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## EDITORIAL.

As we write this, there are two conflicting thoughts in our minds: one is that Christmas is almost upon us, and the other is that the end of the war, after so much weary waiting and suffering, is at last in sight.

The memories of peace are growing more and more remote; we look back upon those days before the war as a golden age now far back in the past, and we wonder whether we shall ever do again those thousand-and-one things which were once taken so much for granted, but which now exist only as remote incidents of a former age. When we think of Christmas as it was before the war, and reflect, perhaps, that in those days we still believed in Santa Claus and hung out our stockings on Christmas Eve, we realise what large proportions of our young lives have passed by during the ever-increasing interval between then and now.

But already we can discern faint glimmerings of this golden age again. Slowly, but we hope surely, the restrictions and shortages which have so tried our patience during the last five years are being lifted, and there is every hope this year of a Christmas which has resumed some of the character of its former, but not forgotten, self. Few boys at College now can remember the school as it was before the war, and those who can frequently expound to the rest of us the large number of changes which have occurred, and the large number of things, once commonplace, which have now completely disappeared. Yet when we compare our fate with that of many mainland public schools we cannot but realise our good fortune. Our premises have not been taken over, our food supply has remained good, and our teaching staff, despite many changes in personnel, has successfully

maintained its efficiency, and beside these things all others must seem trifles. Admittedly we no longer get ice-cream in the tuck-shop, and do not entertain the Old Boys at the end of the summer term, but in view of the prevailing conditions we cannot complain.

Moreover, there now seems every hope that at long last the war will soon be over. In the great victories of the Allies which have driven the Germans back to and beyond their own frontiers, O.K.W.s have played a worthy part. Many have been decorated, including R. H. Cain (1922-'27), now universally known as the "Arnhem Major" who has brought pride and honour to his old school by winning the Victoria Cross; but against this must be set the ever-growing list of those who have yielded up their lives. May their glory never be forgotten.

But we have said enough, and it is time to go on to other things. The end of term approaches, and what can be more important in a schoolboy's mind? So it only remains for us to wish our readers a Merry Christmas (despite the fact that when they read this, that festive season will be long past) and a Happy New Year, and to close on a suitable note of joy.

## RANDOM NOTES.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have gone to the trouble of supplying articles for the "Barrovian."



We were very pleased to welcome to College this term Mr. R. S. Cowles and Mr. P. C. McGovern, and hope that their sojourn here will be long and happy.



Hearty congratulations to Canon E. H. Stenning, whose thirty-five years of service here have been deservedly rewarded with the office of Vice-Principal, revived after a lapse of eight years.



Owing to the breakdown of College cinema, no films were shown this term except a very instructive and helpful Rugger film on October 15th, and a most interesting M.o.I. programme on November 28th.



Two lectures were given this term, one by Commander Sharp on "Combined Operations," on October 11th, and the other by Miss Diana Wong on "China," on October 20th. We were most grateful to the lecturers for taking the trouble to visit us, and also for their very entertaining talks.

We are grateful to J. Kewley, Esq., M.A., F.I.C. (O.K.W. 1894-'98), for the gift of "Country Notes" (Swanton) and "D Day," by John Gunther.



Congratulations to Hunt House on winning the Under 16 Rugger Shield.



Free halves were given on Monday, October 23rd, and on Friday, November 24th, the latter in honour of Major R. H. Cain's V.C. The Choir half was on Monday, December 11th.

### SCHOOL NEWS.

School Officers for the Christmas Term, 1944, were as follows:—

**Head of School and Hostel :** G. A. Higham.

**Præpositors :** G. A. Higham, P. J. M. Whyman, D. M. Saunderson, D. L. E. Curran, P. B. Farrer.

**Sub-Præpositors :** E. D. Brown, A. D. Clague, L. R. Smith, D. G. Muir, K. D. Lewis.

**Captain of Rugger :** G. A. Higham.

**Vice-Captain of Rugger :** E. D. Brown.

**Captain of Shooting :** P. J. M. Whyman.

**Walker Library Committee :** D. L. E. Curran (Chief Librarian), E. D. Brown, L. R. Smith, K. D. Lewis, R. Q. Crellin, J. R. Callin.

**Fiction Library Committee :** P. B. Farrer (Chief Librarian), A. E. Christian, J. C. Cain, H. J. Cain, P. B. Jones, H. S. Thomas, J. H. Gordon.

**Foreman of Fire Brigade:** D. M. Saunderson.

**Editor of "Barrovian":** P. B. Jones.

Rugby Football Colours for the season 1944 were awarded as follows:—

**1st. XV :** G. A. Higham, E. D. Brown, P. B. Farrer, A. D. Clague, L. R. Smith, D. L. E. Curran, J. W. Radcliffe, P. W. Heald, T. G. Kelly, D. G. Teare, A. E. Christian, D. J. White, D. Clay, W. C. Holmes, A. P. Gould.

**2nd. XV :** D. M. Saunderson, J. R. G. George, K. D. Lewis, J. G. Hughes, G. F. White, C. W. B. Leatham, C. V. Rycroft, G. E. Green, J. C. Cain, R. R. A. Coles, J. L. Broadbent, H. S. L. Robinson.

**Colts' XV :** E. B. Selkirk, G. S. Barlow, W. R. Costain, P. C. G. Fletcher, J. E. Kneen, G. J. H. Levick, D. N. Markham, T. M. Robinson.

## SALVETE.

The following boys came to College in September, 1944:—

- UVa.—Simpson, J. (W).  
 UVb.—Dawson, C. M.; Leatham, C. W. B.; Wood, I. D. (D).  
 LVa.—Henney, P. J.; Stoner, W. W. B. (C); Young, P. W. (D);  
 Lace, P. J. C. (W).  
 LVb.—Davis, K. A. R. (C); Clague, B. J. T. (D); Underhill,  
 C. G. K. (H).  
 UIVa.—Halstead, A. H. (C); Bond, M. W.; Cooper, K. G. (D);  
 Crellin, R. (W).  
 MIVa.—Graham, W. I. (S).  
 MIVb.—Lowey, D. C. (S); Lowey, J. C. (W); Quine, J. A. (H).  
 LIVa.—Cannell, D. L.; Cubbon, G. A.; Harrison, W. J. (D);  
 Ross, J. S.; Shimmin, F. R.; Thompson, T. D. A. (W);  
 Galbraith, B. D.; Karran, B.; Kennaugh, J. S.; Watterson,  
 J. H. (Hunt); Cooper, G. K.; Swainson, G. W. (J).  
 LIVb.—Weaver, D. B. (C); Hall, P. A.; Raper, J. S. G.; Simpson, P.;  
 Strickett, B. A. (W); Clarke, J. G.; Corkish, R. S.; Gilmore,  
 B. J.; Quirk, W. J. (H); Kelly, P. J. (J).  
 III.—White, P. W. (H); Buck, C. R.; Cooper, R. E.; Graham, M. I.;  
 Lace, J. H.; McColl, G. N.; Robertson, R. F.; Robertson,  
 W. F.; Wood, C. B. G. (J).  
 II.—Cannell, H.; Griffiths, J. K. G. (H); Bairstow, A. G.; Clucas,  
 J. C.; Elliott, J. N.; Hilditch, R. P. (J).

## VALETE.

- D. CLAY, 1939-'44.—Junior-School House; LVI; XL Colours, 1942;  
 2nd. XV Colours, 1943; 1st. XV Colours, 1944; Open Plunge  
 Record, 1944; 2nd. XI Colours, 1944; G. T., 1942-'43-'44; Mem-  
 ber of Photographic Society; Proficiency Cert.; School Cert., 1944.  
 Gone to Liverpool University.  
 Home Address: "Terra Nova," Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, 17.
- P. B. FARRER, 1939-44.—Hunt House; UVI; Præpositor; Head of  
 House; 1st. XV Colours, 1942-'43-'44; 2nd. Sports Colours,  
 1944; 2nd. XI Colours, 1943; 1st. Hockey XI, 193-'44; Shooting  
 VIII, 1944; Captain of House Rugger, Shooting and Swimming;  
 Under 16 Mile, Weight and Long Jump, 1942; G.T., 1941-'42-  
 '43-'44; Member of Rugby Sub-Committee; Chief Librarian of  
 Fiction Library; English Speaking Prize, 1941-'42-'43-'44;  
 Classical Essay Prize, 1942; General Knowledge Prize, 1944;  
 School Cert., 1941; H.S.C., 1943-'44; Cert. "A"; C.S.M. in  
 J.T.C.  
 Gone to Army.  
 Home Address: Rushen Vicarage, Port St. Mary, I.o.M.
- J. G. HUGHES, 1941-'44.—Dickson House; LVI; 2nd. XV Colours,

1943-'44; House Crest for Rugger; House Swimming IV, 1942-'43-44; House Shooting IV, 1944; Hon. Treasurer, Photographic Society; Committee Member, Scientific Society; Member of Manx Society; School Cert., 1943; Proficiency Cert; Corporal in A.T.C.

Gone to business.

Home Address: Summerland, Ramsey, I.O.M.

R. H. D. PHILLIP, 1942-44.—School House.

## O.K.W. NEWS.

### GENERAL.

D. J. Cregeen (1937-'44) was one of four out of 80 to gain a 1st. Class with distinction in the passing-out examination of the R.A.F. Short Course at Cambridge in September, 1944.

H. T. N. Christal (Master, 1935-'—) was seriously wounded by the explosion of a bomb recently. We all join in sending him our heartfelt sympathy for a misfortune which must be all the more terrible for one so vigorous and active as he, and hope very sincerely that he will make a rapid recovery.

### SERVICE HONOURS.

Major R. H. Cain (1922-'27)—V.C.

Lieut.-Col. W. C. Kelly, R.A.S.C. (1924-'30)—Mention in despatches.

Lieut. J. D. W. Kirkpatrick, R.A. (1933-'35)—Mention in despatches.

Lieut. F. S. Robson (1922-'28)—M.C.

Captain G. Sayle, C.F. (1917-'21)—Mention in despatches.

Major J. E. Tonkin (1934-'38)—M.C.

The Editor apologises for the omission from previous issues of the "Barrovian" of the following Service Honours, which did, however, appear on Founder's Day programmes on the dates shown:—

July, 1940—Capt. M. E. Fisher (1929-'34)—M.C.

July, 1941—Capt. W. Entwistle (1933-'37)—Mention in despatches.

July, 1943—Squadron-Leader J. K. M. Cooke (1927-'33)—D.S.O.  
Lt.-Cdr. W. E. Gelling, R.D., R.N.R. (1918-'19)—D.S.C.

P/O. E. E. Kermode (1924-'29)—D.F.C.

Sgt. M. G. K. Lund, R.A.F. (1922-'24)—Mention in despatches.

July, 1944—Col. C. Arnold Edwards (1920-'24)—O.B.E.

Major T. D. H. McMeekin (1928-'36)—Mention in despatches.

Lieut.-Col. J. M. T. F. Churchill, D.S.O., M.C. (1920-'26)—Bar to D.S.O.

### MARRIAGE.

R. E. H. Strachan (Master, 1926-'—), to Shiela Macray.

### BIRTHS.

To:—

A. T. Cutter (1919-'22)—a daughter.

J. H. Sherwen (1921-'26)—a son.

A. B. Stewart (1926-'34)—a son.

### Obituary

GEORGE HERBERT COWAN (1891-'98).

THOMAS LUMSDEN TAYLOR (1896-'97).

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE :

*Their name liveth for evermore.*

WALTER WILLIAM CANNELL (1935-1940).

JOHN SHERWELL DOUGLAS (1936-'40).

JACK HILTON EASTWOOD (1936-'39).

GEORGE IAN WILSON GRIER (1935-'39).

JAMES WILLIAM TRAVIS GRIMSHAW (1922-'31).

ALEXANDER STEPHEN KAY ((1927-34).

ARTHUR JAMES LOUGHBOROUGH (1931-'35).

ROBERT ALFRED WALKER (1936-'39).

### MAJOR R. H. CAIN, V.C.

O.K.W.s all over the world will be delighted and proud to hear that one of their number, R. H. Cain (1922-'27), has been awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the battle of Arnhem.

The official citation was as follows:—

"The King has approved the award of the Victoria Cross to:—

Captain (temporary Major) ROBERT HENRY CAIN, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (attd. The South Staffordshire Regt.) (1st Airborne Division) (Salcombe, Devon).

In Holland on September 19, 1944, Major Cain was commanding a rifle company of The South Staffordshire Regiment during the battle of Arnhem when his company was cut off from the rest of the battalion and during the next six days was closely engaged with enemy tanks, self-propelled guns, and infantry. The Germans made repeated attempts to break into the company position by infiltration, and had they succeeded in doing so the whole situation of the airborne troops would have been jeopardized.

Major Cain, by his outstanding devotion to duty and remarkable

powers of leadership, was to a large extent personally responsible for saving a vital sector from falling into the hands of the enemy.

On September 20 a Tiger tank approached the area held by his company, and Major Cain went out alone to deal with it, armed with a piat. Taking up a position, he held his fire until the tank was only 20 yards away, when he opened up. The tank immediately halted and turned its guns on him, shooting away a corner of the house near where this officer was lying. Although wounded by machine-gun bullets and falling masonry, Major Cain continued firing until he had scored several direct hits, immobilized the tank, and supervised the bringing up of a 75mm. howitzer, which completely destroyed it. Only then would he consent to have his wounds dressed.

The next morning this officer drove off three more tanks by the fearless use of his piat, on each occasion leaving cover and taking up position in open ground with complete disregard for his own personal safety.

During the following days Major Cain was everywhere where danger threatened, moving among his men and encouraging them by his fearless example to hold out. He refused rest and medical attention in spite of the fact that his hearing had been seriously impaired because of a perforated eardrum and he was suffering from multiple wounds.

On September 25 the enemy made a concerted attack on Major Cain's position, using self-propelled guns, flame throwers and infantry. By this time the last piat had been put out of action and Major Cain was armed with only a light zin. mortar. By a skilful use of this weapon and his daring leadership of the few men still under his command, he completely demoralized the enemy who, after an engagement lasting more than three hours, withdrew in disorder.

Throughout the whole course of the battle of Arnhem Major Cain showed superb gallantry. His powers of endurance and leadership were the admiration of all his fellow officers, and stories of his valour were being constantly exchanged among the troops. His coolness and courage under incessant fire could not be surpassed."

Cain had a distinguished career at College, where he was a præpositor, 1st. XV Colour and a member of the Shooting VIII. He left College to join the Asiatic Petroleum Company, with whom he was still serving at the outbreak of war.

College send him their heartiest congratulations.

## Pro Patria

[Once again we are indebted to the Vice-Principal for the following obituaries of O.K.W.s killed on active service.—Ed.]

It is with pride and very deep regret that we have to record the following deaths on Active Service:

### FRANK GRAHAM ANDERSON (1917-'25).

Born August, 1907. Son of W. T. Anderson (O.K.W.) (to whom the College is indebted for many things, in particular for the fine



series of photographic illustrations in the 'Barrovian', and for his investigations into the College coat of arms). Junior House and Colbourne. A very fine type of keen soldier, who at school threw a wealth of enthusiasm into the O.T.C. and the school shooting. A fine swimmer. He left school 1925 to go to Sandhurst. Left Sandhurst with an excellent record, for the Punjabi Regiment, Indian Army. Here his enthusiasm for the rifle gave him important work in musketry, till the outbreak of war. Then, as a brigade major, he went to Singapore, and in that ill-fated force, after deeds of outstanding personal bravery, was killed in action. He was a very great loss to the Service. He represents one of the keenest and best types of O.K.W.

#### **PETER PHETHEAN BRIDGE (1934-39).**

Born Dec., 1921. Son of H. A. Bridge, Douglas. Junior House and Colbourne. A quiet, methodical and cheerful school-boy of very sincere nature. He joined the Rifle Brigade and his smartness and ability gained him a commission, but he was killed very shortly after landing in North Africa.

#### **JOHN CYRIL BUCKLEY (1931-'34).**

Born April, 1916. Son of J. Buckley, of Douglas. Dickson House. A boy of considerable ability, with seven credits in School Certificate, and the Bloom Noble Science Exhibition. 1st. XV Colours 1934-'35, a forward of considerable weight and very hard working. Left school to go to the Liverpool School of Architecture, thence to the R.A.F. He was lost in a flight over the North African desert. At school, well-loved by everybody because of his cheery nature and imperturbable temper.

#### **JAMES LESLIE CLAGUE (1923-'28).**

Born April, 1910. Son of Mrs. Clague, Port Erin. Dickson House. A staunch member of his house at about the "toughest" period of its history. He was a Manx boy of quiet type, but very forceful manner. A very fine swimmer.

#### **ROBERT MORISON CUMMING (1939-'40).**

Born February, 1922. Came to K.W.C. after another English School to specialise in science. Hunt House; formed one of a trio of exemplary members of this house. A useful cricketer, but remembered by all of his time for his courteous and dignified bearing and the zest with which he entered, at his stage of seniority, into all College interests. Went into the R.A.F. and was one of a bomber-crew shot down over Berlin. He won a remarkable position in the affection of his fellows even in a very short time here.

#### **JAMES MARCUS D'ARCY (1926-'31).**

Born March, 1913. Raglan House. At school, a "Peter Pan" who seemed to have the secret of eternal youth. He attained the dignity of House Præ. in the final stage of his house, of which he was always a forceful member, and will be remembered by his contemporaries for his invariable cheerfulness and good temper.

**DOUGLAS JOSEPH EDWARD GRANT (1928-'38).**

Born May, 1919. Son of our own much respected A. J. Grant and Mrs. Grant, of Malew Road. Hunt House. In his time, one of the best-known boys in the school. House *Præpositor*. 1st. XV 1937-'38, a powerful forward, always full of fight. Shooting VIII 1937. Hockey XI 1938, and a good swimmer. Always very popular among his fellows. Left College to join the Metropolitan Police. Joined the Army and won the Military Medal in North Africa for an act of very great gallantry, but was shortly afterwards killed under circumstances of similar gallantry. Our affectionate sympathy goes out to his father and mother.

**ALBERT GOLDING (1924-'30).**

Junior House and Colbourne. He was one of the most unassuming and yet prominent members of the school ever remembered. He was scrum half for the 1929-'30 XV and, as such, most effective and hard-working. He was a grand swimmer, and a splendid shot. He won the Steeplechase, 1928-'29-'30 and was a sergeant in the O.T.C. But above all, he will be remembered for his boxing, which was superb. He had a natural flair for the art, and his fights were always so cool and earnest that they seemed completely simple. He won the Camp boxing at Strensall for Bantamweights in 1927, and those who saw his final fight against an opponent only just light enough, while he was only just heavy enough for the class, will never forget his cool courage and ability to avoid punishment. In 1928, in the Lightweight class, he had to repeat an exactly similar fight to win again, in a scene of tremendous acclamation. He went to the R.A.F. where he boxed and had colours for football and steeplechasing for Cranwell, and subsequently for the R.A.F. He was a much respected officer in the Air Force who was never anything but a modest, unassuming fellow, in spite of his popularity. He was lost in a bomber over Germany.

**ALLAN SAMUEL GADD (1926-'28).**

Born Sept., 1911. Walters House. 1st. XI 1927, 1928, and Marksman. He was a boy of considerable ability and of cheery disposition. As a cricketer, he was an opening batsman of considerable staying power in a team of one of our best years.

**JOHN HEMINGWAY (1932-'38).**

Born June, 1920. Son of Rev. N. Hemingway, Vicar of Kirk Arbory. Junior House and Dickson. *Præpositor* and Head of House. 1st. XV 1936-'38. Victor Ludorum 1938, winning the Quarter, 100 yards and Long Jump. Hockey XI. Cert. "A," and a fine swimmer. He was a boy of high principles, a merry disposition and very decided views, who took a prominent part in all stages of school and house life. He joined the R.A.F. and after a marvellous recovery from a very severe crash, succumbed to a second.

**JOHN HENRY KITCHIN (1930-'34).**

Born July, 1916. Dickson House. His great sport was swimming. He won the 220 yards and the quarter mile in 1934. A rather shy

and reserved boy, handicapped in field games because of his sight. He was a boy of considerable ability and left to go to Liverpool University.

#### **JAMES MERCER KNOWLES (1927-'36).**

Born July, 1918. Junior House and School House, School Præpositor; 1st. XV 1934-'35, Hockey XI 1936; Swimming team 1934-'36; Sergeant in O.T.C. Head of the R.N. Special Entry (Executive branch). Always a boy of character, he went "all out" for everything. As a Junior he was always in the fore-front of everything; a born leader. In the School House took similarly a place of prominence whether at work, or games, or any project. He had a remarkable nostalgic affection for the College where he had always been held in terms of great affection by his fellows and his masters. In the Navy he had the reputation of a gallant young officer and was lost with most of the ship's company when his ship was torpedoed.

#### **RANULPH LUMGAIR (1924-'29).**

Born October, 1910, the youngest of three well-known brothers of Scottish family. Walters; Præpositor, and Head of House. Captain of School cricket who took over a very poor lot and made up of them a very promising side in 1929. Played for the Island v. M.C.C. and headed the batting averages with 36. 1st. XV 1928-'29; a reasonably good Fives player; Sergeant in O.T.C.; Cert. "A"; holder of the China Cup. He was a merry fellow who, in spite of bad sight, entered fully into every phase of school life; was generally popular, had considerable ability and thoroughly enjoyed his school life. Killed in North Africa.

#### **MICHAEL BREE HORATIO MARSHALL (1924-'29).**

Born September, 1910. Colbourne House; Præpositor, 1st XI under Lumgaire, R., above, and won the Tennis tournament of 1929. Sergeant O.T.C.; Cert. "A". Another cheerful fellow handicapped by his sight, but always taking a prominent place in school affairs, he went up to Oriel, Oxford, and, at the outbreak of War, was a master at Stowe School. Joined the R.N., and went down on the same ship as Knowles.

#### **ROYLANCE LYNTON PARKINSON (1925-'29).**

Born April, 1911. Mitchell's House, Hangoside. Præpositor and Head of House; Marksman; C.Q.M.S. Played all games vigorously and well but just failed to get his colours. A keen member of the musical club, and of the choir. Gave one memorable lecture on Marching Songs. A good friend to everybody, a most equable temper and never ruffled; much respected by the masters for his keen insight into affairs and much loved by boys of all houses. He left school for Manchester University. He was a great friend of the last two named above.

#### **THOMAS MARSDEN RADCLIFFE (1935-'40).**

Born April, 1923. Junior and Colbourne. 1st. XV 1939-'40; a converted three-quarter who was a fearless tackler and hard player;

1st. XI 1939. Held the record for the Weight (under 16); Cert. "A". A strong boy with great determination and strength of character who took a very prominent part in school life from the Junior House upward. Joined the Royal Navy and was lost when his ship was sunk in the Channel.

#### **AYLMER KNOX SPARROW (1929-'36).**

Born January, 1919. Son of Dr. J. K. Sparrow, O.K.W., of Sneiton, Nottingham. Junior House and Colbourne. Cricket XI 1935; Captain 1936; 1st XV 1935-'36; won Steeplechase 1935; Fives 1935-'36; Hockey XI 1935-'36; Marksman; Tennis VIII 1936. A member of a family every one of whom achieved some distinction at games, and a boy of peculiarly pleasing outlook on life, whimsical, and finding life one continuous question without apparent answer. Singularly youthful, singularly trusting. A fine, forcing bat and a good left-hand bowler, and a capable captain. Joined the R.A.F. at the beginning of the War, and was killed as a member of a bomber crew brought down in enemy country. Probably one of the happiest school records of late years, as he was much appreciated by masters and boys alike.

#### **DALY CHARLES GARTON STONE (1930-'35).**

Born August, 1917. Dickson. He was keen on all games but did not achieve a cap; a good shot, and a good hurdler. A very adventurous nature which did not take kindly to school discipline, but sought a wider and freer life. The kind of young man who desired, above all things, to live dangerously and who probably found the conditions of war all to his liking.

#### **ALFRED TYRER (1922-'26).**

Born November, 1908. Colbourne. Sergeant in O.T.C.; Marksman; Librarian; English Essay Prize; Cert. "A". One of the most remarkable boys of later years. He came to school, a rebel against discipline, who earned many a hard knock in fighting against tradition. But during his last two years achieved a passion for the Army and became as smart an N.C.O. as the O.T.C. ever produced, almost a martinet for discipline—a complete turn round. A boy of great literary gifts, and a great fondness for France and the French language. Made many tours of France with L.D., and was thoroughly at home there. A magnificent report from Sandhurst. Joined the Indian Army and was looked upon as an officer with a great future. Seconded to work with the French Army Staff in North Africa on account of his linguistic ability and military brilliance, but was killed in North Africa.

#### **REGINALD HERBERT PARTICK THOMAS (Master, 1936-'43).**

Came to us direct from Loughborough College to take charge of the workshops and handicraft. He was popular from the very start, a straight, happy, good-natured master, a magnificent craftsman, with high ideals and splendid influence. He was a very good footballer, keen cricketer, and was in charge of the Sports, which he ran with clock-like precision. He was loved and respected by each successive generation of boys. At the outset of the war, he joined the

R.A.F. and quickly proved himself a born instructor of flying. He carried on this work with very great success till he crashed with a pupil, presumably from a "black-out" of both occupants of the machine. He will be tremendously missed from the College, for which he had a great affection.

### JOHN BERNARD WILLAN (1928-'30).

Born December, 1913. Walters. He did not stay with us long enough to win any fame in work or games, but was a sound and staunch member of his house—one of the typical rank and file of the school in a very good period of its history. Of such are the best men of the fighting forces.

### CHAPEL NOTES.

This term we were visited by an unusually large number of special preachers. They were:—

Sunday, Oct. 1st.—Rev. A. A. Clague (O.K.W.).

Sunday, Oct. 29th.—Rev. C. L. Paton, C.F.

Sunday, Nov 19th.—Rev. G. J. Rogers (of the C.M.S.).

Sunday, Nov. 26th.—Rev. R. W. Hallett, C.F.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Jones, C.F.

Special collections for Earl Haig's Poppy Fund, and Dr. Barnardo's Homes, amounted to £9 17s. 7d. and £21 respectively. The year's Holy Communion collections of £13 3s. 7d. went as usual to Noble's Hospital.

The Carol Service, the most largely attended of recent years, took place on Sunday, December 12th. The choir sang very satisfactorily, though some of the carols lacked the ring of former performances. Canon Stenning, P. Heald, L. Broadbent, L. Dodgson, L. New and J. Quayle sang solos and solo verses and the congregation joined heartily in their appropriate verses.

A number of anthems have been sung by the choir during the term, as well as Dyke's and Stanford's settings of the "Te Deum," on several Sundays.

Four organ recitals were given by Mr. Thompson during the term.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

A concert was presented in the Gym. on November 8th, 1944, by the "Urley Birds," in aid of Earl Haig's Poppy Fund, at 8 p.m. The programme was as follows:—

#### 1. Ronaldsway Night Fliers Band:

Saxophone, S/Lt. Symons, R.N.V.R.

Trumpet, L.R.M. Packer.

Drums, A.M/L. Laskofsky.

Piano, L.R.M. Watkins.

Guitar, A.F/L. Williams.

2. Mr. Rayment's Happy Moments ..... Mr. Rayment, R.N.
3. Baritone Solo ..... N/A.E. Whittaker.
4. "The Gay Nineties" ..... Singer in the Crinoline  
(Wren J. Sutton.)
5. "Mrs. Buggins Again."
6. Saxophone Solo ..... S/Lt. Symons, R.N.V.R.
7. "Impressions of People I Know" ..... Lt. Nicholls.
8. "Her Next Door " ..... Wren Lynne Diamant.
9. "Versatility from Down Under" ... Lt. B. Macmillan,  
R.N.Z.N.V.R.
10. Dance of the Evils.
11. "Billy the Goalie" ..... A.B. W. Birchall.  
Compère — Lt. Nicholls.  
THE KING.

### THE CONCERT, DECEMBER 9th, 1944.

The end-of-term concert was held in the Gym, as usual on the last Saturday of term. There was a "full house" of boys and visitors, and nearly every item met with considerable applause.

The programme opened and closed with fitting selections from Bach and Handel by the Orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Rydings. Then Dodgson sang "The Songs my Mother Sang," with feeling and effect.

The quartette, composed of the Principal, Mrs. Wilson, Heald and L. New, gave an excellent rendering of songs in true operatic spirit from "The Mikado" and "The Yeomen of the Guard." The violin duet by Lewis and Greenfield was well received, and Mr. Gawne's troupe of songsters sang with charm and sweetness.

Laughter and merriment greeted the Vice-Principal's "Song of the Flea," and his encore was equally well applauded.

A special word of praise is due to the promoters, and we hope that all future concerts will provide equally enjoyable evenings.

The programme was as follows:

1. Overture—"Lustspiel" ... .. *Kela Bela*  
The Orchestra.
2. Solo—"The Songs my Mother Sang" ... .. *Grimshaw*  
L. Dodgson.
3. Male Voice Chorus—  
(a) "Some folks do." (b) "Donkey Riding."  
(c) "When Johnny comes marching home."
4. Piano Solo—"Water Wagtail" ... .. *Cyril Scott*  
C. Caine.
5. Solo—"Say ye, who borrow" ... .. *Mozart*  
P. Heald.
6. Solo—"The lark now leaves his watery nest " ... .. *Parker*  
L. New.
7. Valse—"Valse des Fleurs" ... .. *Tchaikowsky*  
The Orchestra.

8. Quartette—(a) "Brightly dawns our wedding day"  
from "*The Mhado*"  
(b) "Strange Adventure"  
from "*The Yeomen of the Guard*" ... *Sullivan*  
L. New, Mrs. Wilson, P. Heald, The Principal.
9. Violin Duet—Serenade ... .. *Toselli*  
K. Lewis and D. Greenfield.
10. Treble Chorus—(a) "Poor Old Joe" ... .. *S. Foster*  
(b) "Who's that calling" ... .. *Lawreen*  
M.IV. and L.IV. Forms.
11. Solo—"The Song of the Flea" ... .. *Mussorgsky*  
The Vice-Principal.
12. Finale—  
(a) Minuet from "*The Gods go a-begging*" ... *Handel*  
(b) March from "*Scipio*" ... .. *Handel*  
The Orchestra.  
THE KING.

## THE SOCIETIES.

### MUSIC CLUB.

*President* : THE PRINCIPAL.

*Vice-President* : D. THOMPSON, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary* : D. M. SAUNDERSON.

*Hon. Treasurer* : K. D. LEWIS.

*Members of the Committee* : P. W. HEALD, D. J. WHITE,

D. C. GREENFIELD, D. L. E. CURRAN.

The first meeting of the term was held on Oct. 14th. In private business, four new committee members were elected—Messrs. Heald, White, Greenfield and Curran. In public business, a concert was given. This was up to its usual high standard.

On Oct. 28th., the second meeting took the form of a lecture by the Hon. Treasurer on "The Gavotte and the Waltz." The lecturer gave a concise description of the lesser-known Gavotte, which he illustrated by several examples. He continued to deal more fully with the Waltz, which was illustrated by the waltz "Valse des Fleurs," among other examples.

The third meeting of the term was a lecture by Mr. Heald on "The Seasons," delivered on Nov. 25th. The subject allowed of the performance of several tuneful items, including compositions by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Grieg, as well as some by the lesser Masters, and the lecturer demonstrated the fact that each season can produce emotions of pensiveness and of gladness.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

*President* : W. L. HANDYSIDE, Esq.

*Vice-President* : D. L. E. CURRAN.

*Hon. Secretary* : D. J. WHITE.

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

*Committee Members* : P. W. HEALD, P. B. JONES.

The Society held five meetings this term of a widely varied nature. The first consisted of a series of short proposals, the subjects then being discussed by the House. The first, "That Latin is an essential part of any school curriculum and should not be discontinued after School Certificate," was proposed by Mr. Higham who, contrary to all expectations, won his point by 54 votes to 28. The second motion was that "No Man, or body of men, should, in times of peace, have power of life and death over any man, woman or child." This was proposed by Mr. Corvin, the motion being lost by 80 votes to 2. Mr. Green proposed the third motion, "That the Germans have not earned extermination, and should be given a place in world affairs." The House agreed with him to the extent of 74 votes to 18. The fourth motion, "That State control of Industry is to be deprecated," proposed by Mr. Jones, found only 5 opponents in the final vote. The final motion, "That the cinema has a detrimental effect on man's mental development," proposed by Mr. Stewardson, was condemned by the House almost completely, and gained only one vote.

The second meeting of the Society took the form of a Mock American Presidential Election. It is not necessary to go deeply into details, but only to say that Democratic candidate was returned by 92 votes to 47. Both candidates, Messrs. Curran, M., as Mr. Dewey, and Corvin, as Mr. Roosevelt, delivered their speeches excellently, and dealt admirably with the numerous "awkward questions" put to them. We are grateful to the Principal for acting as returning officer.

A Spelling Competition, including anagrams, between the Hostel and School House, provided a novel third meeting. The standard was not high, only one competitor gaining the highest possible marks. School House did not have much difficulty in gaining a victory over the Hostel by 34 points to 28.

Two debates constituted the business for the fourth meeting. The first, "That faggery should be abolished," was proposed by Mr. M. Curran, opposed by Mr. Higham. Mr. Curran had no clear argument, and produced only scattered unsatisfactory reasons in support of the motion. Mr. Higham put forward in a matter-of-fact way the true explanation of faggery, supported by the Principal. The motion was lost, despite there being a large majority of fags present, by 19 votes to 40. In support of the second motion, "That too much time is spent in reading books," Mr. Jones said that it is to be deplored that so many people to-day read the "sloppy, sentimental, bookstall literature," and advocated only a little, but careful reading. Mr. Heald, in opposition, said that from books was derived a more educative learning leading to a higher thought. A book, he continued, provides an entertainment far superior to all other forms of amusement, Touch-



ing on Mr. Jones's statement concerning bookstall literature, Mr. Heald suggested that this was merely a stage through which one quickly passes. The House was almost unanimous in its disagreement with the motion.

The last meeting of the Society took the form of a session of a Brains Trust composed of Mrs. Watkin, J. D. Qualtrough, Esq., S.H.K., the Vice-Principal and W. Fieldhouse, Esq.—the Principal was Question-Master. That the Trust was well-balanced was shown by the way that each question, whether religious, political or scientific, was answered fully by at least one of the members.

The term has proved highly satisfactory. It is gratifying to see so many of the junior members of the House putting forward their views, and the attendance has always been very good. The speaking has been of a high standard, the only weakness being in preparation, some speakers at times having to refer to notes. Mr. Handyside is to be congratulated on his able leadership, under which the committee have put in so much work to produce five meetings—an event without precedent—and all of them very successful. The Society is also indebted to the Principal and Mrs. Wilson for their willing co-operation and keen interest.

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### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

*President* : P. C. MCGOVERN, Esq.

*Vice-President* : J. W. CORRIN.

*Hon. Secretary* : C. A. CAINE.

*Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms* : G. A. CRELLIN.

A Junior Debating Society was started this term, at the suggestion of the boys themselves, who showed commendable enterprise and industry in getting it going.

The first meeting of the term consisted of a debate on a motion, proposed by Mr. Young, and opposed by Mr. Toulmin, that "Bicycles should be prohibited from using main roads." After an interesting debate the motion was defeated by 19 votes to 3.

At a second meeting there took place a battle between Brain and Brawn, the former being supported by the Hon. Secretary and the latter by Mr. Bond. The voting was close, going in favour of Brawn by 11 to 9.

The progress and intellectual development of this worthy addition to College activities has the cordial support of the Principal and Mrs. Wilson, and of Mr. McGovern, who has so kindly consented to give up part of his time to guiding the destinies of the Society.

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### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

*President* : THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

*Chairman* : A. HOUGHTON, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary* : E. D. BROWN.

*Hon. Treasurer* : J. G. HUGHES.

This term the Society has been more lucky in respect to films. Maley's have been very helpful, and have sent two parcels of films

and paper, thus enabling members to take almost as many photos as they have wished.

The Chairman has organised a competition for the best Christmas Card and it is hoped that many good photos and designs will be entered.

In place of Roberts, Gordon, J., was elected a member of the Society.

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### CHESS CLUB.

*President* : THE PRINCIPAL.

*Chairman* : A. J. GRANT, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary* : P. B. JONES.

*Hon. Treasurer* : J. L. BROADBENT.

*Committee* : J. R. G. GEORGE, I. J. STEWARDSON,

C. HAWKINS, P. H. T. PIEHLER.

The Chess Club, which has been formed under the able leadership of Mr. Grant, can look back on the first term of its existence as a highly satisfactory one. At a meeting held on Oct. 18th, a committee and officials were elected, and since then meetings have been held every Tuesday night in the Geography Room. About 30 boys have been enrolled as members, and a large percentage of them has turned up to every meeting, and it is gratifying to see that almost all have improved their chess during the term.

A club championship has been held on the knock-out system, and the final, between Messrs. Jones, P., and George, played on December 12th, resulted in a victory for the latter. A subsidiary tournament for those defeated in the first round of the championship has also taken place and has been won by Mr. Landon. Although we have been unable as yet to arrange any matches with teams on the Island, we have started a correspondence match with Rossall, our team consisting of Messrs. Jones, P., Leach, A., George, Hawkins and Piehler. The result will be reported in due course.

To conclude, we must express our thanks to Mr. Grant who has given up so much of his time to act as Chairman of the Club, to Mr. Nelson for the loan of his room, and to the Chess Education Society, to which the Club is affiliated, for much helpful advice. We only hope that all our future terms may be as successful as our first.

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### MANX SOCIETY.

*President* : THE PRINCIPAL.

*Chairman* : THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

*Hon. Secretary* : G. A. HIGHAM.

At a business meeting held at the beginning of term, six new members were elected, Messrs. Curran, D., Smith, L., Thomas, Hughes, Hughes-Games and Broadbent. Two papers were read to the Society during the term. The first, by D. G. Muir, dealt with

transport in the Isle of Man. He touched upon all aspects of local transport, both past and present, and gave, in all, a comprehensive and interesting account.

The second lecture, by K. D. Lewis, was also very entertaining. His talk was on "Old Roads and Road Lore," and to illustrate it the audience were provided with maps. It is to be feared that much ignorance was displayed in the matter of map references, but at the end of the paper an interesting discussion arose which came on to the subject of Manx ghosts and produced some hitherto unheard-of stories.

Although one of the three meetings originally arranged had to be cancelled for lack of time, the term has been a satisfactory one. Our thanks are due to the two minute-writers, D. G. Muir and G. E. Green, who recorded the lectures and, most of all, to Mrs. Wilson who, as usual, provided a cosy drawing-room and excellent refreshments.

### J.T.C. NOTES

This year it was decided to hold Certificate A examinations on two occasions, November and May. Cadets are generally entered for either part as soon as they are eligible, but all cadets who did not attend camp were put back six months. Ten out of 14 candidates were successful in Part II and 20 out of 21 in Part I, and the examinations took place on November 30th. and December 1st.

Captain W. K. Smeeton, T.D., prepared an interesting exercise for the contingent on November 16th., which took place in the Round Table—Snuff-the-Wind area. It was much more successful than several recent exercises, and clearly showed the benefit of camp-training and of the concentrated course of section-in-attack undertaken recently by the senior Certificate A squads. We are very grateful to Captain Smeeton, not only for this scheme, but also for other visits, and we look forward to the time when he will be back at College for good.

The Band, under the leadership of Drum-Major Muir, has had an instructional parade every week. Sergeant Marsh, of the O.C.T.U., who was most helpful in camp, is the instructor; as he is not only competent but enthusiastic and good-humoured, the band should derive considerable benefit from his instruction.

Once again we must thank Mr. Handyside for looking after the miniature range shooting. We are grateful, too, to Mr. Cowles who has taken over Mr. Carter's job as map-reading instructor. The standard of work of the contingent has been well maintained and C.S.M. Farrer and his sergeants, corporals and lance-corporals have proved themselves to be a keen and competent set of N.C.O.s.

Non-commissioned Officers for the Christmas Term, 1944, were:—  
C.S.M.: P. B. Farrer.

C.Q.M.S.: G. A. Higham.

Sergeants: P. J. M. Whyman, D. G. Muir (D/Major), J. C. Cain.

Corporals: D. L. E. Curran, R. Q. Crellin.

L/Cpls.: A. E. Christian, C. A. R. Wilson, K. D. Lewis, A. D. Clague, E. R. W. Ferguson, H. J. Cain, D. G. Teare, H. S. Thomas.

## A.T.C. NOTES

Last term's Proficiency results arrived too late to be included in the last report. Nine certificates were gained by the following cadets: Abraham, Broadbent, Clay, Coles, Heald, Hughes, Smith, Earnshaw, Collister. Cpl. Green was successful this term at his fresh attempt at the Maths. Exam., which was his downfall during the last Examination.

This term has been a successful term as far as work is considered. Our thanks are due to our two instructors, F/O. J. B. Nelson and W. S. Fieldhouse, Esq., and to W/O. Houghton for work in shops. A lot of work has been put in on the glider this term, and it is hoped to have this finished in the near future.

Owing to the extreme pressure of work at our parent station, there has been no flying for anyone this term. However, there have been promises of some flying for the Flight during the next year.

Non-commissioned Officers for the Christmas Term, 1944, were:  
Flt./Sgt.: D. M. Saunderson.

Sergeant: E. D. Brown.

Corporals: G. E. Green, L. R. Smith, J. L. Broadbent, J. G. Hughes.

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## DANCE.

The annual dance was held in the Gym. in aid of the Manx Prisoners of War Fund, on Saturday, December 2nd., at 7.30 p.m. About 150 boys and girls were present and, after deducting expenses, nearly £3 was raised for the Fund.

We were deeply indebted to the band of the R.N. School of Music, Douglas, who consented at short notice to fill the gap caused by the inability of the band of H.M.S. Urley, who had originally promised to come, to fulfil their engagement.

The spontaneous spirit of all the proceedings was only spoilt by a number of boys sitting-out for long periods—a fact which future organisers of College dances would do well to note. Nevertheless, it can safely be said that a good time was had by all, and that certain members of K.W.C. were enabled to add to their circles of female acquaintances.

It is a large band of helpers to whom our thanks are due, but it needed them all to give of their best in order to make such a successful evening. Muir and Smith, L., spent a great deal of time and trouble in organising the dance, with the able assistance of Mr. Cowles and Mrs. Wilson, and the benevolent interest of the Principal, while Mr. Houghton and his assistants were responsible for the inconspicuous success of the lighting arrangements. We are also most grateful to Sub-Lieut. H. Luton, R.N.V.R. (O.K.W.), who so ably filled the difficult post of Master of Ceremonies, to Miss Heaslett who, as usual, provided an excellent supper, and last, but not least, to the Headmistresses of the Buchan School and the Douglas High School for bringing so many charming partners.

## RUGBY, 1944.

### REVIEW OF SEASON, SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER, 1944.

Played, 15; Won, 8; Lost, 6; Drawn, 1; Points for, 233;  
Points against, 101.

#### SCHOOL MATCHES.

##### *Half-term Tour—*

Sat., Nov. 4th.—Merchant Taylors (Crosby).	Won 17—6.
Mon., Nov. 6th.—Rossall School (Waterloo Club's ground)	Lost 10—11.

##### *Christmas Tour—*

Sat., Dec. 16th.—Liverpool College (Liverpool).	Won 36—3.
Mon., Dec. 18th.—R.N. College (Chester).	Won 38—0.
Wed., Dec. 20th.—Birkenhead School (Birkenhead).	Won 23—0.

#### SERVICES MATCHES.

Sat., Oct. 7th.—Naval XV (H).	Drawn 8—8.
Sat., Oct. 14th.—H.M.S. St. George (H).	Won 18—0.
Sat., Oct. 21st.—Naval XV (H).	Lost 0—6.
Wed., Oct. 25th.—New Zealand XV (H).	Lost 6—11.
Sat., Nov. 28th.—O.C.T.U. (H).	Lost 0—3.
Sat., Nov. 11th.—H.M.S. St. George (H).	Won 16—11.
Sat., Nov. 18th.—H.M.S. Urley (H).	Lost 10—18.
Sat., Nov. 25th.—H.M.S. St. George (H).	Won 24—0.
Sat., Dec. 2nd.—H.M.S. St. George (A).	Won 18—5.
Sat., Dec. 9th.—R.A.F. Jurby (H).	Lost 9—19.

#### REVIEW OF THE SEASON

This year's 1st. XV can justly claim to rank with some of the best teams College has turned out in the past. The Rossall game—very early in the season—was lost by only a point, and judging by the results of other inter-school matches and our own victories on the Christmas Tour, schools of the calibre of Stonyhurst, St. Bees, Rydal and Denstone would all have been defeated. In addition, it must be remembered that war-time school XVs are younger than in the past, since the Government calls up boys for the Services before they are 18. In normal times, all the home matches against Island XVs would have been won with ease.

By far the most interesting part of the season was the probable final composition of the XV. A side could have been picked early and persevered with, but with a number of promising reserves available, all had to be given their chance. Competition was keen and only in the final games on the Christmas Tour could a clear decision be made. The Services matches were used for team-building purposes, and it so happened that this opposition proved stronger than usual, and defeats were inevitable since boys can never compete against older and much more experienced players in good Services XVs; but it is noteworthy that the biggest margin against us was only

10 pts., and that against a strong Jurby XV in the last match before the Christmas Tour.

A month proved too short a time to build a side for the half-term tour in the first week in November, if all candidates were to be given a chance to win a cap. In addition, Brown had not found his old form at scrum-half; Holmes, the other half, was very young and inexperienced; Hughes—a good forward—had broken his wrist, and Higham was not fit to play. The first match against Merchant Taylors, nearly ended in disaster, and clearly demonstrated that the effectiveness of a pack is 50 per cent. its leader. Seven minutes from time the score was 6—6 and College was struggling to save defeat. Opportunist tries by Brown and Holmes and a brilliant solo effort by Radcliffe put the issue beyond doubt. Against Rossall on Monday, a 30—0 loss was fully expected, but the pack, with Higham back to lead it brilliantly, excelled itself, and the whole XV played an inspired game. There was a weakness evident at half-back, Brown being off form, and Holmes suffering from an injury. Playing with the gale on the big County ground at Waterloo, College scored 10 pts. to nil in the first half, but in the second half, College tired against the gale and Rossall scrambled home by the odd point five minutes from the end in a magnificent game.

The half-term tour and subsequent matches against Service XVs clearly indicated that College had the makings of a fine XV, if the right combination could be found for the backs, and a good pack could be built up—a pack which would break-up intelligently in attack. Clay, recovered from an injury, was put in at scrum-half, and Brown was tried in the centre, as was George, who had been showing improved form in the 2nd XV. Brown finally found his right place in the second row, where he was joined by Hughes early in December. Saunderson—one of the most versatile and most useful reserves College has ever had, was again unlucky and could find no permanent place in the XV. White, D., proved himself to be a fine reserve forward but could not find a permanent position in what was developing into a grand pack.

The matches against St. George were won with comparative ease, whilst that against H.M.S. Urley, played in the same week that College had lost 6—11 to a New Zealand XV, was lost 10—18, signs of staleness being evident, but by resting during the week, the XV regained its full vigour to play a grand game against a strong Jurby XV the Saturday before the Christmas Tour.

The XV crossed for the Christmas Tour complete, except for the absence of Clague, who was up at Cambridge, and Christian, who was sick. The matches themselves were a triumph of good captaincy, good team-work, fitness and enthusiasm. The whole XV played delightful, open football, on rain-sodden pitches, and is to be congratulated on scoring 97 pts. to 3 pts. in three matches. Both backs and forwards handled the greasy ball well. The backs made openings and the forwards showed that they had learned how to back up and inter-pass. Smith played brilliantly at full-back, scoring 25 pts. in goal-kicks. Radcliffe, on the left wing, was difficult to stop, and Heald showed his old form on the other wing. The centres showed greatly improved form, making openings for the wings. Clague was in great form when he played in the last two games, and

George and Gould had a fine battle for the final cap, the latter succeeding in the end through superior tackling. The halves—Holmes and Clay—played their best games of the season, and got the threes away time and again. The forwards, for the first time this season, really looked like a good pack, their fast rushes and intelligent handling and backing-up being a feature of the games. In the tight, they shoved and heeled, and in the loose scrums Higham showed consummate skill as a leader, in holding the ball until the opposition wingers were forced to retire, when a quick heel sent the backs away on a dangerous raid which often produced a try. In the absence of Christian, White, D., played himself into the side by his splendid hooking and general play. Hughes was excellent in the second row, and can count himself unlucky in missing a cap. Where all played so well, it would seem invidious to single out anybody, but Higham, Kelly, Farrer and Teare were outstanding forwards on the field.

It is a comforting thought that this year's backs are still young, and that most of them may be back next year—some even for two years. Of the forwards, only Kelly will remain. If another pack as good as this year's can be found, College need not worry about next year's XV.

This review would not be complete without again thanking all those enthusiastic Masters who have turned out so often to coach, a number of whom are not as young as they used to be—the Principal, and Messrs. Nelson, Jackson, Grant, Fieldhouse, Hardman, Gawne, Hartley, McGovern and Cowles—their keenness has been unbounded.

#### HALF-TERM TOUR.

##### MERCHANT TAYLORS MATCH.

College were handicapped by the absence of Higham and an injury to Farrer, and consequently were constantly being outplayed in the scrum, but the backs, on the rare occasions when they got the ball, showed undoubted superiority. Both sides missed chances during the first half, during which M.T. had the help of a strong wind, but eventually the home side went ahead after scoring a penalty goal. College equalised when Radcliffe went over after a three-quarter passing movement.

Half-time score: K.W.C., 3 pts.; M.T., 3 pts.

In the second half, College, with the wind behind them, soon went ahead with a penalty goal by Smith, but M.T. equalised with a forward try after they had been pressing hard for some time. The scores were still level with only 7 minutes to go, but College pulled themselves together to obtain a splendid win, Holmes and Brown scoring in rapid succession. A splendid try by Radcliffe after a straight run up the touch-line, provided a splendid finish to the game. Smith converted, giving College a well-deserved win.

Final score: K.W.C., 17 pts.; Merchant Taylors, 6 pts.

##### ROSSALL MATCH.

As at Crosby, the game was played in a strong gale. College had Higham back in the forwards, and were getting the ball in the scrum fairly consistently, but the poor tactics of the halves nullified

this advantage. However, both the back row and the three-quarters defended well, and finally Clague, who had been playing well, got away to score a fine try, which Smith converted. College continued to play well, and after attacking for some 20 minutes, went further ahead when Brown scored a try after beating the Rossall defence on his own. Smith again converted. Rossall now made some good attacks, but the College defence held firm, and Radcliffe managed to break away in a splendid run and crossed the line, but his try was disallowed.

Half-time: K.W.C. 10 pts.; Rossall, nil.

With the wind against them, College had a difficult task in the second half, but were able to get a dangerous movement going until it was spoiled by a knock-on. Henceforth, Rossall did most of the attacking, but College defended well and got occasional attacks going. However, thanks to the fine play of their scrum half, Peters, Rossall scored two tries and converted the second. It still looked as though College might save the game, until Peters scored after a scrum on the College line. Despite great efforts in the last four minutes, College were unable to score, and finished losers by 1 point. It was a great game from beginning to end, and from the run of the play, College were unlucky not to win.

Final score: K.W.C., 10 pts.; Rossall, 11 pts.

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### THE CHRISTMAS TOUR.

Once again we are greatly indebted to parents for their enthusiastic support. We were delighted to see so many of them present, and they were amply rewarded for their encouragement. We are indebted to the Trustees for their support also. As we have to play three matches in five days in order to play inter-school matches, the team-spirit is of paramount importance, as is fitness. By staying together, the members of the XV get to know each other off the field as well, and this sense of comradeship stifles any selfishness on the field, which might be engendered by keenness to win of the coveted caps.

Blossoms Hotel, Chester, was once again made the headquarters for the tour, Mr. and Mrs. Hayter looking after us splendidly.

### LIVERPOOL COLLEGE MATCH.

College kicked off against the wind and in the first five minutes Radcliffe ran well to score far out. The forwards were heeling splendidly, the backs handling the greasy ball well. Gould tried a break-through. Clay got Radcliffe away for another try, the latter making a fine run. Smith converted. The forwards were making dangerous rushes, Curran and Higham being prominent. Gould cut-through beautifully and passed inside to Holmes. Clay picked up in the loose to score a good, blind-side try. Heald cut-through brilliantly and gave to the centres, who passed inside to Farrer, who was tackled. George got Radcliffe away again for his third try, Smith just failing with a difficult kick. Holmes made a lovely cut-through but the movement broke down. George made a good attempt at a



drop. Teare dribbled well and from a scrum Clay flicked the ball away to Holmes, who cut-through beautifully to score under the posts. Smith converted. Another good movement saw Heald score far out.

Half-time: College, 22 pts.; Liverpool, nil.

Clay sent out a fine pass to Holmes, who passed inside to Heald. Kelly made a long kick to the corner-flag and the scrum pushed over, Higham getting the try. College appeared to tire for a time and Liverpool broke through and scored. Liverpool were marking Radcliffe splendidly in this half, their backs lying up flat. Teare made a long dribble and the forwards pushed over, Higham again getting the touch-down. Smith converted. Heald was nearly over after a splendid run, the forwards trying to push over again, but the ball went dead. College was now taking scrums for lines-out. Liverpool got off-side badly and Smith kicked the penalty. Kelly and Hughes were prominent with a good dribble to the line and Radcliffe was nearly over on two occasions. George kicked high but nothing came of the movement. George and Heald were prominent with some good inter-passing. Teare scored a good try from a dribble.

Final Score: College, 36 pts.; Liverpool College, 3 pts.

#### ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE (DARTMOUTH).

On a ground badly affected by rain, College attacked strongly, playing against the sun. The pack heeled and Heald cut-through to pass inside to Clague who ran strongly to score well out. Soon afterwards, Heald made a powerful run and scored near the corner-flag. Teare and Kelly were prominent in loose rushes. R.N.C. worked the ball to the College line with two penalty kicks, but the forwards came away in a grand dribble to the half-way line, with Kelly and Curran in the van.

Holmes picked up in the loose and gave to Clague, who sent Heald away. Radcliffe had two runs but he was too well marked to score. George kicked a penalty from the R.N.C. "25" line. The halves and both centres passed well to send Heald away again, the latter passing to Clague who had run outside him. The R.N.C. saved and dribbled well, but Hughes fell brilliantly. Clague made a beautiful cut-through but the movement broke down. Holmes cut-through brilliantly and gave an inside pass to Farrer, who dived over to score a fine try. The backs got Heald away, who passed inside to Higham, the latter kicking. The forwards were playing a storming game in the tight and the loose. Farrer burst through and passed to Kelly, who scored, and Smith converted.

Half-time score: College, 17 pts.; R.N.C., nil.

College began the second half with a lovely passing movement in the backs, which the forwards completed by good backing-up. Clay sent a fast pass to Holmes, the ball going through hands of George, Clague, Heald, Farrer and Curran, who scored a lovely try.

Higham was in great form, being prominent in the lines-out and leading the pack skilfully. For about ten minutes the R.N.C. looked dangerous, but good tackling stopped the movements. Brown and Teare were prominent in dribbling. Clay worked the blind-side cleverly near the line, using Radcliffe, and scored a grand try near the corner-flag. Farrer and Kelly, with others in support, made a dangerous rush. Clay stopped a rush, and while he was still on the ground, Hughes got the ball away from the back of the scrum after a loose heel, to Holmes, who cut-through beautifully to score under the posts. Smith converted. There was another pretty passing movement: White picked up in the loose, passing to Clague, who cut-through and gave to George, who passed to Radcliffe, the latter giving a return pass to George, who just failed to drop a goal. The backs got Heald away again: running with great determination he side-stepped a tackle and scored near the corner-flag. Smith kicked a fine goal. Clay was prominent with some good work—his best game this year. Holmes kicked up-field, the forwards following up fast to get the full-back, Teare getting a good try which Smith converted.

Final score: College 38 pts.; R.N.C., nil.

The team was the same, except that Clague returned in place of Gould.

It was a fine game, in spite of the unequal score. In fairness to the R.N.C., it must be said that a number of their XV had been to sea for a fortnight and they were, therefore, not as fit as College. They were unlucky to find College in great form, the whole team playing delightful open football, in spite of the difficult conditions. The forwards did a splendid job in giving the backs so much of the ball, and the latter made good use of it. Clay and Holmes played a grand game at half-back. For the first time this year the forwards used skill and judgment in deciding when to heel and when to attack themselves, with the result that they scored four of the nine tries themselves.

#### BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL MATCH.

The team was the same except that Gould took the place of George in the centre.

College attacked strongly but Birkenhead relieved and looked dangerous on the College line for some minutes. The College defence held and the forwards, with Higham, Kelly and Farrer in great form, got the ball away. The forwards heeled and Holmes made a lovely cut-through on the half-way line and almost scored. Smith caught a high kick, and ran up to try a drop. Another quick heel set the backs going, who got Radcliffe away on the wing, the latter passing back inside to Gould, who scored. It was a fine try which Smith converted with a fine kick. Birkenhead made a determined attack but Clay got Heald away on the blind-side and the latter was nearly over. College remained on the Birkenhead line for some time until they relieved with a kick which Heald returned into touch. Birkenhead looked dangerous again, but from a loose scrum the halves got Heald away for a good run. College were now attacking

frequently, the forwards doing a grand job in getting the ball. Radcliffe scored a lovely try after some excellent handling by Clay, Holmes, Kelly and Brown. Smith converted a very difficult kick. Smith was prominent with a good run and cross-kick which Heald managed to gather, the latter just failing to score.

Half-time score: College, 10 pts.; Birkenhead, nil.

College began the second half in fine style, Heald and Smith both making fine kicks into the Birkenhead half. The backs handled well, Clague sending Heald away and then running outside him, nearly scoring. Smith missed a penalty kick. Birkenhead then nearly scored, College touching-down to save. Smith was in grand form and he was frequently prominent with his safe gathering and his long, accurate kicks. College attacked again and Heald was nearly over. The College pack was playing cleverly, holding the ball in the loose scrums until the Birkenhead wingers retired and then heeling quickly. Then came a lovely move in which the ball passed through eight pairs of hands, a try being narrowly missed. It was all College now, superiority in attack and defence being clearly evident, Birkenhead looking a beaten team. The best movement of the season then came: Clague ran across the field, and passed to Heald, the latter cutting inside, where he passed to Higham, who sent the ball on to Radcliffe on the left wing, but the Birkenhead defence held. Clay worked the blind-side well and Holmes just failed to score. Clague, near the half-way line, made a beautiful cut-through, passed to Holmes, who sent Radcliffe away for his third try too far out for Smith to convert. Soon afterwards, Clague made a grand opening for Heald, who ran beautifully to score near the corner-flag. Smith converted with a brilliant kick. The forwards rushed the ball back in a fine dribble, in which Higham, White, Brown, Curran, Kelly and Teare all took part, the latter finally scoring. Smith converted.

Final score: College, 23 pts.; Birkenhead, nil.

The College XV was in splendid form. Smith played a faultless game at full-back. The halves and backs handled well and showed initiative in attack, and the forwards shone in the tight and the loose. Where all played very well, Clague and Radcliffe, in the backs, and Higham, Kelly, Farrer, Teare and White, were outstanding.

#### 1st XV CHARACTERS—AUTUMN TERM, 1944

- G. A. HIGHAM (1943-'44), (11st. 8lbs.)—Back row forward. Captain. He has captained the side with enthusiasm and led a fine pack with skill and zest. He can be justly proud of the results of the inter-school matches, the Christmas Tour being a triumph of good team-work and clever captaincy. His own game has improved enormously, particularly in the lines-out and in defence.
- E. D. BROWN (1943-'44), (11st. 10lbs.)—Second row forward. Vice-Captain. His marked increase in weight led to a deterioration in his play as a scrum-half, his passes being much too slow. He was moved into the pack after half-term and has rapidly developed into a very good forward, his falling and tackling being an asset to the side. If he continues to play forward in Club rugby he may have a promising future.

- P. B. FARRER (1942-'43-'44), (12st. 4lbs.)—Front row forward. He has been of inestimable value to the side as a powerfully-built and virile forward; he is at his best when most needed—on his own line. Has improved his handling and line-out play and now plays with intelligence near his opponents' line. If he continues to improve as he has done this year he has a very promising future.
- A. D. CLAGUE (1943-'44), (10st. 11lbs.)—Right centre-three-quarter. He is a splendid tackle and has saved the side many times during the last two years: his value in this direction has been enhanced by the improvement in his kicking but he must not overdo it. In attack, he is at times disappointing, but in the last two games of the Christmas Tour he came into his own when he demonstrated his ability to cut-through and to make openings for his wing. Handling much improved; very promising.
- L. R. SMITH (1943-'44), (12st. 4lbs.)—Full back. Has missed a number of games through injuries. He is a fine left-foot kick but must improve his right foot. His fielding has been brilliant this year. He is still far to prone to run into trouble in the forwards, when kicking would have been a better policy. A splendid place-kick. Was outstanding in school matches and should go a long way in good company.
- D. L. E. CURRAN (1943-'44), (12st. 5lbs.)—Front row forward. He does invaluable work in the tight mauls. His handling and dribbling have improved, but his scrummaging still leaves something to be desired. Showed much improved form on tour.
- J. W. RADCLIFFE (11st. 4lbs.)—Left wing three-quarter. He is a fast and deceptive runner who can score tries even when he has been given very little room in which to move. Runs hard for the corner-flag but must learn to dive over the line to put the ball down hard: his habit of "sitting-down" with the ball is very dangerous. Tackling good, but he must learn to fall on the ball. He must improve his handling of difficult passes. Has scored many fine tries; very promising.
- P. W. HEALD (1943-'44) (10st. 10lbs.)—Right wing three-quarter. He has improved his handling but his tackling is still very poor. When he runs hard and straight for the corner-flag he is dangerous, but too frequently he turns in and is tackled in possession. His kicking could be improved. Played some good games on tour.
- T. G. KELLY (11st. 2lbs.)—Back row forward. Is filling out splendidly and has improved enormously this year. He has the gift of being able to position himself well and is always on the ball. Must try to be up for a pass whenever the backs cut-through. Has played open-side wing-forward with great success. Good tackler and dribbler. A most promising forward.

- D. G. TEARE (10s. 4lbs.)—Back row forward. Is always up in the loose and his handling has improved. His biggest handicap is his lack of weight. Could do more tackling and must learn to kick and to fall on the ball. Very good on tour. Promising.
- A. E. CHRISTIAN (11st 4 lbs.)—Hooker. Has developed into a good hooker and solid scrummager and has played some good games. He is inclined to be sluggish in the loose and could do more tackling and falling on the ball. A good place-kick. Absent from Christmas Tour.
- D. J. WHITE (10st. 13lbs.)—Hooker and second row forward. He hooked with great success on the Christmas Tour. Has developed into a very promising forward who is always up in the loose without neglecting his work in the scrum. Should learn to kick. Good tackle and dribbler. Has a promising future when he puts on weight.
- D. CLAY (10st. 12lbs.)—Scrum-half. He did not get into the side until after half-term but has developed rapidly. Is outstanding in defence, his falling being exemplary. In attack, he is inclined to work the blind-side too often—must vary his tactics. Passing, often very good. Played some good games on the Christmas Tour. Very promising.
- W. C. HOLMES (10st. 5lbs.)—Fly-half. He has scored some very good individual tries but is too often tackled in possession. He must learn to make openings for his centres and to beat only one man, before he passes. His hands let him down at times, but this is largely due to his looking at the approaching tackler instead of at the ball. Kicking useful but he must use greater judgment and not overdo it. Showed greatly improved form in tour, his handling of a greasy ball being excellent. Very promising.
- A. P. GOULD (10st. 10lbs.)—Left-centre three-quarter. He proved slow in a fast line. Has an eye for an opening but must not allow himself to be caught in possession so frequently. Showed much-improved form in the last match of the Christmas Tour. Handling could be improved; tackling and falling adequate.

RESERVES.—The following have shown outstanding form as reserves and can be counted unlucky in not finding permanent places in the XV. They have made a great contribution to the success of the team.

- J. G. HUGHES (10st. 7lbs.)—Second row forward. Was unlucky to break his wrist before the first match, only playing in the last five games. Is a fine forward who would undoubtedly have got his Cap.
- J. R. G. GEORGE (10st. 12lbs.)—Fly-half or centre. Has played some good games in both positions in the last two seasons, but just

failed to claim either position permanently. Is a good footballer with safe hands, but must learn to tackle.

D. M. SAUNDERSON (11st. 4lbs.)—Perhaps the unluckiest in that he has given good service as a reserve in the XV for past two years in many positions—full-back, centre and wing three-quarter and in the forwards—but was never good enough to fill any position permanently.

The following also played for the 1st. XV, the number of times being given in parenthesis: Rycroft (5), Green (4), Coles (2), Robinson, Leatham, Lewis (1 each).

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### SECOND XV

Played 8; Won 6; Lost 2. Pts., for 102; agst., 54.

The 2nd. XV has had a very good season.

Had it been possible to field a representative XV in any one match, it would have been a powerful side; as it was, calls from the 1st. and injuries weakened it.

The pack was good, with Hughes, Green (hooker), Rycroft and Cain, J. C. the best. Robinson was adequate at full-back. Leatham showed considerable promise in the centre and Saunderson would have filled the other centre, Greenfield deputising for him, had he been available more often. The wings, Lewis and Broadbent, had speed and scored some good tries. Clay played fine football at scrum-half and was promoted to the 1st. XV. White, G., took his place until injured, when Arends played. George played some good games at fly-half and also in the centre, and was a little unlucky in not getting his 1st. XV Cap. He must learn to tackle.

The 1st XV is indebted to the 2nd. XV for the excellent practice which the latter gave them and for the splendid reserves who always filled a breach in the 1st. XV with enthusiasm and competence.

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### COLTS GROUND.

Once again a "colts" ground was organised from boys who would not reach the age of sixteen in 1944. After a few weeks, the best of the "second colts" were promoted, and it was possible to choose two fairly even teams for practice matches. Unfortunately, it was impossible to obtain suitable fixtures. One with the R.M. School of Music resulted in a narrow defeat (3—6). Our opponents were much bigger and faster than the Colts, but were far more ignorant of rugby, and College defended well. Unfortunately, most of the R.M. XV were drafted and the other fixtures with them were cancelled. The St. George team, of boys not much heavier than ours, but all over 16½ and much faster, proved too good on two or three occasions. Later, a College 3rd. XV played this St. George team, but was beaten even more heavily. Colts' best games were against College 2nd. ground, which were always enjoyed by both teams.

As a whole, the Colts XV was certainly not so good as last year's. There was nobody of the calibre of Holmes or Kelly, T. (both of whom have gained College 1st. XV colours this year); and it was impossible to find a satisfactory fly-half who could be relied upon to tackle his man. However, some useful progress was made and Selkirk proved a good captain and a strong hard-working forward.

The team was (more or less) as follows: Robinson, T.; Gregson or Henney, Costain, Levick, Corrin, E., or Southward; Black; Fletcher; Selkirk, Barlow, G., Kneen, Markham, and four of Ranscombe, Sansom, Crellin, G. F., Reevey, D., Wilson, W., Hudson, W., Cain, A.

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### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

This year the junior house matches were played on the knock-out system, instead of the league system, as in previous years. Another change was the lowering of the upper age limit from 16 to 15-6. As Colbourne House were unable to get together sufficient players to form a team, only two rounds were necessary. In the first, by far the better game was School v. Hunt, which resulted in a win for the latter by 6 pts. to nil after a hard struggle. Walters House gained an easy victory over Dickson, and so met Hunt in the final, which proved to be quite an interesting game. Hunt House, however, were well on top for most of the time and gained a well-deserved victory by 9 pts. to 3 pts., thus retaining the shield.

XL Colours were awarded to: J. Landon, R. G. Kneale, P. J. Henney, D. M. Watterson, G. A. Crellin, H. J. Halfon, J. W. Caine, J. Higginbotham, J. S. Chester.

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