd. 31·7 secs.

3 x 1 length Medley Relay : 58·9 secs. R. H. Tedd, R. C. Booth, J. M. Freeman.

4 x 1 length Freestyle Relay : 68·6 secs. J. M. Freeman, R. J. Norrington,
 C. B. Tedd, R. H. Tedd.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming Sports, which took place on Friday, July 12th and Saturday, July 13th showed several changes. A new U.16½ age-group was created, and the Plunge and 50 yard events were eliminated from the programme.

Although rain marred both the Senior and Junior Sports, both ran very smoothly, for which we would like to thank Mr Cotter and all the other masters who braved the elements to act as officials.

The House Swimming Championship was retained by Vardy, who also won the 1st and 2nd team relays. Cary Gilson won the 3rd team relay.

RESULTS OF OPEN EVENTS

66⅔ yards Freestyle	C. B. Tedd.
100 yards Freestyle	J. M. Freeman.
200 yards Freestyle	R. H. Tedd
66⅔ yards Back-stroke	R. H. Tedd.
66⅔ yards Butterfly	R. H. Tedd.
100 yards Breast-stroke	R. C. Booth.
Dive	R. J. Norrington.
U.13½ Champion	P. G. Reasbeck.
U.15 Champion..	J. B. Young
U.16½ Champion	D. K. Earl.
Open Champions	C. B. and R. H. Tedd.
Junior Half-Mile	J. B. Young, 13 mins. 40 secs.
Senior Half-Mile	C. B. and R. H. Tedd, 12 mins. 2 secs.



THE XI, 1963

Back Row (left to right) : P. R. HANDFORD (Scorer), W. P. FERNS, D. B. TAYLOR, D. R. FIELD, P. A. BOWES, P. W. OSBORNE, M. W. DAVIS, J. A. BARNFIELD, W. R. SYKES.

Front Row (left to right) : J. D. REES, A. J. WATTS (Vice-Captain), R. C. J. PAGE (Captain), M. R. SHENSTONE (Secretary), R. I. NUTTALL.



THE ATHLETICS TEAM, 1963

*Back Row (left to right) : S. G. EDDINS, H. R. D. RICHTER, M. D. WILLETTS, R. S. MALLATRATT, A. A. FRAZER,
I. C. WOODROW, G. H. FRAZER (Recorder).*


*Front Row (left to right) : C. D. TYLER, S. C. TEW, H. D. BARLOW (Secretary), T. C. ROLLASON (Captain), M. H.
POWELL, P. STAGG, J. B. WILLIAMS.*



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WATER-POLO

The School Team won all its matches, some by a large margin. A. physically strong and very fit team, it beat a powerful Old Edwardian Team, which included D. R. Ellison and B. J. Hambidge. It is a pity that it did not have more matches against good teams.

The House Water-Polo Knockout was won by Vardy, who also beat the Rest of the School at the Swimming Sports.

R. H. TEDD.

The team throughout the season has been : R. C. Booth, C. B. Tedd, J. M. Freeman, R. J. Norrington, J. B. Young, D. K. Earl, M. J. Cooney, R. H. Tedd.

LAWN TENNIS

Despite the loss of notorious tennis characters from last season, the VI has kept its morale high. The standard of tennis has also been convincing despite last year's pessimistic forecasts. Only three matches have been lost, of which the most disappointing was against Malvern, where we went down 4-5 with a weakened team.

Throughout the season, J. L. Forster's play has been of a good first pair standard. Refreshment before matches has helped his tennis and he has carried out his secretarial functions with little worry to anyone except opponents. A. J. Herring has been the stronger side of the second pair this season. His tennis has developed rapidly over the last two years, but he has still not yet learned to bend his rather tall body for ground shots. I wish him luck as next year's captain. With superb badminton play, M. R. B. Bailey has been a devastating net smasher. Unfortunately, the game has not helped his ground shots and these have constituted a rather weak point in his play. His controlled play throughout the season has been noteworthy.

Having had his game pulled to pieces and built up again by our coach, Mr. R. Griffin, J. L. Parsons has developed great confidence this season with some fine-looking shots. Some of these do not quite work yet, but next season they will undoubtedly prove very useful. His supply of tennis rackets has saved many a school match. It is only fair to term G. J. Chadwick 'erratic.' There is no doubt that his strong shots have disturbed opponents and that his joviality has often disturbed his own side. He has tried to control his temperament with some success.

The Burges and Alan Hess Trophies were played for in the Christmas Term, the winners being respectively M. L. Bason and N. J. Chapman. Evans won the House League competition and Vardy the knockout.

The team would like to thank Mr Leeson for his advice and encouragement, and Mr Bolton and Mr Robbins for their transport and support.

M. L. BASON.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

May	4—VI	v.	Wyggeston	Won	5—3
	11—VI	v.	Repton	Won	6—3
	18—VI	v.	Wrekin	Won	7—2
	23—VI	v.	Nottingham	Lost	3—6
	25—VI	v.	Denstone	Won	9—0
June	8—VI	v.	Ratcliffe	Won	5—4
	27—VI	v.	Malvern	Lost	4—5
July	13—VI	v.	Rugby	Lost	4—5

ATHLETICS

The fortunes of our Athletics teams have fluctuated during the year, but on balance we have had a successful season.

What might have been an exciting start to the season in March was thwarted by layers of snow and ice. The House Relay competition and the first fixture of the year had to be cancelled. The completion of the track, too, was delayed.

Although our athletes had little time to get fit, pleasing victories were recorded against Ratcliffe and Worcester in the Lent Term. The Senior and U.16 teams sported considerable talent.

Our fortune was to change, however, for R. M. Abrahams, a most talented all-rounder, left at Easter, and several athletes, finding the rigours of Athletics too much of a shock after the winter, suffered from torn and strained muscles. With an unusually small Athletics Club, an excess of sprinters, and having lost several athletes to other clubs, prospects for the Summer Term were far from bright.

These fears were substantiated during the first match of the Summer Term on the newly completed cinder track at Eastern Road.

The Athletics Club, however, began to train effectively together on the track and reward was forthcoming. Performances in the Senior and U.16 teams improved considerably, with athletes setting up a large number of records and best performances. This year teams have had to be selected from seven different age groups and as many as three teams have been run at some matches. The Senior and U.15 teams have been very successful, but not so the rather young U.16 and U.13 teams.

Foremost among the personalities of the Senior team has been the Secretary, H. D. Barlow, who has performed extremely well in several events, especially in the Long and Triple Jumps. His coach-navigation on away trips has unfortunately not been of the same standard. S. C. Tew has performed well, particularly in the Javelin, while M. H. Powell was outstanding among the eleven sprinters.

In the U.16 team Duffield, Leigh, Earl and Osborne have good prospects although the latter two were members of other clubs.

The season ended on a high and victorious note at the B.G.S. Sports. Here the school's depth of sprinting talent came to the fore when the 8 by 220 yards relay team won the final of this revered event and set up a new K.E.S. school record. In the same meeting the Captain, T. C. Rollason, ended an injury-marred season by winning the 440 yards trophy for the school.

The improvement in Athletics this season is largely due to the enthusiasm and work of Mr Symes, to whom we are most grateful. We should also like to thank Mr Nicholls and the other masters who have patiently officiated at School matches often in inclement weather.

The new 440 yards track has been of considerable value to us. No more do bumps affect our times and the throwing areas are no longer mud patches. It is a considerable tribute to Mr. Holden that in the space of three months, the condition of the track is better than that of many well-established tracks in the Midlands. We thank him too for treating our injuries with such expertise.

T. C. ROLLASON.

The following have represented the School during the season :

H. D. Barlow, M. H. Powell, P. Stagg, S. C. Tew, Tyler, Mallatratt, Eddins, Williams, Richter, A. A. Frazer, Woodrow, Gallett, Willetts, Herring, Osborne, Clark, G. H. Frazer, T. C. Rollason.

RESULTS OF LENT AND SUMMER TERM MATCHES

LENT TERM :

v. *Nottingham H.S.* Cancelled.

v. *Ratcliffe College.* Away.

Senior	_____	Won	74	53
U.16	_____	Won	73½	53½

v. *R.G.S. Worcester.* Away.

Senior	_____	Won	86	52
U.16	_____	Won	68	57

SUMMER TERM :

v. *K.E.G.S. Five Ways* v. *Handsworth G. S.* Home.

Senior	_____	3rd	79	81	103
U.15	_____	3rd	79	95	88
U.13	_____	3rd	45	68	96

v. *Denstone* v. *Ratcliffe.* At Ratcliffe.

Senior	_____	2nd	83	102	68
U.16	_____	3rd	65	113	74
U.15	_____	1st	89½	56½	85
U.14	_____	1st	103½	70½	No team

v. *Worksop College.* Away.

Senior	_____	Won	74	53
U.16	_____	Lost	53	74

v. *Birchfield Harriers.* Home.

Senior	_____	Lost	51	65
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v. *Old Edwardians Team.* Home.

Senior	_____	Lost	63	64
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v. *Malvern College.* Away.

Senior	_____	Won	75	63
U.16	_____	Lost	49	75

v. *Kings Norton G.S.* Home.

Senior	_____	Won	68½	56½
U.15	_____	Won	74	51

Midland Public Schools Relay Meeting.

4 x 440 yards Relay Team : 2nd, 3 mins. 41·6 secs.

Midland Counties A.A.A.

Long Jump : H. D. Barlow, 4th, 20-ft. 10½-ins.

Birmingham Grammar School Sports

6th ex 19

Senior 8 x 220 yards : 1st, 3 mins. 13·4 secs. (K.E.S. record).

440 yards : T. C. Rollason 1st, 51·2 secs.

100 yards : M. H. Powell 2nd, 10·7 secs.

SHOOTING

In the Lent Term, we concentrated more on the "Country Life" Landscape Targets than ever before in our practices, and this resulted in the highest score for some years on the Landscape in the actual competition; 154 ex 192. Unfortunately we had less practice than usual at the ordinary group, rapid and snap targets, and our score in these was rather lower than in previous years. Thus our total score was only one point above last year's, and our position was also only one up on last year. After this competition, G. A. E. Davis was awarded his Shooting Colours.

·303 shooting in the Summer Term was hampered by the apparently biennial reconstruction of Kingsbury ranges. Since the Midland Ashburton and the Birmingham Bisley were respectively cancelled and postponed for the same reason, it was not a very exciting term.

However, practices, though few, were well attended. After the end of term, those members of the VIII who were going to the annual C.C.F. camp at Pirbright were privileged to be the first K.E.S. pupils for several years to shoot at Bisley. Out of the five who went, one was lucky enough to win an N.R.A. mug, and two more came within one point of doing so. It is to be hoped that this visit will again become a regular institution in years to come as it has been in the past.

The Tunstall Cup House competition was won with a record score, and the results are set out below.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous presentation of the "Morley Cup" for the winners of the House N.S.R.A. Competition, held in the Autumn Term.

Finally our thanks must go to W.O. Cockle and Lt Ramsay for so capably keeping control of the ·22 and the ·303 practices respectively, and to Col Cooke for his unobtrusive but firm hand on the reins.

J. C. RAYNOR.

TUNSTALL CUP COMPETITION

1	Jeune ..	||	||	||	197 ex 210
2	Heath ..				176
2	Vardy ..				176
4	Cary Gilson..				172
5	Gifford ..				162
6	Prince Lee ..				146
7	Levett ..				80
8	Evans ..				62

COUNTRY LIFE AVERAGES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Matches Fired</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. C. Raynor	.. 10	100	99.2
A. P. Dawkins	.. 10	99	96.8
G. S. Bunting	.. 10	100	98.5
G. A. E. Davis	.. 10	99	97.9
Barnfield	.. 10	98	94.5
Tallett	.. 9	95	92.44
Rowan	.. 9	94	92.99
Edmonds	.. 8	97	91.25
Cove	.. 3	91	89.66

ROWING

This year has seen a great improvement in the standard of rowing in the school. For the first time in the club's history a race was won in the Ball Cup event at Evesham and the semi-final was reached. The first crew this season has been of a good "maiden" standard, and, as well as winning nine races, the crew were also stylish in their approach.

This improvement was not, however, unexpected, for there were three members of the previous year's crew still at school. Training has been more vigorous than in previous years, and in the post-A level period the crew has been out on the water every day.

The season got off to a bad start largely because of the cold period after Christmas which precluded any training until well towards the end of the Easter holidays. In their first regatta of the season at Birmingham the first crew were unfortunate enough to sink on a reservoir which was extremely rough ; this was a source of great mirth to their colleagues.

Victory eluded the crew until Shrewsbury Regatta when after two re-rows in the blazing sun the crew beat Whitecross School, losing in the next round to Loughborough Colleges. This was the turning point in the season and since then the first crew have won their first rounds in every event, many times, however, losing in the second round and often to the eventual winners. This is not intended as a hard luck story but as one of considerable endeavour in which great strides have been made. Prospects for next year are good with two members of the crew staying on and members with racing experience to fill the vacancies.

The whole club would like to thank Mr Axford for the unselfish way in which he has given so much of his spare time to rowing. He has not been known to miss a single practice, wet or fine, throughout the term ; his plaintive cry is well known to local residents and has struck fear into the hearts of many persecuted bow men.

R. H. Cox.

SCHOOL RECORDS

CRICKET

These records originally appeared in the Chronicle of 1949, and have been brought up to date, and some additions made. They have been collected from the series of Chronicles in the Library and not from the scorebooks, which are inaccessible. Although the records may be incomplete or incorrect, it seems unlikely that further information will come to light.

P. R. HANDFORD.

HIGHEST SCORE

For : 371 for 4 v. Reading School, at Reading, 1906.

Against: 304 for 4 by Warwickshire Club and Ground, at Edgbaston, 1892.

LOWEST SCORE

For : 9 v. Warwick School, at Warwick, 1898

Against : 4 by Warwick School, at Eastern Road, 1887.

TIES

80 v. Old Edwardians, at Eastern Road, 1889.

78 v. Bromsgrove School, at Eastern Road, 1892.

95 v. Wyggeston G.S., at Leicester, 1942.

32 v. King's Norton, at Eastern Road, 1882.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE

H. G. Bache : 179 v. Reading School, at Reading, 1906.

MOST NUMBER OF CENTURIES SCORED FOR THE SCHOOL

A. C. Smith : 3 in 1955.

CENTURIES IN SUCCESSIVE MATCHES

1928 W. K. Wyatt : 121 v. Ratcliffe College, at Ratcliffe.

103 not out v. S. Whitehouse's XI, at Eastern Road.

1963 J. A. Barnfield : 116 not out v. R.G.S. Worcester, at Eastern Road.

101 not out v. King's School, Worcester, at Worcester.

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

1st Wicket : 130—F. N. Bryan and W. K. Wyatt v. Old Edwardians, at Eastern Road, 1929.

2nd Wicket : 213—W. E. Sandbach and F. L. Bland v. Leamington, venue unknown, 1927.

3rd Wicket : 266—B. C. Homer and F. B. Revill v. Bromsgrove School, at Bromsgrove, 1952.

4th Wicket : 177—A. T. Cond and W. K. Brown v. Warwick School, at Warwick, 1904.

5th Wicket : 88—A. J. Homer and P. Hutchings v. Old Edwardians, at Eastern Road, 1949.

6th Wicket : 117—J. N. C. Turner and F. L. Breedon v. Oratory, at Ravenshurst, 1906.

7th Wicket : 69—A. J. Homer and P. Vernon v. Solihull School, at Eastern Road, 1949.

8th Wicket : 72—L. G. Clayton and H. G. Vaughton v. Trent College, at Trent, 1916.

9th Wicket : 79—D. R. Dudley and L. H. Pind v. Leamington, at Leamington, 1928.

10th Wicket : 57—H. G. Bache and S. A. Edlington v. Bromsgrove School, at Bromsgrove, 1906.

F. L. Bland and E. W. Elwood scored 208 for the 3rd wicket v. Olton C.C. in 1927.

9 WICKETS OR MORE IN AN INNINGS

- 10 for 52—T. G. Freeman v. Ashfield C. C., 1937.
 9 for 12—D. P. Malins v. Tettenhall, at Eastern Road, 1882.*
 9 for 18—S. P. Eades v. Dorridge C.C., at Knowle, 1897.
 *Malins ran the last man out.

HAT-TRICKS

- D. P. Malins v. Trinity College, at Stratford, 1882
 D. P. Malins v. Suburban C.C., at Eastern Road, 1882.
 T. G. Freeman v. Common Room, at Eastern Road, 1935.
 F. B. Revill v. Ratcliffe, at Eastern Road, 1949.
 J. L. Wilkins v. R.G.S. Worcester, at Eastern Road, 1953.
 R. A. Walters v. Nottingham H. S., at Nottingham, 1959.

MOST NUMBER OF RUNS IN A SEASON

A. C. Smith : 805 (Average 57·50) in 1955.

MOST WICKETS TAKEN IN A SEASON

J. Manton : 107 (Average 4·42) in 1891.
 Manton also scored 451 runs (Average 25·05) in 1891.

POST-WAR RECORDS

Since conditions have changed so radically since the war it is worthwhile studying the Post War records. It is significant that the improvement in wickets has made the batsman's job easier and the bowler's more difficult.

MOST NUMBER OF RUNS IN A SEASON

A. C. Smith 805 (Average 57·50) in 1955 (Compared with 639 before the war).

MOST NUMBER OF WICKETS IN A SEASON

O. S. Wheatley 55 (Average 13·30) in 1951.
 R. C. J. Page 55 (Average 11·00) in 1963.
 (Compared with 107 before 1900 and 71 between 1900 and 1945).

CENTURIES

(There were only 17 centuries before the war).

- 114 not out—A. J. Homer v. Solihull School, at Solihull, 1950.
 147—F. B. Revill v. Bromsgrove School, at Bromsgrove, 1952.
 110 not out—B. C. Homer v. Bromsgrove School, at Bromsgrove, 1952.
 107—A. C. Smith v. Warwickshire Nursery XI, at Eastern Road, 1955.
 102 not out—A. C. Smith v. Common Room, at Eastern Road, 1955.
 134 not out—A. C. Smith v. Warwick School, at Warwick, 1955.
 100—M. S. Jones v. Solihull School, at Solihull, 1960.
 101—C. Jordan v. Repton School, at Eastern Road, 1961.
 116 not out—J. A. Barnfield v. R. G. S. Worcester, at Eastern Road, 1963
 101 not out—J. A. Barnfield v. King's School, Worcester, at Worcester, 1963.

BATTING AVERAGE OF OVER 40

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Outs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
1949	A. J. Homer	16	6	422	78*	42·20
1951	P. A. Gough	18	4	582	82*	41·60
1952	F. B. Revill	18	2	664	147	41·50
1955	A. C. Smith	16	2	805	134*	57·50

*indicates not out.

BEST ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCES

1952 F. B. Revill : 664 runs (Average 41·50). Wickets 43 (Average 12·56)
 1956 J. Mulford : 396 runs (Average 30·40). Wickets 38 (Average 18·20).

50 WICKETS IN A SEASON

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
1947	P. Richardson	185	56	397	50	7·94
1951	O. S. Wheatley	302·4	102	731	55	13·30
1952	D. H. Benson	312·4	98	604	51	11·84
1952	O. S. Wheatley	315	99	691	51	13·56
1963	R. C. I. Page	244·2	51	605	55	11·00

ATHLETICS

SENIOR

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100 YARDS.					
10·4 secs. ..	D. K. Lindley	1958	10·6 secs. ..	R. H. Barlow	1959
	M. H. Powell	1963*			
220 YARDS.					
23·4 secs. ..	A. F. Richards	1953	23·9 secs. ..	T. C. Rollason	1961
	T. C. Rollason	1962			
440 YARDS.					
50·5 secs. ..	D. A. Webb	1961	52·25 secs.	D. A. Webb	1959
880 YARDS.					
1 min. 57·5 secs.	D. A. Webb	1960	2 mins. 1·0 secs.	D. A. Webb	1959
1 MILE.					
4 min. 26·5 secs.	A. Norris	1962	5 min. 7·4 secs.	D. J. Brelsforth	1963*
2 MILES.					
10 min. 13·5 secs.	A. Norris	1962			
3-ft. 3-in. HURDLES—120 YARDS.			3-ft. 0-in. HURDLES—110 YARDS.		
16·5 secs. ..	R. M. Abrahams	1961	15·4 secs. ..	T. C. Rollason	1961
TRIPLE JUMP.					
42-ft. 5½-ins.	H. D. Barlow	1963*	36-ft. 4-ins.	D. Hill	1963*
LONG JUMP.					
21-ft. 6-ins.	A. R. Packham	1962	18-ft. 7-ins.	H. J. Cozens	1924
HIGH JUMP.					
5-ft. 7-ins.	R. F. Waterhouse	1960	5-ft. 2-ins.	B. S. Adams	1952
SHOT—12-lbs.			10-lbs.		
43-ft. 8½-ins.	J. C. Mason	1961	43-ft. 0-ins.	D. A. Webb	1959
DISCUS—1½-kp.					
141-ft. 11-ins.	G. E. Stollard	1961	126-ft. 7-ins.	S. C. Tew	1962
JAVELIN—800-gm.					
147-ft. 7-ins.	S. C. Tew	1963*	165-ft. 1-in.	P. W. Osborne	1963*
4 x 110 YARDS. 45·9 secs.		1963*	49·1 secs.		1962
8 x 220 YARDS. 3 mins. 13·4 secs.		1963*	—		

*New records this season.

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

It has been a year of moderate success for Cary Gilson. After two years in the doldrums we have reached the top half of the Cock House Championship, occupying fourth position.

At the beginning of the term great things were forecast for our cricketers, but these prophecies were unfulfilled. A position of sixth in the League was not improved by a position of seventh equal in the Knock-out, and we came eighth overall. The 1st XI were weak in the League, and in the Knock-out did not, perhaps, fulfil their potential. Our junior teams followed tradition all too closely and did not do well.

However, in Tennis, although a weak League team won only one match and came seventh, a strong Knock-out team reached the final. Their position of second equal gave an overall position of fourth. We shot consistently through the year and came fourth. Although there are some talented swimmers in the junior part of the House, we could not avoid coming sixth both in standards and sports. However, a position of third in the team relays and second equal in water polo resulted in an overall placing of fourth.

Our position in the Championship was an encouraging improvement on our performance in the two previous years. Perhaps we can hope that this marks the beginning of a new upward trend for Cary Gilson.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr Sacret, Mr Ramsay and Mr Morris for their invaluable help and encouragement.

R. O. JENKINS.

EVANS

Even before term started, the House showed a purposeful front. Two members completed a fifty mile walk in less than twelve hours; one member completed a seventy mile walk in four days. It was such determination that took us to second place in the House Championship.

Though we did not complete the hat-trick by winning the cricket league yet again, we decided to win the Knock-out. The first eleven beat a strong Prince Lee team in Round Two, going on to beat Heath in the Final. The other three teams all won two matches, and so victory in the Knock-out gave us a final position of second in cricket.

Tennis followed a similar pattern of success. We won the league, came second equal in the Knock-out, and finished in second place. In Shooting we came fifth. We had an uneven swimming season, but finished fifth thanks to a splendid effort by J. B. Young, Junior Champion and winner of the Half-Mile Swim.

It is the solid seconds and thirds, the mass effort, coupled with individual brilliance that pays off in the final reckoning. We can feel proud of our second place, but we must not be complacent. We can do better.

The House must thank Mr Buttle and the House Tutors for their smooth management throughout the year. We can only repay them with renewed determination and perhaps even with the Cock House Cup next year.

W. P. FERNS.

GIFFORD

For Gifford this year, though it has not been one of our most successful years, there has been a rise from the bottom of the House Championship to the position of seventh. This rise is due in the main to an improvement in the sports in which we had been very weak. However, while we managed to improve these sports we did badly in those in which we had previously done well and our Championship position suffered accordingly.

In 1962 we came seventh and eighth respectively in cricket and tennis, this year we were fourth and fifth, an obvious improvement ! Though our final position in cricket was fourth, we were fifth in both competitions. The first league team did not distinguish itself, winning only one match, but neither did it play particularly badly for it drew three other matches. Unfortunately, it was very much a one-man team, for the captain, J. G. Kensit, scored 250 out of the 320 runs scored by the whole team. The second team were more successful and won four matches. In the Knock-out all four teams won through to the second round of their competitions but the only teams to win a further round were the second team who reached the final only to lose by eight runs, and the fourth team who won their third round after losing the second round heavily and unexpectedly.

The Tennis team were fourth in their league, producing full teams on all occasions, a notable achievement with the complicated arrangements for the tennis league, and to finish a successful (for us) season won the second round of the Knockout giving us an overall tennis position of fifth.

In shooting, another sport in which we had been in the doldrums for many years we managed to avoid the fate which had beset us for five years and came sixth. However, the highlight of the shooting competition was the Tunstall Cup in which T. M. Davies, a second-class .22 shot, scored 34 ex 35, a score exceeded by no one and only equalled by the School Captain of Shooting.

Unfortunately, amid the general improvement, swimming declined. We had not the good average swimmers to back up our club members and we were seventh in both terminal relays and swimming standards. However, we fulfilled our potential in coming second in the Sports and D. K. Earl is to be congratulated on becoming champion of the new Intermediate age group. In spite of this high placing our final position in swimming was seventh, a serious drop of four places.

In the last competition of the year, the Swimming Sports, we were second. Perhaps this is an omen for the future or perhaps a flash in the pan ; next year will bring the solution. Prospects are good with no-one of vital importance leaving, so perhaps we may improve all sports at one time and rise further towards the goal which, in fact, we have never attained. Finally, we must thank Mr Hodges, at the end of his first year in office and Mr Gregory for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year.

R. C. BOOTH.

HEATH

The results of last term's activities lead one to the conclusion that Heathans only come out of hibernation with the arrival of the summer term. The monotonous regularity of low positions in winter sports has been broken by a pleasing series of good results in the activities of the summer.

Bad weather spoiled our chances in the cricket league and we were seventh. The Knock-out brought greater success. Although the second and third teams came rather low in the list, our fourth team won its competition and the first team reached the final round unbeaten—an achievement for which not even the most elderly sixth-formers can remember a parallel. Our position of third in the Knock-out meant that we came fifth in the Cricket Championship.

Tennis has not been so successful however. Eighth in the league and fifth equal in the Knock-out left us eighth in the final rating. Our swimming team, however, maintained their high standard of last year, even though we were seventh equal after the Water-Polo competition. Third in standards (including a good crop of life-saving awards) and second in term relays, together with third in the swimming sports, gave us a final position of second in this sport. As usual, our shooting team has done well.

Last term, then, was relatively successful, but not sufficiently successful to avoid our coming eighth in the Cock House Championship. But let us not be disheartened. This year we shall have nothing to lose, and our position can only improve. If we can match enthusiasm with talent and luck, there is no reason why next year should not bring the success that has evaded us for so long.

Once again we must thank most warmly Mr Barlow and the House Tutors for their unflinching support. May their efforts and ours be better rewarded in the future.

J. R. KEY-PUGH.

JEUNE

For the third successive year we find ourselves occupying the same area in the House Championship Table ; to be exact, we are sixth. The reason for this apparent attraction to the wrong end of the Table

seems to be the old, old trouble of a general lack of keenness among those of average ability, those who are not outstanding at any particular sport—in other words, the majority. This is shown by the dismal position of eighth in Swimming standards this Term and Athletics standards in the Autumn Term. However, in Cross-Country running we distinguished ourselves by coming second. In most sports we are hampered by having very few Club Members in the summer months.

In those activities for which we seem to have individual talent in the House, our position is usually better. A good example was Rugby Football, in which we came third. In the other major sport, cricket, we unfortunately came sixth overall. The Cricket League, with a position of fourth, seemed to augur well for the rest of the season, but unfortunately in the Knock-out we slipped down to sixth.

Our Tennis players also got off to a good start, coming third in the League, but this was too good to last, and we came bottom in the Knock-out, giving an overall position of seventh.

There was a severe lack of entries from Jeune for the Swimming sports, with the inevitable result that our position was eighth. This can be explained by a shortage of swimming talent among all but a few, and an apparent aversion to water from the few who are gifted in swimming. A bright spot, by comparison, was the placing of fifth in the Swimming Relays.

Despite two outright wins in Shooting during the year, our poor showing in the Country Life Competition, which can fairly be ascribed to bad luck, led to the fact that our overall position in shooting was a mere second.

To our Housemaster Mr Leeds, and to the House Tutors, Mr Leeson and Dr Nicholas, we extend our grateful thanks for all their help, advice and guidance during the past year, which we hope will soon be rewarded by a change in our fortunes.

J. C. RAYNOR.

LEVETT

Once again a fairly successful year. Levett House is placed 3rd overall in the Cock House Championship, yet we have won only one sport as a whole—Athletics. Our generally consistent ability in all activities may be judged from the following placings: Cricket 3rd; Chess 2nd; Fives 2nd; Gym 3rd; Swimming 3rd; Tennis 3rd; and marred only by Rugby 6th; Shooting 7th; Cross Country 7th; nor have we been bottom in anything.

It is common to identify intangibles with material possessions, and Levett is, in part, no exception. We have a handsome House Lectern, a board for House Captains' names, and a cup which is awarded for endeavour within the House each year, which cynics say is to ensure that our cupboard is never quite empty. These no other house has. Nevertheless, it is a good thing for a House to possess such objects. The

establishment of a corporate sense within the House is difficult in a day school. With the aid of these objects we try to achieve it, but of course the objects only have value when identified indirectly with the common struggles for supremacy on the playing field and with the companionship felt between the boys in their House. Levett has enjoyed collectively the fruits of collective co-operation and success.

As our seniors leave, next year's prospects look a little dark. Throughout the years, and particularly this year, our success, such as it has been, has tended to be due to the efforts of such veritable giants as M. H. Powell, R. J. Lowe, I. C. Woodrow, and H. D. Barlow—most of whom are certain to leave. There are many others whose contributions have been no less willing and useful, without which a House could not continue ; to all these, then, we extend our gratitude. We hope that their successors will equal them in ability, modesty, and enthusiasm, for only in this way can our present record be maintained.

Of course, continuity in a House is provided by its Tutors and House Master. This year has been Mr Freeman's first as House Master, and we thank him for all his efforts and support, even though our wickets invariably fell apace when he came to watch our cricket matches.

C. D. TYLER.

PRINCE LEE

Our position of fifth in the Cock House Championship might even come as a pleasant surprise to one observing the Summer term results alone. Any optimism at the end of the Lent term was indeed ill-founded. Except in cricket, we lack sporting stars ; this must be admitted ; but the drop from first to fourth place in Swimming standards was particularly disappointing as it appears to represent a decrease in enthusiasm throughout the House.

Once again the first XI began the Knockout as favourites, and as generally happens to the favourites, we lost. After beating Vardy, who might well have been described as co-favourites, in the first round, the XI proceeded confidently to attack Evans in the second. Luck was against us however and Evans went on to win the competition. The 2nd and 4th XI's both performed valiantly, but the 3rd XI lost all three matches, and reduced the combined knockout position to fourth. When this result is combined with that of eighth in League Cricket, an overall position of seventh is obtained, which belies the fact that three members of the House possess School Cricket Colours.

Prince Lee Tennis results are slowly improving, and a position of sixth has now been reached. This is commendable under the conditions imposed on League Tennis this term, which have stretched our resources to their limits. Shooting has ceased to be an important source of points to the House, and we were placed eighth overall. Our Tunstall Cup Competition performance, giving us a position of seventh, could reasonably be attributed to lack of proficiency rather than lack of enthusiasm.

The position of seventh in the Swimming Sports was not a surprise, although it should be noted that we were well above the last House, but only just below the sixth House. With Standards and Relays, the overall Swimming result becomes sixth.

The Summer term is becoming an increasingly difficult one as far as House sports are concerned. The shortness of the term, the club system and the pressure of external examinations, combine to place additional burdens on all members of the House. In most cases these are borne bravely, and our thanks are due to all House Officials who have coped so well, but the effects are becoming increasingly apparent in Prince Lee. Prospects for next year are not encouraging, and this may be no bad thing for at least we shall not start the cricket season as knockout favourites, which gives us a chance of winning.

After fourteen years as Housemaster, Mr Williams has announced his resignation. For his help, advice and timely encouragement we thank him. We must also bid farewell to Mr Hadwen, who, after a somewhat shorter association with Prince Lee, is leaving the School. We wish them both well in the future. We welcome to Prince Lee Mr Mathews, whose difficult job it will be to replace Mr Williams, and wish him every success.

A. R. LEECH.

VARDY

Once again the House did well in the Summer sports, and thus came first in the Cock House Championship for the fourth successive time.

Although the League Cricket teams were greatly depleted by the loss of those involved in the Club system, the two teams performed creditably to come fifth. The Knockout Teams, with the exception of the 4th XI, which lost all its matches, did even better, and as a result of their efforts we came first in Cricket overall.

Reticence has been the keynote of League Tennis in Vardy this year. The team, which apparently played secretly on Friday evenings, came fifth in the league. The Knockout Team won all its matches and helped to place us first in Tennis.

Our marksmen did well in the Summer Term competition, and won Shooting.

In Swimming Standards and Life-saving a small number of very keen boys made up for the lack of interest prevalent in much of the House. In the Swimming Sports we did very well in the Open and U.16½ age groups, but the Junior and U.13½ boys did not do as well as expected. Nevertheless we won the House Swimming Championship. A very strong House Water-polo Team, with R. C. J. Page in goal, beat the Rest of the School at the Sports.

Although several outstanding sportsmen are leaving this year, the House can look forward to a reasonably good year.

Mr Parry the Housemaster, and Mr Harris and Mr Hamlin the House Tutors have continued to guard the interests of the House at all times. We are very grateful to them for all their aid and encouragement.

R. H. TEDD, *House Captain*.

THE COCK HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1962-3

		<i>Scaled Points</i>
1st	Vardy _____	377·6
2nd	Evans _____	328·4
3rd	Levett _____	278·0
4th	Cary Gilson _____	250·3
5th	Prince Lee _____	231·5
6th	Jeune _____	230·4
7th	Gifford _____	222·9
8th	Heath _____	192·6

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The winter ended just in time for Field Day, and training in Arctic warfare was not undertaken. "A" Company did initiative tests at Kinver, "B" Company exercised in Hagley Park and "C" Company carried out their map-reading scheme on the Lickeys. During the Easter holidays Lt Symes and Lt Gregory led an arduous training expedition in Wales and cadets went on various courses. The C.C.F. was strongly represented in both 50 mile walks.

May saw the re-dated Church Parade on the 12th, when the salute was taken by Brig. Halford, Chief of Staff, Western Command, and concentrated preparations for the General Inspection. The Inspection, on the 24th, was carried out by Air Commodore Bird-Wilson, Commandant, R.A.F. Central Flying School. Many phases of C.C.F. training were on view : an obstacle course, a P.T. and fencing display (we thank the Scouts for joining us in these), blindfold drill, a camping display, illustrated talks on arduous training, signals, shooting, and R.N. training, while the R.A.F. section were successful in making their glider airborne.

After the Trooping of the C.C.F. Banner the Inspecting Officer, to our great delight, had his helicopter pilot give an unexpected aerobatic display before disappearing over the tree tops.

For Annual Camp, the Army and Basic Sections went to Stoney Castle, Pirbright, Surrey. Training was interesting and varied : although we were in the appropriate district, no cadets were tempted to stage a walk-out. "A" Coy undertook arduous training schemes and "B" and "C" Coys (in addition to the normal training and demonstrations) carried out bivouacking, canoeing and watermanship training at Hawley Lake. From camp, five members of the Shooting VIII went to Bisley to shoot in the 'Gale and Polden.' The Captain of Shooting won a N.R.A. Centenary mug.

During the Summer holidays, cadets went on various War Office courses ; two officers and nine cadets were guests of 48 Div. Royal Engineers (T.A.) at their camp at Wyke Regis ; and four of our signallers joined other public schoolboys at Blandford Camp (30 Signal Regt.).

This year has been a healthy one for the C.C.F. and next year's reorganisation will be entered from a position of strength.

R.N. SECTION

The spirit of adventure, which was the keynote of the Section's activities in the first half of the school year, has been maintained in the second half, and the Section has enhanced its reputation for enterprising field days and camps.

After the tough experience of the Lent Term's weekend field day, much of the Summer Term was spent preparing for the General Inspection, which was a great success, although it is rumoured that several members of the section were without gaiters on the inspection evening. A great variety of displays was presented in the training programme, including two impressive displays—a Breeches Buoy which worked extremely well after an initial panic, and Robinson's Disengaging Gear which failed to work properly because of a rusty pin.

Camps this year have been very successful and of a great deal of practical value. After a very interesting and useful camp on board a motor fishing vessel off the Western Isles of Scotland, another party ventured north over the border to a new type of camp in Loch Ewe. This camp included walking, sailing and camping. The younger element of the section went to H.M.S. Collingwood which was as usual excellent, and which has given them a grounding in and insight into naval life. There has unfortunately been no Commando Course this year, but one member of the section has taken part in a Royal Marine Commando Course at the Cliff Assault School at Lymington in Devon.

This year has also seen the arrival of the new whaler, which is moored at Edgbaston Reservoir and many afternoons have been enjoyed pulling and sailing there. The Knight Memorial Medal has this year been won by Petty Officer R. H. Cox.

C. G. ROWLAND.
R. H. COX.

NAVAL TRAINING COURSE

Lt Benett led a party of twelve cadets on a training cruise last Easter. The party embarked on a Motor Fishery Vessel at Port Glasgow and set off for a week of practical seamanship on the Clyde. The first night was spent at Rothesay. From there the M.F.V. was navigated around the Kyles of Bute to Ardrishaig, at the eastern end of the Crinan Canal, and on up Loch Fyne to Inverary. Lochranza, in the north of Arran, was the first port of call the following day, and that night the M.F.V. was secured to a buoy in Lamlash Bay. From Arran the party sailed south to Ailsa Craig, then west into Campbeltown. Here the cadets were taken over a 'T' Class submarine which arrived during the afternoon. At midnight the M.F.V. set out on a night passage to Tarbert via the east coast of Arran. Later the following day the party sailed round to Rothesay and returned, next morning, to Port Glasgow.

The cadets' quarters were in the hold for'ard. As well as sleeping and eating there they did their own cooking on a coal stove. Apart from the pork chops which were cooked for three hours, the food was very good.

During the week every cadet performed each of the different duties on board. Members of the watch which was "on" took bearings, plotted the course, took the wheel and kept watch. The watch meant to be 'off' was usually busy cooking, scrubbing the deck, painting, or doing other odd jobs.

Advantage was taken of the mountainous topography of the area for both the watches to go hiking. One watch, however, having been landed on Arran, had sufficient initiative to thumb a lift to its rendezvous. During the week, the M.F.V. passed close to a U.S. atomic submarine and raced (8 knots to 26 !) the frigate, *Falmouth*, up the Clyde.

Thanks are due to Lt Benett for arranging such enjoyable and successful training.

R.A.F. SECTION

An unusually good Annual Camp was held at R.A.F. Tangmere, a famous Battle of Britain station in Sussex. There was flying for everyone, and, among items not usually found at camp, a visit to a warship and to H.M.S. Victory in Portsmouth Naval Dockyard, followed by a tour afloat round the docks ; lengthy .303 shooting ; and an instructive and interesting visit to the Inter-Services Bomb Disposal Unit.

DOLWYDDELAN TO THE SEA

On Monday, 1st April, a party of six boys and two masters, set off by train from Birmingham for the village of Dolwyddelan about five miles west of Bettws-y-Coed. We were bound for Snowdonia to climb some of the peaks of the Snowdon, Glyder and Carnedd ranges. The expedition would take the form of a journey from Dolwyddelan to Aber, on the north coast.

On arrival at Dolwyddelan in the late afternoon, the party walked about two miles to a farm overlooking the railway halt at Roman Bridge, where the three tents, "Rob Roy," "Itisa" and "Good Companion," were pitched in a sheltered field. Despite some rain, that night was peaceful and the sun shone next morning showing Snowdon, to the west, and Moel Siabod, to the north, clear of cloud. After breakfast we struck camp and joined a moorland path known as the Ancient Trackway which was to take us the four miles westwards to Nant Gwynant where we camped near the bottom of the Watkin Path.

The next day, Wednesday the 3rd, we struck camp and set off at a warm pace following the course of a stream from the farm up into the southern Cwm of Snowdon, where the Watkin Path leads up from a disused slate-works onto the ridge of Y Lliwedd. There was, as yet, no real climbing, just foot-slogging, and we stopped for a rest and our lunch at a turning of the path while we admired the surrounding mist. We then continued, slower now, up to the foot of the pile of great rocks which made up the rugged crest of the 2947 foot mountain. From the top of

its sheer north face we looked down at the eastern valley, or Snowdon Horseshoe, enclosed by Y Lliwedd itself, Snowdon, and Crib Goch. We descended from Y Lliwedd to a small lake, Llyn Teyrn, standing, at about 1200 feet above sea level, in the heel of the Horseshoe about two miles due east of Snowdon summit. Here we set up camp in the early afternoon sunshine and settled down to tea and hard tack. After about a quarter of an hour of peace, two army officers came up to us and told us the sad news that their jeep had gone off the road into a bog. We trooped off to the scene of the mishap, and, after a spectacular show of initiative on our part, set the vehicle back onto the road.

Thursday morning, Snowdon summit was clear and we set off, without packs, along the track back into the Horseshoe, crossing the causeway at the north-eastern end of Llyn Llydaw. We then began the steep climb up to the crest of Crib Goch. After brilliant sunshine on the lower slopes we were in patches of cloud and walking or scrambling over icy rocks. We soon reached the 3023 foot summit of the Crib with magnificent views all round especially of the wild Llanberis Pass to the North and East. From there we made our way cautiously along the narrow steep-sided ridge which runs on for about a mile. We went from pinnacle to pinnacle, with snow swirling up from the northern side, trying to keep the leader in sight. The fantastic features of the Crib are every bit as awe-inspiring as its Alpine counterparts rising to needle-sharp and brittle rocks except in a few places where there is a flat top about two feet wide. Walking across these with no hand hold certainly tested our heads for height but after a mile the ridge broadened out at Crib-y-Ddisgl, 3493 feet, and then turned south and joined the broad north ridge of Snowdon. We followed the railway track, half buried in snow, to the summit, Y-Wyddfa, 3560 feet.

Seagulls circled round us as we ate a quick lunch at the summit cairn. For a brief moment the mist cleared but it was too cold to linger. We plunged down the scree to Glaslyn and back to camp via the miners path.

Friday morning was colder and snow had fallen during the night. We packed the tents and set off north towards the Glyder range, and the Ogwen Valley. Following the path from Pen-y-Gwryd to the western end of Llyn Ogwen, we crossed the broad back of Glyder Fach towards the head of Cwm Tryfan. Then, skirting the cliffs of Tryfan, followed its eastern slope down to a farm at the foot of the Cwm just off the A.5 road. Here in a very windswept camp site we spent Friday and Saturday nights.

Saturday morning was very windy when we set out to climb Tryfan and other mountains of the Glyder group. We found a fairly easy route up the side of Tryfan reaching the top at 3010 feet in good time. From there we made south-west to Glyder Fach, 3262 feet, ascending it by Bristly Ridge. From Glyder Fach to Glyder Fawr, seventeen feet higher, involved no more than a brisk, almost level, walk west across the broad saddle of Bwlch-y-Ddwy Glyder. On Glyder Fawr we had lunch and set our compasses for the next target Y Garn. We had to descend very steeply about 900 feet to a small lake Llyn-y-Cwm, from which we could make

straight for the summit of Y Garn. This mountain was a fairly easy climb despite near gale-force winds blowing slightly across our route which lay north-west. We reached the 3104 foot summit in the early afternoon and decided to abandon any attempt on Elidir Fawr, the only remaining 3000 foot peak in that mountain group, because of the weather and because we wanted to be back at the farm early to prepare for our last and longest journey, across the Carneddau to Aber. We returned to Llyn-y-Cwm and from there followed the path down past the Devil's Kitchen, a gigantic chasm through which flows a stream from the lake to Llyn Idwal, a thousand feet below. On our way home we passed the famous Idwal Slabs, on the shores of the lake, where dozens of people were either climbing or waiting to climb the smooth rock face.

Having returned to camp, we made ready for Sunday's journey of about eleven miles to the sea. We started early in the morning, and the weather had not improved overnight; in fact the wind was, once we reached an exposed position, far stronger and bitterly cold from the East. The first mile which took us up about 1000 feet to a lake called Ffynnon Lloer, was, though taken quite slowly, warm and hard work and our packs seemed ever heavier as we climbed higher. Since we wished to get well on in our journey we could not afford many stops, but at the lake we rested and studied our maps. West of the lake lay the 3210 foot peak of Pen-yr Oleu-wen, which, had we attempted to climb it, would have added an extra mile or so to our journey. We headed directly for the peak to the north, Carnedd Dafydd of 3428 feet, climbing up into thick cloud. With visibility almost nil we had to rely entirely on our compasses and the occasional traces of footprints in the deep, but hard-frozen snow to keep us on the high ridge which connects the peaks of Carnedd Dafydd, Carnedd Llewellyn 3484 feet, Foel Grach 3195 feet and Foel Fras 3091. From Pen-yr Oleu-wen to Foel Fras this ridge runs at a height of at least 2900 feet for five miles and was our best and easiest route. As we went from cairn to cairn through the freezing mist, the bitter winds made frost form on our clothes and faces, giving us the heroic aspect of arctic explorers. After reaching Foel Fras, the ridge descends and is lost in the mountain's northern slopes. We went north-west-wards and down out of the snow and mist into brilliant sunshine. We then followed the course of the Afon Goch all the way to its mouth at Aber where we set up our last camp in the pinewoods by the shore.

M.S.A.

THE SCOUT GROUP

"Look Wide" is the motto of the Senior Scouts, but the phrase could sum up the activities of the whole Group during the past year, and in particular the Summer Term. Programmes in all Troops have included an even broader diversity of subjects without neglecting standard Scouting activities.

In the Summer Term, the Seniors were instructed in the finer points of photography and surveying, and an inter-Troop water-polo competition was held. The Junior Troops could be seen on most Friday afternoons



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erecting tents, clearing up from Easter Camp, or preparing for Summer Camp, and the Scout-Rooms have been knee-deep in canvas and rope for most of the term.

Projects of a more ambitious nature were to some extent limited by those great scourges of Summer Term Scouting—G.C.E. exams. These prevented the Rover Crew from being over-active, and greatly reduced the number of morgues available for testing.

All Troops, Senior and Junior, have been to the Country Headquarters at Andrews Copse, and have given much assistance with the work in hand there. However, the greater part of the skilled labour has been supplied by the regular week-end working-parties, to whom our thanks must go for all their work toward putting the place in order.

Parents' Evening, although more notable in its successes, was less spectacular in its failures than in years past. Two rival apple-fritter stands set up fierce competition throughout the evening.

Easter Camp this year was held on an excellent site at Glasbury, and was enjoyed by all those there. In the summer, Park Vale and Vikings, after the fastnesses of last year's camp at Kerrera, decided on the land-bound security of Llanbedr, near Harlech. In their kit modernisation drive, they announced a change to plastic in most equipment except axes. Mitre and New Troop returned to Arran, to a site used by them in 1958, with promises of returning laden with antlers. All kit arrived safely at the two sets of camps, in spite of glorious confusion beforehand when two British Railways lorries arrived simultaneously. The Senior Troops split up their Norfolk Broads' expedition into two parties; the one went at Easter, the other in the Summer. Stories are told (shades of the Navy Lark) of rammed quays and run-over quant-poles.

The Group as a whole is still not good at responding to challenges from outside the School, although the situation is improving. Trafford Willy, the Commissioners' Shield, and the Camping Competitions were not well supported. However, if entries were lacking, organising power was not. The Group provided morgues for several competitions, and Trafford Willy was held in the School grounds, for which we must thank the Governors. Ushers were also provided for the St. John's Parade on the South Field. The turn-out at the Handsworth Rally was good, in spite of unfavourable weather.

We must congratulate L. J. Arthur on his being chosen for the Greek Jamboree, Squirrels Patrol on winning the Boll Swimming Trophy, and the smarter-than-the-average Sea-Scouts on attaining Admiralty recognition. Also worthy of commendation are R. Clark, D. S. Parker, P. F. Mangan and J. C. Macartney on their attempts to gain Explorer Belts.

Finally, we must thank Dr Mayor and the Scoutmasters, for their unfailing support and drive in all our new endeavours, and the H.Q. staff for their good work in liaison and communications between the Troops.

D. R. PLOWRIGHT.

PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

Now in its third year, the Group has expanded from 13 to 20, with a sharp increase in the younger generation, who, it is hoped, will continue to give their support and remain with the group until they leave school.

Every Friday afternoon, regular visits are paid to the Evans Trust in Selly Oak, the Neville Williams House in Selly Park, and the Lench's Trust in Ladywood. Other individual situations are brought to our notice by local church organisations.

The jobs performed vary from shopping to gardening and decorating. The gardeners, in spite of adverse conditions during the rest of the week, have found Friday afternoons to possess a remarkable immunity to rain, while the ladies at the Evans Trust have extended their benevolent hospitality to both masters and girl friends.

The considerable travelling involved for Personal Servants resident in Sutton Coldfield and points distant has occasioned the planning of a regional group system to operate next year. It is hoped that groups of four or five should trace the work needed in their own area and should do that work at more convenient times than Friday afternoons and spend Fridays at study.

It is to be hoped that the satisfying task of helping those who are unable to help themselves will induce even more to join the Personal Service Group.

Our thanks go to Mr Williams and Mr Bolton for managing our activities and to Mr Axford and Mr Kay for providing our transport.

I. C. WOODROW.

R. S. MALLATRATT.

SCHOOL PARTY TO GERMANY

During the Easter holidays, a party of thirty boys under the leadership of Mr and Mrs Barlow spent ten days at Bornhofen, near Koblenz, on the Rhine.

The first night was spent in London after leaving Birmingham by coach on April 12th. We had a calm crossing and an uneventful train journey from Ostend to Koblenz, arriving about 11 o'clock at the Hotel Marienberg. The Sunday was spent in looking around the villages of Kamp and Bornhofen and the vast pine woods of the surrounding hills. On Monday afternoon, a coach and our guide Jürgen arrived to take us to Bad Ems, a spa on the River Moselle, with an Orthodox Russian church painted in blue and gold. On the way, we visited a Catholic Church, the interior encrusted with volcanic rock and shells, and a bullet-scarred fortress overlooking the two rivers.

The next day, we took a boat across the Rhine to Boppard and after a short train journey and a walk through the woods we visited a television transmitter, returning by boat from Bad Salzig after an interesting walk. On Wednesday after some trouble with the boat we went up the Rhine to the Lorelei, a beautiful hill overlooking the river. On Thursday, we crossed to Boppard again and went up in the chair-lift to the inevitable café at the top of the hill.

The following day, which was oppressively hot, we went on the main excursion of the visit—a day trip to Bonn. We were shown round the ‘Bundestag,’ the German Parliament ; afterwards we visited Beethoven’s birthplace and the Beethovenshalle, Bonn’s opera house. Having done some shopping, we visited Königswinter on the way back. On the last day, Saturday, most of the party crossed to Boppard to look around and to do some last-minute shopping. On Sunday, getting up at the rather early hour of 6 o’clock, we made the whole journey back in one day, eventually arriving at Birmingham at 11-45 p.m. We were very lucky with the weather, and those of us who could speak German made use of the opportunity of putting it into practice. We are greatly indebted to Mr and Mrs Barlow for organising and leading such an interesting and enjoyable holiday.

R. P. BACON.

P. R. HANDFORD.

CHAPEL CHOIR OUTING 1963

This year’s outing was planned differently from those of previous years, and, so some of our more conservative members thought, seemed rather like a “busman’s holiday” in comparison with the gentle trek round cathedrals to which we had been accustomed. June 6th happened to be the date of a festival arranged by the Royal School of Church Music to be sung by public school choirs in Gloucester Cathedral ; we had been invited to this and we practised hard beforehand.

On the morning of the 6th of June, we visited the Severn Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge, and, for those who liked photographing unco-operative geese, or walking in enervating heat under a lowering sunless sky, the occasion was thoroughly enjoyable. Certainly one found Slimbridge a strange exotic place which seemed to be entirely run by honking hordes of competent-looking birds who left us with no doubts as to who was in charge and who was intruding.

Once in Gloucester Cathedral, also there we found that there was a very efficient controller at work in the dynamic personage of Mr Leonard Blake, who had the unenviable task of rehearsing and conducting hundreds of boys from all parts of the country. An hour’s intensive practise and the subsequent service of Evensong proved that singing is as exciting and as stimulating a physical activity as any of the field-sports. Among memorable pieces of music which received brisk treatment at our hands were Charles Wood’s anthem “O thou, the Central Orb,” Benjamin Britten’s “Jubilate,” and Moeran’s Evening Service in D.

After the rest had departed and we had eaten an excellent meal at a nearby restaurant, the Dean of Gloucester took us on a conducted tour of the Cathedral. In one fascinating hour we learned more about Church Architecture and reverently fingered more ancient books than we had ever done before, and in this short time, with our attention unobtrusively directed by the erudite Dean, we got to know Gloucester Cathedral better than any of the others we have visited in past years. This made a perfect end to the day, and, for all the happiness and relaxation it gave us, we thank Mr Williams and Mr Tunnard most sincerely.

J. A. WHITE.

BIOLOGY CONVERSAZIONE

Annually since 1953 Mr Dodds has taken a party of biologists to Borth on the Welsh Coast, for a course of Marine Biology. It was felt by those attending the course that other members of the School, particularly those in science forms, were extraordinarily ignorant of the activities of such a course. Accordingly it was decided that on one afternoon after examinations were over, displays would be assembled in the Biology Laboratory, a lecture or two arranged, and any senior members of the School who might be interested invited. From such a beginning the idea expanded into a Biology Conversazione which occupied three days, included ten lectures, and involved the whole of Sc. U.VI bio. and the entire Sixth Form Biology Set in the organisation of displays and demonstrations.

Although the accent was to be on marine biology, some demonstrations and a few lectures were only loosely connected with this topic. The whole of the Biology Department and the Ratcliff Theatre were employed for these activities. In the Elementary Biology Laboratory the main benches were occupied by a display of preserved specimens representing all sections of the animal kingdom collected at Borth and arranged, with explanatory notes, by J. P. Croxall. In the aquaria was a varied selection of living specimens, some brought from Borth, others obtained from Plymouth. Unfortunately many of these died after a few days, thus disappointing visitors at the end of the week. On other benches a number of demonstrations and experiments were carried out by members of the sixth form. These included an attempt to fertilize starfish eggs beneath the microscope, an experiment to investigate the reaction of periwinkles to various stimuli and experiments to measure metabolic rates in a variety of subjects. There was an opportunity for the braver visitor to undertake simple dissections himself, as well as to examine living bacteria in the Bacteriology display. Samples of plankton taken from the aquaria enabled Mr. Dodds to demonstrate the fascinating diversity of microscopic life in the sea.

In the recently equipped Natural History Museum, displays of sea-birds' eggs, birds' wings, and preserved seaweeds adorned the glass-topped cases. The advanced Biology Laboratory was temporarily converted to a chemistry laboratory, where demonstrations of methods used in the chemical investigation of sea-water could be inspected. The geologists scattered their multitudinous specimens around the Ratcliff Theatre.

All members of Blocks A and B were invited to the lectures, which were interspersed with 'practical periods' when visitors were encouraged to see the demonstrations, and in some cases to take an active part in the experiments.

The Conversazione began on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 10th, with a short introductory talk by A. R. Leech, describing Borth and the nature of the work done there. The audience was rather larger than expected, being in the region of sixty people. During the entire Conversazione, attendance did not drop below the satisfying figure of forty.

P. J. H. Hemming then competently surveyed one of the most important groups of marine animals in his talk, "The Molluscs." The afternoon was brought to a close by a talk, illustrated by a table full of specimens, on sand dunes and their flora illustrated by R. W. Watt.

The following morning we welcomed a dozen visitors from King Edward VI High School for Girls. J. P. Croxall began with a well presented lecture about sea anemones, and the practical work done relating their distribution to shore exposure and other factors. As a contrast from this technical talk, Dr Nicholas endeavoured to give a talk about seaweeds, and their rôle in the sea, aimed particularly at non-biologists. Finally a brief dissertation on the practical aspects of marine chemistry was given by A. R. Leech.

Friday saw a digression from marine biology in, "An Introduction to Enzyme Chemistry," by J. W. Deathridge. Mr Dodds returned to the sea with his lucid lecture on plankton, and in particular their connection with the herring fishing industry. After a practical period, a good number of people returned to the Ratcliff Theatre to hear R. H. Cox speak about the formation of soil. Staying firmly down to earth, this was followed by R. J. O. Hamblin's dissertation on rocks and fossils, and a particularly memorable talk by P. H. Rees on the geological features to be observed in the Borth area.

If the success of such a venture can be measured by the size of the audience attracted, then the *Conversazione* must certainly be pronounced a success, thus rewarding those who put so much work into the project. I should like to thank Mr Dodds and Dr Nicholas for helping at every opportunity, and also Mr Minton, who supplied our needs so willingly.

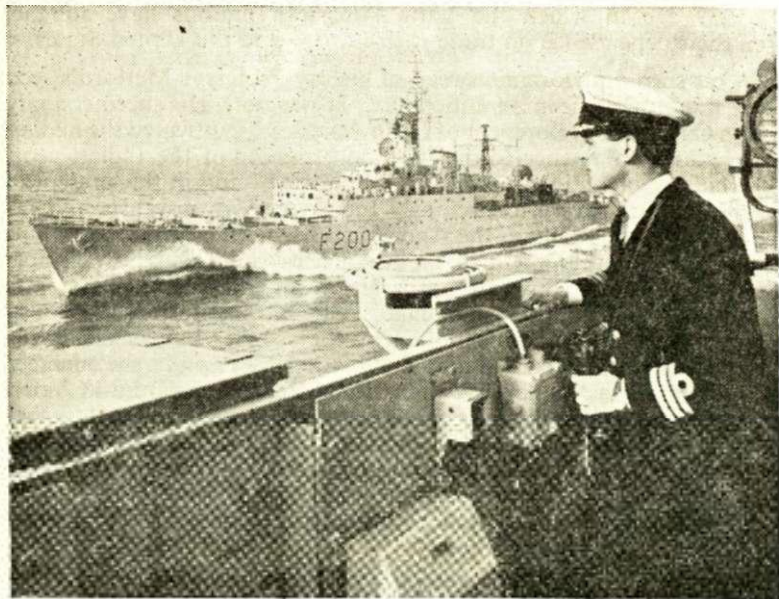
A. R. LEECH.

SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE

The tension was over, at least until the Advanced Level results arrived on that Saturday in August. Therefore we were relaxed and ready to lap up two days of mind-broadening culture—Latin American culture. The Birmingham Council for Education in World Citizenship (an offshoot of the United Nations Association) had kindly arranged a conference of Sixth Forms of city schools on the subject of Latin America at the Debating Hall of the University Union. Since the appointed place for the conference was so conveniently near, many members of the Sixth and Upper Sixth Forms found the time and gained the necessary permission to attend.

After the initial shock of finding ourselves outnumbered by the fairer sex in a ratio of approximately five to one, we settled down to an excellent lecture by Professor J. C. J. Metford, M.A. (Head of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Bristol) on "the Four Periods of Latin American History." The four periods the Professor described in his interesting though pedestrian manner were

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the Pre-Columbian period (from 30,000 B.C., the earliest possible date at which the Mongoloid ancestors of the Amerinds could have crossed the Bering Straits, to 1492 A.D. when, as every schoolboy knows, Columbus became the first Renaissance European to reach the New World); the Hispanic colonial period from 1500 to 1810; the era of independence and nationalism in political affairs but dependence and internationalism in economic affairs which lasted from the first decades of the nineteenth century to the outbreak of the Second World War; and finally, the post-1939 age in which the Latin American nations have sought to lessen their dependence on trade with Europe and the United States.

After such a panoramic sweep of history Professor Metford's second lecture might have been an anticlimax. It was not. His succinct analysis of "the Cultural Development of Latin America" captivated the audience. He gave due prominence to the great contribution of the Indian peoples to the culture of Latin America, both in the past and in the present. In the 20th century several consciously Indo-American novelists and poets have emerged, especially in the Andean states. The Negroid contribution to the cultural development of Latin America could equally well not be dismissed, as the rhythms of Latin American music and poetry attest. The Iberian contribution—language, religion, institutions, the social structure—was of course mentioned by the speaker but he did not emphasize it unduly. After cultural domination by Paris in the nineteenth century (witness the boulevards and cafés of Buenos Aires) Latin America has evolved a genuinely indigenous culture in the twentieth century which is most vividly expressed in music and architecture, but which is also in evidence in Latin American literature. However, it was salutary to be reminded by the lecturer that mass illiteracy (some 75 to 90 per cent of the people cannot read or write) is still the dominant cultural characteristic of Latin America.

After two excellent lectures we adjourned to discussion groups. These I am afraid were rather sterile affairs since only one or two out of a group of twenty were prepared to enter the discussion. In the afternoon we were entertained by a series of films depicting Brazil's glossy architectural and scenic image. These films were followed by one of more serious import about the efforts that are being made to raise the standard of living of the Andean Indians of Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. "The Forgotten Indians" was an eminently sensible film of documentation of the problems of poverty in a harsh environment.

The second day opened with a different sort of lecture from the Conference secretary: the throwing of peanuts at girls was not the most gentlemanlike behaviour, we were reminded, and was a disgrace to our schools, the C.E.W.C. and so on. It was therefore a relief to return to the subject of Latin America with a lecture on "Pan-Americanism" by Dr Gordon Connell-Smith, Lecturer in Modern History at Hull University. His main theme was that hemispheric unity rested on two bases: accord between the United States and the Latin American nations, and exclusion of all extra-hemispheric influence from the Western Hemisphere. He traced with reasonable competence the course

of Yankee-Latin relations from the promulgation of the Munro doctrine in 1823 to the Cuba crisis of 1963.

The next speaker, Dr Claudio Veliz, Senior Research Fellow in Latin American Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, or "Peter Sellers the Second" (to judge from his bespectacled appearance and constant bonhomie) delivered the most eloquent, interesting, thought provoking, important and amusing lecture which we had the pleasure and privilege to hear. His subject was "the Problems of Fundamental Change in Latin America." His main thesis was that change does not exist in Latin America. Governments may come and go but the social structure of Latin America which has stifled the economic progress of the mass of the rural and urban underprivileged has remained largely stable. Dr Veliz gave us a unique insight into the mentality of the middle and upper classes of Latin America based, as no other lecture was based, on personal experience as a member of the Chilean middle class.

The final lecturer of the conference, Alan Williams on "Youth, Democracy and the United Nations" and the afternoon Brains Trust were doubly disappointing for having been preceded by Dr Claudio Veliz—neither Mr Williams nor the Brains Trust team contributed anything of worth.

The Conference had been of great value in exposing to the consciousness of Birmingham Sixth Formers the rather neglected region of Latin America, the vitality of which has been amply demonstrated by its son, Dr. Claudio Veliz.

P. H. REES.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

SIR,

It is apparently true that the arrangement of the academic year at the University was originally planned to give the non state-aided medieval undergraduate time to finish with the harvest before returning to 'work' in October. That being so, the examination-period must also have been naturally ordained, as generations of apprehensive finalists have always believed, and its approach as relentless as that of the autumn. Not content with Finals, Nature gives us a winter as well. The former took place in a very sunny interval. The latter was a very cold spell. For a couple of weeks some of us were gasless and waterless, with intermittent moments of darkness as well. Some of us also dined amidst snowflakes after the windows had blown away. We say this, not to deter our successors from even trying to hook a Cambridge place, but to let them know how much we envy them their warm, cosy library.

The weather is one thing which the Edwardian notices when he arrives in our midst. Another surprise is the elusiveness of other O.E.'s. They are fairly thick on the ground, but many seem to fail to notice each other until after they have gone down. Some spend three years

of troglodyte solitude amongst the book-stacks of the University Library ; others enjoy themselves with the more sybaritic pleasures of the ' Whim.' There are those who blow, bash or sing in various musical events, or who shove and pull in certain sports, and some who just live aesthetically, but unless the newcomer joins them at it, he will probably overlook them all altogether. Perhaps this is a good thing. There would be nothing worse than an exclusive Edwardian clique, occupying its time with joyful recollection of School ' characters,' or keeping alive old acquaintanceships to the exclusion of new and wider ones. Cambridge is, for most of us, a bit of life which passes with such astonishing rapidity that retrospection necessarily occupies little of our time, particularly since we have so much, supposedly, to look forward to. The undergraduate who is laughingly called ' mature ' often likes to forget as quickly as possible what he sees as a narrow, restricted and organised life at school. Later he spends a lot of effort trying to remember it, but the ' Old-School-Tie-Chappery ' of the mythical Old Boy is currently very unfashionable in " Private Eye " -reading University circles. But in the long run the Old Edwardian's Tudor Club is not just a nostalgic bore, to be ignored at all costs. Its occasional meetings do provide a moment of stability in a whirlwind academic year. There is an opportunity to meet and talk in a circle other than the usual College or Faculty clan, if only to learn the reaction of people with a common background to a new sort of life. It is quite likely that the eccentricities of the School Library will never even be mentioned.

Another discovery the O.E. freshman may make is that the School has been heard of around the High Tables of Cambridge. And, unlike certain other establishments, its name is that of a school whose old boys may be expected to reach a high level of academic achievement. Once upon a time this was what mattered least in the University, and many past Cambridge Letters have striven with each other to give the impression that reading and thinking are the last things any O.E. would dream of doing. In fact it becomes less and less true each year that flippant eccentricity is what the three years here are for. Equally, of course, passive swotting is to be deplored, and it seems that the relative freedom given to the Upper Sixth at K.E.S. is an invaluable preparation for life and work here. The very encouraging Tripos results this year, with a good showing of Edwardians amongst the Firsts and Prize-Winners, are perhaps a testimony to this. The School's academic record here is an enviable one, and we hope that the next generation will uphold it, and enjoy themselves as well.

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INCOME				£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	300	0	0	By Football	182	4	11
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	10	17	0	„ Cricket	417	16	5
„ Levett Trust	..	..	..	10	10	0	„ Athletics	..	..	..	47	13	1
„ Mayo Trust	..	..	..	13	14	8	„ Swimming	..	..	..	50	2	6
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	..	..	..	7	13	8	„ Fives	..	..	..	159	16	10
„ Solomon Memorial Trust	..	..	..	1	19	10	„ Tennis	..	..	..	122	16	3
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	..	..	..	79	17	6	„ Squash Rackets	..	..	..	26	6	10
„ Boys' Subscriptions	..	..	..	702	0	0	„ Fencing	..	..	..	5	18	6
„ Grant from School Stock	..	..	..	350	0	0	„ Rowing	..	..	..	29	4	10
				£1476	12	8	„ Cross Country Running	23	16	3
							„ Shooting	11	2	
							„ Gymnastics	1	10	0
							„ Chess	43	19	6
							„ CHRONICLE	284	14	6
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							„ Natural History Society	3	3	0
							„ Aeronautical Society	1	6	9
							„ Geographical Society	3	3	0
							„ Railway and Model Engineering Society	1	7	3
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							„ Scientific Society	2	2	6
							„ Archaeological Society	1	2	0
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Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1963	1476	12	8
Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1962	9	15	2
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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE O.E. ASSOCIATION

	£	s.	d.
1. Membership of the Association			12 6
2. Life Membership of the Association	12	12	0
3. On leaving School a boy may take up to 12 years membership for	5	5	0
4. Additional subscriptions to the Clef and Old Edwardians' Club :			
(a) Town members (aged under 21)	2	10	0
(b) Town members (aged 21 but under 30)	6	6	0
(c) Town members (aged over 30)	12	12	0
(d) County members (not living or working within 15 miles of centre of Birmingham)	2	2	0
(e) University members (excluding Birmingham University)	1	5	0
Note.—Categories (d) and (e) do not have to pay the 12s. 6d. under Section 1, in addition to their subscription to the Clef and Old Edwardians' Club.			
5. Additional subscriptions to the Old Edwardians Sports Club Limited (Streetsbrook Road).			
Playing members :			
(a) Aged 27 years or over (per annum)	2	2	0
(b) Aged under 27 years (per annum)	1	1	0
Old Edwardians who are members of the O.E.A. and are not playing members of the Cricket or Rugby Clubs (per annum)	2	2	0
Non-Members of the O.E.A.: Entrance fee 1 gn., Annual subscription 2gns.			

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KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

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

