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RANDOM NOTES.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have taken the trouble to supply information for the "Barrovian."

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Congratulations to School House on winning the Senior Football, Steeplechase, and Sports Shields, and to Walters House on winning the Fives Shield.

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We are grateful to Mr. J. Kewley (O.K.W. and Governor of the College) who has arranged for the regular supply of "British Survey" to the Reading Room.

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Hearty congratulations to D. J. Cregeen on being elected to an open scholarship in mathematics at Downing College, Cambridge, and to R. A. G. Stuart for an open exhibition in classics, also at Downing College.

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Congratulations to M. E. Bemrose on winning the Steeplechase.

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The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation Service in College Chapel on Friday, March 31st.

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Free halves were given on Mon., Feb 7th., and Tues., March 14th., the second to celebrate Mr. Stenning's appointment as Canon. A choir half was given on Mon., April 3rd.

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School Certificates (Oxford and Cambridge), December, 1943, were gained by E. H. Maley and P. Worsley.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Head of School: P. S. Gelling.

Head of Hostel: D. J. Cregeen.

Praepositors: P. S. Gelling, D. J. Cregeen, I. J. Qualtrough, M. E. Bemrose, A. H. Hack.

Sub-Praepositors: J. P. Heron, G. A. Higham, P. M. Whyman, K. R. Imlach, R. Lowcock, L. Earnshaw.

Captain of Hockey: I. J. Qualtrough.

Captain of Sports: M. E. Bemrose.

Captain of Fives: D. J. Cregeen.

Sports Committee: P. S. Gelling, I. J. Qualtrough, M. E. Bemrose, D. J. Cregeen, G. A. Higham, D. L. Curran, A. H. Hack, G. R. Scott.

Librarians: P. S. Gelling, D. J. Cregeen, I. J. Qualtrough, M. E. Bemrose.

Fiction Librarians: L. Earnshaw, A. H. Hack, G. A. Higham, J. P. Heron, K. R. Imlach, B. Moore.

Foreman of Fire Brigade: D. J. Cregeen.

Editor of "Barrovian": P. S. Gelling.

1st. Sports Colours: M. E. Bemrose, D. B. Roberts, G. R. Scott, H. S. L. Robinson, K. D. Lewis.

2nd. Sports Colours: I. J. Qualtrough, D. G. Teare, E. D. Brown, R. A. Quine, L. R. Smith, P. B. Farrer, G. F. White.

Colts Sports Colours: J. R. George, W. C. Holmes, J. J. Garside, J. W. Radcliffe, T. Kelly, C. V. Rycroft.

Non-Commissioned Officers in J.T.C.—

C.S.M.: I. J. Qualtrough.

C.Q.M.S.: P. S. Gelling.

Sergeants: J. P. Heron, P. B. Farrer.

Corporals: K. R. Imlach, P. M. Whyman.

D/Major: A. H. Hack.

L/Cpls.: G. A. Higham, D. G. Muir, D. B. Roberts, J. C. Cain, D. L. Curran, R. Lowcock, R. Q. Crellin, P. D. Boyce, R. H. Naylor.

Non-Commissioned Officers in A.T.C.—

Flt./Sergt.: M. E. Bemrose.

Sergeants: D. J. Cregeen, D. M. Saunderson.

Corporals: L. Earnshaw, E. D. Brown, G. R. Scott.

SALVETE.

LVB.—A. P. Gould (S.).

LIVb.—T. N. Smith (H.), (Feb.).

III.—C. B. Davies (J.).

M. Duggan (H.).

II.—R. A. Henry (J.).

VALETE.

M. E. C. BEMROSE, 1938-'44.—School House; Praepositor; Lower Sixth; Captain of School Athletics; Captain of House Football, Fives, Steeplechase, and Sports; 1st. XV. Colours 1942 and '43; 1st. XI. Colours 1943; Sports Colours 1944; Open Steeplechase, 1944; Open Hurdles, 1944; Member of Sports Committee; Hon. Secretary of Photographic Society; Walker Librarian; School Cert. 1942 and '43; Cert. A., 1941; Corporal in J.T.C.; Flight-Sergeant in A.T.C.; Foreman of Fire Brigade.

Gone to R.A.F.

Home Address: Baronscourt, Barnston Rd., Barnston, Wirral.

W. G. COOPER, School House.

D. J. CREGEEN, Walters House.

J. P. HERON, School House.

I. J. QUALTROUGH, 1935-'44.—Hunt House; Praepositor; Head of House; Upper Sixth; Captain of School Football, Steeplechase, and Hockey; 1st. XV. Colours 1941, '42, '43; 2nd. XI. Colours, 1943; 2nd. Athletic Colours, 1944; Captain of House Football, Sports, and Steeplechase; Rugby Seven, 1942; Hockey XI, 1942-'44; Member of Sports Committee; Walker Librarian; Cert. A., 1942; C.S.M. in J.T.C.; Member of Manx Society; School Cert., 1942.

Gone to Royal Engineers.

Home Address: Alexandra Road, Castletown, Isle of Man.

G. H. WOLLEN, Junior House.

O.K.W. NEWS.

Sir Colin Garbett, C.I.E., C.S.I., C.M.G. (1890-1900) has been appointed officer on special duty in the Regional Food Commissioner's office of the Northern Region (India).

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It may interest readers to know that it was Lt.-Col. L. J. G. Showers, D.S.O. (1919-'22) who actually captured Von Arnim in Tunisia.

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T. L. Thomas (1914-'19), at present a master at Rugby, has been appointed Headmaster of Repton. Thomas was Head of School at K.W.C. and for two seasons in the XV. He later played rugger for Rugby and Warwickshire.

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Lt.-Col. P. J. Gaffikin, M.C. (1902-'04) writes from his home at the Cottage, Teston, Maidstone, to offer hospitality to any O.K.W.s who may happen to be undergoing a pre-O.C.T.U. course nearby.

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An O.K.W. who received a small annual exhibition to assist him at the University (£10 per annum from the Archdeacon Moore's Fund),

has recently returned to the Principal, who is sole trustee and administrator of the fund, the sum of £30. This generous act will enable a future recipient to be more liberally assisted. Other O.K.W.s please copy!



Lieut. G. H. Ramsden (1927-'37), who escaped from captivity when Italy surrendered, has been recaptured, and is now a prisoner in Germany.

SERVICE HONOURS.

Capt. J. J. Christian (1934-'37).—Mentioned in despatches.
 Lieut.-Col. J. M. T. F. Churchill, M.C. (1920-'21).—D.S.O.
 Major P. G. W. M. Coke, M.B.E. (1925-'29).—Mentioned in despatches.
 Capt. K. C. Cowley (1930-'36).—Mentioned in despatches.
 Wing-Commander J. A. C. Karran (1923-'31).—A.F.C.
 Major F. Majdalany (1927-'31).—M.C.
 Lieut.-Col. L. J. G. Showers (1919-'22).—D.S.O.

BIRTHS.

To:

A. E. Bellhouse (1922-'25)—a son.
 N. A. Thompson (1926-'29)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

A. E. Bellhouse (1922-'25) to Mary Elizabeth Frazer.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Flt.-Lieut. C. L. Greenep (1915-'21) to Alice Deborah Dent.

Obituary

FRANK BELLHOUSE (1881-'87).

THOMAS WILLIAM CAIN (1891-'93).

JAMES MARSHALL EASTON (1879-'86).

HAROLD HAYGARTH (1895-1900).

JAMES HENRY SUTCLIFFE (1892-'93).

VICTOR STUART THORNTON (1902-'08).

REGINALD QUAYLE WILSON (1876-'79).

REDVERS WITHNALL (1909-'15).

JOHN HORATIO YOLLAND (1880-'81).

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

WILLIAM HUGH BAILEY (Master, 1930-'31).

WILLIAM ROBERT THOMSON (1913-'17).

**VICTOR STUART THORNTON (1902-1908).
O.K.W. and Governor.**

Thornton died on 8th January, 1944, at his home in Prestatyn, N. Wales. After leaving College, where he was a Praepositor and a member of the XV. and XI, he went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. For a short time he was an Assistant Master at Uppingham, afterwards taking a post in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company in the Persian Gulf. He returned in 1915 and, after passing through an Officers' Cadet Battalion, took his commission in the 11th. Bn. Essex Regiment and served with them in France, being severely wounded (right arm amputated) in 1916. He then became Governing Director of Messrs. William Thornton & Sons, Building Contractors, Liverpool, a post which he held until his death.

He was a keen sportsman, being a member of the Waterloo Rugby Football Club, the West Lancashire Golf Club, and a Vice-President and past Captain of the Prestatyn Golf Club, and at one time he captained the English International Team of one-armed golfers.

He was a most loyal and devoted O.K.W., and for nearly ten years he brought over a Cricket XI. from the mainland to play the 1st. XI. He was a regular visitor to College for the Old Boys' functions at the end of the Summer Term.

In 1934 he was appointed by the Trustees to be a Governor, and in this capacity he rarely missed a meeting. At the funeral, the Trustees and King William's College Society were represented by mainland O.K.W.'s. The sympathy of the Trustees, O.K.W.'s, and the College will be extended to Mrs. Thornton, who survives her husband, in her sad bereavement.

K. S. S. H.

ROGER CHARLES BOULY.

Born, 6th August, 1930.

**Died at his home, as the result of an accident,
9th April, 1944.**

He came to College in September, 1943, having won a minor scholarship from Quainton Hall, Harrow. He soon showed promise of developing into a brilliant athlete. He was new to rugby, but his determined tackling proved of great value to a weak Dickson House junior XV. He really came into his own in the Athletic Sports, and easily won all the track events in his class; only bad luck with the weather prevented his breaking records. It is tragic that he will never have an opportunity of fulfilling this great promise, and College of seeing the fulfilment.

To his father, serving abroad, and to his mother we offer our deep sympathy.

THE THOMAS WILLIAM CAIN MEMORIAL PRIZE.

A prize for Classics has been endowed by Squadron-Leader J. A. Cain (1920-'25), and Major T. W. Cain (1921-'25), in memory of their father, who was at College from 1891 to 1893.

After leaving K.W.C., T. W. Cain became a member of the Manx Bar in 1899, and he entered public life as a member of the Douglas School Board in 1919. On the dissolution of that body in 1920, he became a member of the Isle of Man Education Authority; he remained a member until his resignation in 1935. Entering the Douglas Town Council in 1925, he became an Alderman in 1934, and was elected Mayor of Douglas in 1935, being re-elected in 1936 for a second year of office.

Throughout his life he maintained his interest and affection for K.W.C. He was a Past Master of the King William's Lodge and a Vice-President of the Barrovian Society. It is fitting that his name should be perpetuated by a valuable prize in a subject which has been somewhat neglected in the list of "Bequest Prizes."

CHAPEL NOTES.

The School learnt with the greatest pleasure of Canon Stenning's well-deserved promotion.

During Lent, special evening services have been held on Wednesdays. The attendance, which was voluntary, was most gratifying.

The annual Confirmation was held on Friday, March 31st, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese confirmed 25 boys. We are grateful to Mrs. Stenning for supplying flowers to beautify the altar.

The special preacher on March 19th. was the Rev. H. M. Savage, Senior C.F. on the Island.

Special collections on March 19th. and April 2nd. were devoted to the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital Fund and to St. Dunstan's Homes. They amounted to £6 10s. 7d. and £11 15s. od.

The Choir had a successful term. The trebles' tone has been strong and pure, but the altos and tenors need reinforcement. Special items have included Stainer's setting of the Miserere, which has been sung on Sundays in Lent, and Stanford's Te Deum, which was sung on April 2nd.

Three organ recitals were given during the term.

CONCERT, APRIL 1st.

A novel but highly successful part of the programme was taken by two treble choirs, trained by Mr. Gawne, who were entirely charming in their performances. Mr. Gawne is to be congratulated on the excellent results he has obtained. Another innovation, the male voice choir, trained by the Principal, was also successful, although composed of rather heterogeneous individual talent. The programme was as follows:

- Overture—"Diadem" *Herman.*
The Orchestra.
- Two Bergerettes—18th Century.
i "Jeunes Fillettes"
ii "La Chanson du Tambourineur" ... *arr. Weckerlin*
L. Dodgson.
- Two Choruses—
i "The Old Folks at Home" *Foster*
ii "The Spanish Guitar."
Lower IV. Form.
- Solo—"Resting Place" *Schubert*
P. Heald.
- Violin Solo—Manx Rhapsody *arr. Tootell.*
Miss K. Rydings.
- Solo—German Folk Song.
P. Gelling.
- Male Voice Part Songs—
i "Charlie is my darling" *Jacobite.*
ii "Down among the dead men" ... *18th. Century.*
Male Voice Choir.
- Solo—"To Daisies" *Quilter.*
A. Sheard.
- Orchestral Items—
i Allegretto from Symphony VII. *Beethoven.*
ii Chorale. "Jesu Joy of man's desiring" ... *Bach.*
The Orchestra.
- Solo—"When maidens go a-maying" ... *Edward German.*
Canon E. H. Stenning.
- Two Folk Songs—
i "Early one morning"
ii "Good morrow Mistress Bright"
II. and III. Forms.
- Solo—"Scenes that are brightest" *Wallace.*
L. New.
- Two Spanish Dances *Moszkowski.*
The Orchestra.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The concert sponsored by the Castletown Branch of the British Legion (Women's Section) and staged at College on February 29th., was an unqualified success.

The first part of the programme was given by artistes from Douglas, arranged by Miss Norah Moore. It was of exceptionally fine quality.

Mr. Lewis Gale provided a perfect curtain-raiser with the Prologue from "Pagliacci," singing with fine feeling. In his encore, "The

Yeomen of England," he reflected admirably the spirit of the song. His was a fine achievement.

Mr. John Bedford, a clever and versatile character impressionist, appeared several times during the evening, and was most popular as the evergreen Sam Small in Stanley Holloway's "Pick up thy musket".

Mr. Robert Nichol resurrected the charming old-time favourite, "Come into the Garden, Maud," and sang with sincerity and power. His encore, "When all the World is Young," was equally pleasing. Later he and Lewis Gale joined forces in duets which were rendered with delightful buoyancy.

Miss Mellis, of the "Wrens," added variety to the programme with a cheerfully-executed Russian Dance, followed by a dance which the compère described as "something to do with the Signalling Department of the Navy"!

Lieutenant R. Roberts, R.N.V.R., gave invaluable service at the piano both as accompanist, where he was unobtrusively efficient and helpful, and as soloist, where he combined virility with a rare delicacy of touch.

Corporal Annerau, of the Marines, won well-earned applause for his violin solos, played with sensitiveness and artistry, and Miss Nancy Speers gave an artistic rendering of the Waltz Song from "Merrie England." There was a dignity and sweetness in her singing and a lightness and glow of humour in her encore.

The second part of the programme opened with Roland Pertwee's "Postal Orders." The acting here was so convincing that the little Post Office became a real one and the Manageress and her two assistants charmingly natural exponents of the subtle art of doing nothing and doing it exceedingly well. Mrs. Wilson, one of the assistants, obviously enjoyed herself as whole-heartedly as did her audience. She had a desirable rôle to play and played it perfectly. Miss Kear, as became a Manageress, wore a veneer of authority. The veneer was very thin; beneath it there ran delightful little ripples of fun. Miss Hunt, the other assistant, appeared to work with commendable seriousness. She was exceedingly austere, but in a manner which made austerity appear a most lovable thing, excepting perhaps to Mr. Gardiner, the lover who so appealingly solicited her help, and to Miss Roberts, the young lady who, but for the ingenuous "incapacity" of the Staff, must certainly have lost her loved one.

To give due praise to all the players would require many superlatives. It is sufficient to say that it was all very good fun.

It was followed by a Manx Dialect Sketch, "Those Confounded Comeovers," a clever piece of work by Chris Wilson.

The setting was the tiny general stores of a Manx village. The shop-keeper, I. Stewardson, was the very soul of ineptitude, the man who obviously could boast that he had a place for everything—with everything out of its place. His "business" transaction with Chris Wilson provided first-rate comedy.

H. Thomas, the customer's irate wife; L. Broadbent, the constable summoned to quell the "Riot"; E. Smith, the village simpleton; these acted their parts admirably, as did the "Come-over," D. Greenfield, debonair, "superior," who, with his "You Manx seem very argumentative," unwittingly brought peace among

the "natives" by virtue of his seemingly unwarranted interference.

The little sketch received a most appreciative reception and reflects great credit on the young writer. He has marked creative ability and a decided flair for subtle characterisation; a very promising little piece of work.

T. J. G.

MUSIC CLUB.

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President : D. THOMPSON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : P. S. GELLING.

Hon. Treasurer : J. P. HERON.

Committee : D. M. SAUNDERSON, R. W. HULME, K. D. LEWIS.

The first meeting of the term, held on February 5th., was as usual a miniature concert. A most enjoyable programme introduced two new vocalists—P. Heald and R. Hulme—and two new instrumentalists—D. Andrews and J. Ratcliffe—who played a pianoforte duet of their own composition.

At the second meeting of term, Mr. D. M. Saunderson delivered a lecture on Sir Edward German. He gave a short but concise and interesting account of the composer's life and works and then, with a brief commentary, introduced a recital of some of his music.

Mr. R. W. Hulme gave the third and last lecture of the term, dealing with Serenades and Aubades. It was a subject of rather narrow scope, but the lecturer exploited its possibilities to the full. He gave an entertaining talk with well-chosen illustrations.

The last meeting of the term, the Concert, is recorded elsewhere.

Soloists and instrumentalists during the term were: The President, the Vice-President, Canon Stenning, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. D. M. Saunderson (pianoforte), P. Heald, K. Hulme, K. Lewis (violin), L. Dodgson, A. Sheard, L. A. New, D. Andrews and J. Ratcliffe (pianoforte).

DEBATING SOCIETY.

President : W. L. HANDYSIDE, Esq.

Vice-President : D. L. CURRAN.

Hon. Secretary : P. S. GELLING.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms : A. D. CLAGUE.

Committee : A. H. HACK, T. W. READ.

This term, Mr. Handyside has taken over the Society and by his enthusiasm and zeal has organized a very successful series of meetings. Attendance was always good, and the standard of speaking definitely improved towards the end of term. Messrs. Cregeen, Curran, Higham and Corvin all showed promise.

At the first meeting, a hat night, held on February 4th, three motions were discussed. First, "that immediate steps should be taken to introduce a system of decimal currency and metric weights and measures into Britain" (proposed by Mr. Hughes-Games, opposed

by Mr. Muir); second, "that the freedom of the Press is a myth" (proposed by Mr. Hack, opposed by Mr. Read); third, "that the U.S.A.'s greatest contribution to culture is 'swing'" (proposed by Mr. Curran, opposed by Mr. Gaffikin).

This meeting was a valuable introduction to the next, at which a full debate was held on the proposal "that in the opinion of the house the Isle of Man should have full legislative and executive authority in the administration of the affairs of the Island." Mr. Curran proposed, seconded by Mr. Hack, and Mr. Cregeen opposed, seconded by Mr. Higham. It was a lively debate, with plenty of good speaking and, of course, some that was irrelevant. In particular, Mr. Curran, in his summing-up, showed considerable eloquence. In spite of that, however, the motion was lost by 51 votes to 26.

A Brains Trust, composed of Canon Stenning, Miss Clegg, E. P. Carter, Esq., Miss Sarah Farrer, and Mr. P. S. Gelling, was in session at the third meeting, and answered questions put by the School, with the Principal as question-master. The questions covered a wide range of technical and æsthetic knowledge, but there was always an answer forthcoming from Canon Stenning and, at least, one or other of the rest of the Trust.

At the last meeting of the term it was hoped to hold an inter-debate with the Buchan School, but this had to be cancelled owing to quarantine restrictions. An ordinary meeting was held, therefore, on Friday, March 24th., and two subjects were debated. First, "that Manners Maketh Man," proposed by Messrs. Gaffikin and Muir, and opposed by Messrs. Heald and Stewardson; second, "that the athletic sports at K.W.C. should be held in the Summer Term," proposed by Mr. Hulme and opposed by Mr. Higham. The first motion was carried by 41 votes to 17, and the second defeated by 39 votes to 14.

The Society is very grateful to Mr. Handyside, who has given so much of his time to organize a thoroughly satisfactory term's activities.

MANX SOCIETY.

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman : CANON STENNING.

Hon. Secretary : P. S. GELLING.

The Society held three meetings during the term, at each of which a paper was read by a member.

The first was by G. A. Higham, on Celtic gods, who introduced us to a large number of highly colourful personalities whose ways of life were all their own. It was an extremely interesting and well-informed paper. At the second meeting, A. Lowcock read a paper dealing with Celts in the Isle of Man. He described fully their dwellings, manner of life, etc., and gave us a very good idea of what life as a whole was like in Celtic times. K. Imlach tackled Manx names in a paper which he read at the third meeting of the term. It is a very difficult subject, and he wisely avoided technicalities, making his talk topical and interesting.

The Society is very grateful to Canon Stenning for his help and

guidance in all matters of learning ; to Mrs. Wilson, for allowing us to meet in her drawing-room ; to the lecturers, for the trouble they have taken in preparing papers ; and to the recorders, who have written records of our meetings.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President : CANON E. H. STENNING.

Chairman : W. S. FIELDHOUSE, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : P. J. WHYMAN.

Hon. Treasurer : D. M. SAUNDERSON.

Committee : R. Q. CRELLIN, G. A. HIGHAM, G. R. SCOTT.

During the term there was only one meeting of the Society, which was held on Thursday, March 2nd. Two papers were read during the course of the meeting. The first, on "Echo," was read by R. Q. Crellin, who gave us a very clear idea of the habits of these peculiar creatures. Later, G. A. Higham gave a talk on the phenomenon of flame. The lecturer illustrated his points with the aid of various experiments, and succeeded in startling his audience by means of a minor "explosion." To close the meeting, the Society was shown a film with the title "Airscrews." A vote of thanks was proposed by P. G. Gaffikin and seconded by G. R. Scott.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President : CANON E. H. STENNING.

Chairman : A. HOUGHTON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : M. BEMROSE.

During the term much useful work has been done by all members of the Society. The majority were able to obtain a few films, while some printing paper, both bromide and contact, was purchased.

As usual, full use was made of the dark-room, and with the speedily-mounting funds, chemicals have been renewed.

The vacant place in the Society was filled this term by J. L. Broadbent, and it is hoped next term more new members will be enrolled.

J.T.C. NOTES.

There is little to report, and nothing out of the ordinary, except that N.C.O.'s classes are now a regular weekly affair. Training has continued for the "Cert. A" examinations, which will take place early next term. Lieut. C. W. Jackson has taken over the training of the two Cert. A—Part 2 squads, with Sgt. Heron as his right-hand man. C.S.M. Qualtrough is responsible for the recruits and the pre-Cert. A squads, while C.Q.M.S. Gelling is in charge of the five Cert. A—Part 1 squads. The band has practised steadily throughout the

term under the supervision of Drum-Major Hack, so that it should be in good form for the inspection and any other ceremonial events that may occur next term. By one means or another, there is now an accumulation of rifles nearly sufficient to go round. This means a greatly increased opportunity for weapon-training, and more interest for riflemen on exercises.

A field-day took place in March and was more successful than usual. Umpiring provided the chief difficulty, and many sections, when no umpire was about, developed an unexpected and misleading invulnerability.

Qualtrough, who is leaving to take a "six-months' university course," has made an efficient C.S.M. for the past two terms.

A camp lasting a week has been arranged to take place in the North of the Island at the end of the Summer Term, and all ranks over 14 years of age will be expected to attend. It should prove invaluable for training in field-craft and section-leading.

A.T.C. NOTES.

It is interesting to note that of the boys in the school who are eligible to join the A.T.C., 30.9% are at present cadets, a figure which must compare favourably with other Public Schools which have strong J.T.C.'s.

The following cadets passed the written examinations for the Proficiency Certificate at the end of last term: (Navigation) Flt./Sgt. M. E. C. Bemrose, Sgts. D. J. Holt, J. N. Clucas (local cadet attached to this Flight), Corporals M. W. Machin, E. D. Brown, Cadet J. D. Costain; (WOP/AG) R. A. G. Stuart. All were awarded Certificates.

This term, Flt./Sgt. M. E. C. Bemrose passed the Drill examination of the Advanced Training Syllabus, and the following passed in the practical examinations (Drill, Morse, Aircraft Recognition, Physical Training Standards) for the Proficiency Certificate: Cpl. L. Earnshaw, Cadets G. E. Green, F. R. Abraham, J. L. Broadbent, R. R. A. Coles, P. W. Heald, L. R. Smith, T. W. Read.

Air Commodore Guilfoyle, North West Regional Commandant of the A.T.C., carried out an inspection of the unit on February 22nd. He expressed satisfaction with what he saw and complimented Flt./Sgt. M. E. C. Bemrose and Sgt. J. N. Clucas on their splendid records.

During the term, Proficient cadets were taken to our parent R.A.F. Station for flights, but the weather was unfit for flying and only the Link Trainer could be used. We are grateful to Sgt. Bargery, R.A.F., for the lectures which he gave at College during the term.

An unofficial visit was paid by F./Lt. J. C. Mewhorton, from Group H.Q., who brought with him F./Lt. Oliver, D.F.C., D.F.M., who gave an interesting lecture on Operational Bombing.

The C.O. wishes to thank P/O. J. B. Nelson for all the time he has given in and out of parade hours to teaching Navigation; Mr. W. S. Fieldhouse, who has taken charge of the Mathematics; Flt./Sgt. M. E. C. Bemrose, who has taught all the Drill and Aircraft Recognition; and Sgt. D. J. Cregeen, who has been responsible

for the Morse. Their combined efforts have given the unit the best Proficiency results on record.

HOCKEY.

Hockey was confined to a few weeks of the Lent Term. Many boys took part with enthusiasm, and the season, though short, was very enjoyable. The standard of play improved as the season progressed, and the teams who represented the College showed gratifying skill. The first XI, captained by Qualtrough, played two games against Navy boys. The game played in Douglas was a draw, 4—4, and the return at home resulted in a narrow defeat of the College XI by 2—1. The second XI had an interesting and closely-contested game with an XI from the Douglas O.C.T.U., being beaten 4—3. An under 16 XI played the Buchan School and won 6—1.

It is a pity that the demands of other games during the term curtail our time for Hockey so much. Many boys got very keen, and with keenness comes skill, which contributes greatly to the appreciation and enjoyment of the game.

STEEPLECHASE, 1944.

This year, the annual inter-House Steeplechase was run over an entirely new course, the old course having become untenable in wartime. In these circumstances, it is difficult to compare the results with those of previous years, but our performance against the Navy boys' teams was a decided improvement on that of last year. The practice period was well used, boys having ample time to become familiar with the new course. The performance of a House is largely a reflection of the enthusiasm of its captain and, in future, much more attention should be paid by captains to team work during practices.

The race was run on February 19th., an ideal day, fine and practically windless, and some good running resulted. Bemrose (S.) won the Senior event in the very good time of 38 min. 52 sec., and was closely followed by Robinson, H. (S.). It was pleasing to note that the first twelve competitors home were all within three minutes of the winning time. Good team work gave School House a win in the Senior race. In the Junior race, White, G. (C.) won comfortably in 27 min. 51 sec.; Rycroft (S.) was second. The Hunt House Junior team ran very well indeed.

Final House positions: 1, School, 47 points; 2, Hunt, 68 points; 3, Colbourne, 80 points; 4, Dickson, 104 points; 5, Walters, 121 points.

On Saturday, February 26th, a race between the College Senior team and teams from the Navy and the Royal Corps of Signals was held over the College Steeplechase course. The Navy team won a very closely-contested race. Bemrose and Robinson, H., ran magnificently to take 1st. and 2nd. places respectively, well ahead of the leading Navy boy. Cullen (C.), who ran 4th. in the College race, sustained a serious knee injury at the first hedge and was forced to

retire ; it was a disappointment to the College and to Cullen, who had been running throughout the season with such determination. The Navy boys are to be congratulated on a fine win and good team work ; we like to feel, however, that with better luck we could have beaten them.

Result: 1, Navy, 37 points ; 2, College, 45 points ; 3, R. C. Signals, 89 points.

In a Junior race, held on the same day, against the Navy Junior team, the College team won very easily, claiming six out of the first seven places. Again, White, G., proved an easy winner, somewhat overshadowing the good running of other boys of his age. Rycroft again gained second place.

Result: 1, College, 25 points ; 2, Navy, 53 points.

Qualtrough (Captain of Steeplechasing) and Gelling merit our thanks for their good work in exploring the new course and in establishing amicable contacts with farmers.

We wish also to record our thanks to A.C.2 Clayton, an England and R.A.F. Steeplechaser, for his excellent advice and assistance, both in the Steeplechase training and in Athletics.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1944.

Once again the weather proved an all-important factor in College Athletics. During the practice period and for most of the finals prior to Sports Day, the weather was fine, although frequently cold, and the performances were very good. Finals day was bitterly cold, with a strong East wind making conditions most uncomfortable and difficult.

The results in the Standards tests showed quite clearly that the practice period is having a beneficial effect on College Athletics, the general level of attainment was improved and, in the finals, some very good performances were seen ; in all Classes the events were keenly contested.

The following new College records were established (the figures in brackets indicate previous records):—

CLASS I.

High Jump: D. Roberts (W.), 5 ft. 5½ in. (5 ft. 4½ in.).

CLASS II.

Mile: G. White (C.), 4 min. 57½ sec. (5 min. 8 sec.). This record was made during the practice period, White being paced throughout the distance by A.C.2 Clayton.

880 yards: G. White (C.), 2 min. 14 sec. (2 min. 17½ sec.).

CLASS III.

Putting the weight: W. Hudson (H.), 37 ft. 3½ in. (34 ft. 4 in.).

Long Jump: W. Hudson (H.), 15 ft. 6 in. (15 ft. 1 in.).

High Jump: W. Hudson (H.), 4 ft. 4½ in. (4 ft. 4¾ in.).

This year, and for the first time, 2nd. and Colts Colours for Athletics have been awarded, in addition to the usual 1st. Colours. General all-round performances in Standards as well as in Finals was considered when the Colours were awarded.

The organisation of Athletics was complicated during practically the whole Term by the absence of the groundsman. Bemrose and Qualtrough carried out his duties so well, however, that rarely has the ground been so well prepared and in such good time. Only by their excellent work was Athletics made possible and our sincere thanks are due to them and to those other boys who offered willing help.

Again we thank the Principal for his help and encouragement and all those Masters who have so willingly given their assistance to Athletics; it is difficult to mention names and yet not offend, but our thanks are due in particular to Mr. Grant for his assistance in the practices and in judging all Field events; Mr. Nelson, the Starter; Mr. Ryder, for cutting the grass and time-keeping; Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hardman.

RESULTS.

Class I (over 16 on April 1st.).

Mile.—1, Robinson, H. (S); 2, Bemrose (S); 3, Teare (C.).

Time: 4 min. 53 7-10th. sec.

A grand race run in fine weather. Bemrose set a fast pace in the first lap, but Robinson passed him at the end of the lap. Bemrose challenged strongly in the fourth lap, but Robinson's superior stride and final spurt enabled him to maintain his lead and he finished strongly in excellent time. Bemrose was second in well under 5 minutes.

880 yards.—1, Robinson, H. (S.); 2, Teare, (C.); 3, Brown (S.).

Time: 2 min. 13½ sec.

Another fine race run under less favourable conditions. Again Bemrose set a fast pace in the first lap but could not maintain it. Robinson ran magnificently and well deserved his win. Teare and Brown also ran well.

440 yards.—1, Lewis (C.); 2, Brown (S.); 3, Quine (C.) and Bemrose (S.) tied.

Time: 59½ sec.

A strong East wind made conditions difficult. A good win for Lewis in his first year in Class I.

100 yards.—1, Saunderson (S.); 2, Quine (C.); 3, Scott, G. (H.).

Running into a head wind precluded a good time. If Saunderson could improve his start he would prove a formidable sprinter.

120 yards hurdles (3' 3").—1, Bemrose (S.); 2, Lewis (C.); 3, Qualtrough (H.).

Time: 20 sec.

High jump.—1, Roberts (W.); 2, Lowe (D.); 3, Hack (W.).

Height: 5 ft. 5½ in.

An outstanding record jump by Roberts again under unfavourable conditions. It is a pity that Roberts still uses the "scissors" style.

Long jump.—1, Scott, G. (H.); 2, Quine (C.); 3, Bemrose (S.).

Distance: 18 ft. 4½ in.

Putting the weight (12 lb.).—1, Scott, G. (H.); 2, Farrer (H.); 3, Bemrose (S.).

Distance: 35 ft. 10 in.

A much-improved event this year. Scott's putt was the longest since P. W. Long's record of 1937.

Discus (1.5 kils.).—1, Smith, L. (H.); 2, Roberts (W.); 3, Horowitz (C.).

Distance: 107 ft. 11½ in.

An easy win for Smith who has developed a really good style and shows great promise. The present College record of 130 ft. 8 in. will be difficult to beat, however.

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

Mile.—1, White, G. (C.); 2, Rycroft (S.); 3, Garside (S.).

Time: 5 min. 6 sec.

A really fine achievement under difficult conditions. White was never seriously challenged and finished strongly. His remarkable running this year shows that White is an athlete of exceptional promise.

880 yards.—1, White, G. (C.); 2, Garside (S.); 3, Rycroft (S.).

Time: 2 min. 14 sec.

Another fine event. Kelly, T. (H.) set a strong pace in the first lap. White challenged, took the lead and maintained it to finish strongly in record time, beating the previous record by 3½ sec. Although overshadowed by White, Garside and Rycroft ran very well in both this event and the mile.

440 yards.—1, White, G. (C.); 2, George (S.); 3, Kelly, T. (H.).

Time: 58½ sec.

White just failed to beat the record (58½ sec.) in unfavourable weather.

100 yards.—1, Radcliffe (W.); 2, George (S.); 3, Kelly, T. (H.).

Time: 12½ sec.

120 yards hurdles (3').—1, Holmes (W.); 2, George, (S.); 3, Kelly, T. (H.).

Time: 19 sec.

High jump.—1, George (S.); 2, Garside (S.); 3, Kelly, T. (H.).

Height: 4ft. 11 in.

George jumped very well, his final jump being within 1" of the record; he must wear more suitable clothing in future, and practice to convert his "straddle" style into the more efficient Western Roll.

Long jump.—1, Holmes (W.); 2, Kelly, T. (H.); 3, Radcliffe, (W.).

Distance: 16 ft. 5½ in.

A good jump by Holmes in his first year in this Class.

Discus (1 kilo.).—1, Holmes (W.); 2, Kelly, T. (H.); 3, George (S.).

Distance: 99 ft. 11 in.

Holmes showed excellent style; he should do well next year. Kelly, T., gained another place and earns commendation for a fine all-round performance.

Putting the weight (8 lb.).—1, George, (S.); 2, Holmes (W.); 3, Radcliffe (W.).

Distance: 36 ft. 5½ in.

Class III (over 12 and under 14).

880 yards.—1, Bouly (D.); 2, Crellin, G. A. (D.); 3, Davy, G. (H.).

Time: 2 min. 43½ sec.

A very good time under difficult conditions.

440 yards.—1, Bouly (D.); 2, Hudson, W. (H.); 3, Landon (J.).

Time: 64 sec.

Bouly ran very well ; he has a fine free style and shows great promise.

220 yards.—1, Bouly (D.); 2, Hudson, W. (H.); 3, Landon (J.).

Time: $28\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

Again Bouly ran well and, as in the 440 yards, only missed record time by $\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

100 yards.—1, Bouly (D.); 2, Hudson, W. (H.); 3, Landon (J.).

Time: $12\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

95 yards Hurdles ($2' 6''$).—1, Bouly (D.); 2, Hudson, W. (H.); 3, Craine (H.).

Time: 17 sec.

High jump.—1, Hudson, W. (H.); 2, Bouly (D); 3, Halfon (D.) and Caine, J. (W.) tied.

Height: 4 ft. $4\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Hudson jumped well and established a new record.

Long jump.—1, Hudson, W. (H.); 2, Bouly (D.); 3, Caine, J. (W.).

Distance: 15 ft. 6 in.

Hudson's jump beat the previous record by 5 in.

Putting the weight (6 lb.).—1, Hudson, W. (H.); 2, Bouly (D); 3, Hosking (S.).

Distance: 37 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.

This fine putt by Hudson beat the previous record by 3 ft. ; a fine effort.

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

440 yards.—1, Hunter (J); 2, Nelson, M. (H.); 3, Howarth (J.).

Time: 1 min. $21\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

220 yards.—1, Watterson, J. (H.); 2, Christian, E. (J.); 3, Watson, P. (J.).

Time: 33 sec.

75 yards.—1, Christian, E. (J.); 2, Watterson, J. (J.); 3, Bardsley (J.).

Time: $11\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

High jump.—1, Watterson, J. (J.); 2, Crighton (J.); 3, ———.

Height: 3 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Long jump.—1, Bardsley (J.); 2, Watterson, J. (J.); 3, Rosenberger (J.).

Distance: 12 ft. $0\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Putting the weight (4 lb.).—1, Waldron (J); 2, Norris (C); 3, Christian, E. (J.).

Distance: 26 ft. 7 in.

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

330 yards.—1, Marshall (J); 2, Corkill, G. (J.); 3, Cowley (J.).

Time: $60\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

60 yards.—1, Marshall (J.); 2, Cowley (J.); 3, Henry (J.).

Time: $9\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

High jump.—1, Cowley (J.); 2, Corkill, G. (J.); 3, Medd (J.).

Height: 3 ft.

Long jump.—1, Corkhill, G. (J.); 2, Cowley (J.); 3, Henry (J.).

Distance: 10 ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in.

The longest jump recorded for this Class.

Relay Races.

Class I: 4 x 110 yards.—1, Hunt; 2, Walters, 3, Colbourne.

Time: 52½ sec.

Class I: 4 x 880 yards.—1, School; 2, Colbourne; 3, Dickson.

Time: 9 min. 43 sec.

Class II: 4 x 220 yards.—1, School; 2, Walters; 3, Hunt.

Time: 1 min. 52½ sec.

The final order of the five Senior Houses in the Athletics Shield competition was:

1. School	160	points.
2. Hunt	136.6	„
3. Walters	128.1	„
4. Colbourne	106.1	„
5. Dickson	93.5	„

SPORTS MEETING, JULY, 1943.

An interesting Sports Meeting was held on the College ground on July, 1943. The following teams competed:—

(Letters in brackets indicate the abbreviations used in the record of results.)

Royal Navy (Navy).

O.C.T.U., Douglas (Doug.).

Port St. Mary O.C.T.U. (P.S.M.).

R.A.F. Northern (R.A.F.).

King William's College (Coll.).

The weather was perfect and some fine performances were seen, notably the high jumping of L.A.C. Domanski (R.A.F.), Polish Olympic Games representative, who, though out of training, gave a fine exhibition of the Eastern Cut-off; the grand running of A. Watson (Coll.) in the 100 yards and 440 yards, and the Long Jump of Cpl. Smith (Navy).

RESULTS.

Mile.—1, Cdt. Walsh (Doug.); 2, Read (Coll.); 3, Boy Hare (Navy).

Time: 4 min. 56 sec.

880 yards.—1, Boy Palmer (Navy); 2, Boy Izzard (Navy); 3, Caine, E. (Coll.).

Time: 2 min. 10½ sec.

440 yards.—1, Watson, A. (Coll.); 2, Cpl. Davies (R.A.F.); 3, Major Woollatt (Doug.).

Time: 53½ sec.

100 yards.—1, Watson, A. (Coll.); 2, L.A.C. Comyn (R.A.F.); 3, Cdt. Carslaw (P.S.M.).

Time: 10 7-10th. sec.

120 yards Hurdles (3' 3").—1, Cdt. Matthews (P.S.M.); 2, Bemrose (Coll.); 3, Cdt. Roussel (Doug.).

Time: 18 9-10th. sec.

High Jump.—1, L.A.C. Domanski (R.A.F.); 2, Roberts (Coll.); 3, Cdt. Bourne (Doug.).

Height: 5 ft. 5½ in.

Long jump.—1, Cpl. Smith (Navy); 2, L.A.C. Howaskzi (R.A.F.); Watson, A. (Coll.).

Distance: 20 ft. 4½ in.

Putting the weight (12 lbs.).—1, P.O. Gibbs (Navy); 2, W/O. Cornforth (R.A.F.); 3, Cdt. Brown, C. (P.S.M.).

Distance: 41 ft. 10 in.

Discus (1.5 kilo.), Exhibition Event only.—1, Arends (Coll.); 2, Sgt. Morris (R.A.F.); 3, Flt./Sgt. Ford (R.A.F.).

Distance: 99 ft. 9 in.

Relay (4 x 110 yards).—1, Coll; 2, R.A.F.; 3, P.S.M.

Final positions.

1. King Williams College	26 points.
2. R.A.F., Northern	20 "
3. Royal Navy	19 "
{ Douglas O.C.T.U.	8 "
4. { Port St. Mary O.C.T.U.	8 "

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Sir,

Though it is just half a century since I left the school, after a very happy year of work, I am still a reader of the "Barrovian," and the notice of Miss McKnight's death recalls a small incident of past history which may interest your readers. Miss McKnight took over charge of the school music at the same time that I became a member of the staff. During my time there the choir, under her direction, learnt and finally performed in Chapel Stainer's "Daughter of Jairus." In the course of it I had to sing a duet with one of the boys, Holderness minor. He had a beautiful treble voice. After the performance, I walked across the quadrangle with T. E. Brown—a really great poet and a great lover of the Island, and a great schoolmaster, too. He was second master at Clifton for many years before finally coming home to the Island. He said to me as we walked together as old schoolfellows (for I was a Clifton boy): "That duet was simply perfect"—high praise from such a critic!

I mention it in case this might meet the eye of Holderness minor's grandson and to show how well Miss McKnight trained us.

Yours faithfully,

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formerly Bishop of Rangoon.)

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