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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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NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on 16th September.

The General Committee of the School Club met on 20th September, and the Cartland Club held its first meeting on 27th September.

The first Communion Service was celebrated on 21st September.

Founder's Day was commemorated on Saturday, 9th October, when Alderman Wood gave the prizes.

Half Term, from 29th October to 2nd November, saw the Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society's Outing and the Natural History Society's Field Meeting.

On November 6th, the XV played Bromsgrove at home, and won 3-0.

The Scout Parents' Social was held on November 12th.

The Oxford and Cambridge examinations began on November 29th.

The School Carol Services were held on 13th and 14th December.

The first part of the House Music Competition was held on December 15th, and the term ended on the following day.

The Lent Term began on January 6th, the first meeting of the Cartland Club was held on the following Monday, 10th January.

The first Communion Service was celebrated on 11th January.

The School Play, "Othello," by William Shakespeare, was performed on the evenings of 3rd, 4th and 5th February.

The Individual Music Competition took place on 15th February, and the second part of the House Music Competition was held the next day.

The House Gymnastics Competition was held on the day before half term, which lasted from 18th to 22nd February.

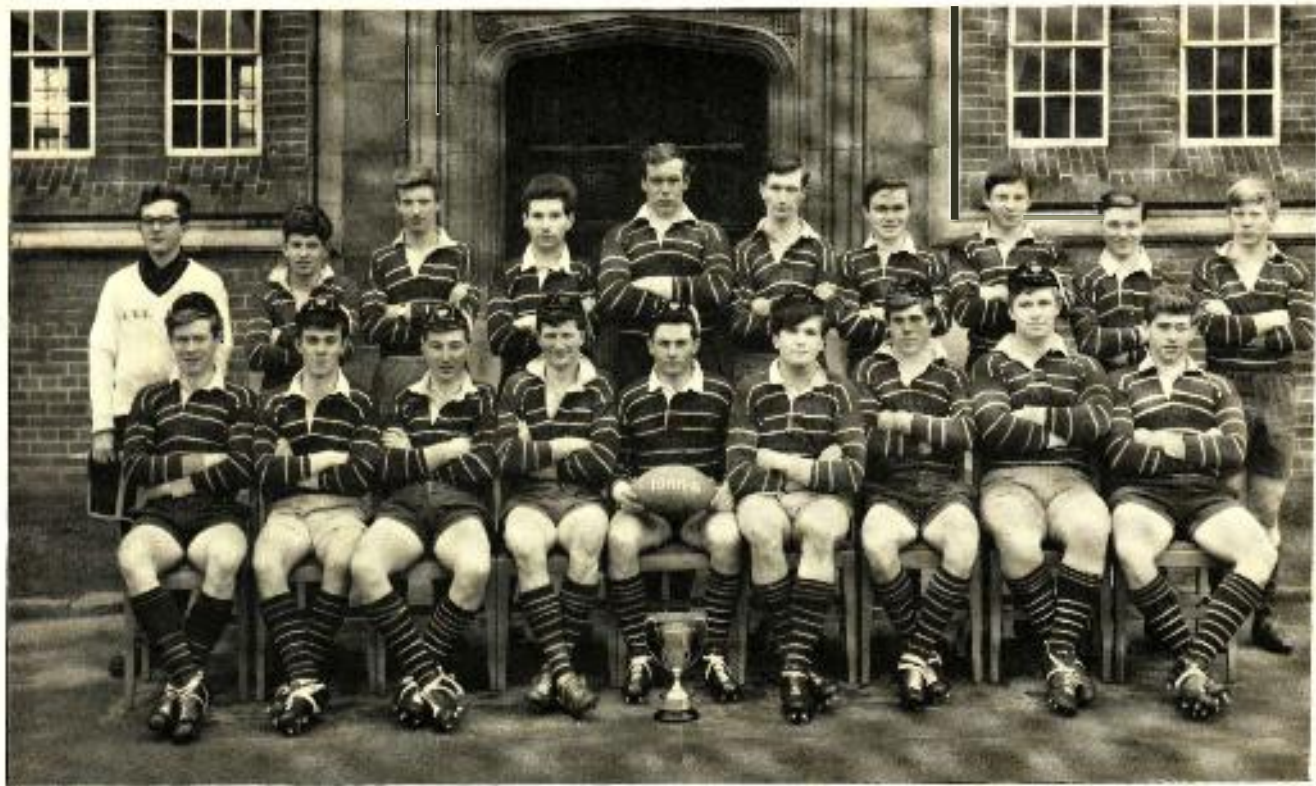
Special Lent Services were held in the Chapel, on the Wednesday evenings of 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Holy Communion was celebrated weekly during Lent.

The School Confirmation Service was held at 7-0 p.m. on March 15th, at Edgbaston Old Church.

On the evenings of 22nd and 23rd of March, the School Choral Society and the King Edward's Schools' Combined Orchestra performed "Psalm XLV" by Mendelssohn and "Mass in C" by Beethoven.

Expeditions weekend was taken from lunchtime on Friday 25th of March to Monday 28th.

The Term ended on March 31st.



THE XV, 1965-66

Back Row (left to right) : (R. C. REEVE), G. R. WILLIAMS, G. C. ROBINSON, D. M. RIDGWAY, M. G. DAVIES, M. DYKE,
 N. A. S. HEY, R. O. YARWOOD, E. D. AKEHURST, R. J. ARCULUS
 Front Row (left to right) : J. K. MACKENZIE, D. R. HILL, M. CULLEN-JONES, J. S. LEE (*Vice-Captain*), R. G. J. JONES (*Captain*)
 C. LEIGH (*Secretary*), A. M. PAUL, M. J. COONEY, W. S. A. RIDDICK. (Absent : D. K. EARL).



THE BROMSGROVE MATCH : A. M. Paul goes over for the only score of the game.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

By the tragically sudden death on January 6th, of Professor John R. Squire at the age of fifty, the profession of medicine has lost one of its most eminent scholars, and the Governing Body of the Foundation one of its most valued members. On the Governing Body, he had represented the University of Cambridge since 1959 : as Deputy Bailiff this year he had been, despite weighty and numerous other calls upon him, at special pains to familiarise himself with the affairs of the Foundation and the characteristics of each of the seven schools.

He was educated at Westminster School as a King's Scholar : he had a brilliant record at Trinity, Cambridge, and was the Goldsmiddt Scholar of his year at University College Hospital. During the War he served in the R.A.M.C. as a specialist, mainly in South-East Asia. On his return to civil life he was soon marked out by the Medical Research Council as a leader of research teams especially in burns and the pathology of the skin. In 1948, he became Leith Professor of Experimental Pathology at Birmingham University. He was the Director-designate of the M.R.C.'s new Clinical Research Centre : on this and on a number of medical research committees he had been spending much time in London. Yet, he mustered the time and the intellectual energy to give generously to the affairs of the Foundation. He was one of the most quick-minded of men in Committee to see to the heart of a problem, and he brought a sympathetic and balanced judgement to bear on all decisions. He had the forward look, he was keen always to make a situation better.

To his widow, and two daughters, so recently members of the High School, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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To Sir Donald Finnemore we offer our warm congratulations on the news that Birmingham University proposes to confer on him at degree day an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

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Into the place as deputy Bailiff left vacant on the death of Professor Squire, Mr. V. F. Yates, M.P., was elected. This means that from April 1st, 1966, Mr. Yates becomes the Bailiff : Dr. Mary Winfield is deputy Bailiff. It is some years since senior Governors have been called to a second turn of Bailiffship. Both Mr. Yates and Dr. Winfield were Bailiffs during the 'forties.'

THE COMMON ROOM

We suffered a double tragedy on May 12th by the deaths of Mr. Leeds, already retired through ill-health, and Mr. Barlow, who had been ill since before Christmas. Appreciations of their work at King Edward's and elsewhere appear in this CHRONICLE—the one on Mr. Leeds being the joint work of Mr. Copland and Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Parslew, O.E., joined the English Department in January, bringing the number of Old Boys in the Common Room to seven.

Mr. Barlow was away all last term because of ill-health.

Mr. Bolton will be leaving in July, after fifteen years at King Edward's. He has been appointed Lecturer in Education at Belfast University.

We congratulate Mr. Everest on his marriage, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hurn on the birth of a daughter, Philippa Charlotte, on March 16th.

MR. A. W. STREET

Many generations of Old Edwardians will mourn the passing of A. W. Street, who died on January 20th in Selly Oak Hospital, within a few days of his eighty-eighth Birthday. He was a master at King Edward's for thirty-six years, becoming head of the Modern Languages side. He held degrees of London and Paris universities.

In his youth he was a footballer of county standard. He was also a keen tennis player and cricketer, and delighted in watching cricket, being a well-known figure at the County Ground. After a short period of teaching at Downside he was appointed to K.E.S. by Gilson in 1912. Here he played a large part in the Officers' Training Corps, as it was then called. For over twenty years he took parties of boys to the continent during the holidays. He lived in Solihull for many years, and latterly in Edgbaston. He had a deep love of the English countryside, and it was difficult to find a part of it he did not know.

It was once written of Street, that he was unsurpassed in this country as an analytical scholar of French. His vocabulary was prodigious. Older Old Boys will remember his room in New Street, down those dark stairs, where we studied his book "*Street and Lee*," which he wrote with a colleague.

He was a man of droll humour and spontaneous wit—perhaps rather terrifying to a small boy, but a delightful friend to those who knew him well. After his retirement he was, until last year, a regular visitor at School on Speech Days, and up to the end took a great interest in everything connected with King Edward's.

N.J.F.C.

Mr. A. E. LEEDS

Mr. A. E. Leeds joined the Modern Languages Department of King Edward's in September, 1929, and retired after almost twelve months of bad health, in February, 1966, having given close on thirty-seven years of service to the school, during which period almost every sphere of school activity felt the impact of his personality. He came to King Edward's from Coatham School, Redcar, where for two years he had been master in charge of French and had taken charge of the school cricket. His early days had been spent on the Kentish coast in

Margate and Ramsgate, where he no doubt built up that enormous reserve of energy and vitality which was so much in evidence in everything that he did, and enabled him to continue playing and refereeing games long after his contemporaries had given up. From 1918 to 1925, he was at Chatham House School, Margate, where, in addition to representing the School at Association Football and Cricket, he edited the School Magazine and took an active part in The Dramatic Society, an interest which he never lost. He entered New College, Oxford, in 1925. Here he obtained a good honours degree in French and the Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship, following this up with a year in The Oxford University Department of Education which included a period of three months spent at The Sorbonne.

To his excellence as a teacher of French, hundreds of Edwardians can testify. To at least one of his colleagues he seemed to be most successful with Sixth Forms—where he was able to exercise his wide knowledge and obvious admiration for French literature—and with the little boys, Shells and Removes, to whom he was able to impart an enthusiasm for the language together with a sound grammatical basis. Who has not seen the familiar sight of Mr. Leeds, emerging from his classroom at the end of a period, surrounded by a cluster of little boys, still carrying on the discussion or bombarding him with questions?

Just before his retirement he gave up the Housemastership of Jeune, an office which he had held since 1937. His long experience as a Housemaster stood him in good stead when he became the Senior Housemaster on the death of R. C. Dunt, in 1963. Mr. Leeds displayed, as a Housemaster, the enthusiasm and energy which were so typical of him. Although he had been brought up to kick a round ball he had during his two years at Coatham School been a member of Redcar R.F.C., where he had acquired his knowledge of Rugby Union. He was a games player of no mean calibre and was able, not only to tell his House teams what to do, but to show them how to do it.

From his school days Mr. Leeds had always been keenly interested in drama and amateur dramatics. Present Edwardians will remember vividly his most energetic portrayal of Orgon in the production of "Tartuffe" given by masters and their wives in 1964. In the two previous productions of plays by masters and wives Mr. Leeds had taken a prominent part. His interest in drama was, however, not confined to acting. In pre-war days, during the occupation of the temporary buildings, Mr. Leeds had turned his hand to writing a most moral and heart-rending melodrama entitled "Virtue Triumphant", in which the wicked machinations of Sir Jasper, most evilly played by Mr. Leeds himself, and his slimy accomplice, Lawyer Sharp, were frustrated by the incredible honesty of Harold Carstairs, played by the then gym master, and the even more incredible innocence of the heroine, whose name I forget, played by the gym master's wife.

Mr. Leeds played his part, too, in the uniformed services. When the war began he became an officer in the Junior Training Corps (present

C.C.F.) and as well as serving in this capacity, gave up a considerable part of his holidays to such things as strenuous agricultural camps, in which he led the working parties ; and, of course, he did his regular stint of fire-watching during term-time. He became Officer Commanding the Corps in 1947, a position which he held until 1949. Laying aside his uniform, however, did not mean an end to service. He was always ready to lend a hand at Scout camps and gave up much of his time out of school to helping to run the Birmingham Fellowship of the Handicapped. He also served on the Governing Body of Tennal School.

As an individual, Mr. Leeds was, above all, a sociable being. Well might he have said, "Write me down as one who loves his fellow-men." Not only did he love his fellow-men but he loved to be with his fellow-men, in earlier days walking with a group of colleagues over the Cotswolds, the day usually ending in some convenient hostelry where, suitably refreshed, one's feelings were invariably expressed in song. Mr. Leeds' musical taste tended to the ecclesiastical but his pleasant tenor was an asset in any choral effort. In the Repton days he found himself billeted at the Everey Arms, Egginton, where he delighted in helping the landlord in the bar, very soon making a large circle of friends. During the last few years he has been on the committee of the Martineau Teachers' Club and an active member of the Birmingham Old Edwardian Masonic Lodge.

It is greatly to be regretted that ill health should have caused the retirement of such a man as Mr. Leeds. The School owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to him for the valuable service he has rendered during such a long period.

As this CHRONICLE was going to press the sad news reached us of Mr. Leeds' death, and what was written as a tribute to Ted on his retirement must now serve as an obituary. Those who have seen in recent months what a changed man he had become may be forgiven for thinking he would have preferred death to years as an invalid, with hopes of recovery repeatedly dashed, as they have been ; but this does little to compensate for the loss of this friendly, forthright, energetic man who devoted his life to this School, and will be mourned far beyond its walls.

WILFRED BARLOW

W.B. was born in 1906, attended Stand Grammar School and went on to Liverpool University, where he obtained a First in German and French, to which he later added a degree in English. After spending a few months at Göttingen University he became a master at Bolton School in 1928. In 1933 he came to K.E.S., where he remained until his death in May, 1966. During the war, however, he served as a Flight Lieutenant, doing particularly valuable work with Polish troops, and for a period he worked with the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office, initiating enemy prisoners of war into the British way of life.

It was as a master at K.E.S. that most of us knew him, however, and he touched on the life of our community in a host of different ways. Director of music, school organist, C.C.F. officer, housemaster, language master and formidable German scholar, he was all of these, and to the outside world he was a distinguished horn player, a member of the Midland Institute orchestra and, in his later years, chairman of the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra.

Yet the mere catalogue of his attainments means little. We who knew him will remember him essentially for his positive and practical dynamism. Whether he was conducting a party of boys round Europe, cheering Heath to victory or defeat on the rugger field or delving into the niceties of the German Past Subjunctive in his form room, he always did it with precision, singlemindedness and humour.

“Gut Exempel und gute Lehr,
Erzählt das eben fix und treu.”

was how the great Goethe, whose personality, ideas and language he loved to the point of worship, indicated some two centuries ago an influence and impact of the type which W.B. exerted on those who were lucky enough to come in contact with him. We are poorer without such a man.

V.J.B.



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THE PREFECTS' ROOM

J. S. LEE has been appointed Captain of the School.

M. DYKE has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following have been members of the Prefects' Room :

S. A. SHAW	R. N. GASKELL	J. A. LEDBURY
R. H. ANNANDALE	T. H. GRETTON	J. K. MACKENZIE
C. J. DARRALL	A. R. HEMINGWAY	D. K. PARKINSON
M. W. DAVIS	N. A. S. HEY	K. M. ROBINSON
G. R. DICKS	S. G. HIGH	A. K. SCOTT
M. H. DRAYTON	A. D. JACKSON	A. M. TURNER
D. K. EARL	R. G. J. JONES	R. O. YARWOOD
	J. B. YOUNG	

The following left school during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms :

G. R. DICKS (1958-65) : Prefect and House Captain 1965 ; School Fives Captain ; Reading University (Evans).

M. H. DRAYTON (1959-66) : Prefect 1965-66 ; Secretary of Fencing (Fencing Colours) ; Exhibition Trinity Hall, Cambridge (Prince Lee).

D. K. EARL (1959-66) : Prefect and House Captain 1965-66 ; School 1st XV (XXX Colours) ; Swimming Colours ; School Athletics Team ; Manchester University (Gifford).

R. N. GASKELL (1959-65) ; Prefect and House Captain, 1965 ; XXX Colours ; London University (Levett).

T. H. GRETTON (1960-66) : Prefect and House Captain, 1965-66 ; XXX Colours ; Secretary of Closed Circle and Art Circle ; Sergeant in C.C.F. ; University of East Anglia (Cary Gilson).

A. R. HEMINGWAY (1958-65) : Prefect and House Captain, 1965 ; School XXX Colours ; Petty Officer in Naval Section ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (Jeune).

N. A. S. HEY (1959-66) : Prefect, 1965-66 ; School XXX Colours ; Worcester College, Oxford (Vardy).

J. A. LEDBURY (1958-66) : Prefect and House Captain, 1965-66 ; School Cross Country Captain ; School Athletics Colours ; Staff Sergeant in C.C.F. (Prince Lee).

K. M. ROBINSON (1959-66) : Prefect, 1965-66 ; A.S.M. in Scout Group ; School Chess, Second VI ; Downing College, Cambridge (Prince Lee).

A. M. TURNER (1961-66) : Prefect, 1965-66 ; School Recorder ; School 3rd XV Captain ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (Heath).

R. O. YARWOOD (1959-66) : Prefect and House Captain, 1965-66 ; School Rugby and Athletics Colours ; Exhibition, Brasenose College, Oxford (Heath).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following awards have been made :

AT OXFORD :

C. J. Darrall to a Scholarship in Engineering at Oriel College.
 H. M. Hine to a Scholarship in Classics at Corpus Christi College.
 D. K. Parkinson to a Scholarship in Classics at Worcester College.
 N. F. Powell to a Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Balliol College.
 P. M. Spiers to a Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Keble College.
 P. H. Sugden to an Exhibition in Bio-Chemistry at Queen's College.
 R. O. Yarwood to an Exhibition in Engineering at Oriel College.

AT CAMBRIDGE :

R. M. Ball to an Exhibition in History at Peterhouse.
 M. H. Drayton to an Exhibition in Classics (for law) at Trinity Hall.
 T. G. Hawkins to an Exhibition in Mechanical Sciences at Churchill College.

THE CARTLAND CLUB

COMMITTEE :

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R. F. Gregg	R. F. Morris	P. R. Wilmot
E. W. Gretton	T. J. Morriss	R. O. Yarwood
J. B. Grimmett	R. J. Phillips	J. B. Young

Left December, 1965 : I. P. Clemson, J. N. F. Craig, G. R. Dicks*,
 R. N. Gaskell*, M. J. Harcombe, A. R. Hemingway*, R. I. Hitchman,
 C. J. Stanton.

Left January, 1966 : T. M. Davies (Librarian, 1965).
 Left March 1st, 1966 : N. J. Botten, D. K. Earl*, T. H. Gretton*,
 J. M. Rowley, R. G. Smith, A. M. Turner*.

*Prefect.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

J. S. Lee, W. S. A. Riddick, and H. Cullen-Jones on the re-award, and M. J. Cooney, A. M. Paul, J. K. Mackenzie, C. Leigh, and D. R. Hill on the award of School Rugby Colours.

D. K. Earl, E. D. Akehurst, and D. M. Ridgway on the re-award, and M. Dyke, R. O. Yarwood, M. G. Davies, N. A. S. Hey, N. J. Botten, R. N. Gaskell, G. C. Robinson, R. Wood, T. H. Gretton, C. W. Bryan, E. W. Gretton, G. R. Williams, I. G. Haynes, N. J. Chapman, R. J. Arculus, R. M. Roper-Hall, D. A. Thompson, and A. K. Scott on the award of School XXX Colours.

S. G. High, D. Dallaway, and J. Pickering on the award of School Fives Colours.

R. J. Arculus on the re-award, and J. A. Ledbury and R. O. Yarwood on the award of School Athletics Colours.

C. F. Owen on the re-award and G. E. Swatridge, M. W. Davis, H. de Lacy and A. B. Hopkins on the award of School Cross Country Colours.

J. S. Lee on the re-award, and N. J. Botten on the award of School Squash Colours.

E. J. Steele on the award of School Shooting Colours.

R. E. Z. Habermass, G. R. Grimmett, and K. J. Whittingham on the award of School Fencing Colours.

G. E. Swatridge on the re-award and S. J. L. Horsman and S. Gilbert on the award of School Chess Colours.

OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

During the last two terms, collections at the celebrations of Holy Communion in Chapel have raised £14 10s. for The Bishop's Appeal, and £21 for Christian Aid.

The Cot Fund Committee decided to concentrate on collecting for the Balsall Heath Association, which the Personal Service Group also helps, and sent them £90.

Oxfam Lunches were abandoned this Lent—there had been much argument about their purpose and effectiveness and, instead, collections were held after House prayers, and during lunch on Wednesdays. Aided by a collection after school prayers, near the end of term, we were able to send Oxfam £122—an improvement on last year's figure.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We are indebted to Mr. R. Stanley-Morgan, O.E., for presenting to the School's archives a letter from Edward White Benson, O.E., Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Archdeacon of Durham, on the occasion of the death of the Bishop of Durham, Joseph Barber Lighfoot, O.E.; it is written in the Archbishop's own hand, and dated Epiphany, 1890.

K.E.S. METEOROLOGICAL STATION

The computers at the Meteorological Office, although still extremely "hungry," are just as choosy as their manual predecessors, and we are kept up to a high peak of tension (not necessarily efficiency) by the continual demand for faultless numerical and factual data.

Temperatures since July, 1965 have all been below the average but the remarkable feature of recent weather was the rainfall. The annual total for 1965, was 36.34-in. as against an average of 26.12-in. The rainfall since September was as follows (averages in brackets). September : 5.76-in. (1.97-in.), October : 1.06-in. (2.71-in.), November : 3.05-in. (2.74-in.), December : 6.80-in. (2.64-in.), January : 1.39-in. (2.41-in.)—a strange characteristic see-sawing between very wet and very dry. We now have nine very keen assistant observers. They are :

M. D. F. Warr, P. L. Marcus, P. H. Bennett, A. J. Gilbert, C. C. Maltby, C. D. Roberts, R. A. Cooke, P. A. G. Friend, P. D. Goakes.

Our outlook is good : in 1967, we will have an official "climate" because we have been recording for twenty years, and we hope to have a very efficient organisation by then.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Whalley for his continual help and guidance.

The station acknowledges with gratitude the gift and installation by Mr. H. Drinkwater of a welcome addition to our site equipment—a high wind vane which by great ingenuity gives more accurate readings of wind directions than were previously possible.

S. F. DRINKWATER
I. D. LAMB

THE LIBRARY

In the Michaelmas term we introduced a new and very successful system of ordering and distributing library tickets. Whereas before tickets had been ordered by signing a list in the library and had been collected by individual boys (a method which involved much confusion), this term all tickets were ordered and distributed through form-masters or form-representatives. Regrettably, however, although every boy in the school was granted one free ticket, the number of books issued in the Michaelmas term was not greater than in the corresponding term last year. I hope this does not mean that more books are being removed illegally—an offence which is surely unnecessary since additional tickets cost only threepence each.

We must once again thank the many Old Boys and friends of the school who have presented books to the library, and in particular Mr. M. A. Porter, whose generous gift has greatly enriched the English and Fiction sections. On his retirement Mr. A. E. Leeds also made a most generous gift to the Library.

Behaviour in the library has been a little more orderly, and vandalism has ceased, but often people fail to return to their proper places large

books borrowed from the Heath Memorial Library, and there still seem to be some boorish members of the school who treat the library as a gossip-shop rather than as a place of study. The librarians themselves have been unusually co-operative ; I see no reason why the summer term, the most difficult period in the year for the library, should not run smoothly.

We are, as always, indebted to Mr. Blount for all his help and guidance.

P. J. F. CRAIG

CHAPEL NOTES

Chapel services have continued as usual ; Holy Communion is celebrated every Tuesday during lent and fortnightly during the rest of the year. The congregation averages just over thirty, with a gratifyingly large representation from " C " block. The congregation at Matins on Friday has increased during the year to a regular six. Services have also been held on Wednesday evenings, with Evening Prayers alternating with evensong, sung by the Chapel Choir. The Choir have gained in confidence under Mr. Tunnard's training, and performed splendidly on Ash Wednesday. Wednesday evening congregations have been unusually small, but this is probably because of the increase in the number of societies which meet at this time of the year. " Remove " prayers are held in Chapel on Saturday mornings.

We welcome Rev. M. A. Kerrell as Assistant Chaplain. Our thanks are due to David M. Jones, O.E., for the gift of a paten. I should also like to express my thanks to S. W. Mitchell, the Assistant Chapel-Keeper.

A. R. COUSTICK

ARMAGEDDON

At the round earth's imagined corners
The angels blew their trumpets,
Man, who believed in nothing
Beyond a button,
Met the nonentity he had so long
Despised.
He called for power, defence :
Money destroyed (how fragile paper is !),
Ruined faces of tattered flesh,
A smashed television,
A car crashed and petrol burned,
' My gods ! My gods ! why have you forsaken me ? '
' We never acknowledged you.'

A. R. WALLACE
History Division

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR,

Whilst the recent experiment in the arrangement of prayers by members of the school was an interesting idea worthy of repetition there were certain avoidable faults. In general the switching of the order of service tended to create an atmosphere of musical chairs for the congregation. In particular three of the readings were accompanied by comments which were unjustified on the basis of the content of the lesson : "The Answer is blowing in the Wind" suffered from an attempt to make it a Christian hymn whereas the original intention was to show that for some people the questions posed by the poem are answered by a belief in God ; "The Second Coming" is a synthesis of mythologies which equates Christianity with anarchy : "Dulce et Decorum est" is best summed up in Owen's words :

"Already I have comprehended a light which will never filter into the dogma of any national church : namely that one of Christ's essential commands was, passivity at any price ! Suffer dishonour and disgrace, but never resort to arms. Be bullied, be outraged, be killed ; but do not kill . . ."

Owen's views would have been better represented by the "Parable of the Old Man and the Young" which deals most effectively with a world where Christianity had little power.

T. R. GRIFFITHS
History VI

SIR,

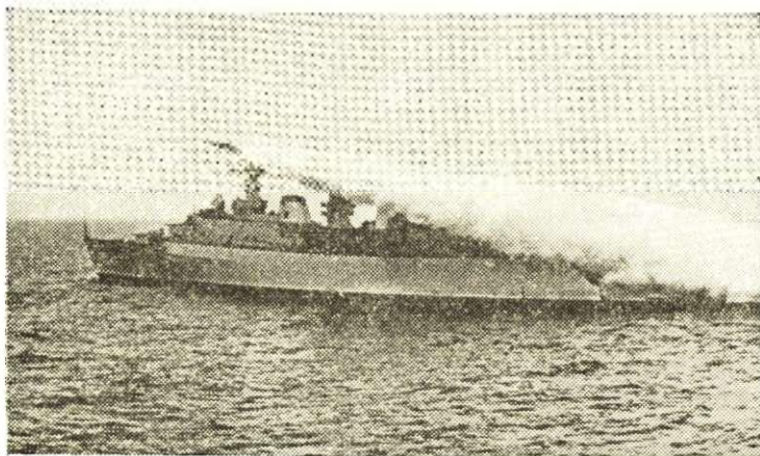
The recent innovations in School Prayers would seem to me to have made the morning gathering even more of a mockery than it was before. For people who already take their religion at all seriously there is no need to try to entertain them by flat performances of "Blowing in the Wind" or by misinterpretations of Wilfred Owen's poetry. The situation as it stands at present is that boys enter Big School trying to guess what is going to be the order of the day ; when do we stand, when sit down, when do we have the Lesson and when the hymn ? This is not worship as I understand it. It is rather a *matinée* put on by a few ham actors.

The *raison d'être* of morning assembly, apart from meeting the demands of a misguided Education Act, is praise and thanksgiving. If the aim is to focus the attention of perhaps a large minority of professed non-believers, then bring in candles, incense and vestments ; but if the aim is worship, which cannot be forced upon people, then bring back the former monotonous simplicity and make the one innovation of putting an end to the ridiculous practice of parading prefects at the front of Big School. After all, boys who talk in prayers are insulting God more than their fellows and no amount of prefect's impositions or detentions will make up for this insult.

C. W. NOKE
History U.VI

EDITOR—*Last term there was a new approach to the daily school assembly. The Upper Sixths, Sixths, Divisions and Fifts were each allotted a week for which they were to organise and, for the most part, conduct the services. The general content was the same as before—prayers, a hymn, a reading and a short homily, but now there was no fixed order, and the emphasis was placed very much on the readings. These ranged from Dylan to Tillich, from Donne to St. Paul and from Eliot to C. S. Lewis. Whatever else they achieved, they had the virtues of involving members of the school, and of making people listen and think.*

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A FACE I KNEW, THAT FACE WAS MINE

" Young Friend, you say ' confused,' "

" Yea, and more, Master, more.

I have guilt, which as a liar,

I cannot confess."

" Not unusual " (What answer could I expect.)

" For many men to whom I gave

one speck of sand,

Have grasped me by the hand

and prayed for two,

that they may be one of the few,

who, when that speck falls

like a boulder strong

may be the ones to sing,

the Everlasting Song."

" I suppose they die of fame ? "

I asked without a thought.

" No," said Master Timekeeper,

" They usually die of greed."

" A liar you call yourself,

yet, that is the truth.

A truthful liar is better

than any hypocritic priest.

To me you confessed your guilt."

" What use confessions,

when sin is only built again,

some unfruitful day."

I am once more alone in my heart.

My prayers seem little use

and thoughts are wasted echoes—

where is my faith, or hope or love.

I hear a voice.

" Oh, Lord, is that your voice ? "

" I have no voice."

" Oh Lord, forgive me for what I am."

" I have no forgiveness.

For you I was sacrificed as a lamb—

except my neck was not cut."

“ Master wait, Master it is my plea,
Lord, halt a while for me,
while my body’s autumn,
changes to spring,
through Winter’s revolution.”

Once more Faith, Hope and Love,
an imagery no more.

I grasp a speck of sand,
but not the sand of Time,
this is the sand of Fate.

“ Master Timekeeper, wait for me.
For thou takest life so fast.
This sand is rock, this rock is stone—
it seems My Life has passed.”

J. G. DAVIES
IV H.

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year, for the first time, the Dramatic Society staged Shakespeare's 'Othello.' The play revolves around the psychological struggle between the "wit" of the cynical Iago and the "witchcraft" of Desdemona's pure love, for the mind of the protagonist, Othello. Obviously a great deal depends on the correct balance being struck between Iago's cold reason and Desdemona's warm love. On his side, Kevin Lee, as Desdemona, gave a remarkable performance in a part which has baffled many professional actresses. He moved on stage in a relaxed and assured manner, while his bearing and mannerisms were unmistakeably those of a well-bred young lady. He was, perhaps, at his best singing 'The Willow Song' in broken tones: the pathos and emotion were tremendous throughout this scene, in which Desdemona, realising that she has, apparently inexplicably, lost Othello's love, sits sorrowfully in her chamber while Emilia unpins her dress.

Unfortunately, Mick Blair, as Iago, did not quite succeed in balancing this performance. He portrayed the Ancient as a blunt, practical man, a professional soldier, an N.C.O., but he was too "honest"; Iago is "nothing if not critical," and Blair was not sufficiently cynical and Machiavellian. In the famous scene with Othello he was sly and cunning, but not the evil "demi-devil" which Shakespeare intended.

Although rather unbalanced in this way, Mr. Bolton's production was a fine one, which grew in stature as the plot unfolded itself, and which rose to a worthy climax in the dramatic bedchamber scene. The actors overcame well the poor acoustics of Big School, and enunciated their lines clearly and with feeling. The set was of a strikingly original design, constructed from orange-boxes and egg-cartons, effective both when lit and in silhouette, with a number of different levels for variety. However, no attempt was made to emphasise the move from Venice, the sophisticated fortress of civilisation, to Cyprus, the island outpost in the midst of raging seas and barbaric savagery. The lighting was shadowy, and distinguished chiefly by its absence. The electricians made no attempt to exploit the great opportunities which Othello offers for contrasts in lighting—between the blackness of the street scenes at night, and the bright glowing colour and glitter of the Senate scene, for example.

Paul Gompertz, gave an excellent performance as the Moor: though no Robeson, he was powerful both physically and vocally. He was perhaps better as the fallen man, the raging beast which Othello becomes, than as "the man whom passion would not shake," and he threw a very convincing epileptic fit. Othello like all of Shakespeare's tragic heroes, is a great man with a fault which proves fatal to him. Othello's fault is not jealousy, but naïveté, a simple faith in human nature, which causes him to believe Iago's skilfully presented lie. Gompertz could have brought out rather more clearly at the beginning this arrogant naïveté, which leads to his fall.

Both the other "women" in the play were outstanding. Michael Gill, as Emilia, displayed a confidence and sensitivity amounting to

stage presence ; his every glance and movement of the hand was expressive and intensely feminine. Paul Hoggart, on the other hand, played Bianca, the prostitute, with his usual verve and obvious enjoyment.

Michael Cooper memorably portrayed Cassio as a foppish "waterfly" of a courtier, a familiar figure in Shakespeare, and his drunken sword-fight with Simon Mitchell was a highlight of the play. Stuart Atkin, as Brabantio, was a very convincing old man, without resorting to the quivering neuroticism of many "ham" amateurs. Tom Gretton rose from his sick bed on the last two nights to give his original, effeminate interpretation of Rodrigo, Iago's dupe—complete with white gloves, beauty spot, and ostentatious ring. On the first night Martyn Drayton took over, but he seemed more at home on Friday and Saturday as Lodvico, the noble Venetian.

The production ran smoothly, with no awkward pauses either during or between scenes, and at no point did it look like flagging. For this praise is due both to the skill of the actors and to the dedicated anonymity of the excellent stage-gang. I was pleased to note full houses on every night, and the audiences saw a fine production well up to the high standard of previous years.

A. K. SCOTT

MIHI PLACUIT

I remember that day
My father's funeral
And I too young to go
Insulated by unknowing
And misplaced mother-care.

The black-tie day mystique
Insulated and isolated
Me that day. I remember
The ochre-brick school warming sun,
The shadows and that all-
Embracing council school scent :
The one true life for me
Not this one now dead.

My teachers, very kind
Did, could, not understand
My ungrieving
For the occasional-visitor-father.

I slept those nights
Conscious of responsibility
Yet to be achieved.

T. R. GRIFFITHS
History VI

THE CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

On March 22nd and 23rd, the K.E.S. Choral Society and the Combined Orchestra performed Mendelssohn's setting of Psalm XCV, and Beethoven's Mass in C, op. 86. Although the total length of the concert amounted to only about eighty minutes the programme was full of fine and interesting music which left a satisfying sense of repletion. Mendelssohn's setting of the psalm is an elaborate, full scale work for chorus, soloists and orchestra and Beethoven's setting of the mass is concentrated and demanding. If it does not reveal the master's personal stamp on every bar it is nevertheless full of very beautiful and masterly music. Neither work reveals much distinctively religious feeling. Mendelssohn's earnest and frequently most engaging music expresses the kind of religious piety that subsequently became particularly acceptable to the better class suburbs of London or Birmingham and the genuinely religious strand in Beethoven's nature expressed itself most naturally in non-theological terms. His most religious music is instrumental and quite unconnected with doctrinal formulation or Christian story. True heir to the eighteenth century enlightenment that he was, Beethoven 'looked through Nature up to Nature's God' and the God to which he looked was closer to Wordsworth's 'wisdom and spirit of the universe' than to the Holy Trinity. Moreover, the Nature through which he looked (i.e., *human* nature) stimulated his imagination more profoundly than the God to whom he looked. So it is not surprising to find that the greatest emotional weight and imaginative pressure of this setting of the mass occurs in those parts that are centred on the incarnation because there divine nature becomes one with *human* nature. It is, therefore, the 'Et Incarnatus est' section of the *Credo*, the *Benedictus*, the *Agnus Dei* and the 'Qui tollis peccata mundi' section of the *Gloria* that draw forth Beethoven's most moving and beautiful music. And perhaps one should add the opening *Kyrie*.

At the performance which I attended (which, I am told by performers, was the less good of the two) both works received performances which had much to be said for them. This was due in the first place to the reliability of the orchestral strings upon whom, after all, the main burden of the orchestral parts rest. They played with assurance and security, they produced an acceptable tone and their intonation was good. Only once did it seem to me that, that of the violins was faulty. They tackled both works with a confidence that would have been inconceivable six or seven years ago. This being so it was a pity that the wood wind section, which for the past few years has been so strong, should have lost so many of its experienced players at once and should consequently at present sound rather less than confident. A year or two of added experience will, one imagines, make a good deal of difference, but it was sad to hear these works with ineffective clarinets and no horns. How much was Mr. Barlow missed! But the trumpets, after a very odd initial entry in the Mendelssohn, were excellent; their tone was ripe and their playing confident and reliable.

Both works gave the soloists plenty of fine music to sing and they sang it very well indeed. I was, in fact, sitting rather close to them and consequently found that their relative impact was greater than it should have been, but there was no doubting their assurance and the fine blend of tone which they produced. There is no point in praising them singly because the most impressive feature of their performance was their ensemble which, combined with the fact that Beethoven gives them the most ravishing music in the whole mass, made the passages for the quartet of soloists the most memorable of the whole concert. The choir, as in previous years, revealed a weakness in the treble line. Personally, I always find the texture of choral music, where all four parts are singing and the treble and alto parts are singing in their middle and lower registers, liable to lack clarity and definition and this was certainly the case in these performances. The trebles made themselves most felt when their line lay high because it was only then that they succeeded in satisfactorily balancing the stronger, lower voices. Except for a very strange start to the Beethoven mass the basses sounded firm and the tenors too, though depleted, I'm told, on the night I heard them, sang accurately and effectively. I thought that they were more restrained than I have heard them in the past and in terms of overall balance this was a good thing. To my ear, the choir sounded best in the section 'For the Lord is a mighty God' in the Mendelssohn psalm setting and in the *Kyrie* of Beethoven's mass.

Apart from the intrinsic difficulties of some of the parts in places, these works involved the marshalling and co-ordination of large forces, and Mr. Tunnard deserves congratulation on his overall control of the performance. He drew some good playing from the orchestra and one felt very much that his approach to the music in each piece left one with a satisfying sense of its unity and coherence.

A.J.T.

HE'S TOO NEAR THE WALL

Mud and Wet outside, warm comfort within,
Gliding along the fluid track which meanders to
the mountain ;
Anticipation is of a pleasant climb
To relax the mind and exercise the limb ;
Even the prospect of storms when half way up
cannot disturb the cheer,
There's always the car to return to when the
long climb is over.
What's happened ? The car is sliding. He's too
near the wall.
The sensation is smooth as a lengthy fall ;
Momentary association with a recurring dream :
A timeless drop, ecstatic abandon to nature's whim.
In an instant the dry stone wall shatters,

Change of mood while metal bends and broken
parts scatter.

Now is the Action, the thrill of revolution,
Once, twice round, and amongst the confusion
An exclamation, expression of uninhibited joy,
Inspired by danger, so anachronistic to
contemporary young boys.

Motion ceases, nothing is said.

Sudden silence elicits sober speculations,

Truisms spring to the tongue, but are numbly avoided
And a tacit prayer of Thankfulness pervades this scene
of concussion ;

For although cold and miserable, soaking and stranded,
Their organs still function, and their minds can still reason.

A. M. TURNER
Biology U.VI.

SCHOOL TEAMS

RUGBY FOOTBALL

After an unfortunate start against a good Warwick side, and an unlucky game against Denstone, the XV produced the best results for a decade. In Schools matches the effort, and results, were particularly pleasing, although other matches were taken less seriously. Together with this, the fact that we lost several closely fought matches, perhaps unluckily, meant that we could have done even better, and produced the best results since the war.

Prospects were poor at the start of the season ; however, the unexpected return of Riddick, Cooney, and Cullen-Jones, transformed our hopes into expectations. Cullen-Jones became one of the best pack leaders for some years—aided by the considerable guile and experience of Cooney and Riddick at prop.

While the team's ball skill was often not as good as it should have been, J. S. Lee, in particular, performed very well. As vice-captain and hooker he maintained an extraordinarily high technical standard throughout the season.

Second row showed perhaps the biggest improvement on last year. Leigh and Davies produced the best line-out play seen for some years, and often gained control. It is noteworthy that Davies had never played for a School Rugby team before ; Leigh also matched his performances on the field with an exceptional ability in the involved administrative aspects of secretaryship.

Cullen-Jones again played well this year ; his leadership and advice improved the play of Earl and Dyke, at wing forward, enormously.

Robinson, Gaskell, Hey, E. W. Gretton, and R. Wood played, when called upon, without appearing to be non-regulars.

Thus the pack was much improved, and it has been a change this year to see the school dominating up front. The increased share in the loose, and good ball from the line-outs, had a great deal to do with the improved results.

At fly-half, Paul improved on his performances last year at centre. His touch, tactical, place and even drop-kicking were all of a fine standard: top scorer of the season, he narrowly failed with a drop-kick against Bromsgrove—having already scored a fine solo try which was to be the only score.

There have been two scrum-halves: Williams came in after three matches, and played in the Bromsgrove match—very well indeed although under pressure. Akehurst played more XV matches, did well in open play and scored some fine tries.

Unfortunately injuries and variable performances made a fixed combination among the three-quarters impossible. While they had few scoring chances with the ball, Ridgway and Yarwood (centres) and Arculus (utility) managed to score some fine tries. Defensively the best school three-quarters seen were ours, Hill and Mackenzie, who missed few tackles on the wings, Hill proved an experienced counter to opposition dribbles, while Mackenzie fulfilled all our hopes as a strong-running and intelligent winger and a safe kicker of the ball. Thompson played well on the wing in Ireland.

Although attacking chances were not always forthcoming few Schools were not amazed at the determination of the back Division, while R. C. Reeve and J. M. Rowley were quietly efficient as touch-judges and pseudo-trainers with the magic sponge.

Having beaten P.G.D.R.'s XV, the School lost deservedly to a good Warwick side and unluckily to Denstone. While tightening up the line-out play failed to beat Denstone, Monmouth were well matched at their own game—quick, clean possession, and faultless periods of rugby. They equalised 10 seconds before time.

Tettenhall deservedly beat the XV for the first time ever, the School panicking into costly errors. However, Solihull were given no chance to emulate them, and were soundly beaten. Worksop were similarly dealt with, although the School nearly came to grief.

Apart from one near try, which was saved by a crippling tackle by Dyke, on their airborne winger, the utter denial of any scoring chances meant a great victory against Bromsgrove, and the retention of the Siviter-Smith Cup.

After a tragic defeat against St. Edmund Hall, there followed fine victories over King's, Ratcliffe and Cotton, Ratcliffe losing an 8-0 lead at half-time to be beaten 17-8. Wrekin proved likely winners, but abandonment and injury intervened.

Returning from the Irish Tour, only two matches were played. Bishop Vesey's were beaten by an inexplicably low score. Old Edwardians shared our misery in atrocious conditions, drawing 0-0.

On the whole, this has been a rewarding season. In the past, the last comment has been "We could have won a few matches." This year I say "with a little more concentration, we could have won the lot."

The 2nd and 3rd XV's both had the elation of an easy victory, and the ignominy of annihilation. Mr. Ramsay's 3rd XV has again been of great value and enjoyment to its members, while Mr. Benson's

2nd XV was a good source of reserves for the XV, and a successful School team in its own right.

The U-16 XV had a rather brief initiation into more important Schools matches. Mr. Everest has guided them well.

In his first year with us, Mr. Stanton has produced excellent results with the Under-fifteens. The record includes several easy victories.

Mr. Symes, despite the time-table difficulties of Under-Fourteen practices, still managed to produce a near-invincible side.

The junior teams' advances in learning the essentials of the game have again been well handled by Mr. Buttle.

The XV has not achieved its success on its own : Mr. Robbins has explained, expounded and put into practice his ideas on the new rugby now emerging in schools, with rewarding results.

To his colleagues in the Common Room, we extend our thanks for their patient coaching and encouragement, to the School for increased support, and to all our supporters who managed to make the Bromsgrove Match such a memorable one.

R. G. J. JONES

The XV has been chosen from the following :

R. G. J. Jones : D. R. Hill, R. J. Arculus, R. O. Yarwood, D. M. Ridgway, J. K. Mackenzie ; A. M. Paul, G. R. Williams, E. D. Akehurst ; M. J. Cooney, J. S. Lee, W. S. A. Riddick ; C. Leigh, M. G. Davies ; M. Dyke, H. Cullen-Jones, D. K. Earl.

Also played :

N. A. S. Hey, E. W. Gretton, D. A. Thompson, G. C. Robinson, R. N. Gaskell, R. Wood.

THE XV v. MONMOUTH SCHOOL

At Monmouth. Drawn 17-17

The XV kicked off with the wind, down the slope, in this their third School Match. At once Monmouth, supported by their whole school, scored two tries due to the XV's ignorance of wide pitch tactics. Thus after six minutes the School were 0-8 down. Sensing an easy victory, the crowd cheered Monmouth on—but the School held out.

After twenty minutes, the School forwards had unexpectedly taken control—and the three-quarters were tackling faultlessly. With fifteen minutes of the first half to go, Paul kicked on ahead twice to take the School to the Monmouth line. Jones took a short penalty, and scored in the corner.

Three minutes later Paul converted a solo try by Akehurst, and then made the score 14-8 with a drop-goal just before half-time. The Monmouth crowd was silent as the second half started, and the School contained their team with no apparent effort. The School three-quarters were now running well with the ball, although hampered by a stiff breeze which was later to have an important effect on the play.

The School forwards were playing superbly, and the back-row covering aided the defence a lot. However Monmouth reached the School '25' with some help from what was now a fierce wind in our faces.

A momentary lapse in the scrum gave Monmouth an easy penalty goal in front of the posts. Shortly afterwards, with the School still unable to break away, Monmouth repeated this, 14-14.

It was now Monmouth who were plugging the touchline, but dividends did not come. A surprise attack by the School was thwarted, only for Paul to convert a gift penalty goal. 17-14.

Now determined to hold out, the School harried Monmouth into nervousness, and mistakes by the home side annoyed their supporters. However with the referee about to blow for no-side, a tired School defence let Monmouth in for a try in the corner. The kick failed.

And so the School drew with Monmouth, 17-17. Still the only School side not to lose to Monmouth during the last two years, the School improved on the last three years' results (6-21, 3-24, 12-16). It was an indication of deeds to come.

The XV: R. G. J. Jones; D. R. Hill, R. O. Yarwood, D. M. Ridgway, J. K. Mackenzie; A. M. Paul, E. D. Akehurst; M. Dyke, H. Cullen-Jones, D. K. Earl; C. Leigh, M. G. Davies; M. J. Cooney, J. S. Lee, R. N. Gaskell.

R. G. J. JONES

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

At Eastern Road. Won 3 points to nil.

The School played with the wind, having won the toss, in front of the best K.E.S. contingent seen at the Bromsgrove Match for years.

The School soon settled in Bromsgrove's half, and indeed succeeded in playing on the opposite side of the pitch to their supporters. Lee soon had some strikes against the head, and already Bromsgrove had come up against the usually impenetrable back division of the XV. Several good attacking moves were made, Mackenzie going close twice. The same player cleverly switched direction once when blocked, feeding to the open—though the attack was repulsed.

With thirty minutes gone, the School had still failed to score. However, a scrum thirty yards out, and twenty yards in from the visitors' touch-line was won by Riddick and Lee. Cullen-Jones briefly held the ball, disrupting the opposition back-row, and Williams gave a superb pass to Paul. He ran across slightly, went between the opposition centres, and beat the full-back to the corner-flag, forcing over for a great solo try. The conversion was narrowly missed.

Bowen, the visitors' captain, soon got into trouble for over-eagerness, being battered into the crowd by Cullen-Jones and Cooney, and later accidentally trodden on by Davies. He later left the field for a few minutes for attention to a cut nose.

Half-time came with the XV forcing Bromsgrove into errors, without results.

Quietly confident, the visitors soon learnt that a following wind alone will not entrench one in the opposition "25," and it was still K.E.S. who looked the more dangerous. Paul had a drop-goal not given, to the amazement of a certain half of the crowd.

Attempting deep kicks several times from scrums, the Bromsgrove fly-half lost twenty yards three times, his kicks being fielded on the run by Jones.

Earl, who had not missed a half chance to nail their fly-half, soon began to better him, laying him out once.

Up front the School were still on top, Leigh and Davies controlling the line-outs.

Bromsgrove then had their only chance of the match, their winger diving for the line near the corner-post. However, Jones and Dyke laid him out, flattening the post and some of the crowd.

Again the XV swept back, only to see Yarwood and Ridgway just fail to send Hill away by a lucky interception. Deciding to close the game up with fifteen minutes to go, the School happily conceded ground for the sake of possession. The last ten minutes were nearly all spent on our '25,' next to our spectators. Williams repeatedly kicked superbly back into touch, and it was Cullen-Jones and Williams who, in the last five minutes, managed complete possession of the ball. To show their fitness, the School pack drove Bromsgrove back twenty yards in one scrum. Both sides for different reasons must have welcomed the whistle.

The XV : R. G. J. Jones : D. R. Hill, R. O. Yarwood, D. M. Ridgway, J. K. Mackenzie ; A. M. Paul, G. R. Williams ; M. J. Cooney, J. S. Lee, W. S. A. Riddick ; C. Leigh, M. G. Davies ; M. Dyke, H. Cullen-Jones, D. K. Earl.

S. G. HIGH

THE IRISH TOUR

The party arrived in Belfast, early on Sunday morning, 2nd January, after an eventful night crossing. We were met by the M.C.B. Master, Mr. Reid, who took us to the Presbyterian War Memorial Hostel, where we were to stay for the duration of the tour. The rest of the morning was spent in sleep, and refilling our stomachs.

After lunch we were introduced to the members of the Methodist College team, with whom we had tea. We were all admirably entertained for the rest of the evening by our hosts.

Monday morning was spent exploring the City of Belfast, before returning to the Hostel for lunch. After a fine meal, we were taken to Pirrie Park, M.C.B.'s superb ground, for the match.

The XV made a good start to the game, when Hill dived over near the post for one of the best solo tries of the season. The half-time score was 5-0. However, M.C.B. recovered from this setback, using the width of the pitch cleverly to win 9-5.

Tuesday being free, most of the team went along to the local cinema to evaluate the moralistic values of the latest Bond epic.

On Wednesday, we all had lunch at the Hostel, and then went to Malone Park to play Grosvenor H.S. More determined than M.C.B., they failed to worry us unduly although the XV had to fight hard in a close game which was drawn, 3-3.

After the game, a quick meal was followed by our departure, the return trip proving to be a lot calmer than the previous one.

Our thanks to Mr. Robbins and Mr. Cotter for taking us, and to the two Irish Schools who made the tour possible, for which we are very grateful. Finally, we thank Cullen-Jones, that well-known sailor, whose advice and personal demonstration on how to combat sea-sickness was of great value to us all.

M. J. COONEY

The Party :

R. G. J. Jones, D. R. Hill, R. J. Arculus, R. O. Yarwood, D. A. Thompson, J. K. Mackenzie, A. M. Paul, G. R. Williams, E. D. Akehurst, M. J. Cooney, J. S. Lee, W. S. A. Riddick, C. Leigh, M. G. Davies, N. J. Botten, M. Dyke, H. Cullen-Jones, D. K. Earl, G. C. Robinson.

RESULTS OF FOOTBALL MATCHES

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School	Away	Lost	0 11
	9	Denstone College	Home	Lost	3 6
	12	Monmouth School	Away	Drawn	17 17
	14	Tettenhall College	Away	Lost	3 11
	19	Solihull School	Home	Won	14 0
	23	Worksop College	Home	Won	6 5
Nov.	6	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	3 0
	13	King's School, Worcester	Home	Won	9 0
	20	Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	17 8
Dec.	4	Cotton College	Home	Won	16 6
Jan.	29	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Won	3 0
11 Matches : W.7, D.1, L.3. 91—64					

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Sept.	23	P. G. D. Robbins' XV	Home	Won	18 14
Nov.	11	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford	Away	Lost	11 12
	23	Nottingham H. S.	Away	Cancelled	
	27	Wrekin College	Away	Abandoned	0 6
Jan.	3	Methodist College, Belfast	Away	Lost	5 9
	5	Grosvenor H.S., Belfast	Away	Drawn	3 3
	15	Moseley Schools XV	Away	Cancelled	
	22	Rugby School	Home	Cancelled	
Feb.	5	O.E.R.F.C.	Away	Drawn	0 0
	12	Mount St. Mary's College	Away	Cancelled	
21 Matches : W.8, D.3, L.5, C.4, A.1. 128—108					

SECOND XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School	Home	Lost	10 12
	9	Denstone College	Home	Lost	6 57
	12	Monmouth School	Away	Won	16 0
	16	Tettenhall College	Home	Lost	3 11
	19	Solihull School	Home	Won	8 5
Nov.	11	Bromsgrove School	Away	Won	9 0
	13	King's School, Worcester	Away	Won	6 3
	20	Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	6 3
	27	Wrekin College	Home	Cancelled	
Dec.	11	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Cancelled	
Jan.	15	K.E.G.S. Five Ways	Home	Cancelled	
	29	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Won	21 0
Feb.	5	O.E.R.F.C.	Away	Lost	3 9
	12	John Wilmott G.S.	Home	Cancelled	
14 Matches : W.6, L.4, D.0, C.4. 88—100					

THIRD XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School	Away	Lost	0 23
	19	Solihull School	Away	Lost	5 35
Nov.	11	Bromsgrove School	Away	Lost	0 10
	27	Ratcliffe College	Away	Lost	3 10
Dec.	4	King Henry VIII, Coventry	Home	Won	9 3
	11	Tudor Grange G.S.	Away	Cancelled	
Feb.	5	Bournville T.S. 2nd XV	Away	Cancelled	
	12	John Wilmot G.S.	Away	Cancelled	

8 Matches : W.1, L.4, D.0, C.3. 17—81

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School	Home	Lost	6 12
	9	Denstone College	Away	Won	9 6
	23	Worksop College	Home	Won	14 6
Nov.	6	Bromsgrove School	Home	Lost	0 12
	13	King's School, Worcester	Home	Lost	8 24
	23	Nottingham H.S.	Home	Cancelled	
	27	Wrekin College	Home	Cancelled	
Dec.	4	St. Philip's G.S.	Away	Cancelled	
Jan.	15	K.E.G.S. Five Ways	Home	Cancelled	
Feb.	12	Mount St. Mary's College	Away	Cancelled	

10 Matches : W.2, L.3, D.0, C.5. 37—60

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School	Away	Lost	3 18
	9	Denstone College	Away	Won	11 6
	16	Tettenhall College	Away	Won	8 6
	23	Sir Wilfrid Martineau G.S.	Away	Won	49 0
Nov.	6	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	32 6
	13	King's School, Worcester	Away	Won	11 5
	20	Marsh Hill T.S.	Home	Won	6 0
	27	Kenilworth G.S.	Home	Cancelled	
Dec.	4	Cotton College	Home	Lost	6 9
	11	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Cancelled	
Jan.	15	K.E.G.S. Five Ways	Away	Cancelled	
	22	Solihull School	Home	Cancelled	
	29	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Won	9 6
Feb.	5	Bournville T.S.	Home	Won	23 0
	12	Wrekin College	Home	Cancelled	

15 Matches : W.8, L.2, D.0, C.5. 158—56



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UNDER FOURTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	2	Warwick School		Home	Won	19 11
	9	K.E.G.S. Aston		Home	Won	19 0
	16	Tettenhall College		Home	Won	14 3
	23	Sir Wilfrid Martineau G.S. ..		Away	Won	22 8
Nov.	13	Moseley G.S.		Away	Won	27 3
	20	Marsh Hill T.S.		Home	Won	42 3
	27	Kenilworth G.S.		Home	Cancelled	
Dec.	11	Tudor Grange G.S.		Away	Cancelled	
Jan.	15	K.E.G.S. Five Ways		Home	Cancelled	
	22	Solihull School		Home	Cancelled	
	29	Bishop Vesey's G.S.		Away	Lost	3 22
Feb.	5	Bournville T.S.		Away	Cancelled	
	12	Wrekin College		Home	Cancelled	

13 Matches : W.6, L.1, D.0, C.6. 146—50

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct.	23	Sir Wilfrid Martineau G.S. ...		Home	Won	21 6
Nov.	13	Moseley G.S.		Home	Lost	20 23
	20	Marsh Hill T.S.		Home	Won	16 3
Dec.	4	King Henry VIII, Coventry		Home	Lost	3 16
	11	Tudor Grange G.S.		Home	Cancelled	
Jan.	15	K.E.G.S. Five Ways		Away	Cancelled	
	22	Solihull School		Away	Cancelled	
Feb.	5	Bournville T.S.		Home	Lost	0 20
	12	John Wilmott G.S.		Away	Cancelled	

UNDER TWELVE XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Jan.	29	Bluecoat School	Home	Lost	6 13

ATHLETICS

As usual, bad weather has hampered training this term and the use of the track for the House Standards competition and Sports heats has made training even more difficult for members of the School Team. However, despite an obvious lack of fitness in some members, the standard of performance in both Senior and Junior Teams has improved quite considerably in a short period and a large number of personal bests have been achieved. This is most encouraging at this stage of the season.

We have had three matches this term. At the very beginning of our training period we went to Shrewsbury ; unfortunately both Teams lost, although for the Juniors it was only by four points. In the triangular match with Warwick and R.G.S. Worcester for the Holden Trophy, held on our track, the Seniors came second to Warwick and the Juniors

came first ; the competition for the Holden Trophy, based on the combined results, could hardly have been closer : we were able to beat R.G.S. Worcester convincingly, but we lost by one point to Warwick. It is perhaps only fair to the Team to point out that two of our best athletes, D. R. Hill and G. D. Weedall, were both injured and unable to run. In our third match both Teams lost to the visitors, Ratcliffe College. After this match, R. J. Arculus was re-awarded and J. A. Ledbury and R. O. Yarwood were awarded, School Athletics Colours.

Finally, our thanks must go to Mr. Symes, and to Mr. Parslew, an O. E. who has returned to School this term after being in charge of Athletics at Taunton G.S., and to many other members of the Common Room for their advice, encouragement and assistance, and to Mr. Holden and Mr. Adams for maintaining the track in such a good condition.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

				v. Shrewsbury. Away		
SENIOR	..	..	..	Lest	39	56
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	45½	49½

				v. Warwick v. R.G.S. Worcester. Home		
SENIOR	..	..	..	2nd	100	118 58
UNDER 17	..	..	..	1st	112	95 69
THE HOLDEN TROPHY	..	..	..	2nd	212	213 127

				v. Ratcliffe College. Home		
SENIOR	..	....	..	Lost	58	80
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	64	75

RECORDS

A pleasing number of new records have already been set up : In Sports heats and finals already held—

Minor Triple Jump	S. G. Johnson	28 ft. 3½ ins.
Junior Cricket Ball	B. L. Hanna	244 ft. 0 ins.
Intermediate Triple Jump	I. A. Baird	38 ft. 1 in.

In School matches :

Under 15, 880 yards	D. M. Heal	2 mins 12·0 secs.
*Under 16, Mile	C. G. Young	5 mins 1·0 secs.
*Under 16, Long Jump	I. A. Baird	19 ft. 3 ins.
Under 17, 4 × 110 yards	<div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> I. A. Baird A. E. Banks J. Pickering D. J. Jeffcoat </div> </div>	48·0 secs.
Open 100 yards	R. J. Arculus	10·3 secs.

*Because of a change in A.A.A.'s age groups, the School is now dropping this age group and no further records will be kept.

M. DYKE

CROSS COUNTRY

This season has proved our most successful for the last three years. This is particularly gratifying in view of the large number of runners who left last year and the fact that the team was almost always below full strength. Morale has been high as several new runners have been discovered.

The senior team began the Christmas term by coming second to Camp Hill in the Foundation Schools' Race and followed this up by beating Wolverhampton G.S. (twice), Handsworth G.S., Shire Oak G.S. and Solihull School. In the latter part of the term we lost narrowly to strong teams from King Henry VIII Coventry and Bishop Vesey's and were beaten again in a driving snow-storm at Newcastle.

On the first Saturday of the Lent Term a below strength first team was beaten at K.E.S. Lichfield, but the following week we fielded our strongest possible team for the only time this year and inflicted a heavy defeat on St. Philip's G.S., having seven runners home in the first nine places. We followed this by beating Bromsgrove and St. Philip's in a return race and coming second to Bablake School, Coventry in a triangular race at Solihull. Eleventh position at Rugeley was quite pleasing as it was an improvement of four places on last year's result.

The Under Fifteen and Under Sixteen teams have also run well, beating Wolverhampton G.S., Shire Oak G.S., St. Philip's G.S., Solihull School and Bablake School and losing in a return race to St. Philip's and to K.E.S. Lichfield.

Individually C. F. Owen has done consistently well, being the second school runner home in most races. M. W. Davis occasionally honoured us with his presence on days when Birmingham City were playing away, strengthening the team considerably. G. E. P. Swatridge was a welcome addition to the team, when not required to play rugger, and his position of 69th at Rugeley shows great promise for the future. A. B. Hopkins has run consistently well in spite of doing little or no training. H. de Lacy, Blandford, Wilding and Wilmot have given support to the middle of the team, de Lacy finishing second on two occasions, and Dyke added his strength and experience during the second term.

In the Junior events Edwards has been the first school runner home in all the Under Fifteen races and shows great promise for the future.

The inter-house competition was won, as usual, by Prince Lee.

Our thanks go to Mr. Wright, who had to contend with some eccentric captaincy during his first year in charge of cross-country and also to Mr. Tomlinson who accompanied us on several matches.

Finally colours were re-awarded to C. F. Owen and awarded to G. E. P. Swatridge, M. W. Davis, A. B. Hopkins and H. de Lacy.

J. A. LEDBURY

The following have represented the School this year :

Senior : C. F. Owen, M. W. Davis, G. E. P. Swatridge, A. B. Hopkins, H. de Lacy, Blandford, Dyke, A. D. Wilding, Wilmot.

Under Fifteen : M. J. D. Edwards, Belinger, Kendall, Dunn, Atkinson, P. C. Cox.

Also ran : Dunford, P. L. Cox, K. M. Robinson, R. R. Hine, A. J. Hopkins, Lewis, Felski, Bettelly, Green, Schollar, Boaler.

Tribute must be paid to J. A. Ledbury for his captaincy of Cross Country. Not only has he run consistently well himself but the steady improvement in the performance of the Cross Country teams during the season is largely due to his leadership and example.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

- Foundation Schools' Race : 1st team : 2nd—48 : 62 : 67 : No team.
2nd team : 3rd—37 : 73 : 86 : 111.
- v. Handsworth G.S. and Wolverhampton G.S. : Sen : 1st—56 : 61 : 62.
U.15 : 2nd—31 : 65 : 82.
- v. Wolverhampton G.S. and Shire Oak G.S. : Sen : 1st—40 : 52 : 102.
U.16 : 1st—46 : 56 : 75.
- v. K.H.S., Coventry and Solihull : Sen : 2nd—45 : 56 : 82.
- v. Bishop Vesey's G.S. : Sen : 2nd—30 : 48.
- v. Newcastle H.S. : 1st team : 2nd—31 : 47.
2nd team : 2nd—32 : 46.
- v. K.E.S., Lichfield : Sen : 2nd—26 : 52.
U.15 : 2nd—25 : 53.
- v. St. Phillip's G.S. : Sen : 1st—26 : 56.
U.15 : 1st—27 : 30.
- v. Bromsgrove S. : 1st team : 1st—37 : 48.
2nd team : 1st—33 : 46.
- v. St. Phillip's G.S. : Sen : 1st—39 : 39.
U.15 : 2nd—35 : 47.
- v. Solihull S. and Bablake S. : Sen : 2nd—43 : 62 : 67.
U.15 : 1st—43 : 52 : 88.
- Oxford University Tortoises' Relay : 10th out of 24 teams.
- Rugeley Inter-Schools' Race : 11th out of 44 teams.
- K.E.S. Lichfield Relay : 16th out of 39 teams.

ETON FIVES

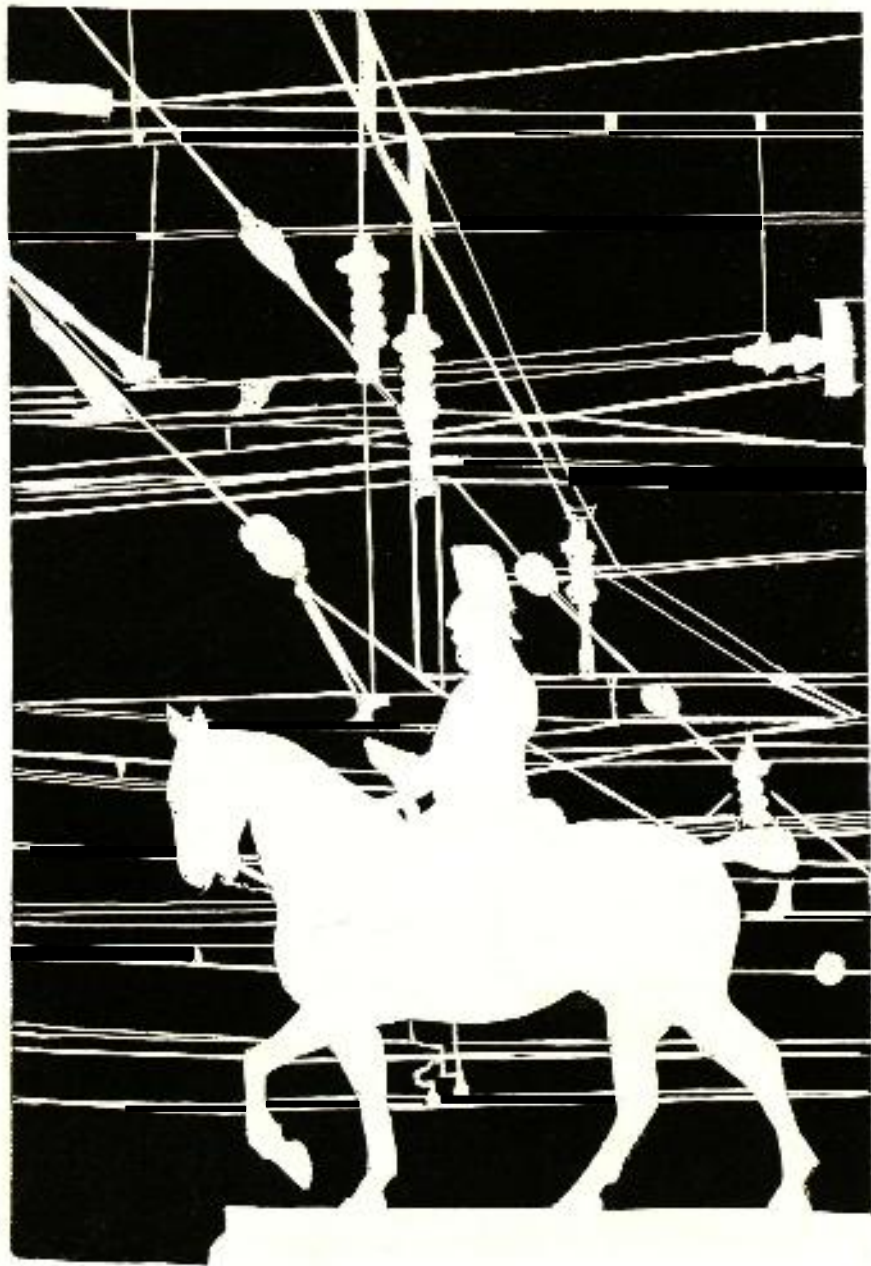
Results this year have been inconsistent. On occasions the team has excelled itself and on others it has produced disappointing results. During the Christmas term we scored victories over Wolverhampton, Mill Hill, and Stowe. During the holidays G. R. Dicks and J. Pickering did well in the Midland Fives Tournament but eventually lost to a strong Eton pair.

The London Tour took place on the three days before the beginning of the Lent Term. A notable victory over St. Olave's was backed up by draws with Highgate and City of London, whilst we lost, as is traditional, to the Old Olavians and the Old Citizens.

The large number of fixtures this term have provided some satisfying results. Victories have been achieved over Five Ways, Wolverhampton, Old Citizens, Marlborough, Oakham and Stowe, whilst we lost narrowly to Eton, Repton and Shrewsbury.

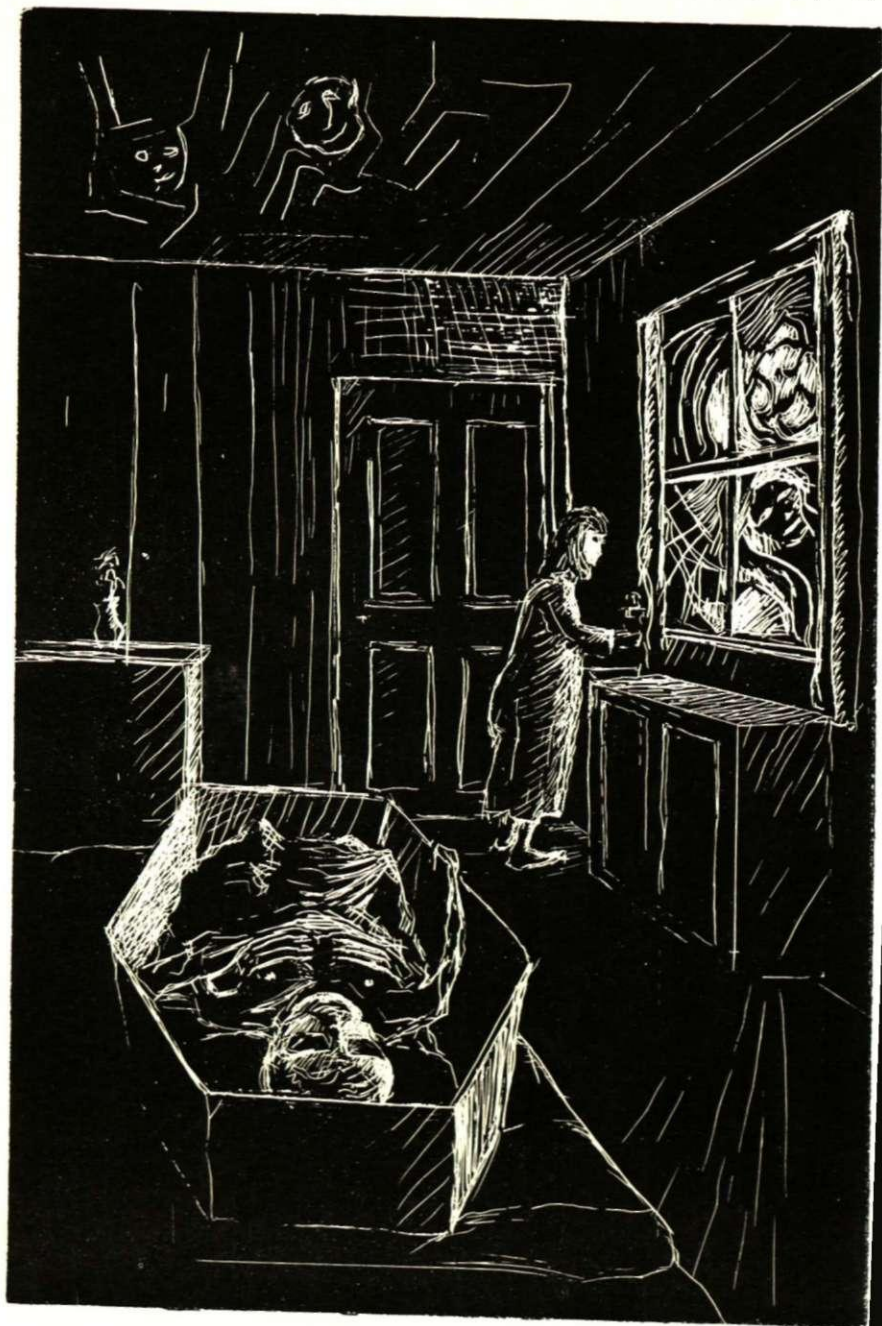


"OTHELLO"



N. K. WADSWORTH, *Sci. VI. C.*





G. C. R. HALL, *Sci. VI. C.*, (based on *The Visitor* by Dylan Thomas)

The loss of G. R. Dicks at Christmas was a severe blow to the team. His skill at Fives and his ability to get the best from his team were sadly missed. J. Pickering has improved tremendously and with more experience will become an exceptionally gifted player.

For the second pair the consistency and talent of D. Dallaway and the steady play of P. A. Gompertz has proved an extremely reliable combination.

The Junior Pair of M. Biddle and D. M. Seal have considerable talent and should do well in the future.

We hope for a favourable draw in the Public Schools Competition to which we are sending three pairs.

It remains to offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Smith for his continual advice and support throughout the year.

The team has been : J. Pickering, D. Dallaway, P. A. Gompertz. Under Sixteen : M. Biddle, D. M. Seal.

The following have also played : G. R. Williams, Barlow, J. S. Lee, N. J. Chapman, Young, Otto.

S. G. HIGH

SHOOTING

The Autumn Term started well and the VIII kept up a good standard throughout the term. The scores for the postal matches were better than last year's, and we won as many as we lost and drew. The NSRA Competition was fired in November, and a score of 750 out of 800 gave us a position of 67th out of 147 teams, eight places higher than the previous year. After the competition E. J. Steele, was awarded his Shooting Colours for a score of 100·8 (This is the highest individual score obtained for the School in the NSRA Competition). The House NSRA Competition was won by Heath and a list of results appears below.

This term the practices for the *Country Life* Competition were well attended, but on average the scores were low. Sgt. Gregg stepped in to help us by spotting for the landscape target. The competition results have not yet been announced.

Our thanks must go to W.O. Cockle for his constant supervision and advice, and to Col. Cooke for his continued interest and guidance.

D. J. EDMONDS

AVERAGES FOR N.S.R.A. COMPETITION OVER THE SEASON

	highest score	matches fired	average
EDMONDS, D. J.	99	11	98·19
ROPER-HALL	99	11	96·45
OAKLEY	97	11	94·59
MILWARD	96	11	94·00
AUSTIN, B. A.	99	11	93·15
STEELE, E. J.	100·9	10	95·50
WILDING, A. D.	98	9	93·66
PATRICK	95	5	94·75
PERKS	95	5	91·80
GRETTON, T. H.	96	4	94·50

HOUSE N.S.R.A. COMPETITION

		<i>ex</i> 400
1st HEATH	||	348
2nd JEUNE	||	338
3rd VARDY	||	337
4th GIFFORD	||	331
5th LEVETT	||	327
6th EVANS	||	299
7th CARY GILSON	||	293
8th PRINCE LEE	||	250

CHESS

All four teams that have played in the Birmingham Junior League this year have performed very creditably. Our results so far are :

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st Team	7	6	0	1
2nd Team	9	7	2	0
3rd Team	7	7	0	0
4th Team	10	8	2	0

The first team, consisting of G. E. P. Swatridge (Midland Under Sixteen Champion), P. G. Prescott, C. C.W. Shephard (Joint Warwickshire Under Fourteen Champion), S. Gilbert, S. J. L. Horsman and C. F. Owen have played very well, and have only lost to an extremely strong Bishop Vesey's team—their top five boards all play for the top twelve boards of the county Under Eighteen side. We lost to them once in the League, and the other time in the *Sunday Times*, by 4-2, a competition in which Bishop Vesey's eventually won the zone final. All other opposition has been beaten convincingly, and we have won a record number of games by the margin 6-0. Our three lower teams have all finished first or first equal in their divisions—a record which speaks for itself. A number of players have very creditable individual records, and in this respect S. Gilbert and C. C. Maltby merit personal mention, for a hundred per cent record. At the end of the term we are playing a thirty board match against Central G.S., who are almost certainly the strongest opposition in the Midlands for this number of boards, and our strength in depth claim will be severely tested.

Prospects for the immediate future are excellent as only two members of all the School teams are leaving and Removes' and Shells' chess coaching has revealed considerable young talent. We have earned ourselves an excellent reputation over the last few years with successes in the League, *Sunday Times* and big School Tournaments. This is one game in which we can justly claim to be one of the strongest schools in the country, and it is a reputation to which I believe our future teams are equal. Finally, our thanks to Mr. Hurn for all his encouragement, help and advice, and to Miss Chaffer for providing teas.

C. F. OWEN

GYMNASTICS

Since the last report the School teams have maintained an even match record with two wins and two losses. The School team lost to Moseley G.S. and beat Selly Oak. The Under Fifteen team lost to King's Heath T.S. and beat Alderly S.S. The Under Fifteen team also entered the Birmingham Schoolboys Gymnastic Association Championships to come tenth out of sixteen schools. R. E. Milward entered the Over Fifteen Individual Championship and gained tenth place in a field of fourteen. Both results were satisfying as it was our first attempt, and the opposition was formidable.

On the home front, February 17th saw eight teams take the floor for the House Gym. Competition. As talent is evenly spread among the Houses, Vardy's highly-polished performance earned them a shining victory. While the house standard is steadily rising, the Gym Club's personal standard has soared to unprecedented heights, and the individual competitions should show some rare talent.

This rising standard is a result of the effort, blood, sweat and toil expended out of hours, by the P.E. Staff, for which we are all very grateful.

The following have represented the School : P. J. Belman, A. R. Peterkin, J. Smallwood, J. G. Winspear, C. J. Caswell, T. L. Redmore, M. J. Patrick, R. E. Milward.

R. E. MILWARD

FENCING CLUB

This has been the most successful season that we have ever had, for we have won all our School matches by large margins, and only lost once, to a powerful Birmingham University Team. An encouraging sign is that three members of the first team are staying on, and we have some promising younger fencers, including some keen beginners. It is unfortunate that, in a season when we have been so strong, we should have missed so many fixtures through misunderstanding and incompetence.

The first team this year has been chosen from M. H. Drayton, R. E. Z. Habermass, G. R. Grimmett, K. J. Whittingham and J. B. Grimmett. Colours have been awarded to R. E. Z. Habermass, G. R. Grimmett, and K. J. Whittingham. The Under Fifteen team has been G. R. Grimmett, Alabaster, Gill and Pearce.

Finally we must thank Mr. Cotter for his continued help and interest.

J. B. GRIMMETT

RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Birmingham University ..	Away	Won	12 4
Halesowen G.S. ..	Home	Won	13 3
Lucas E.S. ..	Away	Won	8 8 (29—32 hits)
Bishop Vesey's G.S. ..	Away	Won	13 3
Five Ways G.S. ..	Away	Won	16 0
Lucas E.S. ..	Home	Won	9 7
Birmingham University ..	Home	Lost	4 12
Halesowen G.S. ..	Away	Won	12 4
Bishop Vesey's G.S. ..	Home	Won	13 3



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We should congratulate J. B. Grimmett on winning the Warwickshire Junior Championships last year, and on retaining the Birmingham Schools' Championships in February, which he won also last year. We should also congratulate G. R. Grimmett, on winning the Under Fifteen Section of the Birmingham Schools' Championships for the last two years.

J. C.

SQUASH

This year we have been far more successful than previously, both as a team and as individuals. The team have played seven matches, only losing two very narrowly. Moreover, we should win most of the four or five remaining matches of the season. These results are a good improvement upon last year's performances. There were three individual entries from the School for the Warwickshire Junior Championship this year, and two of them reached the final, N. J. Chapman eventually beating J. S. Lee.

In the School matches, these two usually won and so it was only necessary for one of the other three to follow suit. Greatly encouraged by the mascot, this was usually the case. Many of the team improved considerably throughout the season—not least N. J. Botten, who was awarded his School Colours during the season. Good squash was sometimes produced as a result of much hard practice, although loud shouts and swearwords were often heard from some players when things went wrong.

The increase in popularity of the game this year has been very pleasing. There have been many more beginners than usual and this augurs well for the future. Also, for the first year ever, an unofficial House Knockout Competition has been arranged (in which Prince Lee and Vardy have reached the final). This and other competitions have stimulated interest and keenness, which, indirectly, is manifest in our results.

Finally, I am sure that many people appreciate the hard work of Messrs. Bolton, Tomlinson and Robbins in organization and coaching. For this we thank them.

The following have represented the School :

J. S. Lee, N. J. Botten, S. A. R. Fowle, M. W. Davis, A. D. Jackson, G. R. Williams, S. A. Shaw and N. J. Chapman.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Repton ..	..	Away	Lost	4 1
Marlborough ..	..	Away	Won	4 2
Solihull ..	..	Away	Won	4 1
Common Room	..	—	Won	3 2
Solihull ..	..	Home	Won	4 1
King Charles I, Kidderminster	..	Home	Won	4 1
Bromsgrove ..	..	Away	Lost	3 2

N. J. CHAPMAN

CLIMAX ?

What will become of us now ?
 Now that we know
 All there is to know ?
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 —Security.
 For we always craved for truth
 And reality
 And definition,
 Now there is none.
 We have found none to be,
 And so
 In our vacuum of perfection
 We exist,
 Now life is for the dead,
 And death for the live
 —We do not know death.

K. MOUNT
IV H.

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

Cary Gilson is at present stranded in the no-man's land between silverware and the wooden spoon. Mediocrity is the keynote in most activities.

We began the year well with two wins and a position of third in Water Polo : aquatic members of the house report that with luck we could have done even better. Our League Rugby teams were weakened by the absence of five members of the XXX, and could only manage seventh position, but in the Knockout our First and Second XV's lost only to the might of Vardy, and the Third won a match to give us an overall position of fifth in Rugby.

Our Fives team was considerably weakened by the departure of past stars, and only managed to register one win. Even the Juniors could not pull us above a position of sixth. Our Gym team practised long and hard, but their efforts were not rewarded this year, and we were placed seventh. We fared no better in military fields, for even our youth policy could not bring us above seventh in the N.S.R.A. Competitions. Chess, traditionally yet another of our Achilles' heels, has been unbelievably successful this year—we have won two matches and drawn another, giving us the unusually high placing of seventh. Unfortunately our ventures into the field of culture were not wildly acclaimed by the judges, and we were bottom in the Music Competition.

The Lent term is the term for Standards, those traditional yardsticks of "House Spirit." This seems to be high in the lower and middle house, but unfortunately present in only a few individuals at the top. We were third in Cross Country standards, and at the time of writing we are well placed in Athletics standards. With the re-arranged age-groups, three Cross Country races were run in Cannon Hill Park this year, and this proved to be to the advantage of the House, as our talented younger runners more than compensated for the weakness of their seniors.

The House is unfortunately not well endowed with talent at Summer Sports, and more effort will be required from Senior members if we are to do well in the difficult term ahead.

We welcome two new House Tutors, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Stanton, and we thank them and our House Master, Mr. Sacret, for their constant support and encouragement.

A. K. SCOTT

EVANS

The results of the House this year have so far been strangely inconsistent. Although some excellent results have been achieved on the rugby field, and in the Fives court, other spheres of House activity have proved less fruitful.

Shortly after the beginning of the Christmas term, the Water Polo team gave the House a good start to the year by winning two of its three matches and thus finishing second equal. But the highlight of the year

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so far, has been the success and spirit of the two rugby teams. As a result of their efforts the House was able to secure a position of third equal in the League. When at last the Rugby Knockout was played, Evans lost, won, and drew to finish fifth. Our position of third in the Rugby Championship is a fair reflection of the efforts which were made.

Evans remain the masters of the Fives court. In this particular field there is considerable talent in the senior part of the House, which is ably backed up by the Juniors. The Senior team swept all opposition aside to finish first and although the Junior team slipped from the first position which it has held for five years, the House was still able to retain the trophy for the Fives Championship.

A determined effort in Cross-Country standards produced the satisfying position of fourth. The new system of age grouping saw three teams set off on the Cross-Country races themselves. A position of sixth equal was attained and this, together with the results of standards gave the House the overall position of sixth, one lower than the previous year.

On two gloomy days (for Evans at least) in the middle of February, the House spirit was considerably dampened by results from the Concert Hall and the Gym. The choir, in an attempt to improve the position of seventh which resulted from the efforts of the orchestra, managed to come third equal, but still remained in seventh position overall. The absence of the Gym Captain for the second consecutive year seriously hindered the team's chances and we finished a disappointing eighth.

Down at the range our marksmen achieved a position of sixth in the N.S.R.A. but, at the time of writing, the *Country Life* Competition remains to be decided.

Chess continues to baffle all concerned although a notable victory over Vardy has once more been secured. Athletic standards are under way and a determined effort could see us do surprisingly well in Athletics overall. We look forward with subdued optimism to the summer activities.

Finally, we welcome our new House Tutor, Mr. Wright, and our thanks go to him and as ever to Mr. Buttle for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

S. G. HIGH

GIFFORD

This year there seems to have been an improvement in Gifford's general position—not an excitingly large one but better than none at all, and there is the spirit for the improvement to continue.

Our performance in rugby was about the same as last year, despite the fact that we had an almost completely new 1st XV: the House dropped one place to sixth. The Fives teams were again unsuccessful and we came bottom. However, in the other competitions Gifford has not done too badly.

Team effort again gained us a respectable position in Cross-Country, fifth in Standards, third in the Races and fourth overall. The Gymnastics team came fifth in a very close competition, and the future should see

a further improvement because more or less the same team will be in action for at least another two years.

This is the first year that Music has been part of the House Championship and, fortunately, the House musicians have had one of their best years, coming third overall. One of our two House Directors of Music, F. J. Goulding, also won the Open Individual Organ Competition.

Our biggest improvement has been in Shooting: the N.S.R.A. team came fourth, the House marksmen have found their self-confidence and no longer expect to come bottom: It is hoped that we will do still better in the other shooting competitions.

The House Chess Competition has not yet been decided, but the Captain confidently expects an improvement on last year's position. Individually, P. G. Prescott seems likely to reach the final of the Pugh Trophy and S. Gilbert has been awarded his School Chess Colours. The competition for Athletics Standards, too, is still under way but we already appear to have done better than last year.

It would be foolish to try and predict what will happen in the Summer term: the Club System means that the best games players in the House are unavailable for most of the term. Those that have escaped the net of the Clubs can often make a lot of difference and enthusiasm, as has been proven before, can bring amazingly successful results. We can but hope that Gifford teams will make the effort.

Finally, we welcome two new House Tutors, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner, and, of course, our thanks must go to Mr. Hodges for his continued guidance and encouragement.

M. DYKE

HEATH

Is this at last going to be the year when predictions of success made by our predecessors are to be justified? The question of course is still unanswered but results achieved already seem to indicate that a position in the top half of the Cock House Championship should be attained. We began the year by coming second equal in the Water-Polo Competition after narrowly losing to Levett in a dramatic final. Our efforts on the Rugby field were rewarded with a position of second overall. The League teams played well to come third equal while all three Knockout teams reached their finals—the first and second XV's unfortunately lost but the thirds deservedly received all the praise and a cup.

The results of the Rugby teams have only been bettered by our Marksmen who have won the N.S.R.A. Competition and one hopes that they will continue in their success. The Fives team has shown vast improvement—the Senior team winning three matches and the Juniors all seven. Chess still remains a mystery to all concerned. Cross-Country running started with many members of the House unaware of it and we came seventh. Our Musicians had mixed success in their competition, but managed to gain a position of third equal. In spite of the efforts of some performers we did raise a gym team which came fifth in the competition.

The Junior part of the House has shown us where our strength lies, but, unless the Senior members of the House give greater support to the House officials, we shall not reach the creditable position that we deserve.

Finally we must thank Mr. Guy and the House Tutors for their continued support and encouragement.

R. O. YARWOOD

JEUNE

Before this year started it was regrettably clear that Mr. Leeds would have to bring to an end a whole chapter in Jeune's history, by retiring from the position of Housemaster, which he had held since Jeune's foundation from the former Leeds House. On his return as House Tutor he was still involved in the House's affairs, but recurrence of his illness forced his doctors to advise him to retire. We are grateful for all the encouragement and advice he has given the House over many years.

Mr. Ramsay was warmly welcomed as Housemaster, to take over from Mr. Leeds. We were also happy to extend a welcome to Mr. Tomlinson, who joined us as House Tutor. Another change in personnel was that of House Captain, with A. R. Hemingway leaving at Christmas.

House League Rugger brought seven defeats for the 1st XV, and the 2nd XV, despite many close games, only managed to win one match. This inevitably meant that we were eighth in the League. The Knockout was a little better with one victory for the 1st XV, two for the 2nd XV, and two for the 3rd XV, who were defeated in their final. But this was insufficient to redeem the situation and we were eighth overall.

Fives was also disappointing with positions of seventh and sixth in the Senior and Junior Competitions respectively, and seventh overall.

The House Orchestra put up a very creditable performance in the first part of the Music Competition to come third, but the Choir was very unlucky to come equal sixth, giving an overall position of fifth in Music.

Fifth was also the position achieved by the Water Polo team, who managed to win a game at long last.

The immaculately turned-out Gymnastic team came second with a very efficient display of skill.

Our House marksmen kept up their tradition of accuracy with a rifle by coming second in the N.S.R.A. Competition.

Cross-Country also saw the House in second position in both Standards and the Races, with the first men home in both the Inter and Junior races. This gave us a position of second overall in Cross-Country.

Year after year the established Chess team have moved nearer and nearer the top, and their tenacity has been finally rewarded by winning the House Chess Championship.

A big effort will have to be made if the House is to retain its position of second in Athletics. Our Cricket and Tennis teams have lost a large number of key players. Swimming is notoriously one of Jeune's weak points, so that great effort will also be required in the Summer term, if the position of second in the Cock-House Championship is to be retained.

We must thank Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Everest, and Mr. Tomlinson, who have given us every encouragement and support.

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LEVETT

Last year's position of eighth seems to have daunted the House spirit in no way : once again we have tried, and partially succeeded, to overcome those early obstacles to every Levett Cock House Campaign—Rugby, Shooting and Cross-Country. However, with few recognised stars in any field, we have done quite well overall in this first half of the year.

Rugby again neither inspired nor dispirited us. The League position of sixth concealed a very good season's rugby enjoyed by the 1st XV, although it did include the normal five-yearly culmination of the League 2nd's efforts—a win. However, an unfortunate draw in the 1st Round of the Knockout (v. Vardy) and an exceptionally low influx from the XXX in no way promised any surprises, and so our position of sixth put us seventh overall in rugby.

The Fives result was gratifying—the Juniors' efforts were well supported by a Senior team who played well when the day came, and their position of third put us fifth overall.

Shooting has again failed to find any stars in Levett, and an expected position of fifth in the N.S.R.A. leaves us the *Country Life* Competition to await with reserved hope.

Cross-Country's reorganised standards were too much for all but the new arrivals, and although an effort in the Races raised us to sixth equal position once again Levett trailed the field in the overall result.

Gymnastics and Music were both handled well by one Captain, and the results were, like the practice attendances, both expected and surprising. Second place in the vocal part let us at the top in Music and a fine all-round effort by a team who had worked hard gave us third position in Gymnastics.

Chess has unfortunately slipped this year, and the usual Levett dominance in this sport has waned ; although our young team tried hard and enjoyed itself, a lower position than usual, fifth, was achieved.

However, we were due for some success, and this came in the first fortnight of the school year. Once veritable giants at Water Polo, Levett were fifth equal last year ; this year, however, an unskilled but willing seven swimmers proceeded to show what honest endeavour can do, and all three matches produced excitement and victory.

Athletics has now started, and with it the hoped-for Levett effort in the scramble for the remaining 225 Scale Points in Tennis, Swimming, Cricket, and Athletics. It is up to the House to ensure a good portion of those points.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. Freeman, as Housemaster, Mr. Ganderton and Mr. Chapman, as House Tutors, for their continued support and encouragement.

R. G. J. JONES

PRINCE LEE

The house made a better start than usual in rugby with the League first team winning its competition and the two teams finishing a close second to Vardy; overall this is the highest we have finished in the League for four seasons. Unfortunately the Knockout teams were not so successful, finishing eighth, giving us a final position of fourth in rugby.

At the beginning of the year the Water Polo team finished fifth equal in the competition. With a little more luck in the first two rounds we could have been placed higher. We were placed third in Fives and fourth in the Gymnastics Competition, the former being an improvement on last year's performance and the latter slightly lower than before.

In the Music Competition, which counts towards the Cock-House Championship for the first time this year, we were placed fourth in each part and fourth overall.

In Cross-Country we were again placed first, winning Standards and the Senior and Junior races. In the Senior race we won by the impressive margin of seventy-four points. This did not come as much of a surprise, as our team contained no less than four school first team runners. This is the third successive year that we have won Cross-Country outright and the fourth time in the five years that it has counted separately from Athletics. We have always been strong at Cross-Country and it is hoped that the tradition continues.

In the remainder of the year Athletics Standards have to be completed, followed by the Sports early in the Summer term. If everyone makes an effort there is no reason why we should not equal last year's position of first in Athletics. We have little actual swimming ability but if all the House pulls its weight in standards we need not do too badly. Last year's League Cricket and Tennis records, together with a fair amount of talent, should see us through in Summer term's Sports.

It remains to thank Mr. Mathews, whom we are pleased to have with us again this term and also Mr. Cotter and Mr. Kerrell, whom we welcome as a new House Tutor.

J. A. LEDBURY

VARDY

Despite the departure of so many distinguished members in 1965, and the lack of vigour shown by the Middle School, the House has maintained its position very well.

Thus, although we started badly by being placed fifth equal in the Water Polo event, our Rugby XV's won the League Competition: the 2nd XV, in particular, doing very much better than was expected. Both the 1st and 2nd XV's easily won their respective Knockout Competitions. To offset this success, however, we have to record the dismal failure of our Chess teams, and the lack of enthusiasm for Cross-Country standards. We managed to be placed fifth eventually, thanks to the determined running of the Senior team in the race itself.

Apart from these setbacks, we have been quite successful. The Gymnastics team won the P.E. Competition, and it was encouraging to see some of our younger competitors do so well. The House Orchestra, although depleted on the day by the demands of University interviews, came fourth, and the House Choir after arduous practice came first, thus giving us a position of second overall. Fives, too, has prospered; the Senior team losing only to Evans, and the Junior, by being placed fourth, making a very welcome improvement. Our final position was second. Nevertheless, perhaps the most surprising success was achieved by the inexperienced Shooting team; third in the N.S.R.A. and *Country Life*.

Prospects for the Summer term are mixed. Swimming will not, this year, yield us many triumphs, and our League teams in Tennis and Cricket will reveal the dearth of talent in the Middle School years. But we have a nucleus of good athletes who should do well in the Athletics Sports, and a number of talented Seniors who should ensure our fielding strong Knockout teams in Cricket and Tennis.

M. W. DAVIS

AFFAIR

Yesterday night,
My heart fled down the stairs
To open the door for you.
Who really cares who stares
At me when I open the door ?
Yesterday morn,
I felt for you
But you were gone.
I looked under the cot
And saw you lie still
And thought that my life
Was bowled over the sill.
Yesterday noon,
I sat in my room.
Pensing, I thought
That I'd have to go soon.
So I kissed you good-night
And I ran in a flight to the stove
In which I rested my head.
Now, every night,
I dream of my plight
Of the terrible night
When you died, did you not,
By sticking your head
In the chamber pot ?

K. R. LEE
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LETTERS FROM ABROAD

BUTOBERE SCHOOL, UGANDA

The road leading south-west out of Kampala passes first through the richly cultivated, banana-groved Kingdom of Buganda to the township of Masaka and then on to the Kingdom of Ankole and its capital, Mbarara. This is a distance of some 180 miles of good tarmac road, but at Mbarara the road gives way to a dirt road, or murrum as it is called. In the dry season it is red and very dusty; in the wet season it is red and very muddy. The road takes the traveller across the featureless plains of Ankole, through herds of long-horned Ankole cattle, across one or two papyrus swamps and eventually, after engaging a very low gear, up the escarpment at Lwentobo and into the district of Kigezi. Butobere Senior Secondary School is located in a valley not far from Kabale, the centre of the region.

Butobere has been in existence for some six years and to date provides its students with a four year course leading to the Cambridge School Certificate, the equivalent of 'O' level. It is hoped that the school will be developed to provide an 'A' level course in a few years' time. Prior to entering Butobere students pass through Primary and Junior Secondary School where most of their time is spent in becoming proficient in the use of written and spoken English. English is the medium of instruction throughout secondary education and it is this necessity of first mastering a foreign language that makes the average age of a student considerably higher than his counterpart's in a British Secondary School. Although the age is gradually falling, a student is usually in his late teens, or he may even be twenty, by the time he sits his ordinary School Certificate Examinations.

To receive a good education is the Ugandan boy's most ardent desire and it is stimulating to find him trying hard to gain as much from it as he possibly can. Senior Secondary School fees in Uganda are sh. 500/- per year and if a boy holds a bursary it usually means that his family have to supply about sh. 300/-. This is an awful lot of money for the ordinary cultivator who relies entirely on his little shamba for his livelihood. Nevertheless, each student manages to scrape the cents together, after a considerable family effort, with the consequent result that his chance of a good education becomes a highly prized possession. The financial battle is not his only one. To be admitted to a Senior Secondary School in the first place he is selected on the basis of National Junior Secondary leaving examinations which eliminates no less than ninety-eight per cent of the applicants. Education is not taken for granted. It is worked hard for, and when it is received it is cherished. An attitude which is perhaps being forgotten in some parts of the world.

Students at Butobere are extremely keen to learn and there is never a case of poor discipline in the classroom. If the students are deprived of good lessons, either by indifferent instruction or because of teacher shortage, then the tendency is to go on strike, such is the value placed on the education that they have worked so hard to obtain. Just as in

U.K., a student's interests in Uganda tend to be polarised towards the sciences in most cases. By their not being part, yet, of an 'everyday scientific world' there is a certain amount of difficulty in appreciating the application of scientific ideas. On the other hand, however, they are very capable of absorbing vast amounts of scientific facts by the very fact that their minds have not been cluttered up by the mass of communications media found in U.K.

Finally, it is very pleasant to find that, as you climb one of the hills in Kabale, there at the top, in central Africa, is a place called the 'White Horse Inn.' Needless to say there are no horses in Uganda !

KABALE

17th December, 1964

R. F. L. WILKINS, O.E.

SAINT PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, GHANA

So much seems to have happened since I left England that it's an almost impossible task to know where to begin.

I am stationed at a Secondary School about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the small town of Denu, which is in the South-Easternmost tip of Ghana. Being only three miles from the sea I am able to go swimming quite often. To my disappointment there is very little wild life in this area, apart from the usual snakes, lizards and insects. The School compound is infested with mosquitoes, and Denu seems to be famous throughout Ghana for these.

I am only six miles from Lorne, capital of Togoland, and I am able to go across the border to do any shopping I have. Owing to the economic difficulties of Ghana the shops, even in Accra, are very poorly stocked, and many things are unobtainable. Ghanaian currency is almost worthless outside Ghana. The Cedis, which is officially worth eight shillings and fourpence, can be sold for anything between four shillings, and threepence !

Much to my surprise and relief, I'm finding that I enjoy teaching : the students are eager to learn and quite easy to control. They cover a very large range of ages and standards of intellect. In the first form, for example, the youngest is twelve and the oldest about thirty three ; teaching in this form is made even more difficult by the fact that over half the students were in the same form last year, but were kept down because they did so badly. The students seem to put up with bad conditions with very few complaints, and several times last term I was surprised that they did not riot or go on strike. On the first day of the water shortage there was one bucket of drinking water for 180 boys, for their evening meal.

The students are doing a four-year course to 'O' level. This is far too short a time when it is considered that they are having to express themselves in a foreign language, based on a very different culture to their own. I am convinced that the only way in which they can attain the standard of English necessary to pass 'O' levels, is by reading a great deal. I am hoping that the marvellous gift of books that I collected from Tema a few days ago (it took me eight hours altogether to deal with the 'red tape') will encourage them to do this. The students are

thrilled with the books and have asked me to thank all those involved in their collection and dispatch.

DENU,

D. H. COVE, O.E.

23rd January, 1966

EDITOR—*These are extracts from two letters we received from old boys doing Voluntary Service overseas. One of them, D. H. Cove, left quite recently, and it is interesting to note that his letter was written before the overthrow of Dr. Nkrumah.*

WHILE NEON GLEAMS

The clever youth from high-school comes
With cavalry twills and cigarettes,
And mixes with the lower bums
To broaden his horizens.
Philosophy, words of wisdom come
Like gems upon an endless desert
From lips of one who's physically young.

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Goddess-like she broke the ice ;
Instinct thumps and lumps in throat :
Has to start sometime ; why not now ?
Don't think twice or wonder how ;
Exams can wait ; love can't allow
Your precious time to be wasted.
Murmured mouthfuls rumble low,
As trip-flares haunt the forest sky,
And aching shoulder gently curls
Around the loving girl he's found.
Journeys home in empty cars ;
Hitch-hikers wonder who you are ;
You still wonder if you went too far,
On aching trips in windy cars.
Telephone calls that last for hours ;
Carry her photo, send her flowers,
Think of her name, of times to come
When you'll be with her for timeless hours.
The aching nights, the dreamy days ;
From Spring to Fall you're in a daze ;
Love and lust blaze in your heart,
But even matches won't last.

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The sun on the mountainside could still
just be seen,
As she came drifting by with the sunlight
in her hair ;
Glistening in the water were her cheeks so fair,
And her pale lips bare,
And you would never dare to break the beauty
of this still, small scene.

(On cloudy peaks in European hinterland
 Two skiers fleeing **unknown** cataclysms
 Come curving down snowy slopes.)
 Rushes in the marshes were bending to the west ;
 The fortune-teller warns and pleads you to stop,
 As tree bends overhead with apples at the top ;
 A thrush wings his way to his lonely nest,
 Which is far in the west,
 With a pain in his breast ;
 She begins to speak but you make her stop ...
 Dawn like a searchlight comes swinging from the east
 Slowly twisted limbs are made to live again ;
 Slowly fruitless love begins to ebb away,
 Like the tide in the bay.
 New day brings a new love but it
 can't stop the pain. . .

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Time, the blind man, works his cure ;
 Then out at last, forget her face,
 But ache again to see her.
 Her scent still lingers on your clothes ;
 Her presents still with grinning masks
 Hold broken promises and vows.
 The foggy lamps in Hockley Heath
 Promise untouched treasures bitter-sweet,
 But rather no love than the love that's gone.

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In months that passed the image went
 And self itself peeped through the cracks ;
 Ego bruised and wonder why ;
 Hate doesn't die it just ferments.
 The lonely shell has had its day
 (No longer songs of protest sing
 For bearded undergrads.)
 Self itself at last is found,
 And happier now by far
 Than try to turn the horns of man
 To peaceful, chimeric, paths.
 Enlightenment's dawn crowded slowly inside,
 And ideas stared across from empty rooms ;
 The lotus-eaters live their way, and Plato
 pleads for man,
 But little use, why should we care ?
 and catch us if you can—
 What's left of Adam's paradise is Eve . . .

N. A. S. HEY
Mod. Lang. U.VI.

EDITOR—*This is an extract from a long poem ; we couldn't publish all of it, because of lack of space, and we hope it doesn't give a distorted view of the writer's ideas.*

BOOK REVIEW

The Scientific Approach J. T. DAVIES. Academic Press

We are grateful for the opportunity to review Professor Davies' latest contribution to the cause of bridging the gap between the Two Cultures. Here with great economy and in a remarkably concise and lucid style—which will not be beyond the understanding of Arts specialists—the author has shown the working of the scientific attitude, richly illustrating this with examples of the achievements of Science culled from every age and place. He acknowledges his debt of inspiration to Sir Karl Popper who bids fair to be the most stimulating of teachers and writers about the philosophy of science alive today.

The book is remarkable for its wealth of clear and graphic illustrations. It is a beautiful piece of book production. It is concerned equally with Pure or fundamental Science and with to-day's applications of science. Its final chapter on Science and Society shows well the uses of scientific method in such studies as History and Economics. This is a very human book, far-ranging in its interests and characterised by the truly learned man's clarity of presentation.

THE COMBINED CADET FORCE

ARMY SECTION

This year the School decided to hold Expeditions Weekend at the end of the Lent Term, instead of near the beginning of the Christmas Term. Thus the Army Section started off its new year with a normal Field Day.

Connolly's original scheme was unfortunately cancelled because of bad weather but the day was profitably spent on lectures and a brief map-reading exercise in the vicinity of the School. Slim and Vyse did a series of stands and initiative tests on the Clent Hills and in Hagley Park whilst J.L.G. spent the time training on Cannock Chase.

During the Term, Slim worked hard revising what they had learnt the previous year, and the fruits of their labours were seen in the results of the Proficiency Examination which was taken just before Christmas. Of the twelve who took the examination, all but one passed and four gained credits. J.L.G. have so far worked on the syllabus for the Advanced Infantry Badge, which they have now completed, while Vyse (who are gratifyingly large in number compared with the previous year) have embarked on the Proficiency Syllabus. Connolly, once more distinguishable in anoraks and jeans, are tackling the more appealing sides of training by learning fieldcraft, doing stalks and having a number of opportunities to shoot. All Platoons have been learning First Aid to a greater or lesser degree, and for valuable help with the instruction,



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particularly with Vyse, we are greatly indebted to Mr. Hunt of the Civil Defence Corps.

The Signals Platoon goes from strength to strength and has again triumphed in the inter-Command Wireless Network Morse Competition. Co-operation between the C.C.F. and the Scouts was achieved in the Christmas Term when the Signals Platoon provided the transmitter and receiver for the Scouts' World-wide "Jamboree of the Air."

We now look forward to Expeditions Weekend, when Slim will camp in the Black Mountains around Brecon, and J.L.G., Vyse and Connolly will be at 81 W.E.T.C., Hednesford, on Cannock Chase. Vyse, that is last year's Connolly, have already had a camp there, but it will be the first time since the inception of Expeditions Weekend that the Army Section has not gone to Leek. The change will give the Platoons concerned an excellent opportunity to devise some new and interesting training programmes.

During the Easter holiday nine cadets, led by Lieut. Symes and Sub. Lt. Everest, will undergo Arduous Training in Snowdonia.

Our Annual Inspection will be on Friday, July 1st and we have a particular reason for looking forward to it—it will be by an Old Edwardian, Air Vice-Marshal D. G. Smallwood, O.C., No. 3 Group, Bomber Command.

Annual Camp will be from July 19th to July 27th, at Stoney Castle, Pirbright. One of the Guards Battalions will be sponsoring it, so a valuable period of training is assured.

S. A. SHAW

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

In the past six months, the Section has begun many of the projects planned over the last six years, thanks mainly to the efforts of our new Officer in Charge, Sub.-Lt. Everest, and the hard work of the N.C.O.'s. The Seamanship Room was completely redecorated during the Christmas term, and a blackboard, tables, chairs and a noticeboard, on which a fine collection of photographs was at last displayed, were fitted so that it became a proper lecture room. The amount of time spent on this project did not have any adverse effect on the examination results.

Last term saw the departure of Petty Officer A. R. Hemingway, who had contributed much to the Section, and the arrival of fibre-glass building canoes in the Seamanship Room. The canoes have provided much new and interesting work, which is beginning to bring results. Commander House, Naval Member, J. C. E., came to inspect us on March 4th, and was much impressed by the amount of practical work that a "land bound" Naval Section could carry out.

These six months have seen many projects begun; mistakes have been made, but lessons have been learnt from them. We look forward to the arrival of the dinghy promised us by Commander House, and some completed canoes, together with the opportunities they will provide.

H. CULLEN-JONES

R.A.F. SECTION

At last the R.A.F. Section is coming to life and is beginning to receive the attention it has long deserved—it is far more than a Friday afternoon “scive” with no boots or route marches. The twenty-five new recruits who joined in September, are probably unsurpassed in cheek, non-co-operation, and other such virtues, but they have certainly added life to the Section, even if it is at the expense of a certain smartness and order. Morale is high and under the guiding hand of Flight-Lieutenant Freeman, the new intake are becoming almost civilised. It only remains to be seen how they react to authority at the camp at Easter which is to be held at R.A.F. St. Athan, a Technical Training Command Station, near Barry, South Wales.

Nearly every Friday afternoon since September, has been occupied with swotting—or not as the case may be—for the Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency Examinations which were held in March, and for the Initial Examination in January. Field Day in October, consisted of initiative exercises around Hockley Heath and Earlswood, and at the end of March the Section joined the army for a week-end camp at Hednesford, on Cannock Chase. This was followed by the annual visit to R.A.F. Gaydon. Unfortunately strong crosswinds prevented us from flying as planned, but nevertheless we were well entertained; after coffee in the Officers’ Mess, we were shown over Valetta aircraft, saw various films, and were introduced to the esoterics of Deduced Reckoning Trainers.

The Section would appear to have a very active time ahead of it. Besides the camp at St. Athan another cadet is going to a Camp in Germany, and others are joining members of the Army and Navy Sections for Arduous Training. Part of the Summer term will no doubt be spent in preparing for the gliding display at the General Inspection, and we hope that this year the weather will not prevent us from showing our colours. It is amazing what pulling an elastic tow rope can do for the muscles.

C. W. NOKE

THE SCOUT GROUP

Although this is traditionally the “closed season” for Scouting, there are still many activities to be reported.

A successful radio link with places as far afield as New York and Israel was established during the Jamboree-on-the-Air in Mid-October. In the competition field, New Troop and the Seniors both won inter-Troop Cups in the County Swimming Sports, while a Mitre patrol won the District Trafford-Willey Competition.

At School the new recruits were invested into the Troops to bring us up to nearly full strength at just under 200 members. Scouting has continued quite well, and the Group has welcomed visits from over

1,200 Scouters at three conferences, in February many being honoured by a visit from the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean.

Evening Meetings were held by four troops at the end of the Michaelmas Term, with varying degrees of success. Troop Winter Youth Hostel Trips ranged from the Black Mountains to the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District.

Meanwhile, the Seniors finally felled the huge ash tree for so long a danger to the R.A.F. section's glider, much to Mr. Traynor's relief.

Our Country Headquarters, near Alvechurch, is progressing well with numerous holiday working parties as well as almost weekly troop visits. At last, no longer just a dense jungle, large areas have been opened up, Troop sites are taking shape and a refreshment bar has been built, for which shares in Alvechurch Refreshments Incorporated have sold well.

A First Aid Course was well run and attended, and an Ambulance Course is now under way. Since September, our Scouts have gained over eighty badges, compared with only fifty-five in the same period last year.

Preparations are under way for Expeditions Weekend, with Troops spread throughout England and Wales, and for Easter Camp which this year will take place near Hay-on-Wye.

Finally our thanks must again go to our small Common Room force, Dr. Mayor and Messrs., Dodds, Wright and McIlwaine without whom the Group could not function. Also we should like to thank Mr. Allard and Miss Chaffer for their help at our numerous extra-curricular activities.

R. C. REEVE

THE PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

This year the group continued its work in the same places as before ; Neville Williams House, the Evans Trust, Newhaven, and the Balsall Heath Association have all received the usual parties. In addition we have began a visiting service for old people in Balsall Heath, together with a Friday afternoon club which was started in March, and for which we and Solihull School provide help.

The group has, however, in accordance with the ideas expressed at the general meeting at the end of last term, attempted to swing the emphasis from these working-party assignments, which, although one of the main functions of the group, offer little variety to the members, who have in the past been regarded with some justification by " outsiders " as something of a gardening and door-painting society, and to encourage the extension of the visiting activities of the society outside institutions. To achieve flexibility in the group's work has been our main aim during the year. Some members have transferred their work from Friday afternoons to other free times during the week to suit the nature of their employment ; some, for example, have taken up youth-club work in the evenings. If they are extended far enough, it is hoped that these

new developments will not only encourage members to become more personally involved with their work, but will also help to even out the irregular employment caused by fluctuating demand for the group's services in different areas ; the King's Heath Group, at present somewhat overstaffed, could benefit especially in this way. Equipped thus with what amounts to a whole new basic structure, the group continues to thrive and expand, and we hope, to improve the general range and efficiency of the group's activities.

J. F. STOKER

FRIENDSHIP PATROL IN THE UNITED STATES

We had arrived.

After firmly assuring the U.S. Authorities that we weren't a gang of bandits or drug-traffickers disguised in Scout uniform, my three colleagues and I travelled north-east to Providence, Rhode Island State, in a Greyhound Coach along toll motorways with 70 m.p.h. speed limits. Every now and then we saw a police car—they are known as ' fuzzmobiles with a bubble-gum machine on top '—lurking beneath a flyover, signalling the numbers of lawbreaking vehicles to the next toll gate, where the charge would be increased.

Yawgoog Camp—what a place ! The thousand Scouts there were fed in dining halls, slept on bunks, had facilities for swimming, sailing, shooting, archery, handicraft work, to say nothing of the astounding natural beauty and wildlife of the place. The difference between their Scouting and ours, although they have the same ideals, is quite simply money. Equally, American hospitality is overwhelmingly generous.

Our eyes were to be sharply opened to the dreadful conflict in Vietnam, when we visited Quonset Point Naval Air Base, a vast sealed-off area, where 'planes were being serviced before being sent to Asia. America is a nation at war—the reality of it was frightening.

Thence to the New York World's Fair by train, and to duty on the Scout Service Corps. Dressed in red nylon jackets and Stetson hats over our Scout uniforms we joined Scouts from all over the United States in patrolling the Fair and serving at Pavilions. Americans, being what they are, spared no expense in providing the two-year Fair, which ended last October, with, for instance, motorway approaches, a railway station and a heliport. In the centre of the campus was the Unisphere, a metal globe which stands today, a symbol of ' Peace through Understanding.' We had our signatures recorded on microfilm to be placed, with other articles of the present day such as drugs and a Beatles record, in the Westinghouse Time Capsule, to be unearthed in five thousand years' time.

From our residence at the Missile Control Centre of Fort Totten we returned to New York City, into a water shortage, to become tourists : to receive ' A ' level results by telegram ; to dodge death in beautiful Central Park at night ; to breathe the air 1,472 feet up the Empire State Building : to ascend the Statue of Liberty—the crown is an obser-

vation point with windows ; to visit Greenwich Village ; Fifth Avenue, Macy's, the United Nations Building, the Rockefeller Centre, Tiffany's, Wall Street and the Stock Exchange ; and glance at The Playboy Club before a hair-raising taxi race on the last day to reach Pier 42 in time.

The story does not end here. In mid-Atlantic our ship the ' Aurelia ' was re-routed from Southampton to Le Havre because of a Work-to-Rule at the English port—a fine advertisement for the newcomer to Europe. Radio telegrams giving new times of arrival were sent at the Company's expense. Thus, it was that I sailed up the rainswept Solent on a Norwegian Car Ferry after six enjoyable and exciting weeks abroad.

Finally, I would like to thank those many who helped before and during the adventure, and the School, for preparing me so well for it.

J. M. K. KOPERNICKI
Biology U.VI.

ENTEC STRIKES AGAIN*

Unsheathed once more, la plume brutale of conc. sulphuric, to deal with which chip this time ? Not the école again—who listened last time ? Not the Common Room—too much like knocking spastics—they can't fight back. Ultimately resort-wise we have the alumni themselves.

Omnes alumni in tres partes divisi sunt ; viz : hards, pseuds, and plebs. Enough has been written about the hards in past years, so suffice it to mention that the type has evolved from Harry Lime to Illya Kuryakin. The pseud, in general, has superficial knowledge of all sorts of zany/esoteric cultures. (Their approx. equiv. in opposite sex are known as ' culture-vultures. ') Often found in Folk Song Clubs and Arts Clubs. The pleb, by far the most majority-wise, is the non-intellectual ; having no knowledge outside his chosen subjects. Anything not heard of usually condemned as pseud. Pseuds counter with cries of Philistine. (Aren't they just too pathetic ?) There are a number of ' true intellectuals left—les Entecs—but miserably outnumbered physics-wise. Still, destiny-wise, it is our lot to try to engender a spark of ' dignitas ' into the école.

All three sus-dit types have one thing in common, quid est their unpredictable/terrified reactions with the other gender meet-wise. Disturbed by presence of masses of porn-mags in and around and more esp. in la Chambre des Députés itself, not to mention the surreptitious glances blush-wise at the naked flesh-monsters adorning our corridors (what price Venus in a girdle ?), indications all of a non-nat. attitude envers l'autre sex, thanks to years of segregation. All this seems to reinforce my original point that co-education (no, not comprehensive) might produce a saner or, at least, a less perverted race of écoliers.

While the authorities are disputing comprehensive-wise (God knows, we don't want any more plebs), let us encourage intercourse between our two prisons. Miss " Leamington Spa's " réunions intimes, if a

trifle risqué, are definitely a step in the right direction. (O.K., little Lord Byron, cut out the sob-stuff). So too is the joint orchestra, one of the more fruitful joint cercles.

Anyway, to cut a long moan short, having two schools quasi-completely segregated and right next door to each other, strikes me as the very nadir of bon sens commun.

ENTEC

(*Pseudwriter extraordinaire*)

*EDITOR—See last issue of the CHRONICLE.

ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES

The Art Society has met regularly this year. Interesting and well-illustrated talks on silverware design, town-planning, interior design and cubism have been given by visiting speakers. The Society has also visited the collection of paintings at the Barber Institute, and the American Homes 1680-1860 Exhibition in the A. E. Hills gallery. This last exhibition of furniture and folk art on loan from the American Museum at Bath seemed rather sparse in content, but what was there was interesting. Members think it unfortunate that these meetings are not better attended by those not directly concerned with the Art Department; a great deal is being missed.

Since last July, the School has enjoyed three Arts Council loan exhibitions of reproductions. They were "Landscape in Art," "Still Life," and "The Human Figure in European Painting." In this last exhibition a wide variety of paintings, ranging from little known mediaeval panels to Modigliani's nudes, was seen.

The Art Circle continues its function of providing regular, informal meetings for boys in the upper school who are interested in art, and the number of the faithful has been steadily increasing. Two talks, in particular, on "Pop Art" and Expressionism have attracted considerable audiences, and it is hoped to combine these large scale meetings with the existing pattern of well-informed discussion groups.

There was an exhibition of Mr. Hurn's work—mainly landscapes in acrylic resin—at the opening of the New Music School in December. A music rostrum, the gift of G. T. R. Clark, is being built for the Music School.

The Christmas Card, again printed at School, was designed this year by David Taylor and raised about £38 for Oxfam.

David Taylor also designed the set for the Senior play 'Othello.' It was made largely of egg boxes and apple-storage moulds painted predominantly blue and Venetian red, and although alarmingly difficult to construct produced a very interesting result.

School society posters have varied enormously in quality of execution and design, but on the whole can be said to have improved on those of the past two or three years.

G. C. R. HALL

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY

The stimulus provided by the New Music School has had a considerable effect on our musical activities. Several groups of boys and masters, playing jazz, popular and classical music meet together regularly in the practice rooms, and there is room for more. The purpose of the Society is to enable these groups to perform—and to enable the rest of the School to listen.

During the Easter Term, three jazz concerts, three classical concerts and one folk song concert were given. In general, audiences were more keen to listen to jazz and folk songs than classical music.

Our thanks go to Mr. Tunnard for his encouragement and advice.

R. M. SIBLY

EDITOR—*The Societies were dealt with comprehensively, if briefly, in the last CHRONICLE. It is pleasing to note that attendances at nearly all society meetings have gone up quite considerably; this is probably due to the hard work of publicity-minded secretaries and an increase in the number of joint meetings. It could also be due to a genuine revival of interest.*

AFTERTHOUGHT

We acknowledge the receipt of the same school magazines as before, and, in addition, the *Bromsgrovian*, the *Henrican*, the *Herefordian*, and the *Novocastrian*.

Although everyone remembers Frank, there has been little official notice paid to his departure last July. I feel tempted to write "Come back Frank, all is forgiven," but that isn't nice enough. Come back Frank.

We found an interesting example of how the Business Mind works in a notebook borrowed from a recent O.E. who did not go into accountancy :

	£	s.	d.
Two Rolling Stones tickets		17	0
Fares till end of term		5	0
Dance tickets		7	0
Lunches		4	6
New Statesman		2	0
Miscellaneous		5	0
	2	0	6
	£	s.	d.
Capital	1	12	0
Dick owes me		1	9
Scrounge		2	0
Scrounge		2	0
Save on School lunches		2	0
Cheat bus conductors			3
	2	0	0

We have an excellent athletics track, but how many people have only just escaped decapitation at the hands of some over-eager discus-thrower? Are the safety precautions good enough?

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As far as relations with the High School are concerned, the present policy seems to be one of "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." There are one or two more joint societies, which is an improvement, but the general situation seems to have deteriorated—one example being the last-minute banning of the Joint Folk Song Concert, which had taken months of preparation, apparently because someone had forgotten to tell a mistress about it.

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Steve Winwood did not sing for the Green Onions.

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This is the second of the new-style CHRONICLES. I think we received slightly more contributions than the last editors, though it is difficult to say whether the general standard was as high. The combination of 'All events of interest to the School' and original work has undoubtedly led to a much livelier CHRONICLE, but there are still some important snags. In a magazine which is basically a news-sheet, the pieces of original work are, I suppose, bound to be thought of as embellishments and public statements, rather than genuinely representative and important for their own sakes. If there is a shortage of space, day-to-day reports—many of which are of very limited interest—have to be included at the expense of original contributions.

One solution would be to continue publishing the CHRONICLE in September and May, but concentrating in September on the purely factual side of the magazine, and, in May, on creative work, discussion, play and concert reviews, and society reports. This would have the advantages over the old idea of publishing a MISCELLANY of (i) being far cheaper, and (ii) giving original work the recognition it deserves, without divorcing it from other activities; and over the present system of (i) enabling the year's activities to be seen in perspective without any of the mid-season reports we get now, and (ii) providing a fuller, livelier, and perhaps more independent outlet for matters at least as important as the 'Events of interest to the School.'

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Whatever *did* happen to Baby Jane? / Bunny Lake is missing: applications please to M. W. Davies, care of the Prefects' Room, K.E.S.

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We apologise to the few who would have read it for the absence of an Editorial. The reason for this is that the Editorial we wrote—about the School's traditions—was considered unsuitable for the CHRONICLE, and we were forced to abandon it at the last moment. This, together with a similar difficulty over a poem, again raises the question, which is touched on above, of what sort of magazine the CHRONICLE should be. We would welcome your suggestions on this subject.

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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

During its 90 years of publication the CHRONICLE has displayed many variations of form, and at present there appears to be widespread demand for further change. For several years the problem of whether it is feasible to print purely 'literary' contributions from the boys in the same magazine as the perennial chronicle of School events, and to what extent these two may be juxtaposed, has been faced by the editors. The 'Miscellany' had only a brief life as a purely literary magazine; the CHRONICLE itself has always been, and will remain, fundamentally a running biography of the school at work. Nevertheless the extent to which original, contemporary thought, which lies behind lifeless games and academic statistics, is allowed to raise its often scathing head, has long been a favourite and valid point of debate.

This problem needs little further mention here, but the idea of change must always be foremost in our thinking. The possibility of a new magazine opens an extensive field of variations to us. If a new CHRONICLE is to be synthesised, we must have material from which to draw, and, even more important, time. We need time to build up the best possible publication. As an extreme analogy, an editor of any daily newspaper cannot wait an extra hour for reports. He prints what he has; if it is generally trifling in character the overall effect of the edition will be trifling.

This point may seem simple but it is important because it indicates an obligation—that of all the School to its CHRONICLE. The School wants a CHRONICLE as a magazine not as a mere formality. But improved support is not yet evident. In May we asked for suggestions about the form the CHRONICLE should take. Response has been negligible. This edition has also vividly underlined the procrastination and gross incom-

petence of most contributors; noticeably because Captains tend to forget their inherent obligation as Captains to report. And we again stress that there are many other channels of support which would help to maintain a high standard; i.e., drawings, photographs, suggestions and short stories are all welcome for consideration at any time. We would also welcome a higher standard of literacy than was evident this time, when most articles had to be re-written by the editors.

Given such support, and at present that seems a dismal supposition, a 'modernised' magazine could be planned; a magazine which would, it is hoped, allow for verbal debate from all sides. This is important, for an iconoclastic, negative attack may, in isolation, be readily censored and with some justification. This is just one attractive possibility for a new CHRONICLE, a magazine incorporating not only modern design, but modern opinion as well.

To many, the existing arrangement is seen as an anachronism. Consequently it seems desirable at present to alter the CHRONICLE, either in detail, as in recent years, or radically, in the kind of way already suggested. Some contributions can only be written at the last moment, but you can show your support by *thinking* about contributions early. A successful journal relies on the contributors; we are intended as editors not authors. If you *think*, we may be able to maintain the CHRONICLE's continuity *and* develop a lively new form. Only with co-ordinated support can the CHRONICLE become a stimulating anthology.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Summer Term began on Wednesday, 27th April for all but those who expected term to start on a Thursday as usual.

Three days later the entry " 'A' level Candidates' Prize Essays due " in the calendar came as a nasty shock to those who refuse to regard four weeks' holiday as anything but a rest.

On May 2nd the regular cry of ' 6d. per book per day ' came once again from the library.

On May 3rd the first Communion Service was celebrated in the Chapel.

The Athletics Sports were held at Eastern Road on May 4th and 5th in mixed weather and strictly for those who did not laze throughout the holidays.

The Scout Group were again lucky with the weather for their Parents' Evening on May 14th.

The first joint Communion Service with K.E.H.S. was celebrated on May 17th. Tuesdays in May were also the days chosen for another innovation—morning assembly and service in the new Music School for sixth formers only.

The Junior Play, " The Man who was Thursday " was performed on May 19th, 20th, and 21st. Once again the junior school displayed success in experimentation—effects new to the K.E.S. stage and an original script from the Common Room.

During the following week the Closed Circle remained as closed as ever, the track-suited members of the school visited Hadley Fields and the Birmingham Grammar Schools Preliminaries, the non-club swimmers entered the pool for Round 2 of the Swimming Relays, leavers left their notices and half term began.

The last few days of pre-exam peace lasted from May 27th to May 31st and incorporated two scheduled Natural History Society Field Meetings. The bird- and fungus hunters never seem to rest.

On June 2nd the parents of Removes came to school to hear the worst, or occasionally the best, of their offspring, G.C.E. candidates left officially on June 3rd and three days later 'A' levels began. As usual they were much too early appearing.

Many swimmers took their third and last taste of the waters on June 13th and June 15th. Some of the hardier juniors stayed there for 27 lengths on June 16th.

Those not doing 'A' levels for the first time realised that prize essays were in fact one substitute for them on June 20th.

All the hardier seniors swam 27 lengths on the following day. Training as an excuse for failure on June 20th ?

On June 23rd the school exams began, all hoping to emulate the performance of the night before when four K.E.S. brains, one shird and a feverishly-clapping audience appeared victoriously before the " Sixth Form Challenge " cameras and several million eyes.

Most of the silent sessions in Big School were over by June 25th and 'A' level candidates and library books were both theoretically back at school on June 27th. Immediately the annual three-game fight to the crease was begun by the cricketers and the annual three-match fight to the net by the racketeers.

The new entrants for the Michaelmas Term were duly administered unto and admitted on June 30th at the Admission Ceremony.

On the following day the hardened existing members of the school C.C.F. were generally inspected; this year the Inspecting Officer was Air-Vice Marshal Smallwood. The occasion was conspicuous by its lack of fainting.

On July 2nd the older Scouts headed with ice-axes in their belts for distant Alvechurch and the practice camp for their holiday expedition to Bavaria and the German Alps.

On July 6th and 7th the conference of sixth-formers from K.E.S. and K.E.H.S. finally took place. Mr. Harold Loukes and Dr. Marjorie Reeves were the speakers at two plenary sessions and it is to be hoped that such apparently successful innovations will be repeated and become more frequent. Edward VI died on July 6th.

On July 8th the Swimming Sports took place and Cricket Week began.

The following day provided the usual crowded climax to the term. After an early matins, especially provided for leavers, the Right Hon. Anthony Greenwood, M.P., then the Minister of Overseas Development, was a most informative speaker at the Speech Day gathering. He also presented the prizes. This was followed, as always, by the O.E.A. cricket match which was blessed this year with fine weather. It developed into an interesting game and finished with a victory for the O.E.A. with a few minutes to spare. The number of spectators was disappointingly low.

The School Service of Thanksgiving was again held this year, appropriately, in Big School on July 10th.

The Oxfam Concert took place on July 14th, and its varied programme, incorporating everything from a string quartet to the launching of a conductor's rostrum, but regrettably lacking the programmed flute and piano duet. The same day included the nerve-wracking annual readings over for blocks D, E, and F.

Term ended on July 15th amidst greater disorder than usual, two weeks earlier than last year and after 11 weeks of disappointing weather and a high pollen count.

Mr. BOLTON (1951-66)

In writing an appreciative paragraph or two to mark James Bolton's departure for Belfast it is difficult to strike exactly the right note. A school magazine is not, perhaps, the ideal context for fruity, personal reminiscence ('I first got to know Bolton back in '51 and I remember . . . etc') and the stuffy clichés of 'wide range of interests,' 'cultural activities,' 'social gifts' and so on would so set his teeth on edge as to make them unusable. Yet they are true, and he had a foot in many camps at K.E.S.

From the beginning he was involved in music, either singing or

playing and teaching the flute. He soon found himself caught up by the Dramatic Society and started the hard way as stage manager (1952-6) before taking on the production of junior plays (1957-9) and lastly of alternate senior plays. He produced the only opera that K.E.S. has ever attempted. He did a good deal to start boys at K.E.S. playing squash and was involved in school tennis, a game which he took over two years ago. In his younger days he was sometimes seen on the touchline at house rugger matches, theoretically supporting Prince Lee. But as he did this by shouting with ironic relish the cryptic phrase 'Live dangerously' without specifying the side to which his remarks were addressed, it is doubtful if the fortunes of Prince Lee were materially affected by his presence. He would observe, however, and not without worry, that as it was the spirit of the thing that mattered more than the result what better than to distil the whole ethos of rugger in two pregnant words. Of recent years one of his main interests has been the work of the Personal Service Group and he has done a great deal towards getting it firmly established. Parties, chez Bolton, achieved an exceptionally high standard which will serve as a challenge and an inspiration to those of us who remain.

After all this, it is easy to overlook the fact that his principal job at K.E.S. has been to teach classics, and that he is immensely interested in ancient history and literature, has published a text book on ancient history and has written another on Crete. I'm sure that all members of the classical divisions and sixth forms will be quick enough to acknowledge the stimulus of Mr. Bolton's teaching and of contact with his mind, whether exercised upon Greek prose or Roman poetry or ancient history or modern politics. What he had to say about most subjects was at once penetrating, sane and keenly intelligent. And when all is said and done it is probably in this way that he has made his deepest and most indelible impact on K.E.S. because, it is to be hoped, the values which he stands for and exemplifies will have rubbed off on those whom he has taught and will continue as a leaven in their lives for many years. He will be immensely difficult to replace. He takes with him to Belfast our best wishes for his health and prosperity and that of his family.

A.J.T.

OBITUARY

Alderman LIONEL ALLDRIDGE, C.B.E.

We received with deep regret the news of the death, quite suddenly, on July 4th, of Alderman Lionel Alldridge, at the age of 70, just after he had been in the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of the City Council.

He came on from George Dixon's School to King Edward's, leaving in 1916 to take up his chosen profession as a Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent. He was a partner in the firm Neale and Alldridge.

He had a long record of public service to the City, and indeed was,

for his Civic work, recognised far outside Birmingham. He was a valued member of the Association of Municipal Corporations. He had been Lord Mayor of the City in 1943/1944. He was made an O.B.E. in 1945 and promoted a C.B.E. in 1951.

A special concern of his throughout his life was work with boys and he was a Vice-President of the Birmingham Battalion of the Boys' Brigade. He had served on the City Council since 1930. He became a Governor of King Edward's School in 1963 and rendered particularly valuable service on the Finance and the Estates Committees.

The Cathedral was crowded to capacity for his funeral service on July 8th, at which Alderman Eric Mole paid tribute to this great public servant.

Alderman Alldridge was unmarried.

THE PREFECTS' ROOM

The following became prefects at the beginning of the Summer Term:

N. J. Chapman.
E. W. Gretton.
R. M. Sibly.
G. R. Williams.
P. R. Wilmot.

All the prefects left at the end of the Summer Term except S. G. High and P. R. Wilmot who have taken the positions of School Captain and School Vice-Captain respectively, starting in the Michaelmas Term.

The following prefects have left:

M. DYKE (1958-66). School Vice-Captain and President of the Cartland Club, 1965-66; Prefect 1964-66; House Captain 1964-65; Captain of Athletics 1965-66; Athletics Colours 1965-66; XXX Colours 1965-66; Secretary of the Literary Society; Augurer of the Shakespeare Society; Nottingham University (Gifford).

A. K. SCOTT (1959-66). Prefect 1965-66; House Captain 1965-66; XXX Colours 1965-66; Cpl. in C.C.F.; St. John's College, Oxford (Cary Gilson).

S. A. SHAW (1958-66). House Captain 1964-65; XXII Colours 1965; School Cricket Blazer 1966; School 3rd XV; Vice-Chairman Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society; Under-Officer in C.C.F.; St. Peter's College, Oxford (Prince Lee).

J. B. YOUNG (1959-66). Prefect 1965-66; Captain of Swimming 1965-66; Swimming Colours 1964-65-66; A.S.M. of Mitre Scout Troop; Christchurch, Oxford (Evans).

R. G. J. JONES (1959-66). Prefect 1965-66; House Captain 1966; School Football Colours 1963-64-65-66; Captain 1965-66 (Levett).

J. K. MACKENZIE : Prefect 1965-66; Captain of Lawn Tennis 1965-66; Lawn Tennis Colours 1965-66; Rugby Football Colours 1965-66; Sgt. in C.C.F.; Guy's Hospital, London (Vardy).

R. M. SIBLY (1959-66). Prefect 1966; Secretary of Musical Society: A.S.M. of Mitre; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (Levett).

R. H. ANNANDALE (1959-66). Prefect 1965-66; House Captain 1966; Peterhouse, Cambridge (Jeune).

E. W. GRETTON (1961-66). Prefect 1966; XXX Colours; Editor of CHRONICLE; Secretary of Art Circle; Personal Service Group; Magdalene College, Cambridge (Cary Gilson).

D. K. PARKINSON (1959-66). Prefect and House Captain, 1966; Corporal in C.C.F.; Scholarship, Worcester College, Oxford (Heath).

G. R. WILLIAMS (1959-66). Prefect 1966; School 1st XV; XXX Colours; School Cricket Blazer; P.L. in Senior Sea Scout Troop; King's College, London (Vardy).

A. D. JACKSON (1959-66). Prefect 1966; School Recorder; Secretary Scientific Society; Secretary Tennis 1965; School Tennis Colours 1966; Leading Seaman in Navy; Caltex Industrial Scholar; Pembroke College, Cambridge (Evans).

M. W. DAVIS (1958-66). Prefect 1965-66; House Captain of Vardy; School Cricket Captain; Cricket Colours 1965-66; Vice-Captain of School Cross-Country; Cross-Country Colours 1965-66; School 3rd XV; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; Nottingham University (Vardy).

J. S. LEE (1960-66).

N. J. CHAPMAN.

OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

Endeavours during the Summer Term were made both in kind and in cash to render help where help is needed. At the start of the term a collection of clothes was organised for the Family Service Unit working in the Summer Lane area and calling upon us in particular to help them equip children in need with clothes for summer holidays in the country and by the sea. Once again books, both fiction and text books, were collected for schools in Africa which are far out of range of libraries.

It was determined to devote the term's collections under the Cot Fund to Oxford-Borstal Camps in the running of which a number of recent O.E's have played a significant part; and as a result of Cot Fund collections a cheque for £75 was sent to this cause.

At the end of term the sixth Oxfam Concert was given in the new Concert Room. The proceeds were £35 and have been sent to Oxfam.

Collections at the Holy Communion Services in Chapel are devoted usually in the Summer Term round Ascensiontide to the work of the Cambridge Mission to Delhi. £30 has been sent to Delhi for the support of a pupil in the Cambridge Mission School there.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We are very grateful indeed to the subscribers to the King Edward's School Fund for the gift of new gates to complete the renewal at Eastern Road. These gates make a worthy approach to the new pavilion.

To a number of boys who left in July we are grateful for the gift of books which represent their own special interests. The recently established Science Library is increased by the gifts of Scientists and the Natural History Library is also particularly indebted to this source of support. This does not mean that the main Library either is forgotten or forgets its indebtedness to a number for their very welcome gifts.

On the death of Mr. A. E. Leeds and Mr. W. Barlow an immediate wish was expressed to establish some memorial to their long service. In memory of Mr. Leeds a teak seat has been set on the verandah of the pavilion beside that which commemorates N. W. Hammond, a master here for about as long as Mr. Leeds and a former Housemaster of what used to be called The Red House. Remembering Mr. Barlow's musicianship, the memorial to him takes the form of some special furniture in the Harold Smith Music Studio.

During the year a number of kind friends have also contributed items for the beautification of the new Music School.

The end is approaching of the scheme partly to refurnish Big School with oak chairs, and indeed the last consignment of this pattern of chair that we can obtain has been ordered. Nearly all of these are donated by leavers or other friends of the school and are duly initialled. There is, however, a small number which still remains to be taken up and it is hoped that before long all these oak chairs will be duly carved with the initials of donors.

SPEECH DAY—9th JULY, 1966

As the School Captain observed towards the end of the proceedings when expressing our thanks to the guest of honour, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, the Minister of Overseas Development, this was the first occasion in living memory on which we had been honoured by a visit from a member of the Cabinet. The securing of our guest was due to Mr. Victor Yates, M.P., now entering upon his second period as Bailiff after an interval of exactly twenty years.

Before the Minister's speech the proceedings followed their accustomed pattern, opening with four particularly good and interesting Prize Declamations, then going on to the Chief Master's report in which he had specially to lament the passing from the Governing Body of Professor John Squire and Alderman Lionel Alldridge, and from the Common Room of Mr. A. E. Leeds and Mr. W. Barlow. This was followed by the presentation of prizes which led into the Minister's speech to which everybody gave spellbound attention.

The Minister complimented Mr. Yates on his courage and dedication in his fight for peace, for an end of mistrust and rivalry—the forces which

are holding the whole world back. He then spoke generously of the reputation of King Edward's School as not just one of the oldest schools, for age in itself is no virtue, but one of the best Schools in the United Kingdom. For over 400 years the School has served Birmingham and adorned its Civic life but it has done more than that. To read the History of the School is to read a significant part of the history of Britain. The School has produced Divines like Archbishop Benson and Soldiers like Field Marshal Slim; Artists such as Burne Jones and a great Party Boss in Schnadhorst, the father of the modern Party machine (at this point it was quite clear that the Minister knew a good deal more about the history of King Edward's School than did most of his audience !).

Schnadhorst's Party management was of an importance seldom realised, to the reforms brought about by Joseph Chamberlain. Before him Party affiliation was loose and little organised, but once Schnadhorst got to work all changed. Party machines were set up in constituencies and members had to toe the Party line in the House of Commons.

To the Minister one of the most interesting O.E's was C. F. Andrews, the friend of India. Thirty years ago Britain had a vast Indian Empire and innumerable colonies in every ocean and continent. In those days large numbers of boys would go out to their careers in the I.C.S., the Malayan Civil Service, the Colonial Service, the Sudan Political Service—Service was the word that united these diverse aims. They have left behind them sound honest administration and a respect for the rule of law, and the belief in majority rule, that belief for which we are struggling in Rhodesia. Though it may be submerged for a time, yet it will ultimately triumph. Nobody did more to educate public opinion in the direction of these values than C. F. Andrews, the friend and adviser of Gandhi and Nehru. The greatest monument to his memory is that to him must go much of the credit for the fact that in twenty years seven hundred million people have gone forward to independence. The process was carried through in an atmosphere of dignity and mutual respect such as history has never seen before.

But the work is not yet finished; the challenge to our sense of service to-day is even greater. Political freedom is a mockery if there is no economic independence. Freedom, as Professor Ritchie Calder put it, begins with breakfast. Men and women who depend on others for their livelihood are not surely free. To-day all ethical considerations impose upon us a responsibility for relieving suffering and feeding the hungry; for spreading the fruit of scientific and technological advance to the needy two-thirds of the world. In this Britain has a special responsibility, partly because a large proportion of developing countries look to Britain, and partly because it was we who failed to build up a system and structure so that they could generate the wealth which improving social services require. It was we who failed to train people for responsibility so that now African Governments still rely on more than 1,000 British Civil Servants to keep the machine turning.

We shall not have finished our historic task until we have helped them to a viable economy and completed their training for independence.

The Minister alerted his audience to the facts of the situation. The world population is increasing by 170,000 per day, 7,000 new mouths to feed every hour. Food production goes up more slowly and the world is faced with the stark menace of famine in thirty years. Unless it is possible to balance the population and the supply of food the situation will get worse with incalculable consequences. He challenged us to make it better and told us of the endeavours sponsored by his Ministry of Overseas Development. In the last financial year a total of £205 million was spent by Britain in aid to developing countries on projects like new roads, hospitals, dams, agricultural schemes, steelworks, cotton mills, schools and education. And under the technical assistance programme about 19,000 British people were serving overseas, something like 2,000 of them being younger volunteers. Mr. Greenwood then talked about some of the specialist services in this country whose work is directed towards helping the poorer countries out of their difficulties like the anti-locust research centre, the unit to produce cheap and tough agricultural machinery, such as the rice-transplanter, and the research into the by-products which makes it possible to use the shells of ground-nuts to produce hardboard, the husks of rice to produce lightweight building blocks, and sugar-cane waste to produce paper.

These are all forms of work in which there is great opportunity for young men to make their careers, but service abroad need not involve a life-time commitment. He called upon the trained Scientist, Teacher, Engineer and Doctor to consider a few years abroad between qualification and settling down at home. Then he spoke of voluntary service overseas in which the school has for long had a share. In our day young people are wanted to go from Britain as ambassadors of goodwill. The life they will lead is no picnic; indeed it has all the essence of adventure and all the satisfaction of a life-saving operation.

The Minister left with his audience a strong appeal to contribute to the solution of the world's food problem, and ended by quoting the words with which the Queen's speech to Parliament ends "I pray that the blessing of almighty God may rest upon your labours."

"CUL-DE-SAC"

My brain overflows with a few words
Of every living language;
Have seen everything, am told
Nothing by old age;
Dream through the gold-leaf gateway,
On rusty roller-skates . . .
Lose my road on a bent axle . . .
Seek direction from torn pages
In the atlas of broken limbs;
To any fish-bone call,
I am gulled to web my feet—
The guide is no use at all.

M. BLAIR
Mod. Lang. VI

THE LIBRARY

1965-6 has been a very successful year for the Library, partly because there has been much less rowdyism and vandalism, partly because many of the librarians have been exceptionally co-operative. The depleted library staff during 'A' and 'O' level leave performed their duties with laudable competence and were not harassed by any ruffians choosing to take advantage of their small number.

The annual book check was not able to occupy the the two-and-a-half weeks which last year's library syndicate enjoyed, but an efficient and keen team of twelve librarians, after seven days' hard work, revealed that the total of missing books for this year is 219. Although this is fewer than last year's figure (274), and although at least a hundred of these books will probably be returned during the next year, it is still depressing that there move in our midst people so anti-social that they are prepared to abuse the privilege of using our School Library, into which so much money and work is put.

We are grateful to the many donors who have provided the library with a steady flow of books, in particular to Mr. T. T. Mackie, whose generous gift has filled our shelves with many of the most useful history books.

P. J. F. CRAIG

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Temperatures since February have been near normal for this period of the year, although February itself was warmer than usual, with fewer frosts and less snow. April's mean temperature was four degrees below normal and four days of snow were recorded. The other principal feature of the past five months' weather has been the very heavy rainfall. February had 3.98 in (normal 1.91 in.), April 3.14 in. (1.92 in.), May 3.14 in. (1.78 in.), and June 3.7 in. (1.83 in.). These totals are even higher than last Spring's heavy falls.

The station continues to function smoothly and the difficult examination period was passed through with a minimum of disruption to the observations.

I. D. LAMB
S. F. DRINKWATER

THE CHAPEL

The Summer Term witnessed few variations on the usual pattern of chapel services. However, early in the term we welcomed girls from K.E.H.S. to join us for a service of Holy Communion. Ninety-one communicants attended and this joint service was repeated for the last communion of term. Another variation this year has been the arrangement of the Wednesday evening service by the Christian Guild and it is hoped that, with improved support, this will become a regular event.

During the Summer Term, the Chapel Choir has gained a number of trebles, and this has noticeably increased both their confidence and performance. Meanwhile the older members have gained in experience and, despite the departure of several of them, there remains a good nucleus for next year.

The climax of the year was Matins on Speech Day. The "Short Service" of Orlando Gibbon is in fact formed from the canticles we used at that service and those used at Evensong on the following Wednesday. As usual, we used William Smith's responses and this year's chosen anthem was "He that shall endure" by Mendelssohn. The choir were at their finest for this special service and they gave a superb performance.

The introduction of a new school time-table will almost certainly create several changes in the timing of chapel services for next year. The new Chapel Keeper is S. W. Mitchell.

A. R. COUSTICK

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY AND LIBRARY

Because of the clash with meetings of other societies attendances at Scientific Society meetings have been very low this year. Those who did forego the joys of other activities were presented with a number of interesting lectures on a wide range of subjects, from superconductivity to nuclear magnetic resonance. Films about time and about modern electronics were also shown.

However, it is a disappointment to invite a lecturer and then find that a mere handful of people are apparently interested; now, with the new games arrangements, it will be even more difficult to get people to attend, unless they learn what they are missing.

Completely independent of the main school library, the Science library began to take shape in the year 1964-5. During the past year, it has been completely reorganised, and books are now catalogued and arranged logically. Although there are fewer than 200 books in all, these are of much greater use to the specialist than the shelves of material in the main library. Unfortunately the Science library's existence is still apparently unknown to many, possibly because Authority insists on having the notice "Balance Room" on the door. Incidentally, there are no restrictions imposed on eating, talking and bag-carrying, and 'gentle' persuasion is preferred to fines. Second on the left along the Science Corridor is in fact a flourishing library.

N. F. POWELL

MUSIC 1965-66

This has been a very full and rewarding year for Music, and the Music School is largely responsible for this; although we performed extraordinary feats under the old conditions, I am sure that we have proved our gratitude to the School, and its value, in the quality of our concerts. The opening ceremony included a very successful programme of music, with various members of K.E.S. and K.E.H.S. ably supporting our distinguished guest musicians.

But this beautiful building has not only been the scene of this concert and the Sixth Oxfam Concert, it has also accommodated more routine activities. House orchestras and choirs were able to rehearse in peace in their allotted practice rooms, and the standard of the entries in the House Music Competition was generally high. The competition carried points towards the Cock House Championship for the first time, and this helped to put music more on the map.

The School Concert was held in the Easter Term, and was good, if not outstanding. The joint orchestra rehearsed with the Choral Society for this in the Concert Room. The joint orchestra also rehearsed there for the High School Summer Concert on July 12th. This concert was deemed more successful than in recent years.

The Chapel Choir rehearses on Wednesday mornings, and had, by the end of the year, become equal to the great challenge of singing whole services entirely without accompaniment. Teaching periods for classes and "A" level students now seem a significant part of the curriculum, and when tables eventually appear in the Smith library, musicians will have exceptional facilities for both theoretical and practical work. The Music Circle has held ten meetings over the year—a better record than of late—and attendance has been reasonable. Many people, however, do not regard membership as a privilege, so that meetings are not very sociable, and lacking in team-work. However, there is an eager and good-natured group in block C, who will be an asset in the future.

In conclusion, a brief word about Mr. Tunnard. His conducting, though unobtrusive, is firm and reliable—his eyes are everywhere at once, but everything remains completely under control. He works extremely hard, and has to contend with time, the calendar, and lack of interest and co-operation from some authorities. I and my fellow musicians who are leaving wish that in future, more encouragement could be given to him, to other music teachers, and to pupils considering music as a school subject.

F. J. GOULDING

OPUS 9

Maturely-glowing August haze
Numbed fateful friendship's painful stab
It passed away one eventide
He never sighed

Intoxicating second friend
(O long deep fields, in summer light)
Foresaw deceptions ruthless cart
Oppress the heart.

Because of alabaster shrouds
The innocence was coldly stiff.
Relationships through music flow
In tune they glow.

P. L. COX

THE SIXTH OXFAM CONCERT

After the National Anthem, the Chief Master thanked the donors of the fine Conductor's Rostrum, which was being used for the first time. The Concert proper began with a good performance of Boyce's overture "Pan and Syrinx," which had practically no assistance from the continuo. Regrettably, Mr. J. A. Bolton was unable to make his musical farewell to the school as we had hoped. Therefore, the newly-formed boys' choir continued the concert by singing "Turn, Turn, my Busy Wheel" by Gluck. Their part singing was clear, and this was a delightful performance.

There followed Handel's Organ Concerto in A major. The orchestra was rather shaky in the fugal opening of the second movement, and F. J. Goulding the soloist, characteristically, hurried slightly in his solo passages, although the tutti sections returned to the correct speed. The audience's attention during the slow movement (organ *ad lib.*) was awesome. The final movement was lively and very steady. There were only two real mistakes from the organist, and many spoke well of this item.

After the interval the audience did not fully appreciate the performance of Haydn's string quartet by J. B. Grimmett (violin), M. J. Askew (violin), R. F. Hanson (viola) and R. M. Sibly (cello). True, the newly-formed group was not quite at its best; but in this medium the slightest inaccuracy of rhythm or intonation is magnified. In fact their tone was extremely good; the four deserve all credit for a very good performance.

The next group of three part-songs drew the applause it deserved. The enthusiasm of both groups of trebles was great, and the altos coped very well with their difficult lower notes, as well as letting fly higher up.

The following item was a piano solo by M. T. Young, and he gave a dazzling performance of "Jardins sous la Pluie" by Debussy. His technical skill is breath-taking, but I think that in places his playing needs a little more emotion.

The performance of the brass ensemble, after a rather shaky start, was extremely good and also drew deserved applause. The phrasing throughout, and the difficult changes of rhythm in the second piece, were well controlled, building up to a fine climax at the end. Mr. Barlow would have been very proud of the performance.

Finally, the Chorus and full orchestra joined in Vaughan Williams "Toward the Unknown Region." The small orchestra did very well with their difficult parts, and there were few mistakes. The singing was unusually good, particularly by the trebles, who matched up to the competent lower parts, for once. This was a fine ending to a concert which was perhaps the best ever held at K.E.S. Every performer can be proud to have taken part, but special thanks are due to Messrs. Avery, Craig and Dodds for their invaluable support, to John Grimmett, the leader, and to Mr. Tunnard for his magnificent conducting, and training of the choirs and orchestra.

This concert has shown that the Oxfam Concert is the place for our trebles to sing in a work of Cantata length, but surely a joint Choral Society would benefit both trebles and sopranos, as well as producing better results at the main concert ?

F. J. GOULDING.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

During the past year the Archaeological Society has been well supported by both K.E.H.S. and K.E.S. The first meeting of the Autumn term 1965 was designed to be of particular interest to junior members. Two films were shown, 'Stonehenge' and 'Building a Bronze Age Hut,' and a prize was offered to any Shell who could spot the factual error in the Stonehenge film. At the second meeting Mr. Richard Tomlinson, a former secretary, gave a lecture on his excavations at Perachora in Greece. At half term there was an outing to Caerleon, the camp of the Second Augusta Roman legion. The party stopped in Gloucester to admire the Cathedral and procure hot drinks, while two of the more enterprising members managed to find time to visit the museum as well. At Caerleon the society visited the museum and amphitheatre and on the return journey stopped for a few minutes at Caerwent to view the length of Roman wall.

For the first meeting of the Spring term, January 31st, it was hoped that Mr. Stanford would describe the excavations he was conducting at the Iron Age hill fort of Croft Ambrey which the society visited in 1964, but as he was unable to come two films, 'The New Stone Age' and 'Bronze and Iron Age Britain,' were shown instead. At half term the society visited the Roman town of Chester and spent much time in the extremely interesting Grosvenor Museum where a lecture by the Curator, on Roman Chester, had been arranged. On March 14th Miss Kate Hughes, a former secretary of the society and the President of the Junior Field Section of the Birmingham Archaeological Society, talked about the excavations she had been conducting the previous summer at Bordesley Abbey, Redditch, on behalf of the Birmingham Archaeological Society and Redditch Urban District Council. This Cistercian Abbey was founded by the Empress Maud in 1138.

Several members of the society accepted Miss Hughes' invitation to join her this summer when she would be continuing her work there.

SUE MIDDLETON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR,

May I complain about your recent publication? Although I realise you are hampered by lack of able contributors, the last edition of your magazine was more than usually boring. The literary contributions were for the most part tedious. The CHRONICLE will never attract the talent of the whole school unless it makes itself more attractive and less monotonous. At the moment the CHRONICLE is not expressive of the opinions and artistic ambitions of the School as a whole, merely of a fragment; the magazine is not, as it should be, an organ of school opinions as well as events, but merely the preserve of an enthusiastic but very limited section. I hope you will remedy this state of affairs soon for the School needs such a magazine to record and express. The present standard, however, is deplorably low.

J. SABELL

SIR,

While having nothing but praise for the idea of a 'new look' CHRONICLE, we are sorry to see that this idea has failed to materialise.

The idea has been doomed from the start: the desired emphasis on the contemporary seems to be contradicted by the aims set out on the end-paper dating from 1875. Also, while members of the school are being encouraged to contribute freely, the choice of what can and cannot be published is severely restricted. Indeed, it would seem that the final choice of what is and what is not published lies little or not at all with the Editors. Consequently, though the CHRONICLE is ostensibly run by the boys, the contemporary accent which this fact should produce is almost entirely lacking.

In support of this contention we could cite several examples of work submitted to the CHRONICLE which were banned, as it seems to us, on grounds incompatible with the production of a lively and modern magazine. One must suffice here: a poem largely concerned with sex was banned, although, believe it or not, sex is just as important to boys as House Games, which are reported fully.

If it is truly desired that the CHRONICLE is given a 'new look,' and if contributions of a high standard are to be encouraged, then surely there must be no restrictions imposed on contributions other than the choice of the Editors themselves? They are in the best position to judge what does and does not truly represent the school and its members, and if the Editors are responsible enough to undertake the very considerable amount of work involved in producing the CHRONICLE, they are surely responsible enough to ensure that nothing really offensive or unrepresentative appears in the magazine? If however, as at present, the freedom of the Editors continues to be inhibited, then all pretence that the CHRONICLE is being modernised should be dropped, and the magazine itself should return to the dull routine of Games and Society reports.

C. S. FERNS
A. K. SCOTT

(ED.—*We find these personal letters particularly significant in that they demonstrate three things : that people DO care about the 'Chronicle' and what it contains ; that people DO bother to read and discuss it ; and that they want a magazine which is not merely a reference book, but an attractively presented, lively, and reasonable account of all aspects of the School. This is not a new claim ; but paradoxically active support remains pitifully meagre. We draw your attention to the Editorial and the Afterthought.*)

JUNIOR PLAY

" THE MAN WHO WAS THURSDAY "

The Junior Dramatic Society this year performed 'The Man who was Thursday,' an adaptation by Mr. Alldridge of the novel by G. K. Chesterton.

This must be the boldest production the School, let alone the Junior Dramatic Society has ever presented, and although this play suffered in full measure from the mishaps and defects that might be expected in a

Junior Play, it is not these that one remembers. Rather the freshness and originality of the production were its most noteworthy feature.

There were faults, certainly. This was a difficult play both for the cast and for the audience, and one felt that it could have done with rather more rehearsal. Perhaps due to this there was a certain lack of polish, and the action did not always hang together. In addition, the production was plagued by bad luck in the technical department. This was a pity, for when they succeeded the technical effects were excellent. Finally, in the first part of the play, where there was a good deal of conversation and lecturing, the voices of some members of the cast were on occasions inaudible. This was rather detrimental to the overall effect.

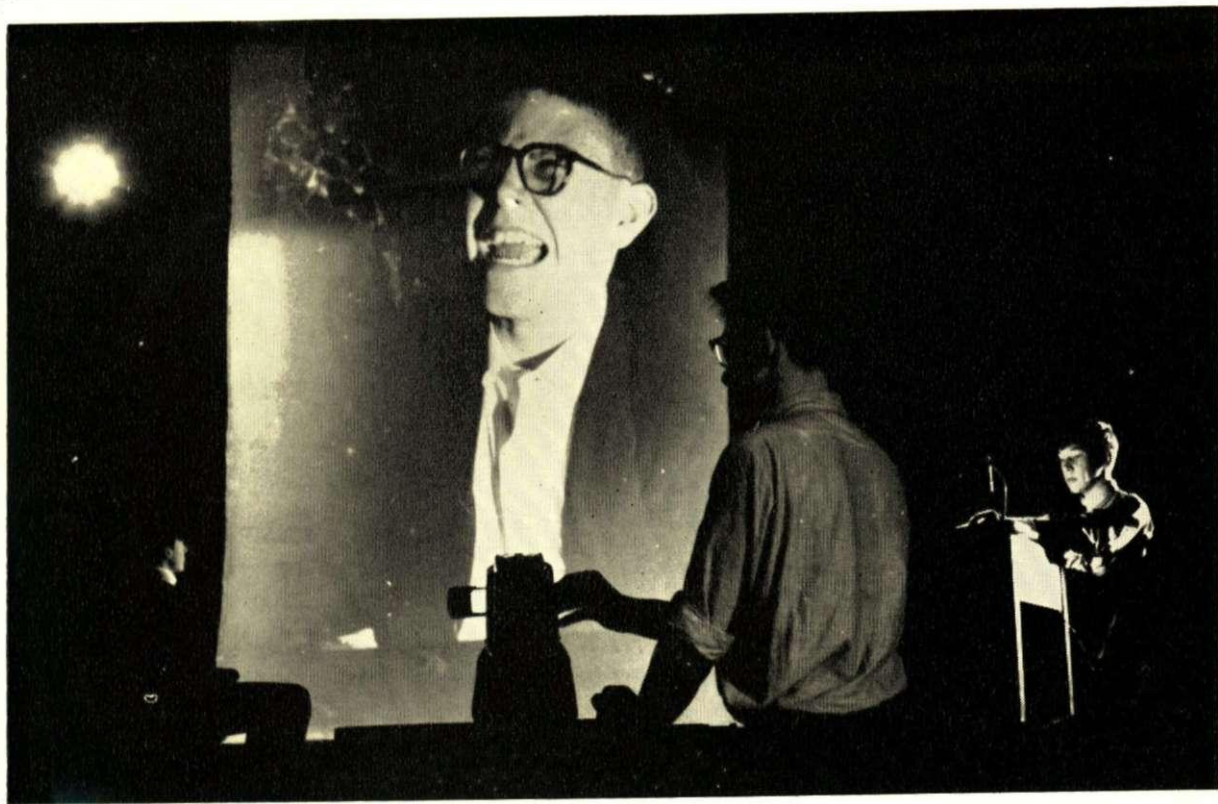
But despite these faults, there was a great deal to praise. The first thing one noticed was the lively programme, which was greatly appreciated by the self-styled intelligentsia in the Choir Gallery. The production as a whole was characterised by a liveliness and originality often sadly lacking in many professional productions. The set was extremely effective and especially so in the underground meeting scene, where the enormous noticeboard gave a suitably conspiratorial air to the proceedings. The lighting effects were good, and the music, though sparingly used, was superb, especially in the memorable chase sequence. In fact the music contributed a great deal to the success of the ritualistic features in the play, notably the dancing and the chase.

While not wishing to pander to the desires of the cast to see their names in print, there were several performances worthy of mention. Not least of these was that of R. G. Maltby, whose appearance as a diminutive orator at the beginning of the play elicited the comment, 'It's Quintin Hogg.' J. L. Davies, as Sunday, while failing to be quite as the play required him to be, gave a feeling of calm command which contrasted with the bustle of all the police whom he had in tow. A. J. H. Summers, as his secretary, had an air of brisk efficiency quite out of keeping with his years. As Thursday, K. R. Lee had an exceptionally difficult part to play, but, despite one or two lapses, he gave a competent and reliable performance, showing that his acting abilities are not confined to female parts. Of the other actors, A. N. Macdonald did very well to sustain a convincing foreign accent, and W. H. F. Workman gave an extraordinarily vivid impression of a cripple. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was J. G. Davies' appearance in the somewhat surprising role of a keeper of law and order. His imitation of a policeman was so exact that one half expected to hear the theme music of Dixon of Dock Green chiming from the wings.

In reviewing a Junior Play one is always liable to do two things: either to judge the performance by adult or more 'senior' standards and thus criticise too severely; or to say, 'Well, they're only kids' in a pompous manner, and be absurdly over-indulgent. This critique has probably fallen into both of these traps.

Finally, it must be added that all those who came to see little Billy on the stage received a good deal more than they bargained for, and for this one cannot thank Mr. Alldridge and his team enough.

C. S. FERNS



Innovation in the Junior School : “ The Man Who Was Thursday.”

THE DANDELION MAKER

And the castanets have stopped playing,
And the sun has lost its glare,
And the children stand in a circle
To while the time in stare.
And the winkles and the mussels
Sleep firmly on the rocks
While the waves attempt to move them
With a thousand million shocks.
And the trees are full of wood-worm,
And the leaves are turning brown,
And the sun flies to the other side
As the moon comes tumbling down.
And the Dandelion Maker
Is standing in a field
As the archers aim their arrows,
But still he doesn't yield.

And the stars begin to twinkle,
And the sea begins to foam
As the ships from foreign kingdoms
Come sailing fast to home.
And the scientists and actors
Put back their tools and lines
In order to reach the field
Far past the carbon mines.
And the bowler-hatted males
And their snub-nosed, smelling wives
Approach with subdued fervour
The field of a million lives.
And the Dandelion Maker
Is shot at by the bods
Who carry arrows willingly
To shoot at men or gods.

The Dandelion Maker
Remembers well the time
When bombs were dropping fiercely
Upon a pit of lime,
And underneath the thick shafts
A baby boy was born.
That was a time of gladness,
And now's the time to mourn.
And when the baby grew,

He crawled around in mud
To reach the large mine's opening,
To reach the field of blood.
And the Dandelion Maker
Is standing in the field.
The archers take another shot
Before his wounds have healed.

And he stands and sadly ponders
Upon his childhood stores
When he grew through adolescence
To ten hundred million doors,
And he sadly now remembers
The times he spent at school
When the kids called him a cissy
And they made him look a fool.
And he's sadly now recalling
The happy days he spent
With a friend, a few years older,
But the kids mocked him again.
And the Dandelion Maker
Is standing all alone
Surrounded by a multitude
And Mother calls him home.

But he's tied up to a sharp stake
With chains ten miles long
And they cut into his tender flesh
While he tries to sing a song.
But the tears well up into his eyes
And freely overflow
Unto his cheeks of burning life
And skin as cold as snow.
And the Dandelion Maker
Remembers all his life
When he tried to kiss a girl of ten
Who killed his loving wife.
And the archers aim too keenly
And their points are much too sharp
And the Dandelion Maker
Scans the sky to see a harp.

K. R. LEE

EDITOR—*Space permits only this fragment of a much longer poem. It is hoped that by truncating the original we have not irrevocably impaired the writer's intentions.*

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SCHOOL TEAMS

CRICKET

Of the 18 completed matches this year, there were 6 wins, 11 losses and 1 draw. The results indicate a lack of consistency in the team, the best performances often being against the strongest opposition, whereas disappointing displays were produced in matches which should have been won. Although capable of making runs, and at a fast pace, all too often our batting collapsed. The bowling lacked penetration though at times individuals secured good analyses. To be fair, it was the policy never to play for a draw unless absolutely necessary, and some very interesting and entertaining cricket resulted.

The fielding was often first-class. The system of having the best fielders in the slips, rather than the worst (following the idea that catches are never caught there anyway in school matches) was repaid amply by the number of dismissals by catches behind the stumps. However, large lunches and voracious appetites sometimes took their toll over the ground fielding.

Cricket Week again proved a success, if not from the point of view of results. The atmosphere and enjoyment again proved a very pleasant end to the season. In it we recorded our notable victory over the M.C.C., this being the first time K.E.S. has beaten that team.

This was a very happy XI and much pleasure was obtained from our games; even in the midst of defeat morale was always high and there were hardly any signs of the bickering which so often mars school teams.

The following played for the XI this year:

A. M. PAUL (Vice-Captain) : A fine hitter of the ball, who has produced prodigious sixes particularly in the match against Malvern, when he scored 77 in 50 minutes. His control of his length has improved throughout the season and he took many wickets in the last few matches although there were notable fielding mishaps off his bowling. Also a brilliant slip-fielder.

J. S. LEE : Despite being out quickly on a number of occasions, he has at times played some delightful innings, without, however, fulfilling the promise which he has shown in the past. Tends to get a little depressed when things go against him. He bowls fast yorkers and long-hops with exceptional guile.

J. PICKERING : Though making a poor start to the season, he was inspired by a visit to a local festival; from then on he made runs with nonchalant ease. Two unpleasant ailments prevented him from playing for a month, but he was back into form immediately on his return.

J. P. EVANS : To take over from last year's very successful opening bowlers was a difficult feat to accomplish, but he proved well-equipped to assume the task. He has bowled with great determination and vigour and with two more seasons to go, he should mature and achieve much in his career. He has amazing boots.

S. A. SHAW : Although his batting has not been as useful as was hoped he has developed into a bowler who can swing the ball considerably

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away from the batsman. At times he has difficulty in bending when fielding but is safe in the air.

K. A. OGDEN : His bowling has not always been as accurate as might be desired with the new ball, but he has at times shown devastating form with much pace. His achievement as a batsman has been a pleasant surprise, scoring many runs with his own patented brand of strokes.

G. R. WILLIAMS : He originally came into the team as a batsman but dropped to No. 11, while in the meantime accepting the role of wicket-keeper on his broad shoulders. This function he performed with increasing skill in a way which one who did not know his true fervour for the game, might well have described as indifferent.

S. GILBERT : Basically very sound in his strokes he lacks the strength to hit the ball with firmness, consequently he makes his runs slowly. He is a good slip fielder, though his deep fielding and running between the wickets is marred by his inability to change gear.

C. W. BRYAN : We were all very sorry to hear midway through the season that Colin had been taken ill and would not play again this year. This came at a time when he was beginning to show the form which he had promised in junior teams. We sincerely wish him a speedy recovery and a return to cricket.

S. P. HILEY, P. T. RILEY and I. K. SMOUT came into the side late in the season but proved by their performances that they will be a strong force in next year's team.

The Second XI and the U.16 XI were weakened by calls from the 1st XI but they managed to put up a creditable show. The U.15 and U.14 both had successful seasons and appear to augur well for the future.

We especially thank Mr. Holden and Mr. and Mrs. Adams for preparing the pitches and the teas.

M. W. DAVIS

Comments on M. W. Davis by the team.

During the season he has captained a comparatively inexperienced, but willing side with determination and good sense in a relaxed manner. As an opener he invariably set the pattern for the rest of the team's performances and several times throughout the season demonstrated his power with the bat. His innings of 91 against R.G.S. Worcester will especially be remembered for its aggressive nature. In the field he has continually set an example, flinging himself around with gay abandon causing havoc to his trouser knees. His bowling ——— 1 1 2 2

The following have also played for the XI this season: S. G. High, I. G. Haynes, D. Dalloway, M. Biddle, D. M. Ridgway, R. N. Barlow, I. A. D. Thompson, C. L. Edwards

RESULTS OF MATCHES

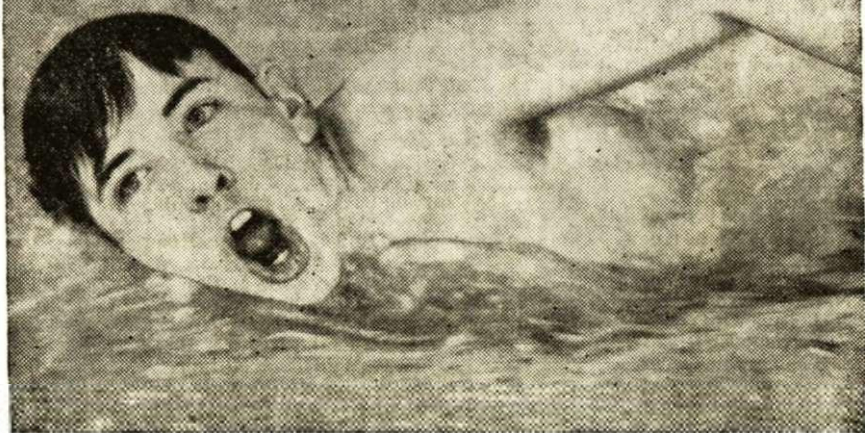
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XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS C.C. (April 30, at Eastern Road)

K.E.S. 128 (J. S. Lea 37, J. G. Pardoe 5-19)

O.E.C.C. 129-6 (P. Vernon 58, G. E. Phillips 46, J. P. Evans 3-35)

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XI v. WYGGESTON SCHOOL (May 7, at Wyggeston)
 K.E.S. .. 150-7 dec. (J. S. Lee 55, A. M. Paul 42, S. Gilbert 25, Corral 4-42)
 Wyggeston .. 74 (J. P. Evans 4-22, A. M. Paul 3-26)

XI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL (May 10, at Eastern Road)
 K.E.S. .. 132 (C. W. Bryan 27, K. A. Ogden 27, J. P. Evans 21, Wyatt 4-44)

XI v. WREKIN COLLEGE (May 14, at Eastern Road)
 Wrekin .. 151 (N. D. Little 29, R. T. Massey 26 not out, C. A. Fergusson 22, J. S. Lea 3-34)

K.E.S. .. 102 (J. S. Lee 23, A. M. Paul 25, Thorburn 5-21)

XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL (May 19, at Eastern Road)
Maich Abandoned

Bromsgrove .. 129-3 (G. I. Sanders 35, A. Martyn-Smith 31)

XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE (May 21, at Denstone)
 K.E.S. .. 120 (J. Pickering 47, Richards 4-23, Turnbull 3-21)
 Denstone .. 121-3 (G. H. Marshall 40 not out, K. B. Turnbull 39)

XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, Worcester (May 28, at Eastern Road)
King's *K.E.S.*

A. J. Judd b Evans ..	7	M. W. Davis lbw Barlow ..	11
N. P. Wilson c Pickering b Dalloway ..	34	J. Pickering lbw Barlow ..	70
N. J. Taylor b Davis ..	28	J. S. Lee lbw b Nicholls ..	0
V. A. Nicholls c Bryan b Paul ..	26	A. M. Paul b Nicholls ..	4
S. R. Knee lbw Ogden ..	3	G. R. Williams b Nicholls ..	0
J. A. Comyn lbw Paul ..	4	C. W. Bryan b Nicholls ..	4
P. J. Garland b Ogden ..	4	I. G. Haynes b Comyn ..	17
L. Blackstock lbw Ogden ..	0	K. A. Ogden b Barlow ..	21
N. B. H. Logan b Paul ..	0	D. Dalloway not out ..	10
D. J. Rogers not out ..	23	S. G. High not out ..	1
F. Barlow c High b Dalloway	13	J. P. Evans did not bat ..	

Total .. 149
 Evans 1-16, Ogden 3-37, Lee 0-14,
 Dalloway 2-23, Paul 3-38, Davis 1-14

Total .. 152
 Nicholls 4-53, Barlow 3-41, Comyn 1-20,
 Logan 0-24

XI v. REPTON XXII (May 31, at Repton)
 Repton .. 105 (M. R. Barnet 21, A. M. Paul 5-32)
 K.E.S. .. 108 (A. M. Paul 42 not out, J. Pickering 29)

XI v. R.G.S. Worcester (June 4, at Worcester)

<i>K.E.S.</i>		<i>R.G.S.</i>	
M. W. Davis lbw b Lee ..	91	R. B. Hiles b Lee ..	49
I. G. Haynes b Baynham ..	5	M. W. Watkins b Shaw ..	45
A. M. Paul st, b Griffith ..	58	K. Griffith b Ogden ..	24
J. S. Lee c and b Griffith ..	2	G. K. Haslam c Williams b Evans ..	40
S. A. Shaw b Lee ..	1	P. J. Beckley not out ..	13
C. W. Bryan b Lee ..	6	K. Fidoe c Williams b Ogden ..	0
K. A. Ogden b Lee ..	16	R. P. Starkey not out ..	12
G. R. Williams not out ..	2		
D. Dalloway b Lee ..	0		
S. G. High c Griffith b Lee ..	0		
J. P. Evans not out ..	4		

Total (9 wks dec.) .. 204
 Lee 6-22, Griffiths 2-59, Baynham 1-23,
 Perryman 0-37

Total (5 wks) .. 203
 D. Perryman, E. A. Baynham, P. R.
 Hogbin, J. H. C. Lee did not bat
 Evans 1-44, Ogden 2-33, Shaw 1-27,
 Lee 1-27, Davis 0-14, Paul 0-21



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XI v. MALVERN XXII (June 14, at Eastern Road)
 Malvern .. 168-5 (A. W. Dodds 32, N. V. Small 30, A. R. Whatley 57 not out, P. T. Riley 3-61)
 K.E.S. .. 171-5 (A. M. Paul 77 not out, M. W. Davis 48, J. Pickering 22, Adey 3-51)

XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL (June 18, at Warwick)
 Warwick .. 183 (D. S. Freeman 38, N. R. Wilson 36, P. R. Haddon 33, A. M. Paul 4-28, K. A. Ogden 3-53)
 K.E.S. .. 53 (Steane 4-35, Dollery 3-13)

XI v. COMMON ROOM (June 21, at Eastern Road)
 Common Room 174-8 (D. C. Everest 53, D. H. Benson 53, T. G. Freeman 26, Evans 4-46, Shaw 3-37)
 K.E.S. .. 37 (A. M. Paul 22, D. F. Cockle 4-5, D. Ganderton 3-6, T. G. Freeman 3-23)

XI v. TRENT COLLEGE (June 25, at Trent)
 K.E.S. .. 107 (J. S. Lee 41, Dixon 5-17)
 Trent .. 30-1 Match abandoned

XI v. MANCHESTER G.S. (June 29, at Eastern Road)
Manchester *K.E.S.*
 D. B. Adams b Ogden .. 35 S. Gilbert b Hewison .. 5
 R. J. Hope run out .. 54 M. W. Davis c Machin b Hewison .. 30
 I. Thornton b Ogden .. 14 J. S. Lee b Hewison .. 16
 R. D. Stark c Gilbert b Lee .. 23 I. K. Smout c Machin b Ashton 12
 G. M. T. Howe b Ogden .. 3 A. M. Paul not out .. 55
 C. E. John b Lee .. 0 P. T. Riley b Hewison .. 12
 J. E. Hewison not out .. 3 S. A. Shaw c Jones b Howe .. 3
 A. Jones not out .. 2 K. A. Ogden b Howe .. 0
 A. D. Thompson c Hewison b Howe .. 0
 S. G. High not out .. 0

Total (6 wkts dec.) .. 144
 S. J. Machin, C. J. Wrigley,
 I. R. Ashton did not bat
 Ogden 3-56, Paul 0-40, Lee 2-12,
 Dalloway 0-15

Total (8 wkts dec.) .. 138
 D. Dalloway did not bat
 Hewison 4-51, Howe 3-13, Ashton 1-43,
 Wrigley 0-15

XI v. TUDOR GRANGE (July 6, at Eastern Road)
 Tudor Grange .. 99 (C. Rhodes 35, K. A. Ogden 3-30, C. L. E. Edwards 3-11)
 K.E.S. .. 100-7 (K. A. Ogden 46 not out, Hedgrove 4-54)

XI v. GENTLEMEN OF WORCESTER (July 8, at Eastern Road)
Gentlemen of Worcester *K.E.S.*
 N. E. F. Harris b Evans .. 4 M. W. Davis c Talbot b Tinkler 7
 E. Tinkler b Evans .. 34 S. Gilbert c Tetley b Williams .. 16
 A. D. Talbot b Evans .. 7 I. K. Smout b Carke .. 28
 M. Tetley c Williams b Ogden 24 J. S. Lee b Clarke .. 6
 J. S. Porter b Ogden .. 15 A. M. Paul c and b Pidgeon .. 16
 K. Williams not out .. 61 P. T. Riley b Williams .. 2
 W. W. Alderman c and b Lee 7 S. P. Hiley not out .. 43
 J. H. G. Clarke b Evans .. 17 K. Ogden lbw b Pidgeon .. 0
 S. A. Shaw c Hickman b Pidgeon .. 14
 J. Evans b Tinkler .. 0
 G. R. Williams b Pidgeon .. 3

Total (7 wkts) .. 178
 M. R. Hickman, C. L. Pidgeon, P. J. Hewitt
 did not bat

Total .. 148



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XI v. O.E.A. (July 9th at Eastern Road)

<i>O.E.A.</i>	
W. Sykes c Hiley b Paul	24
J. D. Rees c Paul b Riley	16
J. A. Barnfield not out	43
G. K. Rand b Lee	53
I. J. Tickle c Williams b Ogden	10
M. R. Shenstone c and b Lee	4
J. G. Pardoe not out	8

Total (5 wkts) 165

<i>K.E.S.</i>	
S. Gilbert b Pardoe	0
M. W. Davis c Phillips b Taylor	19
I. K. Smout b Taylor	0
J. S. Lee c Tickle b Barnfield	32
A. M. Paul, c Freeman b Shenstone	7
P. T. Riley b Rand	16
S. P. Hiley c Rand b Rees	18
K. A. Ogden lbw Benson	26
S. A. Shaw b Benson	28
J. P. Evans c Phillips b Freeman	1
G. R. Williams not out	5

Total 164

T. G. Freeman, D. H. Benson,
V. M. Phillips, D. B. Taylor did not bat.

XI v. M.C.C. (July 11, at Eastern Road)

<i>XI</i>	
M. W. Davis c Gillespie b Hossell	6
J. Pickering c Lewis b Ackfield	57
I. K. Smout b Ackfield	2
J. S. Lee st Lewis b Hossell	0
A. M. Paul b Ackfield	8
P. T. Riley c Hartley b Hossell	9
S. P. Hiley c Robins b Hossell	17
K. A. Ogden st Lewis b Hossell	21
S. A. Shaw not out	21
J. P. Evans not out	2

Total (8 wkts) 145

G. R. Williams did not bat

<i>M.C.C.</i>	
E. Tinkler c Paul b Ogden	37
K. Everitt c Paul b Ogden	1
E. Golding c Paul b Evans	11
P. D. H. Robins c Davis b Ogden	6
P. Cranmer c Williams b Ogden	0
I. Gillespie c Pickering b Ogden	13
P. A. Gough not out	36
G. W. Hartley b Lee	10
J. J. Hossell c Paul b Lee	2
J. R. Ackfield c Ogden b Paul	5
E. B. Lewis c Davis b Evans	10

Total 143

XI v HARDYE'S SCHOOL (July 12, at Eastern Road)

<i>XI</i>	
I. K. Smout b Dickinson	18
M. W. Davis lbw b Bird	40
J. Pickering c Sims b Paylor	22
J. S. Lee c Harris b Paylor	0
A. M. Paul c Trim b Bird	3
P. T. Riley b Bird	9
S. P. Hiley b Burnett	11
K. A. Ogden c Trim b Burnett	39
S. A. Shaw c Lancashire b Burnett	4
G. R. Williams b Burnett	0
J. P. Evans not out	1

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<i>Hardye's</i>	
G. Lancashire c Davis b Paul	24
P. J. Harris c Williams b Evans	0
M. E. Beale b Paul	72
K. M. Chambers c Lee b Paul	0
A. J. Trim b Davis	35
D. Paylor b Paul	6
D. Sims b Paul	2
T. C. Blagrove run out	0
K. Dickinson c Pickering b Paul	6
R. L. Burnett st Williams b Paul	14
T. Bird not out	0

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XI v. THE XL CLUB (July 14, at Eastern Road)

XL Club

K. G. Metcalfe c Shaw b Paul	27
B. L. Packwood c Williams b Paul . .	25
D. C. Everest c Davis b Lee _____	1
T. S. Cox b Paul _____	23
F. J. G. Shearburn b Ogden _____	16
D. Flint run out _____	22
K. Brealey not out _____	52
B. O. Hands c and b Lee _____	15
D. L. Clugston not out _____	0

Total (7 wkts) _____ 198

K.E.S.

M. W. Davis lbw Ebson _____	10
J. Pickering b Deamer _____	28
J. S. Lee b Deamer _____	16
I. K. Smout b Hands _____	13
A. M. Paul c Brealey b Hands _____	3
P. T. Riley b Ebson _____	1
S. P. Hiley st, b Hands _____	0
K. A. Ogden lbw Deamer _____	20
S. A. Shaw c Everest b Clugston	20
J. P. Evans c and b Clugston _____	2
G. R. Williams not out _____	0

Total _____ 120

XI v. M.C.C.C. (July 15, at Eastern Road)

Match Abandoned. M.C.C.C. 23-0

THE M.C.C. MATCH

The School won the toss and the M.C.C. were sent in to bat on a damp pitch. Everitt was soon out to a fine slip catch by A. M. Paul. It appeared after a while that the M.C.C. were going to make a large total, but a sudden collapse due to accurate bowling and excellent catching suggested the possibility of a victory for K.E.S. K. A. Ogden was bowling better than he had done at any time during the season, and J. S. Lee gave him fine support at the other end. Gough played soundly, cutting and driving the ball with some force, and the question soon arose as to whether the tail could stay with him. Few runs were given away, and the batsmen had to fight constantly. A last wicket partnership began to build up, but at 3-45 p.m. the last wicket fell with the M.C.C.'s total at 143, 9 of their batsmen being out caught.

K.E.S. began cautiously, Hossell and Ackfield both moving the ball well and causing discomfort to the batsmen. Wickets fell quickly and with the score at 69 for 5 the game looked very much a lost cause for K.E.S. However, J. Pickering was in good form and struck out firmly. But when he was out the game swung back once more in the favour of the M.C.C. K. A. Ogden and S. A. Shaw batted sensibly, hitting out at all the bad balls. Then, with five runs still to be made, Ogden skied the ball and was caught. J. P. Evans looked uncomfortable at the wicket and with the score at exactly 143 he hit the ball up towards extra-cover and a fielder. The batsmen ran, although it seemed certain that the simple catch would dismiss Evans. Fortunately the catch was dropped: the School had won by two wickets.

SWIMMING

Although we missed most of the glory, the team, aided by Mr. Cotter's unflagging encouragement, had a most enjoyable season.

Every member of the team gave of his best, and despite strong opposition we were unlucky to record only one win and one draw.

In particular, credit is due to M. L. Dunford who was our mainstay in the backstroke events. With a haircut he should have even more success next season. He was ably supported by P. C. Cox, who is also a very good prospect for the future.

P. G. and R. C. Reasbeck were the spearhead of our freestyle attack and with their times constantly improving they promise well for next year. R. C. Reasbeck broke the formidable under 15 100 yards freestyle record, in a time of 61.9 seconds, and should improve on this providing he keeps his breath solely for swimming.

The breast-stroke load was admirably taken by P. M. Spiers and M. D. F. Warr, who swam consistently throughout the season.

Once again our divers, M. J. Cooney and R. E. Huddleston showed their quality and recorded first position in almost every match.

The team is fortunate in having a pool of good material in the juniors—notably R. A. Birtles, A. W. Fletcher, A. B. Smedley and A. T. M. Freeman.

The water-polo team offset the defeats of the swimmers by winning all but one of their matches—the one exception being against a powerful Solihull side. Unfortunately this was our only defeat over the past eleven years. Although P. G. Reasbeck preferred to play on his own, the team was one of the strongest we have ever fielded.

The mechanics of the bath and plant gave us trouble this year, but owing to the genius of Mr. Morriss, none of the matches or the School Sports were affected.

Finally I should like to wish the team every success next year under the captaincy of R. E. Huddleston and emphasise that summer matches are won by hard winter training and not last minute effort.

J. B. YOUNG

RESULTS OF SWIMMING MATCHES

Malvern College				<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Water-Polo</i>
Trent College	||	||	||	Draw 40-40	Won 5-0
Ratcliffe College				Cancelled	
Repton				Lost 38-43	Won 5-0
Rugby	|			Lost 30-39	Won 10-1
Wrekin				Cancelled	
Bromsgrove				Won 42-25	Won 3-1
Solihull				Lost 29-48	Won 6-1
Shrewsbury				Lost 35-43	Lost 1-3
				Lost 23-55	Won 6-0

Colours: M. J. Cooney—Re-award.
 R. E. Huddleston
 P. M. Spiers
 M. L. Dunford
 P. G. Reasbeck

} Award.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

For the first time since the days at Woodcock Street, both senior and junior events were held on the same evening. Despite a shower or two in the afternoon, the evening was fine and the sports ran with their usual efficiency. Mr. Cotter had worked very hard to provide a highly enjoyable evening, ably supported by other masters who acted as officials.

The Saturday afternoon was set aside for the annual water-polo match against the Old Edwardians. This year they fielded an all-star team including four previous school swimming captains. The school, playing superbly, only lost by a mere six goals to three.

Two teams of under 15 players proved that the standard of water-polo is getting higher throughout the school and this bodes well for the future.

Both matches provided a most entertaining afternoon for the spectators who were treated to a fine display of water-polo skill.

J. B. YOUNG

RESULTS OF SWIMMING SPORTS

OPEN

Half-mile:	J. B. Young	13 min. 45 secs.
200 yards Freestyle:	J. B. Young	2 min. 29.4 secs.
100 yards Freestyle:	J. B. Young	65.4 secs.
66⅔ yards Freestyle:	J. B. Young	39.3 secs.
66⅔ yards Backstroke:	M. L. Dunford	49.0 secs.
100 yards Breaststroke:	J. B. Young	83.1 secs.
66⅔ yards Butterfly:	M. L. Dunford	48.9 secs.
4 × 1 Individual Medley:	M. L. Dunford	1 min. 45.4 secs.
Dive:	R. E. Huddleston	

UNDER 16½

100 yards Freestyle:	P. G. Reasbeck	66.2 secs.
66⅔ yards Freestyle:	P. G. Reasbeck	40.9 secs.
66⅔ yards Backstroke:	P. G. Reasbeck	48.9 secs.
100 yards Breaststroke:	P. G. Reasbeck	85.3 secs.
4 × 1 Individual Medley:	P. G. Reasbeck	1 min. 50.9 secs.
Dive:	P. G. Reasbeck and R. S. S. Green	

UNDER 15

Half-mile:	R. C. Reasbeck	13 min. 59 secs.
100 yards Freestyle:	R. C. Reasbeck	65.3 secs.
66⅔ yards Freestyle:	R. C. Reasbeck	41.4 secs.
66⅔ yards Backstroke:	R. C. Reasbeck	50.5 secs.
66⅔ yards Breaststroke:	R. C. Reasbeck	55.1 secs.
Dive:	R. C. Reasbeck	

UNDER 13½

33⅓ yards Freestyle:	A. T. M. Freeman	19.8 secs.
33⅓ yards Backstroke:	R. Osborne	26.9 secs.
33⅓ yards Breaststroke:	A. T. M. Freeman and G. T. Rushton	} 26.6 secs.
Dive:	A. T. M. Freeman	

ATHLETICS

The Senior Team has beaten six teams and lost to six teams. The Intermediate and Junior Teams produced similar results. We achieved a position of fifth in the B.G.S. Sports, a fine performance with which to complete a season in which the Athletics Team has shown a distinct improvement. All this can be seen in detail below. What the list of results does not reveal is how, in some ways, this was a frustrating season: some members of the team have suffered from troublesome injuries; there have been unaccountable—and for those concerned, very disappointing—losses of form, our greatest enemy was inconsistency. The most disappointing fact was the great reluctance to train, accompanied by a lack of effort on the part of some athletes. Had it not been for this, we might have done even better.

If anyone is to be singled out for special report, it should be R. J. Arculus in the sprints and M. J. Cooney and M. G. Davies in the shot-putt. They have rarely been beaten and they could always be counted upon to give of their best and to provide an example for the rest of the team to follow.

Prospects for next season are good, especially for the Under 17 Team, because most of this year's team are only fifteen and very keen: their true strength was shown in the U.16 match against Denstone and Ratcliffe, when they had an overwhelming victory.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Holden and Mr. Adams for maintaining our track in excellent condition.

School Athletics Colours have been re-awarded to R. J. Arculus, M. G. Davies and D. R. Hill, and awarded to S. C. Bates, M. J. Cooney, G. C. R. Hall, P. J. Kilvert, J. A. Ledbury, C. Leigh, B. H. Smith, G. D. Weedall, R. O. Yarwood.

This year the Athletics Club has been granted the right to award Half-Colours; these have been awarded to H. de Lacy, J. B. Grimmett, I. A. Baird, D. M. Heal, G. E. P. Swatridge, C. J. Warren, M. D. W. Wood.

M. DYKE

RESULTS

LENT TERM :

v. Shrewsbury. Away

SENIOR	..	..	..	Lost	39	56
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	45½	49½

v. Warwick v. R.G.S. Worcester. Home

SENIOR	..	..	..	2nd	100	118	58
UNDER 17	..	..	..	1st	112	95	69
THE HOLDEN TROPHY	..	..	..	2nd	212	213	127

v. Ratcliffe. Home

SENIOR	..	..	..	Lost	58	80
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	64	74

SUMMER TERM :

v. St. Philip's G.S. Home

SENIOR	..	..	..	Won	68	48
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	45	71
UNDER 15	..	..	..	Lost	49	67

v. Denstone v. Ratcliffe. Home

UNDER 17	..	..	..	2nd	92	75	109
UNDER 15	..	..	..	2nd	88	70½	91½

v. Malvern. Away

SENIOR	..	..	..	Lost	54½	59½
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	56	59

v. Denstone v. Ratcliffe. At Ratcliffe

SENIOR	..	..	..	3rd	59	104	111
UNDER 16	..	..	..	1st	126	81	69

v. K.E.G.S. Camp Hill. Away

UNDER 15	..	..	..	Won	56	38
UNDER 14	..	..	..	Lost	30	63
UNDER 13	..	..	..	Won	42	40

v. Solihull. Home

SENIOR	..	..	..	Won	78½	59½
UNDER 17	..	..	..	Lost	43	95
UNDER 15	..	..	..	Won	75½	62½

v. K.E.G.S. Aston v. K.E.G.S. Camp Hill v. K.E.G.S. Five Ways. Home

SENIOR	2nd	40	29	24	45
UNDER 17	2nd	40	43	21	28

v. Old Edwardians. Home

SENIOR	Won	75	63
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BIRMINGHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SPORTS AT HADLEY FIELDS

100 yards:	4th	R. J. Arculus	(10.6 secs.)
880 yards:	4th	M. Dyke	(2 min. 9.0 secs.)
High Jump:	4th	P. J. Kilvert	(5 ft. 0 ins.)
Shot Putt:	1st	M. J. Cooney	(45 ft. 11½ ins.)
	3rd	M. G. Davies	(42 ft. 9 ins.)
Javelin:	1st	S. C. Bates	(155 ft. 5 ins.)
8 x 220 yards Relay:	3rd		(3 min. 17.3 secs.)

K.E.S. 5th ex 18 schools competing.

RECORDS DURING THE SEASON

During the season a large number of new records have been established:

(a) SPORTS DAY RECORDS :

OPEN

100 yards:	R. J. Arculus	10.4 secs. (equals record)
Shot Putt (12 lbs.)	M. J. Cooney	42 ft. 11¼ ins.

UNDER 17

880 yards:	G. E. P. Swatridge	2 min. 11.6 secs.
Mile:	G. E. P. Swatridge	
Hurdles (110 yards, 2 ft. 6 in)	I. A. Baird	15.3 secs.
Triple Jump:	I. A. Baird	38 ft. 1 in.

JUNIOR (UNDER 15)

880 yards:	B. L. Hanna	2 min. 29·7 secs.
High Jump:	R. Herbert	4 ft. 10 ins.
Triple Jump:	B. L. Hanna	33 ft. 7 ins.
Shot Putt (6 lbs.)	B. L. Hanna	42 ft. 7½ ins.
Cricket Ball:	B. L. Hanna	280 ft. 0 ins.

MINOR (UNDER 13)

Triple Jump:	S. G. Johnson	28 ft. 3½ ins.
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(b) **IN SCHOOL MATCHES** (unless otherwise stated, these records have been set up at Eastern Road):

OPEN

100 yards:	R. J. Arculus D. R. Hill	10·3 secs.
220 yards:	R. J. Arculus	23·3 secs.
Triple Jump:	B. H. Smith	42 ft. 10½ ins.
Shot Putt (12 lbs.)	M. J. Cooney	45 ft. 11½ ins. (at Hadley Fields)

UNDER 17

Triple Jump:	I. A. Baird	40 ft. 4½ ins. (at Ratcliffe)
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4 × 110 yards Relay:

I. A. Baird A. E. Banks J. Pickering D. S. Jeffcoat	48·0 secs.
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UNDER 15

880 yards:	D. M. Heal	2 min. 11·0 secs.
Mile:	D. M. Heal	5 min. 8·6 secs.
Hurdles (80 yards 2 ft 9 ins.):	B. L. Hanna	13·2 secs.
Triple Jump:	B. L. Hanna	34 ft. 6 ins.
Javelin (600 gms.):	B. L. Hanna	138 ft. 9 ins.

UNDER 14

100 yards:	G. T. Ruston	11·7 secs.
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N.B.—It is hoped, now that the Age-groupings for Sports Day and School matches have been changed, to produce a complete list of the School records, copies of which would be available to those interested.

SHOOTING

In the Lent Term, we concentrated more on the group, rapid and snap targets for the 'Country Life,' and rather less than usual on the 'Landscape.' This produced an increase on last year's score in the competition, improving our position to 76th out of 160 schools. (Colours to R. M. Roper-Hall.)

The cancellation of .303 shooting at Kingsbury was a disappointment in the Summer Term. However, Lt. Ramsay provided some compensation by supervising some varied .22 shooting for practice and pleasure. As a result the Tunstall Cup House Competition was not fired. However, it is planned that the Annual Camp party will do a good deal of Open-Range firing. The .22 Classification Shield was won this year by Gifford, the 'Country Life' by Heath, and the best shot of the year was D. J. Edmonds.

D. J. EDMONDS

GYMNASTICS

The individual gymnastics championships were contested in February. In a competition of a generally high standard, R. E. Milward was the eventual winner out of the six entrants. A. R. Peterkin gave a fine performance to win the intermediate competition despite the extraordinarily small entry. However, sixteen contestants entered for the junior competition, and its trophy, the Moore Cup, was won by J. G. Winspear. The large entry for this junior event promises a copious supply of future gymnasts in the senior part of the school.

The Gymnastics Club provided a fast-moving display at the C.C.F. general inspection. The progress maintained in the standard of our gymnastics was well demonstrated in the quality of this display and in this year's improved match results. For example, we adequately revenged ourselves for last year's defeat by King Henry VIII Coventry G.S. The growing skill and ensuing success of school gymnastics is proof of the patience and support of the Gymnastics Department.

R. E. MILWARD

MATCH RESULTS (1965-66)

Selly Oak	..	1st Team	Won
King Henry VIII, Coventry	..	" "	Won
King's, Worcester	..	" "	Won
Ratcliffe College	..	" "	Lost
Moseley G.S.	..	" "	Lost
Alderly S.S.	..	Under 15 Team	Won
King's Heath T.S.	..	" "	Lost
Ratcliffe College	..	Under 13 Team	Lost

CHESS

Since my last report our Chess players have enjoyed many successes. On the home front Jeune won the Chess championship, C. F. Owen the Hurn trophy, and P. G. Prescott the Junior Pugh. C. C. W. Shephard played extremely well to reach both finals in his fourth year at school.

Our final records in the Birmingham Junior League were:

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Position</i>
1st Team	8	7	0	1	2nd
2nd Team	9	7	2	0	1st
3rd Team	8	8	0	0	1st
4th Team	10	8	2	0	1st

These are the best overall results in living memory.

At the Birmingham Easter Congress we had someone in the first four in every age group from U.18 to U.12. G. E. P. Swatridge retained the Warwickshire U.16 title and in the U.12 section we had second, third and fourth positions.

Finally, to finish the season on a victorious note, the school won the Burton G.S. Team Tournament with 15½ points out of a possible 20. This was an extremely creditable result on two counts: firstly, the best schools in the Midlands compete; and secondly, we were unable to field our strongest team. Indeed, we were forced to find a replacement at 7-10 a.m. on the morning of the tournament; I am pleased to record that he won both his matches.

As only one school chess player is leaving, future prospects are excellent, and next year's team should gain many leading honours.

C. F. OWEN

THE JUDO CLUB

This school year has seen the founding of a school Judo club. Mr. Skinner joined the Common Room last September and being a Judoka himself, decided to start a class at school.

At first things went slowly; not many people seemed to know about the club. But soon there was a hard core of regular members practising twice a week. The club is now about a dozen strong.

The scope of our Judo was greatly enlarged when we acquired a canvas about halfway through the year. This meant that we could now have proper contests.

The club has been a great success so far. There have been two schoolboy gradings held in Birmingham this year, and on both occasions everybody who entered from K.E.S. succeeded in being upgraded. The National Schools' Championships were held at Swindon in May, and three Judoka from K.E.S. represented Birmingham in this event.

The thanks of all club members go to Mr. Skinner who founded the club, and who, by his own enthusiasm and skill, has produced such fine results from the club members themselves in such a short space of time.

M. J. COONEY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SIR,

The new games arrangements which start this year have been hailed as a means of ending the "physical illiteracy" of the school. But are we not in danger of losing our identity as a school at the same time? This year each block has a different free afternoon and the lower and upper schools have lunch at different times. Thus contact between different age groups has been made very much more difficult than it was in previous years. One of the great things about the school used to be the ease with which age groups were able to mix. Could not the new games arrangements be adapted so as to reintroduce a free afternoon for the whole school?

G. N. GILBERT

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

"It is hard to stand firm in the middle"—EZRA POUND.

Cary Gilson finished fifth in the Cock House Championship, the position which we occupied twelve months ago, but a lot of effort was required to pull the House up from the bottom rung on which we stood at Easter. The Summer Term has clearly been our most successful this year, largely due to our achievements in the bath. The House won quite convincingly Swimming Standards, the Swimming Sports and the Swimming Championship, and success, while not entirely unexpected, tasted sweet. The most encouraging feature of our victory in Swimming is that our team will be virtually unchanged for the next two years.

The abolition of the Second Team Cricket League left us with the luxury of more than two bowlers in the First XI, and, consequently, we finished third equal. The First knockout team was involved in two thrilling finishes, and, despite the loss through illness of our Cricket Captain—it recorded two 'miracle' victories. Unfortunately the Second XI managed to win only one game, and the Thirds achieved an unbroken string of losses. We were fifth overall in Cricket, a creditable result considering the lack of talent at our disposal.

There has been no shortage of volunteers to fill the ranks of the league Tennis team, and this enthusiasm enabled us to reach a position of second. Unfortunately we discovered that in the knockout enthusiasm alone is not enough, and we won only one match, giving us an overall position of fifth in this sport.

In Athletics we won the Standards Shield, thanks largely to the persistent efforts of the younger members of the House. It is to them we look for the future, in the hope that they will carry their enthusiasm through into the Sixth Form. In the Sports our success stemmed from three brilliant individuals—I. A. Baird, the Intermediate Champion, who broke several records during the season; and S. C. Bates and R. M. Batters, who came close to winning the Open and Minor Age Groups respectively.

A. K. SCOTT

EVANS

The optimism which showed itself within the House at the end of the Lent term has been fully justified. A combination of individual talent and genuine House spirit has steered us to second place in the House Championship—an improvement of two places on last year and a position at which we may feel satisfied.

As in the past two terms Rugby was the sphere in which House sport gained us a good position, so during this term House Cricket has proved to be our greatest strength and we find ourselves in the welcome position of overall Cricket champions (a happy reversal of last year's position of eighth) which provides us with a valuable and prized addition

to the House silverware. The abolition of the second team in the Cricket league has enabled every House to field stronger and more eager 1st teams. Captained by different people the House won five and drew two of its seven matches to finish first equal with Prince Lee—a vast improvement on last year's dismal efforts. The knockout competition went as predicted, the 1st team beating Gifford and Prince Lee before inevitably losing to a strong Vardy team in the final and the second and third teams also winning two matches.

Unfortunately Tennis has not been quite as successful as Cricket although the league team played consistently well and finished fourth, and in the Knockout the team beat Gifford and Cary Gilson, only losing to Prince Lee, the eventual winners, in the second round, to gain a position of second equal, resulting in our overall position in Tennis being second.

In Swimming we have done surprisingly well. As ever J. B. Young, now School Captain of Swimming, has proved himself to be an invaluable asset to the House in this sport. In the Swimming Sports we achieved a position of second, which, added to a position of second in standards, gave us third place overall which reflects well the efforts made by the few who represented the House down at the Bath.

The results in Athletics are rather disappointing. A position of seventh in Standards and fifth in the Sports gave us seventh place overall—poor but not surprising in a sport where it is difficult to arouse any general enthusiasm.

Finally we welcome Brother John as our new House Tutor and feel confident that his spiritual help will provide a useful weapon in next year's Championship struggle.

S. G. HIGH

GIFFORD

The promise of the Lent term has remained unfulfilled and Gifford is left forlornly holding the wooden spoon. However, with the imminent collapse of Vardy domination the House Championship this year has been more closely fought than usual. With a dozen or so more points we should have beaten both Heath and Jeune.

Summer sports have never been Gifford's *forte*, and this year have proved even more disastrous than most. Although there was an encouraging rise in our Athletics Standards' total, to give us a position of sixth, absenteeism ensured us a position of eighth in the Athletics Sports. We finished in the disappointing position of eighth in the Athletics Championship. In Cricket we finished seventh, an enthusiastic league team recording a 50 per cent success. However, we were rather outplayed in the Knock-out matches. Nevertheless the 1st team did score one memorable victory against Heath, being set 225 runs in under 2½ hours, and with a strong cricketing middle school prospects are brighter for next year. Failure to find a consistent second pair resulted in no improvement in the Tennis league, and a potentially good Knock-out team was not at full strength until the losers' final, when we defeated Levett to give

us a final position of seventh. More players must come forward from the House if we are to improve in this sport. In Swimming we came fourth in Standards, thanks to a useful contribution from the life-savers. However, only one relay team reached the finals, and we finished fifth. This placed us sixth in the Championship. The one bright spot of the Summer Term has been a remarkable improvement in Shooting. Our marksmen finished fourth and fifth in the N.S.R.A. and the *Country Life* respectively, to achieve an overall position of fifth in the Shooting Championship. They also provided an unexpected and very welcome bonus by winning the Classification Shield; unfortunately it carries no House points.

Our failure this year cannot be blamed on lack of individual talent: for example, members of Gifford gained the Pugh Chess Trophy and the Under 16 Tennis Championship. If the whole House will show an interest in Gifford's fortunes, and make a determined effort to improve them, we can undoubtedly haul ourselves from our present misfortunes: for the past few years we have regrettably favoured the bottom three positions in the House Championship. It remains to be seen whether Gifford can make that effort and that all the present tutors will see Gifford into more fruitful years.

P. R. WILMOT

HEATH

My predecessor, writing at the end of the Easter term, expressed the hope that after years in the wilderness Heath might return this year to the top half of the Championship table, but this hope has been utterly unfounded and we have sunk in less than twelve weeks from second to sixth. This decline must be attributed entirely to our miserable performances at all levels on the cricket field. In this major sport we scored only seven scale points out of a hundred—over forty less than any other House. It is regrettable that the House should have three masters involved in school cricket and two of its members playing for a Warwickshire junior team, and still do so badly.

The eight or nine men who turned out for our League XI met with unmitigated failure, due mainly to acute weaknesses in key positions and inexpert captaincy. In the Knockout we were to a certain extent unlucky in the draw, but all three teams suffered costly and inexcusable defeats at the hands of inferior teams. The 3rd XI won a match but this only high lights the general ineptitude.

Our other summer activities however were more successful and would have kept us near the top of the Championship table. Our Tennis teams were enthusiastic, talented and well led by B. V. Hayes and thoroughly deserved the final position of first: in this sport in particular our prospects for the future are bright. At Swimming we have had an undistinguished term and our final position of fourth was the result of solid performances in the relays and a creditable number of standards.

Little interest has been taken in athletics this term, with the exception

of one individual. In the sports at the beginning of the term in which we came seventh B. L. Hanna won all five of his events, broke four school records and achieved the status of Junior Champion. We were unable to make up the gap of about twenty standards and came second in this competition; thus taking an overall position of fifth in athletics.

We are traditionally strong at Shooting, and this year has been no exception. If the Tunstall Cup competition had been shot we would certainly have won it and our ultimate first place in shooting was highly commendable.

Most predictions for the future are proved wrong and so I would rather not try to guess which position we will be occupying at this time next year. But we have surely reached the end of the supremacy of Vardy and there is no reason why Heath should not be a strong challenger for the vacant throne.

D. K. PARKINSON

JEUNE

Last year we managed a position of second in the Cock House Championship; this year we were seventh. Viewed only in terms of overall totals, this is a significant drop in Jeune's fortunes. But the summer tennis results were noticeably affected by a deficiency of school team members. In the Swimming and Athletic Sports we were respectively seventh and sixth. In the Cricket and Tennis Knockouts we did not fare much better, but it was encouraging to see the 3rd XI playing in the final. The league Tennis team was again victorious; the league Cricket team was third. Our Swimming teams remained unchanged from those of last year and we rose one place to second in the Swimming relays.

Standards are usually taken as a measure of a House's enthusiasm. Unfortunately in Athletics and Swimming standards we were in both cases one position lower than last year. This trend must be reversed, and life-saving should not have to be relied on to give a note of respectability to the underlying apathy towards the swimming standards.

Jeune remains a house of mixed fortunes, our positions constantly in oscillation. Our major overall results for the Summer term ranged from third in Tennis to sixth in Cricket. Future prospects could not be more open.

R. H. ANNANDALE

PRINCE LEE

The last House Captain looked forward to this term with some degree of optimism. Unfortunately, success has since eluded us in many fields. In Athletics standards this year, we were disappointingly in the bottom position and although fourth in the Athletics Sports we could climb no higher than an overall position of sixth in Athletics—a surprising fall from our position of first last year. In Swimming an abysmal lack of talent kept us floundering at the bottom for the second successive year.

A similar fate awaited our seven members of the C.C.F. in the Shooting Competitions. Our Tennis league side, completely changed from last season's successful team, failed to win a match and ended by sharing the bottom position.

However, all need not be gloom and despondency. Our excellent Cricket league team finished first equal with Evans and our Tennis Knock-out team similarly won its competition, thrashing a nervy and temperamental Vardy in the final. Our 3rd Cricket team was also unbeaten in its Knock-out competition and the 2nd team finished appropriately second equal in theirs. It was hoped that the 1st team would emulate these achievements, but unfortunately a very poor match in the third round only gave us a position of fifth equal. As a result we finished second in the Cricket championship.

At the beginning of the Summer term we were third in the Cock House Championship, behind Vardy and Heath. By devious means the positions changed. We overtook Heath, but could not forestall the simultaneous rise of Evans and Levett. Consequently our final position was fourth. Prince Lee is still in the top half and this is moderate reason for satisfaction. But I am confident that we can do better and there is certainly a good chance of improvement next year.

N. J. CHAPMAN

VARDY

There has been a very uneven distribution of talent in the House this year, and a noticeable degree of apathy in certain parts of it. This was notably revealed in the poor performance of Vardy in Athletics and Swimming standards. Our results in the Summer League competition have been equally discouraging. Nevertheless, taking the whole range of house activities into consideration, we have managed to maintain our leading position. We can owe this fact to two main groups—the Sixth Form, which has made an outstanding contribution, and the Under 12½ age group which has provided able support. It was their energy and drive alone which enabled us to reach a position of second in the overall Athletics competition. Results in other sports have been varied. Swimming proved our worst sport: early enthusiasm soon evaporated, the relay teams lacked energy and expertise, and only four members qualified for the Sports. In this fashion we could only struggle to a final placing of seventh. League Tennis also proved disappointing and the convincing defeat of our Knockout team in the final was not much better. Admittedly the 1st XI easily won the Knockout competition, but Cricket on the whole reflected the paucity of talent and lack of enthusiasm within the Middle School. Because of its rarity over the past three years we ought even to record a single victory by the 3rd XI. Such is fame! The position of the House at the moment is indeed far from clear-cut. Finally we welcome Mr. McIlwaine to the House.

M. W. DAVIS

FLICK OUT THE LIGHT

Pray flick the light of life from me, O Lord,
—flick out the light of my life from me—
And from me burn with fire my heart's delights,
—flick out the light of my life from me—
Until their splendour's gone and faded out.
—flick out the light of my life from me—
I live for passing shadows of your joy
—flick out the light of my life from me—
Avoid your eye, and creep to caves to hide.
—flick out the light of my life from me—
I ask my pride: "O knows not God my soul !
—flick out the light of my life from me—
Then let me turn about and face my God."
—flick out the light of my life from me—
But that—the shame—is just what I can't do.

G. L. GRETTON

COMBINED CADET FORCE

GENERAL INSPECTION

This year the General Inspection came upon us less than a week after the end of 'O' and 'A' level leave and so final preparations had to be condensed into a much shorter time than usual. Despite this, the Inspecting Officer, Air Vice-Marshal Smallwood, himself an Old Edwardian, was impressed both by the ceremonial aspects of the occasion and by the varied features of the Contingent's programme. Perhaps the most gratifying sight of the whole evening for an R.A.F. Officer was that of the R.A.F. Section's glider making a perfect flight across the South Field—a truly historic occasion. After last year's rain-affected event we were this year gratified to be able to hold our Inspection in perfect conditions. Consequently all the Contingent's activities were shown to their best advantage.

S. A. SHAW

R.N. SECTION

The Easter holiday was marked by three incidents: the loss of the whaler, which broke adrift and was wrecked on the dam at the reservoir; the arrival of our new dinghy at the reservoir; and the collection of some additional equipment from Handsworth Grammar School by reason of the cessation of its R.N. Section. Our right to a mooring was withdrawn and this necessitated the removal of both the dinghy and the whaler from the reservoir. They have both returned to school but no replacement stretch of water on which to sail the dinghy has yet been found.

After these misfortunes, and with the intrusion of exams on the programme, we had little time left to prepare for the inspection, but the section withstood the strain admirably. Our contribution to the programme included only one item which had previously been presented by the Section. The result was both interesting, varied and well performed.

We now look forward to Annual Training during the summer vacation and the start of a new year. The Section deserves much success in the years to come.

H. CULLEN-JONES, P/O

ARMY SECTION AND PRE-CADET COMPANY

Since the last C.C.F. report the Army Section has undergone its first Expeditions Weekend to be held in the Lent Term. For Vyse and Connolly the venue was 81 W.E.T.C. at Hednesford, which afforded the excellent moorland, heath and forest of Cannock Chase as a training ground. Cadets were awakened on the Saturday morning by the sound of rain and hail driving before a gale-force wind against the wooden walls of their barrack rooms. The shivering breakfast queue found a thin carpet of snow underfoot that morning and indeed the cold weather did not abate throughout the weekend.

Despite these vagaries of the English climate (the two previous weekends having produced near-heatwaves) the training went ahead according to schedule. Vyse and Connolly had similar programmes consisting of a day-long map-reading scheme and a day of instructional "stands." Connolly also spent one night under canvas inside the camp perimeter and came through their experience feeling haggard, cold but "dead hard." Indeed, Connolly seemed to settle into the swing of camp life as though they were veterans to the art while Vyse adopted the attitude of seasoned campaigners. Meanwhile, Slim Platoon was experiencing similar weather conditions on its three-day camping scheme in the Black Mountains. Their route was an arduous one at the best of times and it is to their credit that they completed the scheme so successfully.

On returning to School for the Summer Term the first task for the Army Section was to start preparing for the General Inspection in the very short time available. Nevertheless, Slim, Vyse and Connolly, all took their First-Aid Examinations during the Term and all passed—a credit to themselves and to their instructors. Vyse laboured on in workmanlike fashion to complete a new section of the Assault Course, while Connolly spent several afternoons map-reading on the Lickeys and Slim completed their cadet course. As a very successful term drew to a close preparations were begun for our annual camp at Stoney Castle, Pirbright.

S. A. SHAW, U./Off.

R.A.F. SECTION

So far as the R.A.F. Section is concerned, the Summer term traditionally represents the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, when the cadets apply their knowledge of principles of flight learned during the Winter months to the task of getting the glider airborne on the South Field. This year, however, owing to the absence of our three glider pilots on 'A' Level leave, and to the fact that, on the second excursion, someone had the skill to put a large post through an aileron, the glider has left its hangar on only three or four occasions. Nevertheless, an inspiring performance was put up at the General Inspection, when our pilots rose to unprecedented heights, and even while the glider was out of action time was profitably spent in painting the hangar and rehanging its doors.

Before term started, the Section spent a highly enjoyable and amusing

week's camp at the largest R.A.F. Station in the United Kingdom, at St. Athan, near Barry, South Wales. The presence of almost a foot of snow for the first four days utterly disrupted the training programme and the prospects of flying were always doubtful. By the end of the week, however, each cadet had had at least 20 minutes in a Chipmunk, many of them taking over the controls, and the makeshift programme, which included swimming, .303 shooting, tours of the workshops, an afternoon in Cardiff, and a screening of "The Dam Busters," was enjoyed by all. Food and accommodation, always civilised in the R.A.F., were better than ever, the senior N.C.O. having his own private bedroom, bathroom and toilet. Nor was the camp without its lighter moments, the highlight of which was a free for all between K.E.S. and two other schools in the same block.

The Section has thus had an active and successful year, with 100 per cent passes in the Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency examinations. Besides camp at St. Athan, one cadet has been to a camp in Germany, another is going on a Star Camp at R.A.F. Leuchars during the Summer holidays, and four more are going on a gliding course at Turnhill where they will be taught to fly solo. With a promised intake of twenty new cadets in September, it would seem that another active and successful year lies ahead.

C. W. NOKE

ARDUOUS TRAINING—EASTER 1966

On Thursday, 31st March, a party of two Officers and eight Cadets set off by train from Birmingham for Roman Bridge, about eight miles south-west of Bettws-y-Coed. On arrival the party walked to a farm overlooking the railway halt, where the four tents were pitched in a sheltered field.

Dark clouds were already threatening and the rain was soon falling. It continued for twenty-four hours. Next morning we set out in a north-westerly direction intending to reconnoitre the route to our next camp site at Nant Gwynant and then to climb the nearby Cricht; however, heavy rain had so swollen the small streams that our way was barred by swirling, peat-coloured torrents. These obstacles were twice overcome by climbing upstream to narrower crossings, but at last, soaked through, we were forced to return to camp, only to discover that we had been nearly flooded out. One tent had to be re-pitched, and we were faced with the prospect of a very wet future. It grew colder during the night and the rain changed to snow.

At first light, glad to be on the move, we struck camp. An icy wind was blowing fiercely from the East, the cloud over the route to Nant Gwynant was low and black, and because of the continuous rain that way was out of the question for a heavily laden party. Furthermore we knew that the low ground at Nant Gwynant would, by now, be flooded. To the relief of all, new plans were made. By rail and road we moved to Garth Farm at Capel Curig, where a dark but dry barn served as a refuge

for the night and gave us a chance to dry out. Here Colonel Cooke visited us, bringing dry sleeping bags as well as the pre-arranged food.

During the night the weather changed and we awoke to a perfect morning, a bright sun, a blue sky, and all around us the mountains, previously hidden by the mist, their tops dusted with snow. To the West lay the incomparable view of the Snowdon Horseshoe. Tempting as this was, we were not ready for such an expedition. Instead, we climbed Moel Siabod, directly above us, and from whose summit some of the finest views in North Wales can be seen. From Moel Siabod five of us walked along the Glyder Range while the remainder returned to camp.

The tents now dry again, we spent the remainder of our week under canvas. Monday morning was windy but fine, and we walked to Pen-y-Gwryd, up Glyder Fach, and towards Gym Tryfan. The latter presented us with the first opportunity for rock-climbing, of an elementary fashion.

We returned to camp early to prepare for the next day, the major expedition to climb Snowdon. Grey skies and a gale force wind greeted us on waking, and at 8-30 a.m. we set off again to Pen-y-Gwryd and then to Pen-y-Pass, where we left the road for the Pyg Track. By now the rain and hail were worsening and as we clambered over the sheet-ice and snow, the hail stung our faces. The ice traversed, we arrived at the railway track to find it half-buried in snow drifts. We followed it to the summit, Yr-Wyddfa, 3,560 feet high. The cold and bleak summit held few temptations to linger. We swallowed chocolate and dry biscuits in the scant shelter afforded by the ice-encased hotel, still locked and barricaded.

A safer route was chosen for the descent, along the Watkin Path to Nant Gwynant. To reach this we slid down the slippery track from the summit towards the Y Lliwedd ridge, through snow drifts and leaping over fallen boulders. Suddenly we emerged from the icy mist to see the green Glaslyn Valley below. So relieved were we to escape the ice that we ran most of the way to the road. We walked straight back to camp reflecting on the completion of fifteen miles walking and the ascent of Snowdon, within the space of seven hours. On Wednesday morning we struck camp and walked the seven miles into Bettws-y-Coed for our return train.

R. P. M. THOMSON

C.C.F. ARMY CAMP

For the third time in the last four years, the Army Section's annual camp was held at Stoney Castle in Surrey. It lasted from Tuesday, July 19th to Wednesday, July 27th, and in retrospect one is struck by the success of the camp without being able to specify any particular event which ensured this success. Predictably, the grip of World Cup 'fever' ensured that an avalanche of young cadets descended upon the NAAFI at about 7-25 whenever a match was due to be televised. Those chosen few to whom was granted the luxury of a seat in the one and only car available, were able to enjoy the same spectacle in the undeniably superior surroundings of the 'Nag's Head.'

The advance party, which arrived on July 18th, was criminally under-worked, while the main body of the contingent was greeted by the fiercest of rain-storms, which provided a most undesirable test as to the tenacity of Vyse Company, who were undergoing their first annual summer camp. Much of the training was of a most familiar nature to the more experienced cadets, while occasionally assuming a somewhat unusual form by virtue of the fact that there were 23 N.C.O.'s and only 21 cadets present at the camp. In addition to such familiar features of camp activity as map-reading schemes, night operations, demonstrations, range-shooting, and the inevitable assault course, the welcome innovation of an initiative test on Hawley Lake was most joyfully received by those to whom C.C.F. Camp has become just a little repetitive.

By far the majority of the cadets enjoyed the camp, and if the N.C.O.'s occasionally felt somewhat bored, this was brought about by the very bulk of their numbers. Vyse Company certainly appreciated their first summer camp, while Slim Company were only less eager to voice their approval because their only previous camp had been in the comparative luxury of Lymstone. The food has improved greatly upon that received in previous years at Stoney Castle, and, despite somewhat uncertain weather, the camp was a success. The officers tried their hardest to make the most of the facilities at their disposal and to combat the inevitable difficulties, making the contingent as a whole most appreciative of their efforts. The materialisation of the desire of both the officers and cadets to create a more varied and interesting programme for the Army Section both during the term and at annual camp could well check the dwindling numbers in the Army Section, and even produce a resurgence of interest in this most basic of the C.C.F.'s three departments.

D. R. HILL

“ ESPRIT DE CORPS ”

Elsewhere in this CHRONICLE you can read the official reports of the C.C.F. for last Term. They are superficial, stereotyped—you've seen them all before only with different dates and different names. What they do not put over to the reader is the underlying feeling which seems to exist in the C.C.F. at the present time—a feeling of frustration, of wasting time, of lack of variety of training. Each year cadets, some are of the highest calibre, leave the C.C.F. to go to Games Coaching or the Personal Service Group. Every one who goes is an admission of defeat by the Corps, every one who goes means that for those left it is more and more difficult to generate the necessary enthusiasm.

What, then, is wrong? Firstly, the training programme is geared primarily to passing the Proficiency Exam. If a Contingent does not take this Exam. it is not eligible for the War Office grant. Clearly, then, without wishing to change Whitehall policy, the Contingent has to take the Exam. to be able to carry on at all. But I am convinced that a shorter period of more intensive instruction would achieve the same results and leave more time for other, more interesting work. Secondly, the “ Powers That Be ” seem unwilling to admit to change of any sort. However, when

a change is introduced, it seems to me that it is completely worked to death. An example here is First-Aid. Two years ago there was hardly any First-Aid done at all. Now the whole Contingent seems busily engaged in applying splints and tourniquets week after week to the seemingly near-total exclusion of other topics.

Thirdly, some Sections and Platoons are run too much by the Officers (who do not need the experience which running a body of cadets gives) and so the N.C.O.'s are left with the routine, often boring, jobs of minor administration. Fourthly, the amenities and wealth of the Foundation are not used to their full advantage for the benefit of the C.C.F. Fifthly—does the Contingent set its sights high enough or is it still aiming each year to do as well as it did last year in precisely the same pursuits?

So much for the negative side of my argument. I do not wish to be wholly destructive and so I would now like to put forward a suggestion or two. Firstly, Proficiency Exam. instruction could be fitted into the Easter and Christmas Terms before the Exam. itself when the weather is generally too bad for outside activities. Secondly, the Contingent should purchase a 3-ton ex-Army truck like many Contingents have done and this could then be used to take Sections out to the Lickey Hills or Hagley Park on Friday afternoons if the weather was suitable. Doubtless there would be no lack of boys willing to maintain the truck in good condition. Thirdly, if a boy is doing something constructive and something which he enjoys he will be quite willing, very often, to continue on after 3-45 on a Friday afternoon. This is proved by reference to the Scouts who seem to wield their axes and waggle their woggles well into the night. Therefore, if an interesting and varied programme is arranged, more work will be done in the long run. Fourthly, more time ought to be spent on modern aspects of military life and training. To read a Cadet Training pamphlet one would think there was no such thing as the Nuclear Bomb or Guerilla Warfare.

Finally, our annual showpiece, the General Inspection, should be revitalised and invigorated. If Solihull School can have a spotter 'plane flying over a "battlefield" why can't we have a platoon of cadets landed from a helicopter on the South Field, going on to conduct an attack on a realistic enemy amidst plenty of smoke and noise. It would be spectacular, parents would enjoy it, the Inspecting Officer would be impressed at the sheer scale of such an operation and yet I am convinced that the influence of our Officers and the School could in fact bring such a scheme, or one like it, to successful fruition. This is what I mean about "setting the sights high."

I have written this on leaving School and, on looking back through my years in the C.C.F., I have seen its numbers dwindle, not through any War Office edict but because it is largely content to sit back and watch the World go by. The C.C.F. still has a valuable rôle to fulfil in the country's life and I would not like to see it fade away to nothing just for lack of a little more farsightedness and drive.

S. A. SHAW

THE SCOUT GROUP

Events during the latter half of this year have been overshadowed for some by the advent of the Advance Party Report on the future of Scouting. This led to considerable frustration when the Seamen's Strike resulted in a delay in mass publication of the report. The main change visible to the public will be the adoption of mushroom coloured long trousers, greeted with approval and dismay by the timid and the hardy respectively. Considerable changes in the shape of the movement will also come about within the next three years, but we are confident that the Group can undergo these without too much trouble.

In the Group itself, Expeditions Weekend was held in conditions ranging from six inches of snow to horizontal rain, and many not so hardy campers sensibly took cover in Youth Hostels. Easter Camp, once more near Hay-on-Wye, was again held in wet weather, but reports filtered through of digging man-traps, moving the stores tent every four hours and collecting railway signals, some of which travelled home by devious means.

Parents' Evening continued its run of fine weather and good attendances, while another Parents' Evening at Andrew's Copse (reflecting great credit on the energetic warden and his helpers) was enjoyed by nearly one hundred well-shod parents. Several patrols held Patrol Camps at Whitsun and were blessed by fine weather and visits from H.Q. Staff, who ministered unto those on whom flagpoles were felled. While on this topic, our fifty foot giant pole is no longer fifty foot, but a suitable replacement was towed from Andrew's Copse to school one Sunday morning leaving behind a string of frustrated motorists, worried policemen and baffled roundabouts.

Members failed to find any bodies to pick up at the General Inspection, erected a Marquee for the O.E.A. Match and provided gallons of refreshments at the Swimming Sports and the Oxfam Concert. Meanwhile Scouts have disappeared to Wales, the Lake District, Germany, Norfolk, Cowes and all parts of the English Channel on a multitude of activities.

R. C. REEVE

THE PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

The P.S.G. held a greatly expanded general meeting at the end of last term. After a few minutes of reports, the members were left to discuss the many failings of the group, and to suggest improvements. There was no lack of response; a visiting service to the accident hospital, supervisory work (not necessarily on Fridays), in youth clubs, the new old-age-pensioners' club, the visiting service—all these were seen as eminently extendable, and capable of swallowing as many people who wished to take part. But these, in common with the idea of a floating force to allow for fluctuation in the amount of work available for a given group at a given time, share a seemingly insurmount-

able snag; numbers required. Last term the group was practically crippled by A-level leave, school matches, and all the other activities of summer term. Since these depopulatory interludes obviously cannot be solved by forbidding members to take A-levels or play in school teams, the only hope for the fulfilment of our plans lies in increased recruiting. The group faced with these problems needs ideally an increase of perhaps one half on last term's members, and this is a little much to ask. There are, however, ideas for increased efficiency which can be carried out. For example, a central tool cache and a collection of literature on simple household jobs: Mr. Kerrell, taking over from Mr. Bolton, whose cheerful guidance will be sorely missed, has taken these in hand. Nevertheless our future must lie in expansion of activity, and that above all demands immediate expansion of numbers.

J. F. STOKER

VISIT TO A DEVELOPING COUNTRY

On a cool, grey Monday morning in March, at the unearthly hour of three o'clock, twelve boys, accompanied by the Chaplain, left school for Gatwick Airport where they boarded the aircraft that took them to Genoa.

On arrival at Genoa we boarded the M.S. *Devonia*, which was to be our home for a fortnight and also that of eight hundred other school-children from all over Britain.

The following day was spent in leisurely fashion, touring a small part of the Italian Riviera; then at eight p.m. we left for Algiers. There was a dance that evening, and perhaps it would suffice to mention here that there were only 191 boys and 613 girls !

We arrived at Algiers at four p.m. on Thursday and were entertained that evening with some Arab folklore which seemed strange to our unaccustomed ears.

We left Algiers early next morning for Laghouat, which is 270 miles south of the Algerian capital; we arrived, after one or two amusing incidents, at five o'clock, two hours late. We were now on the edge of the Sahara and the accommodation was surprisingly good. The reception we received was even more splendid, and included another folklore evening which was appreciated much more than that of the previous evening.

Rising early the following morning we visited the agricultural centre of Father Chenevière, a water diviner. With money from Oxfam and help from the Nomads, this jovial priest has built a well and storage tank which now provide sufficient water to have turned 70 acres of desert into

fertile farm land. We went on from there to take a quick look at an oil pumping station and a reservoir. After lunch we returned to Algiers.

Even though the next day was Sunday, we wandered round Algiers, visiting its shops and seeing some of this capital's interests, including the Casbah. This district is incredibly poverty-stricken—most of it has little or no sanitation.

Our final day in Algeria was spent visiting the Roman ruins at Tipasa, and we also inspected a vineyard. At eight o'clock we regrettably set sail at the end of four enlightening and exciting days viewing this developing country.

On our way back to London we spent a whole day sightseeing in one of the finest cities in Europe, Lisbon. We docked at Tilbury one hour late on the morning of April 4th.

“ THE OXFAM 12 ”

SCHOOL PARTY TO SWITZERLAND, 1966

During the Easter holidays a party of some 40 boys, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mr. Ganderton and H. D. Barlow, O.E., spent 10 days at Brunnen, a small town beside Lake Lucerne.

After a smooth Channel crossing and a long train journey, the party arrived at Brunnen early in the morning of the 7th April. We spent the rest of the day recovering from the journey, taking photos of the mist-covered lake and investigating a gratifying number of local “ Gasthöpe.”

Brunnen is surrounded by thickly-wooded hillsides, and these provided many pleasant walks on our free days. Apart from these individual excursions, four half-day trips were made: an ascent by a spectacular, if rather overloaded, “ Luftseilbahn ” to a small village which hangs grimly to the mountain-side above Brunnen; to Rütli, the birth-place of the Swiss Confederation, deep in William Tell country; by an antique rack-railway to Axenstein; and to Lucerne, where any local trade-deficit was dissolved in a wave of souvenir-buying.

The highlights of the holiday, however, were two all-day trips. On Easter Saturday the party drove to Engelberg, a popular ski-resort high in the Alps (3,043 feet). Keen photographers were given new viewpoints of the familiar landmarks from a car-ferry, which took us across the lake. After lunch the party carried on to the Swiss Transport Museum at Lucerne. A fine, modern building of light and open design, the museum is full of fascinating examples of the many types of vehicle which the Swiss have employed to tackle their unique transport problems.

The second long excursion was to Lugano, on the Italian border. On emerging from the St. Gotthard tunnel, one could see a distinct

change in the scenery, and Lugano itself—almost Mediterranean with its palm-trees, luxurious villas, and steep narrow streets. Even the railway porters had caught the Italian spirit, busily practising for the Larga Florio on their electric tractors up and down the platforms.

The weather stayed fine throughout our stay, except for heavy rain on Easter Sunday, and accommodation at the Hotel Brunnerhof was excellent—it was unanimously agreed that the service at dinner, if not the most efficient, was certainly the most decorative ever experienced by a K.E.S. party ! Despite an obstinate refusal on the part of our hosts to speak any language other than English, our knowledge of the Swiss way of life was greatly increased.

C. R. WEBBLEY

PARTY TO SOUILLAC

During the Easter holidays, 29 boys, under the leadership of Mr. Hodges, spent a week in Souillac, a little town in the Dordogne valley. On the way there we stayed in London overnight and the next morning crossed to France from Dover. We remained in Paris for the evening and continued our journey to Souillac by the night train.

During the ensuing seven days we toured the surrounding countryside by coach. The district is famous for its pre-history and modern history. We visited four Grottoes, three of which are famed for their wonderful formations of stalactites and stalagmites. The fourth cave, Rouffignac, is noted for its pre-historic drawings which are considered to be of great archaeological importance.

Among the Chateaux visited were Castelnau and Beynac, both of which were occupied by both the English and French at different times during the "Hundred Years War." A fitting conclusion to this Chateaux trip was provided by the Renaissance Chateau of Montal, which was recently renovated by M. Fenailles. Apart from these relics of the past we visited a number of local historic towns, notably the hill fortress of Domme and the pilgrimage town of Roc-Amadour, with its flight of stone steps ascended by the pilgrims on their knees.

After a 24 hour non-stop journey and laden with wine and truffles we arrived home very early on Easter Sunday morning.

M. J. GILL
J. G. HOMER

ALONE

One rich and violent night in early summer
I stood alone beside my great oak tree
All my senses flying wild and starved
Like woken tigers in new and bloody lands.
The rain fell silently in huge wet worlds;
Eccentric winds gave warm superior sighs.
The moon, full white to obey her father sun,
Shone green through wavy leaves on garden wild
Which bore my humble walk in envious light,
When, like a new forged spear thrust in girl's breast,
A tractor, obscenely dripping scarlet paint,
Its mouth of grinning steel spewing racket
Steered by a black and greased man, came churning
With blackest zig-zag tyres all my lands
And spitting mud-crushed flowers in my face.

Abusive man, loving his jealous spear,
Laughed, then swore as the fading gusts caressed
A muddy petal on his half-closed eye.
At last he left, vulgarly battering the sky.

I lay unshaped, hard slumped against my oak,
Staring, all love-crushed, at unfocused havoc,
At animal garden, tamed by spiteful whip.
Up, I stumbled to my small and barren hut,
And sat aching on my hard and empty bed,
Disgusted, ashamed I could not cry or fight.
I whipped my soul with meditative means,
And wondered why I was abused alone.

D. C. ALLANSON

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1st APRIL, 1965 to 31st MARCH, 1966

INCOME	£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	350	0	0
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	11	18	8
„ Levett Trust	11	11	0
„ Mayo Trust	15	2	2
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	8	9	0
„ Solomon Memorial Trust	2	3	10
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	64	10	6
„ Boys' Subscriptions	687	10	0
„ Grant from School Stock	430	0	0
	£1581	5	2

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

Examined and found correct.

P. S. HARRISON } Hon.
I. K. SMOUT } Auditors

Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1966	1581	5	2
Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1966	1563	10	7
Balance	17	14	7
Deficit brought forward April 1st, 1965	99	15	9
Deficit carried forward April 1st, 1966	82	1	2

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
By Football	212	6	5
„ Cricket	476	10	9
„ Athletics	74	19	7
„ Swimming	50	8	6
„ Fives	154	17	4
„ Tennis	80	8	1
„ Rowing	41	8	6
„ Cross Country	46	7	9
„ Fencing	16	6	6
„ Squash Rackets	25	10	4
„ Gymnastics	9	9	6
„ Life Saving	3	16	0
„ Chess	28	15	1
„ CHRONICLE	242	7	6
„ Civic Society	7	6	
„ Art Society	10	0	
„ Automobile Society	10	0	
„ Debating Society	2	10	0
„ Natural History Society	7	8	9
„ Christian Guild	1	2	0
„ Printing and Stationery	82	4	5
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We acknowledge the receipt of the same magazines as before and *The Blundellian* and *The Rugeleian*.

AFTERTHOUGHT

We wish to commiserate with the 'Sixth Form Challenge' team who evidently hoped for a garlanded triumphal march after their overwhelming victory in the temporary and very watered-down successor to 'University Challenge.' They didn't actually get one. They did get a Shorter Oxford Dictionary from ever-generous Granada. As a result of the programme, C. S. Ferns was raised to the position of Joint High Emperor Pseud (or the Man from Granada) with the departing editor of this magazine, another plastic member of the faith. They were ably supported by two other departed slaves, S. A. Shaw and R. M. Ball, perhaps, if it were allowed to be known, *possessors of genuine brains*?

We congratulate Mr. Vorster on his election in South Africa, and offer our deep condolences to the Cartland Club's rival candidate, who amazingly failed to feature in the final elections—Bad Luck Balthazar.

We congratulate R. O. Yarwood (late of K.E.S.) on achieving the significant feat of gaining exhibitions at two different Oxford Colleges according to successive pages of the last CHRONICLE. After much thought and pressure from the Science Dept., Mr. Guy and Alan Smith, O.E., he has decided to grace Brasenose College with his presence.

Another letter :

SIR,

In the CHRONICLE of May, 1964, attention was drawn to the lack of:

- (i) locks on toilet doors;
- (ii) soap;
- (iii) plugs in hand-basins.

As yet, nothing apparent has been done to remedy these inadequacies. For how much longer must Edwardians wait before action is taken?

Yours faithfully,

C. F. OWEN
Maths. VI

Hey ! The Last Knock

Another dose of nightmare gibberish from the so-called author of 'Entec Strikes Again' and sundry other works, translated from the French with loss by excision of the vernacular word for himself and of certain other colloquialisms; a tale full of sound and fury, told by a

genius, and signifying nothing to an audience who wouldn't have noticed if it had never existed. Apologies to Ken.

Here goes—the final coup de grâce to deal the crumbling foundation its death-blow. Themes, madam ? By all means. Censorship, d'abord (or should we say larceny ?) rears her ugly features to be discarded by a well-placed boot on her hideous snout. Q : How to get a vitriolic attack on censorship passed by the censor ? A : Don't waste time trying.

Waxing politically along with Laski, Orwell and Cornford, we reveal the terrifying microcosm, viz.:

Foreground figure a blind and lord-like cripple with affected and superficial mannerisms of Churchill, Montgomery and Batman (Beckett couldn't match this), waited hand and foot by elderly scholar who, in spite of earlier Steerpike/Hitler-like aspirations, now cringes in speechless submission.

What a state of affairs. Aux armes, citoyens. The 1952 'Pronunciamiento' has had its day.

"Better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees." Camus—like me—a relic from a bygone age. Poor anachronism. Oh, to have been born in Socialism's childhood, armed with revolver and encyclopedia, to storm the tyrants of Europe's peasantry.

But nowadays everyone's so busy keeping in with the in-crowd, busy being rebels without a cause, busy discussing Rhodesia and Vietnam, when all the time, the cancerous evils are growing all about them. Pseudo-rebellion—a gutless display of ex-G.I. uniforms—is still quite fashionable, but 'real' revolution is now a little *démodé*. So is black and white. Florals are in, and scooters, and Borodin, and Ornette Coleman.

Why not throw in your hand and join the soi-disant jet-set ? No one ever listens . . .

ENTEC.

We are at last in a position to reveal the identity de N. A. S. Hey, le litterateur as il miglio gasolo ENTET.

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Someone somewhere in this bed of onions is a petunia with a fertile brain (for purple patches ?). We found an anonymous fragment of his lying discarded, forgotten, shunned and besprinkled by dirty feet in the metal-box room. Is there not great promise here inherent ? What adder of wit lurks in some unsuspected flower of boyhood's brain somewhere in our midst ?

'The Diary of a Groad Lily.'

MONDAY : Today I started an epidemic of groadoline in Hindustan. It should be very serious . . .

Editor.—The fragment ends here. Such imagination is the stuffing magazines are made of. Give us more, more.

We also sympathise with B.J.W. (pronounced as 'v'), the South African candidate, on his equally depressing failure in the Cartland Club librarianship elections. His lengthy comments have unfortunately been censored.

In the September 1965 edition the Editors, commenting on delayed contributions as a cause of late publication, ended with—"we hope next year's edition will be luckier." It has not been much luckier. You may have noticed that this is a somewhat abridged edition. The only reason for this is that some contributions never reached us. We did not abridge it, you did. It was not originally intended to have a competition for spotting the several deliberate mistakes (in this case, omissions) but, to save you hunting, the Tennis and Levett reports are amongst the missing).

A final passionate howl must be made, and we hope, as you no doubt also hope, that it will be the final scream. At least it may be the last of this type. There are two main points: (a) very little copy for the CHRONICLE was received;

(b) copy was of a low standard and in general atrociously presented.

If you find that what has gone before this is lacking in many things and is not the most stimulating magazine you have read, then we can only cite the two points above as the cause. The School has earned this. But is it not capable of more ?

Lastly, the traditional climax of the traditional pleas:

- (1) Write on one side of the slate only.
- (2) Leave a margin for alterations, notes, or re-writing.
- (3) Write clearly.
- (4) Write with ink or coloured fluid.
- (5) Write more than one article.
- (6) Write as early as possible to give time for editing (and you may be required to re-write).
- (7) Write now.
- (8) Give some indication of what your piece is, and who wrote it.
- (9) Try to think before writing the copy you in fact hand in.
- (10) Write clearly.
- (11) Leave a margin.
- (12) Write on one side only.
- (13) Write.
- (14) Contribute.

If you don't do all of these the next magazine could be abridged to annihilation.

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