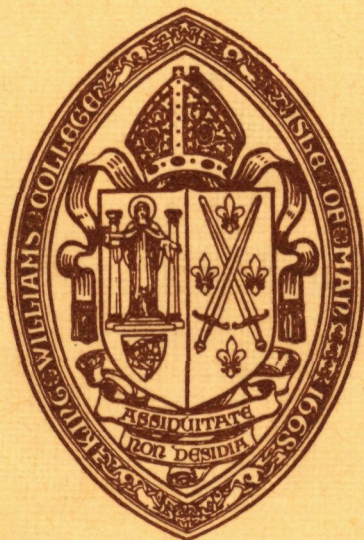


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EDITORIAL.

It seems that once more we will have to return to writing about the weather and the diseases that have attacked College, for the War as a subject of inspiration for Editorials, has ceased to exist. At the beginning of term the only form of exercise available was snow-fighting; towards the end of term, the Sports were constantly interrupted by wind, rain and German measles.

It is several years since Easter has fallen during term. A short voluntary service was held each evening in Holy Week, and on Good Friday, in the absence of the Lord Bishop, who was unhappily indisposed, we were fortunate in having the Archdeacon to deliver the addresses at the Three Hours' Service. In the evening, the choir gave a rendering of Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary." On Easter Sunday the Chapel was tastefully decorated. We take this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make this week an inspiring one.

National Savings have now come to College, and although their reception has not been enthusiastic, it is to be hoped that the number of subscribers will increase snowball-wise. On the more active side, however, College has given the country more support, for out of a total of two hundred Old Boys on the Island—the

figures for the Mainland are not yet available—87 Barrovians are serving with H.M. Forces, and of these 56 have gained commissions, while 17 are non-commissioned officers.

RANDOM NOTES.

The Barrovian Committee wish to thank all those who have submitted articles, reports or other copy for publication in this issue, and would like to take this opportunity to solicit further contributions from the school.



Halves were given on February 12th.; on March 5th. to commemorate the award of the C.I.E. to H. A. Barnes.; and on March 25th. in honour of the award of the D.F.C. to Acting Flight-Lieut. J. J. Bennett. Half Term was celebrated by a whole holiday on Saturday, February 24th.



We are sorry to lose Miss Nanney, who has been appointed to the N.A.A.F.I.



On Easter Sunday, following the Evening Service, Mr. Thompson gave an Organ Recital.



Five photographs of the scuttling of the Graf Spee have been kindly presented by Mr. J. S. Fitt, father of a boy at College.



Congratulations to M. W. Galloway on winning the Chile Cup.



Congratulations to Colbourne House on retaining the Senior Rugger, Sports, Shooting and Fives shields; and to Hunt House on winning the Steeplechase.



The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in the Chapel on Saturday, March 16th.



Our grateful thanks are due to those who decorated the Chapel for the Easter services.



The 'Three-Hours' Service on Good Friday was conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon.

SCHOOL NEWS.

School Officers for the Term were :—

Head of the School : J. S. Douglas.

Head of the Hostel : J. S. Douglas.

Præpositors : J. S. Douglas, R. O. A. Wertheim, S. A. Grant,
W. M. T. Alcock, M. W. Galloway, C. J. W. Bell, E. Ll.
Jones, T. H. Gelling.

Captain of Rugger : S. A. Grant.

Captain of Hockey : S. A. Grant.

Captain of Sports : C. J. W. Bell.

Captain of Shooting : M. W. Galloway.

Captain of Fives : R. O. A. Wertheim.

"Barrovian" Committee : J. S. Douglas, R. O. A. Wertheim,
W. M. T. Alcock.

Librarians : J. S. Douglas, R. O. A. Wertheim, W. M. T. Alcock.

Non-Commissioned Officers in O.T.C.:—

C.S.M. : R. O. A. Wertheim.

C.Q.M.S. : J. S. Douglas.

Sergeants : W. M. T. Alcock, S. A. Grant, M. W. Galloway,
H. Luton, C. F. Quirk, A. P. Mansfield.

Corporals : E. Ll. Jones, R. M. Cumming.

1st. XV. Colours (at College) : S. A. Grant, J. S. Douglas, C. J. W.
Bell, E. Ll. Jones, H. Luton, T. H. Gelling, T. M. Radcliffe, J.
H. Radcliffe, J. J. D. Forrester, D. J. Watson, K. L. Hughes,
M. W. Galloway, E. R. Smith, H. P. Qualtrough.

2nd. XV. Colours (at College) : R. V. Hunt, C. F. Quirk, F. C.
Gaskin, H. K. Hulme, W. G. R. Corkill, N. W. E. Wight,
G. H. Hunter, P. F. Matthews, G. H. Cubbon.

Sports VIII. Colours : C. J. W. Bell, J. F. Pickering, J. J. D.
Forrester, R. O. A. Wertheim, D. J. Watson, G. C. Hunter,
S. A. Grant, E. R. Smith.

VALETE !

E. ENTWISTLE, 1936-'40.—Walters House ; Upper VIth. ; House
Præpositor ; Swimming Colours, 1939 ; Marksman at Short
Range ; House Shooting IV ; Member of Manx and Literary
Societies ; Certificate "A" ; School Certificate, 1938 ;
Scholarship, 1936.

Gone to business.

Home address : Birkdale Road, Southport.

- T. H. GELLING, 1934-'40.—Hunt House ; Upper VIth.; Præpositor ; Captain of House Running, Fives and Sports ; 1st. XV Colours, 1939-'40 ; 2nd. XI Colours, 1939 ; School Hockey XI, 1937-'39 ; House Crest for Football ; House Fives IV ; Member of Sports Committee ; Certificate "A" ; School Certificate, 1938.

Gone to business.

Home address : "Burnage," Castletown Road, Port Erin.

- S. A. GRANT, 1930-'40.—Hunt House ; Lower VIth.; Præpositor ; Head of House ; Captain of School Football and Hockey ; Captain of House Football, Cricket, Shooting, P.T., Swimming and Hockey ; 1st. XV Colours, 1938-'40 ; 1st. XI Colours, 1938-'39 ; Sports VIII Colours, 1940 ; School Hockey XI, 1938 ; Swimming Colours, 1939 ; School Fives IV, 1940 ; School P.T. Squad ; Member of Short Range VIII, 1939 ; Marksman at Long and Short Ranges ; Country Life VIII, 1939 ; Silver Spoon ; House Crests for Football, Cricket, Shooting and Running ; House Fives IV ; Member of Dramatic and Manx Societies ; Hon. Secretary of Musical Society ; Sergeant and Drum Major in O.T.C.

Gone to Army.

Home address : "Fyzabad," Malew Road, Castletown.

- J. A. LAWSON, 1937-'40.—Walters House ; Lower VIth.; House Crests for Running and Sports ; Marksman at Short Range ; Member of Dramatic Society ; Fiction Librarian ; School Certificate, 1939 ; Entrance Scholarship.

Gone to business.

Home address : "Le Touquet," Smallbrook Road, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

SALVETE !

New boys last term were :—

- WALTERS HOUSE.—From Junior House, Hack, A. H., L.V.B.
HUNT HOUSE.—Cumming, R. M., L.VI ; Stuart, M. M., U.IV.A.;
Stuart, M. L., L.IV.A.; Blackburn, J. M. ; Davy, G. T., II.

O.K.W. NEWS.

GENERAL.

H. A. Barnes (1914-'18) was awarded the C.I.E. for his work in Waziristan in 1937.

N. J. Craven (1895-1901) has been appointed chairman of the Military Service Committees for Preston and Chorley areas and president of the Preston Inc. Law Society.

H. Valentine (1922-'27) has been appointed Assistant Actuary to the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society.

J. J. Bennett (1927-'31) has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the part he took in the March raid on Sylt.

MARRIAGES.

Gamble—Davies. Lieut. G. A. H. Gamble (1927-'32), Royal Army Ordnance Corps, of Liverpool, to Barbara, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davies, of "Westwood," Lache Lane, Chester.

Mitchell—Johnson. C. J. Mitchell (1915-'24) to Eugenie Corra, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johnson, of Tottenham.

Sherwen—Godwin. Capt. J. H. Sherwen (1921-'26), Army Dental Corps, of Congleton, Cheshire, to Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. W. E. and the late Mrs. Godwin, of Swindon.

Smith—Thomas. J. L. Smith (1925-'30) to Phyllis Joan Barbara, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Shrewsbury.

ENGAGEMENTS.

I. N. Brown (1919-'28), of Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields, Ltd., and Katheen Kenney, of Putney, London.

R. P. Thomas (Master, 1937-), to Patricia, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. H. Fox, Palmers Green, London.

Obituary.

WILLIAM EDWARDS (1867-'69).

By the death of Dr. William Edwards, Wales has lost a pre-eminent if inadequately appreciated patriot, and College has lost another of its famous Old Boys.

His career was a distinguished one. Starting at a private school, he proceeded to the Liverpool Institute, and from there he passed to K.W.C., where he became head of the school. He then went to Oxford as a scholar of Queen's College, obtaining the distinction of a double first in Classics and Mathematics.

After a period as Fellow and Tutor at Jesus College, he was appointed one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. Rising to

the post of inspector for Glamorgan and Monmouth, he retired in 1915, accepting the position of chief inspector of the Central Welsh Board. In 1925, the University of Wales conferred upon him the Honorary degree of LL.D., in recognition of his eminent services to the cause of education in Wales. Education, however, was not his only interest, for he took an active part in Welsh cultural affairs, and was one of the founders of the Welsh Language Society.

His supreme personal achievement was that he succeeded in reconciling in his own thought, at least, the culture of Oxford with that of modern Wales, without sacrificing the essential virtues of either. In the sphere of education, culture and social service, few men have made a more valuable contribution to all that is best in the life of modern Wales.

HENRY TALBOT SCOTT PLEIGNIER (1876-'83).

(By an Old Friend.)

I am deeply grieved to have to record the death of Captain Henry Pleignier, for so many years an outstanding and most respected landmark of K.W.C. Captain Pleignier, known to his family as "Skippy," was educated at K.W.C., after which he took to the sea and for the first five years or so he was in "sail." It was during this time that I got to know him so well. After serving his apprenticeship in "sail" and obtaining his master's ticket, he went into "steam," and joined the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, having charge of several of their ships. He was one of the first captains to take his ship through the Panama Canal.

I suppose the most eventful years of his life were during the Great War. Handling a ship without lights must have put a tremendous strain on his health. On one occasion, he told me, he managed to evade German warships because he knew the South American coast better than they.

Henry Pleignier was a typical sailor, methodical in his habits and clever with his hands. He was a most devoted husband and a kind and generous friend to all those who had the good fortune to have him as one. His was a charming personality, and his cheerful smile and kindly manner will long be remembered by all those who came into contact with him. The older Old Boys of K.W.C. will be grieved to hear of the passing of one more of the old links with their College days, and a name commanding so much respect and affection as that of Pleignier.

One by one they silently creep to rest.

CANON JOHN QUINE (1856-1940). (K.W.C. 1870-'77).

It is very difficult for so brilliant a scholar as John Quine to be properly appraised except by his own contemporaries. We of this generation can only look back on what he accomplished, record our own impressions of the man, and listen to the small items of memory that some of his nearer contemporaries retain of him.

At School, John Quine was a Day Boy who came daily from Silverdale. He was always a remarkably distinguished fellow, strongly built and very swarthy, quite fearless, having to endure a large amount of ill-treatment from the boarders of that day, who appear to have been very contemptuous of the Day Boys. He had a wonderful facility for making friends. He appears even in his School days to have formed strongly Nationalistic views, and to have developed a wonderful love of his Island home. He was elected Postmaster of Merton, Oxford, a fitting end to a brilliant school career. From Oxford he kept in touch with his contemporaries at Cambridge, and also with boys at K.W.C., and his letters are said to have had a wonderful charm and were delightfully written. He had the reputation, as an undergraduate, of conversational brilliance that kept his rooms full of friends, though he never entertained them to drinks or smokes. He appears at Oxford to have been a great source of information of matters Manx. He read Mathematics, but his interest was much more in the classics and philosophy. He took a good mathematical degree, and then took the one false step of his life, so far as can be judged from this distance of time. Instead of sitting for the Civil Service and going into some work such as that of the British Museum, for which his temperament and knowledge were so peculiarly fitted, he elected instead to take Holy Orders, and come back to the Isle of Man, where his magnificent talents had far too little scope. He was Curate of Kirk Michael, and domestic chaplain to Bishop Rowley Hill, with whom later he had a very severe quarrel. After taking over the Headmastership of Douglas Grammar School from 1883 to 1895, he accepted the Vicarage of Kirk Lonan. He stayed in this cure till his death—a matter of 45 years. This was his great tragedy. At first he occupied his spare time by writing. His novel, "The Captain of the Parish," was a delightful study of Manx life, far and away the truest and best book written of the Island. He also wrote some charming Manx plays, and a handbook to the Isle of Man. Later he undertook much archæological research work for the Manx Museum and Antiquarian Society. But his spirit had been much embittered

by a series of episcopal pin-pricks, and he was a man who refused to bow to any wind that blew. So to many of these later days he seemed to be very much "agin the gover'ment." This was by no means his true character. He was a brilliant conversationalist, a man of immense and wide reading, a staunch friend, ever ready to advise and help. He had a somewhat sardonic humour, and he knew every stock and stone in the Isle of Man, and its history. As an archæologist, he had a profound knowledge, though scientifically his imagination often over-ran his laboriously gathered facts. Without doubt, one of the ablest men of his time, it seems a thousand pities that his brilliance should have been wasted in so small a sphere.

One of his sons, Wing-Commander S. L. Quine, M.C., followed him to College.

In 1909, Bishop Drury appointed him to the Canonry of S. German. He will be seriously missed in many phases of the Island.

LECTURES, 1940.

On Saturday, March 2nd., the School was entertained by Miss Constance Carrodus, who gave a lecture entitled "Across Europe in Costume and Song."

The second and last lecture of the term was held on Saturday, March 30th., when Mr. Broadhead gave us some more of the "Immortal Characters of Dickens." He gave a second performance on Sunday afternoon, of some characters of Victor Hugo and W. W. Jacobs, and it was much appreciated.

On the last Monday of term (April 1st.), Mr. Caine gave us a talk on the international situation. He may not have clarified our ideas to any extent on that difficult subject, but he reduced the audience to helpless laughter.

He had always been a failure in life. At school they had held out great prospects for him which he had somehow failed to achieve. At the University his tutors had called him the first man of his year, prophesied wealth, health and happiness, laid the future at his feet. But he had never succeeded. He wasted his working time away, quitting the well-trodden paths that lead

to the shrine of material prosperity and thrusting deeper and deeper into the thickets of misguided intellectualism.

That was when he had first become acquainted with the Cause. His imaginative mind had been quick to respond to the call of patriotism. His every nerve had strained in eagerness to help his country, his poor tormented country, powerless under the shadow of her neighbour. In some way he had identified himself with her troubles: he had felt black rage in his heart against England, hating both the land and the race for their superiority, their deadly efficiency, above all, for their maddening complacency.

Then there had been the Secret Society. Sometimes he had met there men like himself, embittered to the depths of their souls; but more often desperadoes and cut-throats who cared nothing for the Cause and with whom he was loath to associate. Presently there had come recognition of his youth and ardour; the leaders had seen in him the zeal which they themselves lacked. They gave him their blessing, made him one of the little band who were free to act, to fight, to carry on a Holy War against the oppressors. At last, he had felt, he was making something out of his life. . . .

He realized now, of course, that they had run their heads into a brick wall. First the threatening letters, then the bombs—that was how they had planned it.

England should be made to realize the wrongs she had done, should be brought to her knees by brute force, if necessary.

It had been a sickening business, that bombing. The little group of revolutionaries had shuddered as they witnessed the effects of their deadly work. They had only been sustained by the great ideal of Freedom, the thought that, by doing evil, good might eventually come.

They were wrong. He knew it now, knew better than ever before, in the seclusion of his cell, that the English people could never be intimidated by indiscriminate massacre. The way they had treated him impressed him most. Punishment he had expected; brutal resentment he had felt sure would descend from the heartless oppressors. Caught fresh from the slaughter of Englishmen, his mind keyed up to withstand even torture, the gentleness with which he had been met had almost unnerved him.

Here in his cell he could think, although there was not much time left. He did not understand these Englishmen, but he could

now appreciate their worth. Their brains did not grasp ideas or ideals readily, but once they started on any track their tenacity of purpose carried them through. Force would never appeal to them. But (and here he felt a flash of blinding inspiration) emotion would. He was going to be hanged for what he had done—so much was plain. Could he not so offer himself up, in this strange land, that this strange people might realize what, alive, he had failed to show them? Then he would have made his life a supreme success; then he would have redeemed the years of bitter failure. He saw brilliantly the spectacle of the country he loved, rising in a newness of peace and love from the ashes of his own poor body.

He passed believing in the glory of his sacrifice.

But he died, as he lived, a failure.

BARROVIAN DINNER.

In the absence of the Chairman, Capt. the Rev. F. M. Cubbon, now on active service, Mr. Alex. Robertson presided at the Barrovian Society's annual dinner, held at the Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas. To the toast of "The Society," proposed by the Rev. E. H. Stenning, Mr. Robertson replied; that of the "College," eloquently proposed by Mr. J. A. Cain, was replied to by the Principal. The toast of "Absent Friends" was proposed by Major Henderson.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Capt. the Rev. F. M. Cubbon; vice-president, Alderman T. W. Cain, Messrs. E. C. Kneen, B.A., A. E. Kitto, M.H.K., J. D. Qualtrough, J.P., S.H.K., G. J. A. Brown, S. J. Kaye, S. E. Wilson, M.A., G. P. Alder, and the Rev. E. Stenning, M.A.; secretary, Mr. G. P. Alder; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Garside, F.C.A.; auditor, Mr. A. O. Christian; assistant secretary, Mr. L. I. Kewley; sports secretaries, Messrs. H. Kelly and G. H. Cowley. Committee: Major K. S. S. Henderson, Messrs. G. Bell, T. W. Cain, junior, J. H. L. Cowin, M.H.K., J. A. Cain, M.A., W. T. Quayle, H. R. Kennaugh and J. B. Ritchie.

RAIN.

The rain is coming down hard, pattering on the window and drumming on the tin roof of a garden shed outside. It's overshadowed by a giant elm, and it is a picture of dampness and

unpleasantness. There is a watcher gazing through the upper window of the house at the melancholy scene outside, and he seems to be fascinated by something he sees. The house is large and grim, harmonising with the desolation of its surroundings. The grounds too are extensive and wooded, and, to add to the seclusion and remoteness of the place, they are surrounded by a high wall, broken at intervals by wrought iron gates, looking just like the eyes of the outside world peering inquisitively at this remote spot. How tall they are.

The dripping trees, the well-tended patch of garden, the high walls, are all visible to the man looking through the window, but he seems to be aware of none of them, or else he has seen them so often before that they no longer interest him. His face is a keen one, and his gaze intent; to the ordinary observer he would seem to be of the student type. But his face shows no emotion. Could face ever be so blank! He does not look unhappy, although a somewhat puzzled expression may be detected, as he keeps his gaze fixed upon some object outside. From time to time he shakes his head, as if dismissing a thought, or rejecting some solution to the problem uppermost in his mind.

The rain continues to come down, and there is nothing to disturb the peacefulness of the silent watcher from the upper window and the dripping garden. There is little wind, and no creaking of the trees to interrupt the steady drumming of the rain. There seems no reason why the rain should not go on for ever, with its pitter-patter. It is enough to drive one mad.

Those high walls, too. Why have they horrid, leering steel spikes on top—waiting to rend and tear the flesh of the unhappy mortal who tries to scale them. How cruel they are, standing there, like a scar cutting across the verdant greenery; the rain does not beat down so hard beyond them. There it goes, pitter-patter, like the beating of drums before an old-time execution. If only the rain would stop; just for a moment; the ears would be free to listen to other sounds, but rain, rain, rain

See it clinging lovingly to those steel spikes, and caressing them as it slides down, oh so slowly, to form a globule at their tips. How splendid those drops look, glistening, and yet how cruel are the things they hide. Steel points. The water on the trees, too. It drips down the branches and floats slowly to the ground, where it seems to form a sort of lake, beneath the surface of the soil. Like tears rolling down the cheeks and collecting in a pool at the bottom, only here the pool is under the soil. Those steel spikes.

The watcher at the window is turning, and going back into the darkness of the room behind. Why should he choose this afternoon to stand there gazing; why is he so interested in what he sees? Something must have disturbed him, after he has been at that window so long. The window looks bare without him. Why must he go away? Ah, what are those uniformed figures creeping stealthily out of the front door? They are trying to escape. That is what it is. They move rapidly without any noise, and without any appearance of haste. Why must they choose this afternoon to come through the garden, with the rain beating on their defenceless heads? Cannot they feel it, beating like a thousand hammers on their brains, paralysing them, and stifling thought? Do not they realize that it is some awful power trying to beat them into the earth with this everlasting rain?

They are coming closer to the wall. Ah, they are going to try and get out, but they have not seen the spikes on top. They will not find them out till they are caught like flies on them. Then to see them squirming and wriggling. Perhaps some big bird will come and carry them off. They have changed their direction, now; they are coming towards me. How can I move with this wall behind me, and the rain beating down on me. It's the rain, I tell you. The rain. I cannot bear it.

"THE CALIPH STORK."

On Wednesday, 28th. February, the school and a few visitors were very pleasantly entertained by a play presented by members of the 2nd. Form. The project was perhaps one of the most ambitious witnessed at College for a considerable time and, as such, it more than deserved the applause it received. The play in itself was simple, but so well did Miss Clague produce it, and so colourful and true-to-life were the parts, that even College—possibly one of the hardest audiences to please—could not fail to appreciate the high standard of the performance. The main parts, those of the Caliph and his vizier, were excellently portrayed by Gordon R. and Kneen D. respectively, whilst Nelson gave a good performance as the Disloyal Baruch. Of the rest of the cast, little can be said except that they all forgot their Western habits and became essentially Eastern, and that each one individually contributed his share to the atmosphere of the play. It came as a pleasant surprise to the audience when they found that throughout the whole of the play the actors were dis-

tinctly audible. This is not always the case with College productions, and other actors would do well to take a tip from these players in this respect. Miss Clague is to be warmly congratulated for having so successfully produced the play, and it is to be hoped that, with the undoubted success of this one, many others will follow.

CINEMA NOTES.

Perhaps the only real advantage that the Blackout has given us, is that it has led to the hanging of heavy curtains in the gymnasium. This, combined with the new curtains on the stage, has now resulted in an almost perfect projection of sound; in fact, provided with a cushion and ample elbow-room, it has become as enjoyable as many a local cinema. This is shown by the increase in the number of visitors at each performance. The first film of the term was "Alf's Button Afloat." The Crazy Gang, with the help of a somewhat versatile genie, brought roars of laughter from all parts of the audience, and even the hardy steeplechasers forgot their wounds.

The next film was "Take My Tip," with Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge at their best amid toil and tribulation on the Dalmatian coast. The last show of the term took place on March 23rd., and the Crazy Gang, perhaps better known as the Six City Types, were to the fore once more and, as in the first film, our poor misguided friends finished their days in the gutter. After many unbelievable experiences, they brought "Okay for Sound" to an end.

The programmes were excellent in every way, except for the changing of the reels at the most critical points. To Mr. Strachan and Mr. Thomas we therefore owe our warmest thanks for giving up so much of their spare time.

"OLIVET TO CALVARY" (Maunder).

This sacred cantata, which was sung by the choir on the evening of Good Friday, has a certain tunefulness to recommend it, but on the whole the music is hardly worthy of its great subject.

The choir made a brave and praiseworthy effort, and in the introduction, "When o'er the steep of Olivet," and the last sad chorus, "Droop, Sacred Head," in particular, they sang with accuracy and with feeling. On occasions, however, their attack

was weak and uncertain, and they sometimes were slightly at variance with the pitch of the organ. One wonders whether the distance between that instrument and the choir stalls may be partially responsible. The tone of the singing was good throughout, the tenors being especially mellow, in spite of some unsuccessful attempts at the higher notes, but the quartet, "O Thou Whose sweet compassion," was spoiled by the gaps between the singers, the four voices emerging as separate units rather than as a blended whole.

We were happy to welcome Mrs. Corkill, who sang the soprano solos with her usual artistry, and, on his first visit to the College, Mr. Comish, who undertook the difficult and arduous tenor solos, and sang with taste and discretion. Mr. Stenning, who had recently been laid aside with bronchitis, was singing under difficulties and was thus not at his best, but we are grateful to him for his willingness to take part, and wish him a speedy return to his normal health. The rôle of Pilate was admirably sung by Corkill, who bids fair to having as good a baritone as he had a treble voice.

Our thanks are due to the Principal and to Mr. Thompson, who accompanied throughout on the organ with his usual skill.

A collection was taken on behalf of the work of the Waifs and Strays Society.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

President : J. L. RYDER, Esq.

Vice-President : J. S. DOUGLAS.

Hon. Secretary : W. M. T. ALCOCK.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms : R. O. A. WERTHEIM.

Committee Member : D. J. WATSON.

One meeting of the Society was held this term, on Wednesday, March 25th. The motion before the House was that "the House approves the present attitude of Norway and Sweden towards the Russian attack on Finland."

The Vice-President opened with a concise, business-like speech, in which he attempted to explain the difficulties faced by Norway and Sweden and appealed to the House not to be swayed by emotion or prejudice. The Hon. Secretary led for the opposition and swung the debate to exactly those levels his opponent had feared. He played on the feelings of his hearers in a forcible

speech, spoiled only by a style too reminiscent of a Hyde Park soap-box.

Mr. Heijne seconded the motion in a very promising maiden speech, which was spoiled, however, by an inclination to read and a disinclination to come to the point. He was followed by Mr. Watson, who started by flattering the House and heaping calumny on his adversaries. His quiet, almost sorrowful, delivery provided a great contrast to his partner, and showed a marked improvement on his former appearances. His style is still rather too colloquial.

The following members spoke from the body of the House :— Messrs. Gelling, Hunter, Cowley, Corkill, Stuart, Bell and Griffiths. The President vacated the chair to explain the real nature of the Finnish strategic situation and, after a summing-up by the principal speakers of both sides, the motion was put to the vote. The House declared their disapproval of Norway and Sweden by 25 votes to 17. There were present the President and 42 members.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President : D. THOMPSON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : S. A. GRANT.

Hon. Treasurer : R. O. A. WERTHEIM.

Members of Committee : J. D. GELLING, W. G. R. CORKILL,
E. L. JONES, C. J. W. BELL.

Mr. Bell opened the Society's activities this term by delivering a lecture on "Favourites Old and New." His selection of Modern Favourites proved to be very much his own choice.

On Friday, March 1st., Mr. W. G. R. Corkill lectured on the "Waltz." Dealing first with the origin of the waltz, he went on to mention the most popular tunes of the last century.

The Society celebrated its two-hundredth meeting on Saturday, March 16th. The President lectured on "Some Instruments of the Orchestra." It was fitting that on this occasion the President's lecture proved to be worthy of the tribute paid to it by Mr. Mullens, when he said, whilst proposing a vote of thanks, that the lecture was the best he had heard since he had been at College. The illustrations provided by Miss Rydings, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Price, Mr. Greenfield, Dr. Danziger and the lecturer himself helped much in making the lecture a success.

The attendance was again good throughout the term.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

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Hon. Treasurer : A. BRUCE.

Members of Committee : C. J. W. BELL, H. K. HULME, E. C. B. CORLETT.

There have been two meetings of the Society this term. The first took place on March 9th., when Mr. Hulme gave a most interesting lecture, entitled "Life on the Sea-shore." He began by describing the zones formed on the shore by the sea-weeds. The lecturer brought many different kinds of wracks and other sea-plants to the meeting, which he had gathered on the shores of Langness. He went on to describe the animal life of the shore, and concluded with an account of the life-history of the crab and barnacle, which he illustrated by some remarkable diagrams.

At the second meeting, on March 21st., Mr. J. Fleming delivered a most instructive lecture. His subject was "The Expanding Universe." The lecturer tried to make clear the nature of the almost incomprehensible fourth dimension, by analogies with the two dimensional universe, but one dimensional world of a worm inside a narrow bicycle tyre. At the end of the lecture, Mr. Fleming was asked many questions, all of which he was able to answer.

This brought to an end the Society's activities for the term.

MANX SOCIETY.

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President : H. G. MULLENS, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : C. J. W. BELL.

For the first time in the short but successful career of the Society, full strength has been reached. After an election by secret ballot at a business meeting in the very early stages of the term, four new members were elected, Messrs. Corkill, L., Williams, Wilson, K., and Hodson. At the first official meeting of the Society, a very interesting paper on "Manx and Welsh Fairies" was read by Mr. E. L. Jones, in which we became acquainted with many odd and awe-inspiring legends. At the second meet-

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SUGAR-LOAF ROCK AND STONE CIRCLE

ing members were entertained by an instructive paper on "The Manx Church," by Mr. P. S. Gelling, the general trend of his ideas being the way in which the Church had changed throughout the centuries. Next came one of the most interesting lectures the Society has received; the Rev. E. H. Stenning chose as his subject one with which he was thoroughly well acquainted, "The Geology of the Island." Mr. Stenning illustrated his lecture throughout with lantern slides of his own making.

The success of the Society this term is thus only equalled by the variety of the subjects with which it was entertained.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President: E. H. STENNING, Esq.

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Hon. Secretary: E. C. B. CORLETT.

Hon. Treasurer: N. E. HEIJNE.

The end of the winter saw the inception of the Photographic Society. It was formed on a private basis and the membership was limited. Two meetings were held; the first was purely a business meeting but, at the second, Mr. Bruce read a very instructive and well-illustrated paper on "Colour Photography."

During the Easter term, two meetings were held. As before, the first was taken up with private business but, at the second, Mr. P. Clague, O.K.W., gave a paper on "Art Photography." His illustrations were excellent and he was most helpful in his criticisms and comments.

Thanks are due to Mr. Thompson, who kindly presented a prize for a Christmas competition. Mr. Bruce succeeded in winning it with an excellent picture. Mr. Stenning is to be thanked also for judging the entries. This term ended on an excellent note, for a new enlarger arrived during the last week.

O.T.C. NOTES, EASTER, 1940.

This term has been even more marked by bad weather than the usual Easter, and even when it was not raining, the intense cold and high winds made out-of-door work difficult, if not impossible.

No ambitious schemes were attempted, and the bulk of the tactical work consisted of platoon and section training in attack, without an enemy, as it was always too cold to expect anyone to

stay on the defensive. Useful work was done on several days when sections or platoons carried out attacks on their own commanders, who were then in a position to tell their sections exactly what sort of fools they had been.

There were twenty-one candidates for Certificate "A," of whom two were absent and six failed. The tactical work, done near Fort Island in a continual rain, was most unpleasant for Major Melsom and the other officers, who got thoroughly soaked. Fortunately, the afternoon, though still windy, was drier.

All post Cert. "A" cadets are now capable of instructing in the L.M.G., and those who passed this term are on the way, so there should be no shortage of instructors for November's Certificate class, for whom handling of the Bren is included in the syllabus.

Notification has just been received that a tripod is coming to us, so that we shall now have the complete outfit. It is to be hoped we shall soon get a second gun.

As Captain Smeeton is to be transferred to active service at the end of April, the command of the contingent will return to the experienced hands of Captain R. W. Smith, T.D. It remains to express our gratitude to Mr. Foston for his painstaking help with the shooting.

SCOUT NOTES.

This has been a somewhat quiet term on the whole, though steady progress is reported from all Sections. The Cubs are to be congratulated on two of their number gaining their First Stars, while their enthusiasm, if anything, has increased.

Junior Troop, with smaller Patrols than in the previous term, has done good work and many of the Senior members are rapidly approaching their 2nd. Class badges.

Despite three new P.L.'s, good progress has been maintained in School Troop. The waste paper scheme, which, owing to the difficulty of transport, had to be abandoned at the end of last term, has been re-started and much valuable National Service work has been done in this respect. In addition, the Headquarters has been stained and a Troop garden started.

Finally, the Sea Scouts, though numerically small, are very keen and have benefited considerably from the visits of Captain Gordon, and it is hoped that next term they will be able to put into practice the theory they have learnt during the winter months.

FOOTBALL.

Owing to the weather, very little football was possible and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the House Matches were played. Both Colbourne, who beat Dickson, and Hunt, who beat Walters and School, had easy passages to the Final. Shortly before the final was due to start it started to rain heavily and continued to do so throughout the match. Until the state of the ground made it impossible, both sides played open, attractive football. Hunt opened the scoring in the first half with an unconverted try, Colbourne equalising early in the second. Though both sides came near to increasing their score on several occasions, the match ended in a draw. In the replay, Heijne scored for Colbourne early on, Quirk converting, while Cumming scored wide out for Hunt in the second half, Gelling's kick rebounding from the bar. Hunt strove desperately for the winning try, but Colbourne resisted all their efforts, thus retaining their right to the Shield for another season.

Had the weather permitted, there should have been an interesting month's football, as it was intended to play next season's probably XV as the School XV, while the old caps were to be divided into two "A" XV's with the idea of bringing on the younger players. One "A" match was possible, in which a Service side was beaten 10—8 in Douglas, but two School matches were played. Though the first was lost 6—3, College won the second 13—11, and in both matches, not only played well, but showed great promise for the future.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Athletic Sports come at a time of the year when the weather is at its worst, and any epidemic that may have developed is at its height. This year was no exception. The weather was the worst for many years, and more than half the available days were lost owing either to heavy rain or very strong wind. Consequently, practice was even more limited than usual, which was most unfortunate as College had the benefit of the coaching of Mr. Bowman, a third year student from Loughborough. Several junior events were not completed, and the Open and Under-16 Mile and Half-mile were run in such a strong wind as to make anything but the results of no value. German measles also played havoc with arrangements, and kept some useful competitors out of action.

There was again some rearrangement of organisation and the

house trophy (won by Colbourne House) was awarded entirely on qualifying points, for which there were 3 standards. In the individual races no boy was allowed to compete in more than 4 events, divided (not necessarily equally) between track and field events.

RESULTS.

CLASS I (over 16 on April 1st).

Mile.—1, Hunter (C) ; 2, Lawson (W) ; 3, Watson, D. (D).

Time: 5 min. 27.8 sec.

A very strong, cold wind made the time of no value. Hunter is a well-balanced runner and though Lawson hung on well until half-way round the last lap, Hunter then went away and won by 20 yards. Watson was 20 yards behind Lawson.

880 yards.—1, Watson, D ; 2, Hunter.

Time: 2 min. 29 sec.

Run on the same day as the mile ; of six runners who had reached " A " standard in the qualifying round (2 min. 25 sec.), only two were available. Watson won without difficulty by the strength of his finish.

440 yards.—1, Bell (S) ; 2, Waterworth (S) ; 3, Douglas (W).

Time 57.7 sec.

Cold day, strong wind. Bell won comfortably in excellent time for the conditions. A good race for second and third places.

100 yards.—1, Bell ; 2, Smith, E. (H) ; 3, Wertheim (D).

Time 10.9 sec.

Conditions fair, following wind. Bell won by a yard ; 6 inches separated second and third.

120 yards hurdles (3 ft. 3 in.).—1, Forrester, J. (W) ; 2, Pickering (D) ; 3, Cumming (H).

Time : 17.3 sec.

Forrester and Pickering both shewed nice style. Forrester won by 4 yards, with Cumming another 4 yards behind Pickering. Track soft ; cold, moderate following wind.

Long jump.—1, Wertheim ; 2, Alcock (S) ; 3, Cubbon (H).

Distance: 19 ft. 5½ in.

A very good event, though all competitors were helped by a moderate following wind. Alcock was also over the 19 foot mark, Cubbon and Forrester jumped only a little under 18 feet, and 4 others were grouped round the 17 foot mark.

High jump.—1, Forrester, J. ; 2, Wight (W) ; 3, Grant (H).

Height 5 ft. 2½ in.

Wight cleared 5 ft. 0½ in. Good jumping by both Forrester and Wight, both of whom, with consistent practice, might be good high-jumpers.

Weight (12 lb.).—1, Pickering ; 2, Grant ; 3, Smith, E.

Distance 34 ft. 10 in.

Grant was only 5 inches behind Pickering. Smith did 33 ft.

Discus (1½ kilos).—1, Pickering ; 2, Bell ; 3, Cubbon.

Distance 103 ft. 6 in.

Several boys shewed good style and Bell, Cubbon and Reynolds were all near the 100 ft. mark.

CLASS II (over 14 and under 16 on April 1st.).

Mile.—1, Qualtrough, H. (H) ; 2, Hemingway (D) ; 3, Read (S).

Time: 5 min. 41.5 sec.

Run in a very strong wind that made a good time impossible. Hemingway stuck nobly to a much bigger and stronger runner. Ultimately Qualtrough won by 20 yards, with Read 30 yards behind Hemingway.

880 yards.—1, Qualtrough, H. ; 2, Read ; 3, Hodson (S).

Time: 2 min. 31.5 sec.

Run on the same day as the mile, and won easily by Qualtrough, who might well have been near the record on a good day.

440 yards.—1, Qualtrough, H. ; 2, Buchanan (H) ; 3, Bruce, J. (H).

Time: 60 sec.

Qualtrough won by 6 yards in an excellent time, considering the strong cold wind.

100 yards.—1, Radcliffe, J. (C) ; 2, Buchanan ; 3, Christian, D. (C). Time: 11.4 sec.

A comfortable win for Radcliffe. Good race for second and third.

110 yards hurdles (3 ft.).—1, Radcliffe, J. ; 2, Christian, D. ; 3, Lumley (C).

Time: 17.1 sec.

Radcliffe won easily by 8 yards. 3 yards between second and third.

Long jump.—1, Buchanan ; 2 Place (H) ; 3, Lumley.

Distance 14 ft. 11 in.

A very poor event. Only Qualtrough had any idea of jumping and he unfortunately "no-jumped."

High jump.—1, Christian, D. ; 2, Galloway, E. (C) ; 3, Kneale (C).

Height: 4 ft. 4 in.

A bad result, caused by the strong wind. Six boys cleared 4 ft. 5 in. in qualifying.

Weight (8 lb.).—1, Radcliffe, J. ; 2, Forrester, P. (W) ; 3, Fleet (H).

Distance: 38 ft. 10 in.

Radcliffe beat his brother's record of last year by 4 inches. Forrester put 35 ft. 8 in. and Fleet 33 ft. 10 in.

Discus (1 kilo).—1, Radcliffe, J.; 2, Galloway, E.; 3, Hodson.
Distance: 104 ft. 10 in.
Several competitors shewed good style.

In the following events the best time or distance recorded in the previous 4 years is given in brackets.

CLASS III (over 12 and under 14 on April 1st.).

880 yards.—1, Arends, P. (S); 2, Brown (J); 3, Horowitz (J).
Time: 2 min. 43.5 sec. (2—32.8).

440 yards.—No race. In the qualifying round Arends, P. took 68 sec., Brown 71.8 sec., and Farrer (H) about 72.5 sec. (63.8.)

220 yards.—No race. Only Arends, P., reached "A" standard, i.e., less than 32 sec. (28).

100 yards.—Robb (J); 2, Brown; 3, Broadbent (J). Time 13.6 sec. (11.8).

95 yards hurdles (2 ft. 6 in.).—No race. Arends, P. and Hack, A. H. (W) reached "A" standard, i.e., less than 19 sec. (16).

Long jump.—1, Arends, P.; 2, Horowitz; 3, Joughin (J). Distance 13 ft. 11 in. (15—1).

High jump.—1, Arends, P.; 2, Hack, A. H.; 3, Bruce, P. (H) and Hulme, R. (H). Height: 4 ft. (4—4).

Weight (6 lb.).—1, Rycroft, C. H. (S); 2, Hulme, R.; 3, Worsley (J). Distance: 25 ft. 10 in. (34—4).

CLASS IV (over 10 and under 12 on April 1st.).

440 yards.—1, Black, P. (J); 2, Higgins (H); 3, White, G. (J).
Time: 1 min. 16.1 sec. (1—13).

220 yards.—No race. Black, P., Higgins, White, G., and Maley G., gained "A" standards. Black's time was 32.8 sec. (32.5).

75 yards.—1, Black, P.; 2, Higgins; 3, White, G. Time 9.9 sec. (10).

No other events were held in this class.

CLASS V (under 10 on April 1st.).

60 yards.—1, Atkinson (H); 2, Davy (H); 3, Nelson (H). Time: 9.2 sec. (9.4).

The 330 yards was not run.

RELAY RACES.

4 x 110 yards, round the track.—1, Dickson ; 2, School ; 3, Hunt. Time: 49.3 sec. (50.8).

School House was 10 yards behind Dickson, and Hunt 3 yards behind S.H.

4 x 880 yards.—1, Hunt ; 2, Colbourne ; 3, School. Time: 9 min. 47 sec. (9—6.8).

Hunt House won easily by 60 yards, and School House was 150 yards behind Colbourne.

NOTES.

CLASS I.—A good all-round class. There were no obvious weaknesses.

CLASS II.—Two outstanding performers in Radcliffe, J., and Qualtrough, H. Otherwise ordinary. Jumping, and especially long-jumping, poor.

CLASS III.—Under average except for Arends, P. Many of the better competitors, however, will still be in this class next year.

CLASS IV.—Several very promising boys, notably Black, P.

Triangular Contest between K.W.C., R.A.F. Station, R.N. Training Depot, Saturday, March 30th.

Conditions: Track rather soft ; no sun, but no rain ; fairly strong, cold wind.

Method of scoring: 1st., 7 points ; 2nd., 5 points ; 3rd., 3 points ; 4th., 1 point.

Relay Race: 1st., 8 points ; 2nd., 4 points.

No competitor was allowed to take part in more than 2 events and the relay race.

Result: K.W.C., 78 ; R.A.F., 36 ; R.N., 26.

100 yards.—1, Bell (K.W.C.) ; 2, Craven (R.A.F.) ; 3, Smith, E. (K.W.C.) ; 4, Lord (R.A.F.). Time 10.8 secs.

Bell got away well and Craven had some leeway to make up, which he just failed to do. Bell won by inches. Three yards separated second and third.

880 yards.—1, Watson, D. (K.W.C.) ; 2, Cooksley (R.N.) ; 3, Humphrey (R.N.) ; 4, Qualtrough, H. (K.W.C.). Time: 2 min. 17.4 sec.

An interesting race in which the naval competitors made the pace. With a furlong to go, Watson and Qualtrough were 25 yards behind, but in a thrilling finish Watson ran splendidly to win

by 2 yards. Two more yards separated second and third, and Qualtrough was only another yard behind.

Putting the weight (12 lbs.).—1, Grant (K.W.C.); 2, Morris (R.A.F.); 3, Pickering (K.W.C.) and Elliott (R.N.). Distances: 35 ft. 3½ in.; 34 ft. 1 in.; 33 ft. 4 in.

Good putting by Grant; Pickering put 1½ feet less than in the School Sports.

Discus.—1, Reynolds (K.W.C.); 2, Cubbon, (K.W.C.); 3, Morris (R.A.F.). Distances: 98 ft. 2 in.; 98 ft.; 85 ft.

There was only one competitor apart from the two K.W.C. entries. The event did not count towards the result of the match. Reynolds and Cubbon both showed good form.

High jump.—1, Wight (K.W.C.); 2, Forrester, P. (K.W.C.); 3, Cain (R.A.F.); 4, Greenway (R.N.). Heights: 5 ft. 1 in.; 5 ft.; 5 ft.; 4 ft. 11 in.

Wight narrowly missed clearing 5 ft. 3 in. in an exhibition jump. Forrester jumped with too much vigour and less ease than in the School Sports and could not reproduce his form. He gained second place through taking fewer jumps.

440 yards.—1, Craven (R.A.F.); 2, Bell (K.W.C.); 3, Wertheim (K.W.C.); 4, Gibson (R.N.). Time 55.1 sec.

Squadron-Leader Craven showed excellent form and is a well-known R.A.F. runner. Bell and Wertheim both ran splendidly. Bell was only 4 yards behind, and was well inside 56 seconds, and Wertheim 3 yards farther back.

120 yards hurdles (3 ft. 3 in.).—1, Cain (R.A.F.); 2, Forrester, J. (K.W.C.); 3, Nichols (R.A.F.); 4, Smith (R.N.). Time 17.5 sec.

The first three runners shewed good form, especially as the hurdle track was very soft. Cain won by 3 yards, and Nichols (an old Cambridge Blue) was 2 yards behind Forrester.

Long jump.—1, Wertheim (K.W.C.); 2, Alcock (K.W.C.); 3, McCarthy (R.N.); 4, Caben (R.A.F.). Distances: 19 ft. 3 in.; 18 ft. 6 in.; 16 ft. 2 in.; 15 ft. 11 in.

Wertheim and Alcock both jumped well and were in a different class from the other competitors.

Mile.—1, Bell (R.N.); 2, Hunter (K.W.C.); 3, Russell (R.N.); 4, Lawson (K.W.C.). Time: 5 min. 12 sec.

The two R.N. competitors ran side by side for 3½ laps and obviously puzzled Hunter, who was at their heels. Hunter challenged a bit too soon round the last bend and had to fall back behind Bell. In the straight he challenged again and 20 yards from the post was inches ahead. In a splendid finish, Bell won by the minimum possible to separate a win from a dead-heat. Russell was 20 yards behind and Lawson another 20 yards.

Relay, 4 x 220 yards.—Time: 1 min. 41.5 sec.

College drew the inside position, and good running by Bell gave K.W.C. a lead of 20 yds. over the first leg. Alcock increased this to 25 yds., and Wertheim nearly doubled this. Craven ran very fast for the R.A.F. over the last leg and quickly passed the R.N. man, despite his lead of 15 yds. He took perhaps 10 yds. off Smith's lead, but the latter ran well to give College a win by 40 yds. The R.N. was 10 yds. behind the R.A.F.

NOTES.—The K.W.C. team was the best balanced one since College has taken part in Athletics Sports matches, and there were no weak events. Bell must take the palm for beating a polished and experienced runner in the 100 yards (in a time that when time-keeping was more lax would have been returned as 10½ sec.) and in clinging to him in the quarter mile and getting inside 56 sec. in poor conditions.

Mr. L. Q. Cowley, who for the past 4 years has organized an Island team to compete against College, and who is now on active service, will be glad to know that such an interesting match was possible, and that College has undoubtedly benefited from the experience gained in previous matches.

THE STEEPLECHASES, 1940.

*" . . . with mocking glee and exercise,
His flanks were mired and bathed in sweat ;
For they had travelled far and not stopped yet."*

—Arnold.

Steeplechasing, a former dread of ours, descended on us again last term after a year's absence. Altogether, three Steeplechases were run—one our own and two others, which were competitions against the Services.

In the College event, an innovation was introduced this year in the form of a House Steeplechase Eight Competition, instead of the normal method of the whole school competing and the House with the best average, after scaling, winning the Shield. This year, each House had to enter four runners in the Open event and another four in the Under 16 ; and the House with the best eight runners was to win the Shield.

Both courses were the same as of former years, and the race was run on Saturday, February 17th., under practically ideal conditions—fine weather and very little wind. A muddy course, however, slowed up times a little.

The Under 16's started, and, as they disappeared from view, we saw that Qualtrough, H. (Hunt) was in the lead, followed closely by Read (School). Five minutes later the Over 16's set off and Grant, S. (Hunt) established an early lead as they disappeared. Twenty minutes later, the Under 16 leaders appeared with Qualtrough, H., in front and Read a few yards behind. Read, however, could not make up the lost ground and Qualtrough finished the winner in the good time of 27 minutes. Lowcock, E. (Colbourne)

was third, 100 yards behind Read, and Stranks, M. (Dickson) finished an easy fourth.

As the Open leaders appeared on the "Pot," we saw that Hunter (Colbourne) was leading, followed by Grant, S., McCarthy (School) and Gelling, T. (Hunt). Hunter held on to his lead and increased it to 200 yards to win in 38 minutes. Grant, S., was second after a close struggle with McCarthy, who finished a fairly easy third in front of Lawson (Walters).

The final House placings were:—

1.	Hunt	68 points.
2.	Dickson	71 points.
3.	School	79 points.
4.	Walters	99 points.
5.	Colbourne	103 points.

After much speculation during the next few days as to the result of the challenge match against Service teams, February 21st. arrived bringing with it eleven teams with their multi-coloured jerseys. College entered one Junior team and the visitors entered two.

The Juniors started first and before long it was evident that the cadets meant to set the pace as College team were soon all in the rear. However, when the runners reached the "Pot," College team had made up lost time and had five runners in the first six. This order remained the same till they finished, with Qualtrough, H., first, Read second, and Lowcock third. Martin, Fleet and Stranks, M., finished soon after, so that College won the Under 16 event.

In the Open, the Visitors had entered nine teams and College had entered two. After a lot of preliminary scrambling, the field spaced itself out and when White Cottage was reached, Bell (visitors) was in the lead with Hunter, Grant and Poppert (visitors) not far behind. At the "Pot," the order was still the same, but College back numbers had been creeping up and now the first team were all in the first twenty.

39 minutes after starting, Bell (visitors) appeared over Junior House wall and finished strongly to be a worthy winner 300 yards in front of Hunter. Poppert (visitors) was third with Grant, a little way behind, fourth. The rest of the team finished as follows:—Gelling, ninth; McCarthy, tenth; Lawson, fifteenth; and Luton, sixteenth.

College "A" team were the winners with 56 points, and a Service team was second 6 points behind.

On Wednesday, February 28th., we sent two teams—one Open and one Under 16—to Douglas, to have a return match. Their course was a lot smaller than ours, but the going was heavier. As in the first race, we again won the Under 16 event, but in the Open we were beaten into second place. Hunter finished second, Crellin ninth and Grant tenth, but the rest of the team were several places behind, so that the Service team ran out winners.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Service authorities, and to the competitors themselves, in Douglas for their fine sportsmanship during the two arranged matches and we really appreciated the challenges.

SHOOTING NOTES.

This has been, on the whole, a very successful season for shooting, judged both by the results obtained in outside matches and in the high standard reached inside the school itself.

During the Autumn term the Empire Miniature Test was again made the basis of the house competition, and it was gratifying to observe the substantial increase in the number of those who became first-class marksmen, in most cases with no practice at the range. This was due in no small measure to the assiduous coaching of house-captains, who have realised the benefit obtainable from "snapping." Colbourne deservedly retained the shield with Walters a good second, leaving School House, Hunt and Dickson third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The Country Life Competition was shot in the Spring term by a team robbed by infection of one of its regular members. Nevertheless, the preliminary score was 568, which, with a landscape score of 123, realised 691, some 30 points better than last year. The competition followed a period of intense practice, during which really good scores were put up at various times by members of the team. The high standard thus set was maintained in the School Matches shot under Country Life conditions, in each of which one individual shot extremely well. Unfortunately, these high scores never seemed to coincide, a fact which alone made a difference between the team's good mediocrity and the excellence it might have attained.

During the Spring Term, Alcock, W. M. T., was appointed Hon. Secretary of Shooting, and Irwin, S. P., was made a member of the Short Range VIII. The Chile Cup, also shot during the Spring Term, was won by Galloway, M. W. The competition was very keen and there were only 7 points between the first and fifth places.

The Lancashire Public Schools League was again joined for the winter season and the team shot with consistency. Out of 14 matches shot, 8 were won, 1 was drawn and 5 were lost.

High hopes are entertained of success in the Ashburton Shield next term, which will be shot on the home range owing to the exigencies of war. Seven members of last year's Long Range VIII will still be at College.

Hereunder are the averages for the season :—

AVERAGE OF THE VIII.

5 matches shot	553.6
Shot 13 ; Won 5 ; Lost 8 ; Drawn 0.	

Individual averages for "Country Life" matches :—

	<i>No. times shot</i>	<i>Average</i>
M. W. Galloway	5	78.6
S. A. Grant	3	67.3
R. V. Hunt	4	76.5
W. M. T. Alcock	5	78.4
S. P. Irwin	5	71.4
F. C. Gaskin	4	67.0
C. F. Quirk	3	67.0
N. E. Heijne	3	62.6
P. F. Matthews	3	61.3
J. S. Douglas (Leader).		

Individual average for Public Schools League Matches :—

	<i>No. times shot</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>H.P.S. 35</i>
M. W. Galloway	14	31.0	
S. A. Grant	13	28.4	
R. V. Hunt	14	29.7	
W. M. T. Alcock	14	30.3	
S. P. Irwin	10	27.7	
N. E. Heijne	9	27.9	

FIVES.

There has been this term a great revival of interest in Fives at College, and perhaps this might suitably be called the term for Fives.

The final of last term's Handicap Competition resulted in a win for Mr. Strachan, who saved his best form for this match against the Principal, whom he beat after a very close game.

House Fives Fours were also played off, though measles, and the fear of an end of term clash with Sports—which resulted in the Competition being rather rushed—tended to spoil the matches. Colbourne succeeded in retaining the Shield, the results being as follows :

Hunt	}	Walters	}	Dickson	}	Colbourne
Walters		Dickson				
		Colbourne		Colbourne		
		School				

On the last Monday of term a School Four played a four got together by the Principal, consisting of himself, Messrs. Strachan, Cowell and Chambers, H. Everyone played every member of

the opposing team one game, the final result being that the Principal's Four proved too strong and won by 221 pts. to 141. Spirits were again raised by an excellent tea, given to both teams by Mrs. Wilson, which was very much appreciated. College team consisted of Wertheim, Bell, Radcliffe, T., and Grant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sirs,

For many years past, the *Barrovian* has been ornamented by photographs, the kind presentation of the K.W.C. Society. Although we greatly appreciate this added attraction to the magazine, might we suggest that sometimes they might include photographs of College teams? For the past few years the face of College has been continually changing, and Old Boys have no doubt viewed the improvements with interest. But construction has now ceased, and it would be a welcome change to some of us, if at least one photograph a year consisted of either the Rugger XV or the Cricket XI.

Yours in hope,

M. W. GALLOWAY.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I, through the medium of your pages, draw attention to the vagaries of the present heating system in the school? The way in which the generating apparatus is handled seems to ensure a faithful supply of hot water in the radiators on each of our (comparatively) mild days. In bitter weather, however, they tend to remain as cold as the wind that invariably blows outside. And, oh! Mr. Editor, is there anything more unlovable than an icy radiator on one of our typical Manx mornings? It reminds me of my own "frozen north."

Yours, etc.,

ESKIMO NELL.

[Gelidusque per ima cucurrit ossa tremor.—ED.]

Dear Sirs,

While I was reading an old *Barrovian* recently, I noticed that "there were several meetings of the Literary Society this term." It is unfortunate that the same cannot be said now! What has happened to this Society? Has its period of usefulness come to an end after a successful career? Surely something must have happened, when in two winter terms we have had no meeting. It looks, moreover, as though the Debating Society will soon suffer the same ignominious death. Cannot something be done to remedy this sad state of affairs?

Yours, etc.,

DISGRUNTLED.

[Nulli exandita deorum vota precesque meae.—ED.]

Dear Sirs,

The recent dissension over the Sports Shield surely gives ample grounds for legislation to abandon all House Shields, except those which do not involve intricate mathematical calculation.

That a shield cannot be won without the help of a mathematician, is contrary to the best spirit of Sport. It leads to strife and un-sportsmanship throughout the school.

Perhaps the most common practice among Houses in the running for a shield is to ensure themselves of the victory, by the employment of the "Permanent Leave-Off." A house having such chronic invalids should be penalized rather than assisted, yet the "leave-off" system helps in the winning of Shields otherwise outside the scope of a house which is little better than an infirmary.

Abandon all shields which entail standards, or scaling, and keep only those which can be fought out in a straight fight, without judges, and in the true spirit of Sportsmanship expected at a Public School.

Yours, etc.,

FAIR PLAY.

Dear Sirs,

In no way do we wish to deprecate the value of the G.K.P., nor to discourage its producers, but we feel we must point out one factor which has sprung to our notice in the past few years, and which we cannot allow to escape again.

The answers which are published are given as authentic to the examiners, who cross out any answer which does not tally with their list. In our opinion, this method, though well-meant, is unjust; proof of which we will demonstrate.

With reference to the question "How much did Moses Primrose take in exchange for the colt?" We see that Goldsmith has evidently been misunderstood, for he states that Moses Primrose received £3 5s. 2d., with which he then bought "144 green spectacles."

In all reliable works of reference, of not too antique a nature, Tosi is stated to be the inventor of the wireless compass and the discoverer of directional wireless. It is a profound misapprehension in modern times to believe that a comparatively unknown composer is comparable with so great a man.

Anyone who reads German will know that it was not only the Father in "Erl König" who rode through the night, but "der Vater mit seinem Kind."

Any Encyclopædia will show that it was Henry James Pye who first accepted £27 in lieu of canary wine, and not Southey.

Unfortunately, as paper is limited, it would be unpatriotic to expose any more defects, of which there are several.

We close hoping that the amount we have used will not have been of no avail.

Yours, until the G.K.P. collapses,

MR. and MISS DEMEANOURS.

CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporary publications, with apologies for any unintentional omissions :—

Birkonian, Blundellian, Brightonian, Bromsgrovian, Cadet, Cliftonian, Draconian, Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, Framlinghamian, Gresham Holt, K.E.S. Chronicle, Johnian, Laxtonian, Limit, Log of Pangbourne Nautical College, Manx Museum Journal, Sedberghian, P.S.A. of Great Britain Chronicle, St. Bees, Stonyhurst Gazette, Worksopian, Nelsonian (New Zealand), Canberran (Australia), Jeppe High School.

NOTICES.

The editors are always grateful for the receipt of any news items from Old Boys, which are of interest. We wish to make the "O.K.W. News" column as interesting as possible, especially under the present circumstances, when the school is continually watching for mention of its sons in the war. Our means of obtaining news concerning Old Boys have never been more restricted and, if modesty intervenes, our chances become still smaller. We appeal earnestly to all Old Boys and to their relatives for their co-operation in this matter.

Correspondents are asked to write on one side of the paper only and that as clearly as possible. Each contribution should be accompanied by the name of the sender, together with THE DATES OF THE YEARS HE SPENT AT K.W.C. All anonymous manuscript will be rejected.

Contributions should be addressed to:—

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