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EDITORIAL.

When we returned—a week late—to what was, for the majority of us, our first peace-time term, it was mainly with feelings of curiosity. It would be absurd to claim that College has already returned completely to normal, but it is showing signs of doing so in the not-too-distant future. Old but now unfamiliar faces are beginning to re-appear in the Common Room; there is again morning dip in the winter term, and with the return of "God's Time" there are the long-disused institutions of "late school" and "lock-up". The term has also witnessed the visits of two school teams, who, we are glad to say, returned home soundly beaten.

The Christmas Term is always one of strangeness and newness. Many of the senior boys have left, and the promotion of others to fill their places is regarded at first with incredulity, until it is proved that the new shoulders are just as capable of bearing the burdens as the old. Some changes have been made in the school buildings; Hunt House has moved to new and more spacious quarters at the West end of the King's Court, which were formerly occupied by the Wood and Metal Shops, while each of the Hostel houses now boasts a Fifth Form Room in the former Hunt House passage.

The proposed purchase of a portrait of King William IV, to hang in the Barrovian Hall, is mentioned elsewhere and will be mentioned again when the project materialises, but it is fitting to remark here upon the unfailing generosity of parents, Old Boys, and friends of the College, who responded so well to this appeal, as they have done to all others in the past.

Thus we look around our little corner of the world in which our lives are so bound up for two-thirds of the year, we see that the flag is still flying. Our numbers have increased even to the point of crowding; both in the exam. room and on the rugger field our reputation is being maintained and on this note of satisfaction it is fitting to close our Editorial.

PORTRAIT OF KING WILLIAM IV

It has long been felt a deficiency that no memorial of King William IV, from whom we take our name, exists at College, except a small engraving in the Library, and the letter W in the windows of the Barrovian Hall.

Now the opportunity has occurred of securing a really good copy of the portrait of the King, by Archer Shee, which hangs in the National Portrait Gallery. Through the courtesy of the Director, arrangements have been made whereby Mrs. Aris, the well-known portrait painter and copyist, has agreed to undertake the work. The scheme led to yet another call on the generosity of Old Boys, parents and friends of the College, and when half the necessary amount had been secured, a munificent parent came forward with the offer to complete the sum forthwith. We are most grateful to him, and also to Mrs. Aris, who kindly suggested an enlarging of the portrait to three-quarters instead of half the size of the original, without any increase in her fee.

We hope the portrait will be ready to be unveiled before our next issue, and it is pleasant to think that future generations of diners will be able to gaze on the likeness of the King whom, as one Old Boy patriotically suggested, College has made famous.

RANDOM NOTES.

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



We extend a hearty welcome to Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Geoffrey R. Bromet, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., the new Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man and chairman of the Board of Governors of College. His Excellency visited College on Saturday, October 6th., and was favourably impressed with what he saw. He afterwards kicked-off in the match against H.M.S. "St. George."



We were very pleased to welcome back this term Mr. Boulter and Mr. Smeeton, after six years' service with the Army, and also Mr. Boardman, who has returned after an interval of fifteen years. We also extend a hearty welcome to Mr. A. L. Cooil and Mr. C. Pritchard, and hope that their sojourn here will be long and happy.



Mr. Boulter has taken over the Housemastership of Walters House from Mr. Dehaene, who remains, however, senior master in the Hostel. Mr. Boulter is succeeded as Housemaster of Colbourne House by Mr. Ryder, who has been Acting Housemaster for the past six years.



It is with deep regret that we bid farewell to Mr. Charlesworth, who emerged from his retirement to become Physics Master, and to Miss Heaslett, who has held the difficult post of Catering Matron throughout the war. We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

Congratulations to R. R. A. Coles on winning the £100 Henry Bloom Noble University Scholarship on the results of the 1945 Higher Certificate Examination.

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Congratulations to Hunt House on winning the Junior Rugger Shield.

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Two lectures have been given this term, as follows:—

Saturday, September 29th.: "The work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes," by Mr. K. P. Stewart, a Publicity Officer of the Homes.

Tuesday, October 9th.: "The Chindits", by Major Freeman, late of S.E.A.C.

We wish to thank the lecturers for visiting us, and also for their entertaining and instructive lectures.

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One film has been shown this term, "Dr. Syn", on Saturday, November 17th. Our thanks are due to Mr. Pritchard and to Barlow, M., for their work in giving us the show, and also to Mr. Royston and Mr. Butler, of Douglas, who very kindly brought down some films of the Royal Visit, which were also shown.

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J. Kewley, Esq., M.A., F.I.C. (O.K.W. 1894-'98), tells us that H. S. Pyne, who was science master at K.W.C. from 1885 to 1899, did a considerable amount of research work on X-rays in College laboratories. The results of his work were published in "Nature" in May, 1896, and have been recalled by the recent celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of X-rays.

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A free half was given on Tuesday, October 16th, in honour of Coles' scholarship.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Head of School : A. D. Clague.

Head of Hostel : A. D. Clague.

Præpositors : A. D. Clague, R. R. A. Coles, J. R. G. George, D. C. Greenfield, P. W. Heald, T. G. Kelly, J. W. Radcliffe, C. A. R. Wilson.

Sub-Præpositor : R. B. Wolton.

Captain of Rugger : A. D. Clague.

Vice-Captain of Rugger : J. W. Radcliffe.

Hon. Secretary of Rugger : P. W. Heald.

Captain of Swimming : P. W. Heald.

Walker Library Committee : A. D. Clague (Chief Librarian), P. W. Heald, J. W. Radcliffe, R. B. Wolton, P. B. Jones, G. F. Crellin, I. J. Stewardson, A. W. F. Corvin.

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Foreman of Fire Brigade : P. W. Heald.

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

Tuckshop Managers : R. B. Wolton, P. B. Jones.

SALVETE.

SCHOOL HOUSE—Collings, J. L. (LVA); Murray, I. H., Pye D. S. (LVB); Creighton, N. J., Kenna, R. J. (UIVB).

COLBOURNE HOUSE—Lloyd, R. A. G. (UIVB); Stoner, J. D., Whitehead, P. J. (LIVA).

DICKSON HOUSE—Turner, J. I. (LVA); Roberts, B. (UIVA); Cowley, L. C., Lewin, R. E., Young, W. (LIVA); Cowle, J. (LIVB); Wood, J. M. (III).

WALTERS HOUSE—Turner, N. W. (LVI); Sayle, A. C. (MIVA); Edmonds, D., Ellis, B. A., Jones, B. (LIVA).

JUNIOR HOUSE—Corkill, T. J., Dawson, R. C., Furness, W. M., Quirk, J. S. (LIVA); Corlett, H. S. (LIVB); Dagnall, B. D. A., Harper, R. G. Harrison, J. A. (III); Castles, R., Cowley, G. B., De Morgan, N. P., Gallagher, T. E., Keig, J. N., Wood, E. E. (II).

HUNT HOUSE—Nelson, R. D. (UIVB); Collister, K. W., Carine, J., Mylchreest, J. L. H. (LIVA); Corden, C. B., Harper, J. E. F., Kelly, J. T. (LIVB); Skillicorn, I. O., Welford, J. C. (III); Douglass, R. H., Griffiths, P. T. G., Roberts, H. N. D. (II).

VALETE.

JULY, 1945.

J. R. BRUNTON (1940-'45)—Junior-School House.

J. L. QUINE (1940-'45)—Hunt House.

DECEMBER, 1945.

C. HAWKINS (1943-'45)—School House. UVI. House Præpositor. 1st. XI Colours, 1944-'5. 2nd. XI Colours, 1943. House Crest for Cricket. Member of Cricket Sub-Committee. Committee Member, Chess Club. Cert. "A."

Gone to business.

Home Address: "Winarth," Pensall Drive, Heswall, Cheshire.

J. R. CAIN (1942-'45)—Hunt House.

C. B. CARR (1942-'45)—Hunt House.

P. E. GREGSON (1940-'45)—Hunt House.

H. E. MOORE (1940-'45)—Hunt House.

M. W. OSBORN (1942-'45)—Dickson House.

S. REDMAYNE (1937-'45)—Hunt House.

P. WILKINSON (1942-'45)—Hunt House.

O.K.W. NEWS.

GENERAL.

Brigadier E. F. E. Armstrong (1911-'16) has been G.S.O. 1, 7th. Indian Division. He accepted the surrender of the Japs in Burma at Government House, Rangoon, on September 13th, 1945, and signed the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the G.O.C.-in-C. in Burma. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his work in the Middle East, 1940-1941.

A. E. Chapman (1937-1942) and J. D. Lyson (1939-1942) were admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cambridge University in July, 1945. The former is at present serving as a Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., and the latter is working with the Admiralty Signal Establishment at Manchester.

F. J. Elvy (1939-1941) has passed out from H.M.S. "Frobisher". He was placed in Class I and was 2nd. of the ex-Dartmouth cadets.

Alderman R. A. Jones (1898-1904) has entered upon his year of office as Mayor of Caernarvon, but was not re-elected as an alderman at the recent elections.

It is now known that J. H. Kitchin (1930-1934) is buried in the El Alamein Military Cemetery.

D. Lumgair (1920-1923) has been appointed Deputy Camp Chief for the Boy Scouts of Scotland.

Dr. C. Ainsworth Mitchell (1883-1884 and Master 1890-1891), who has been the Editor of the "Analyst" for the last twenty-five years, has relinquished that responsibility, but has by no means dropped his other important chemical interests. One of these is the chemistry of writing inks. His knowledge of that subject has proved of much service in the detection of crime. Until recently he was President of the Medico-Legal Society.

Lieut.-Col. M. H. O'Grady (Master 1931-1937) was for some months on the staff of the 21st. Army Group, and is now a member of the Control Commission for re-organising German education.

H. S. Pyne (Master 1885-1899), who was Headmaster of Warwick School from 1906 to 1928, celebrated his Diamond Wedding recently. Both he and his wife, despite their advanced age, are still hale and hearty, and are living in retirement at Warwick Cottage, Hythe, Kent.

SERVICE HONOURS

Brigadier E. F. E. Armstrong, R.E. (1911-1916)—O.B.E.

Major D. F. Glass, R.A.M.C. (1929-1933)—Mentioned in despatches.

Brigadier the Hon. N. F. Somerset, D.S.O., M.C. (1911-1916)—C.B.E.

Lieut. A. R. Taudevin, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (1931-1934)—bar to D.S.C.

MARRIAGES.

Russell Bayles (1925-1928), son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bayles, of "The Oaks," Helsby, Cheshire, to Joan, eldest daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. H. Pinnington, of Helsby, at Helsby Parish Church, on June 9th, 1945.

Captain Percy William Brooke, R.T.R. (1930-1935), son of Mrs. B. M. Brooke, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, to Helen Florence (A.T.S.), second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Eatwell, of Hove, Sussex, at St. Agnes' Church, Newmarket, on June 16th, 1945.

BIRTHS.

To:—

John St. John Baxter (1927-1930)—a son.

James Malcolm Robson (1922-1930)—a daughter.

Harry Saunders (1919-1923)—a son.

Herbert Gordon Wallis (1927-1932)—a son.

Obituary

JAMES WOOD BRAGG (1880-1884) died March, 1938.

DEAN JOHN BRÜNDRIT (1883-1885) died 1939.

ARTHUR LE POER FRENCH CLIFFORD (1903-1905).

FRANK CHARLES DANGER (1888-1889) died 1943.

ROBERT BROCKLESBY DAVIS (1874-1879) died December, 1944.

WILLIAM HERBERT DOBBIE (1860-1860) died 1941.

HERBERT ELSEE (1896-1897) died August, 1940.

JOHN KENNETH GARNER (1902-1903).

AUSTIN EDWARD HAROLD (1882-1882).

WILLIAMS HOPKINS (1874-1879), died November, 1940.

PHILIP BRUCE HORNE (1869-1874).

The Rev. P. B. Horne had a distinguished career, both at College and in after life. At College he was a præpositor and Captain of Cricket, and won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1881 and three years later went out to India where he rose to be Archdeacon of Bombay. His last years were spent in retirement in England.

ARTHUR BUSH JACKSON (1878-1886) died in May, 1945.

GUY WILLIAM KELLETT (1886-1888) died June, 1940.

HAROLD PARKER (1894-1897) died 1937.

BERNARD HENRY SMITH (1913-1918) died March, 1945.

JAMES EGERTON THORPE (1884-1888).

Mr. J. E. Thorpe died at his home, "Benfieldside," Wokingham, Berkshire, on July 2nd, 1945, at the age of 74. After leaving College he went out to British Columbia, but later returned to England and became a manager in the Consett Iron and Steel Works, Durham.

After his retirement he lived for many years in Wokingham. He died from the result of a stroke brought on by worrying about his son who was taken prisoner at Singapore.

He was a charming man, interesting and interested, well informed and intelligent. He paid occasional visits to College, and was especially interested in the Chapel. He leave a widow and two sons, both officers in the Regular Army.

HENRY TURNBULL (1870-1872) died April, 1945.

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Their name liveth for evermore.

DOUGLAS SCHOFIELD (1933-1937).

COLIN JAMES RADCLIFFE (1925-1929).

ROBERT BREEN TURNER (1927-1930).

GEOFFREY CLARE WORRALL (1913-1917).

RICHARD CECIL GOUGH (1927-1931).

CHAPEL NOTES.

Visiting preachers last term were:

Mr. K. P. Stewart, of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Rev. D. C. Lane, C.F.

Rev. C. Paton, C.F.

Rev. B. Chapman, C.F.

Rev. W. Burton, Vicar of Foxdale.

Dr. L. Kelsey, of the C.M.S.

and the Archdeacon.

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The following anthems were sung by the Choir:

" O Praise God " *Weldon*

" O Lord, how manifold are Thy works " *Barnby*

" Break forth into joy " *Barnby*

" The radiant morn hath passed away " ... *Woodward*

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Special collections were in aid of the Haig Poppy Fund and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. They realized respectively £14 14s. 4d. and £26 11s. 2d.

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The repairs on the East window have not yet been completed. Details of the generous support of this undertaking will be published in the next issue.

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The Choir had two outside engagements. On November 23rd they rendered the Evening Service at Arbory Church, and on December 2nd, they sang Carols at St. Olave's Ramsey. Comments on these two performances, specially on the latter, were very favourable and

it is gratifying that our Choir can give a good account of itself in a strange Church, and in unaccustomed surroundings.

Mr. J. R. Boardman gave an organ recital on October 28th. A large number of boys stayed for it, and enjoyed his masterly performance of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, the Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony and the Toccata from Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony.



The Carols were sung on December 9th in the presence of a huge congregation which included the Governor and Lady Bromet, the Governor delivering the last of the Seven 'Readings'. The Choir was at its best, and the rendering of "Silent Night", with its obligato beautifully sung by L. New, earned special praise. The Choral singing shewed polish, attention to expression, and good attack and finish.

The College Carol Service is a prominent feature in the musical life of the Island, and it is pleasant to think that the performance on this occasion was up to its standard. Canon Stenning gave a fine mellow rendering of "The Snow Lay on the ground" and L. New brought out the simplicity of Tschaikowsky's "Legend". Solo verses were well sung by P. Heald, R. Kenna and J. Quayle, and the congregation did its part vigorously, and aided the august traditional ending of our Carol Service, "Adeste fideles".

WALKER LIBRARY.

The following books have been acquired by the Walker Library:

Presented by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor—"British Forces, Azores".

Presented by E. A. Smith (O.K.W. 1941-'45)—"Edward VII and His Times"—ed. Rich—Holmes (2 Vols.).

Purchased by the Library Fund:—

"Everybody's Political What's what"—Shaw.

"The Navy To-day"—Edwards.

"Christopher Columbus"—Lowry.

"Work for All"—Nicholson & Watson.

"History of Modern Times"—Nettleby.

"The Australias"—Haskell.

"Tell Him"—Badcode.

"Mr. Churchill—a Portrait"—Guedalla.

"Portrait of Churchill"—Eden.

"Judo"—Felderkraus.

"The Story of Bristol."

"The A.B.C. of Chairmanship"—Citrine.

"A Short History of Germany"

"Wars of the 19th Century"

"Austria, Hungary and Poland"

"Russia and the Balkan States"

"Belgium, Italy and Switzerland"

"A Short History of France"

Collected extracts
from the
"Encyclopædia
Britannica"

- "English Social History"—Trevelyan.
 "Dublin University Calendar, 1944-'45."
 "Lettering of To-day"—Holme.
 "Art in the Life of Mankind"—Seaby (4 vols.).
 "Seven Painters"—Ward.
 "Abstract Design"—French.
 "Secrets of Scene Painting and Stage Effects"—Brown.
 "Designing for the Stage"—Kinheisen.
 "101 Things for a Boy to Make"—Horth.
 "Mathematics for the Million"—Hogben.
 "Stage Lighting for Amateurs"—Goffin.
 "Dead Towns and Living Men"—Woolley.
 "Marvels and Mysteries of Science" (Odhams Press)
 "The Chemical Age"—Williams.
 "The Stars in their Courses"—Jeans.
 "Teach Yourself Music"—Palmer.
 "Fifteen Poets from Chaucer to Arnold" (Oxford).
 "Recent One-Act Plays" (Harrap).
 "Martin Luther"—Wiener.
 "Oxford Companion to Music"—Scholes.
 "Everyday Knowledge in Pictures" (Odhams's Press).
 "Practical Automobile Engineering" (Odhams Press)

Acquired by the Fiction Library:—

- "Sabotage Unlimited"—Groom.
 "The Ruby Necklace"—Booth.
 "The Fates are Laughing"—Crosier.
 "The Secret of the Silver Bottle"—Hawker.
 "Captain Starlight"—Westerman.
 "The Junior Cadet"—Westerman.
 "Don't Open the Door"—Gilbert.
 "Life and Adventures of John Cornelius"—Walpole.
 "Adam of the Road"—Gray.
 "Students at Queens"—Arey.

BOOK REVIEW

"FRIEND OF FRIEND"

by Sir Colin Garbett, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.M.G. (O.K.W. 1890-1900)
late Indian Civil Service.

Sir Colin Garbett, who has spent his life in the I.C.S., has produced this book, a record of his forty years' service. But it is in no sense a biography; the author presents himself only as a typical member of the Service, doing what any one of his colleagues would have done in his place. In this capacity he reveals a minute understanding of the Indian character, such as can only be acquired by long and intimate contact.

The series of anecdotes of which the book is comprised illustrates the great variety of situations with which the Indian official has to deal—riot, famine, plague and sedition; while on the positive side he strives to achieve some public work which will be of permanent

THE SCHOOL CONCERT (December 8th).

The Programme was well arranged, due attention being paid to variety, tunefulness and musical worth. An attentive and discriminating audience appraised each item by the weight of its applause and encores were taken only when vociferously demanded.

It is sometimes said that when a tune is good the words don't matter. This is partly true when the tune is simple and melodious and when the singer has a voice of exceptional quality.

The voices of J. Quayle, L. New and L. Dodgson were fresh and of pleasing tone and their tunes were so melodious that words were of little consequence. T. Kelly's more mature voice scored because he sang good tunes which the audience knew and he "got his words over." He must watch the vowel "i" when singing.

The "old-stagers," the Vice-Principal and Mr. J. R. Boardman, gave the boys a lesson in the art of choosing their songs and in delivering the lyrics as plainly as though they were being deliberately spoken—and that without sacrificing in the least the qualities of their singing voices.

P. Heald's contribution from Stanford's "Songs of the Sea" was accompanied by Orchestra and Chorus. It deserves special mention for being attempted as well as for its spirited rendering.

Messrs. Boardman and Thompson gave finished performances of two Piano duets by Edward German. It was nice to see two music masters in close proximity playing with such spirit and accord.

C. Caine displayed remarkable dexterity in Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso". When he has studied the musical form of this piece and has practised it assiduously he will no doubt give an even better rendering. For his well-deserved encore he played a Chopin Waltz which was almost technically and emotionally perfect.

The Orchestra, under the able and experienced direction of Mr. Boardman, played a prominent part in the concert, and the items chosen were worthy of the occasion. When the orchestra was assembled awaiting the Conductor one could see that it had lost its "inferiority complex"; and when it played there was evidence that the audience was "sitting up and taking notice".

Mr. Boardman has succeeded in making the orchestral members look forward to rehearsals and, more remarkable still, he has managed to get them to do private practice between-times. Miss Rydings deserves our best thanks for keeping the Orchestra alive during the war years and she merits our warmest sympathies for the difficulties she had to contend with. Mr. Boardman started with two advantages over Miss Rydings for he was able to dispense with beginners and he had the valuable assistance of Miss Rydings, as Leader.

In spite of the Orchestra being incomplete, each item was well-knit and the main tunes were kept fairly prominent. The players were occasionally not well in tune but this was, to some extent, due to having to play with the piano. It is necessary for the piano to be specially tuned to a pitch which will accommodate the wind instruments.

The best item was Godfrey's Selection from Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. This was also the last item and it was not indicated on the

Programme. Was this modesty, or superstition? It would have been item 13!

PROGRAMME:

1. MARCH *from Carmen* *Bizet*
THE ORCHESTRA.
2. SOLO—"God's Garden" *Lambert*
J. QUAYLE.
3. SOLO—"I know of two bright eyes" *Clutsam*
T. KELLY.
4. PIANO SOLO—Rondo Capriccioso *Mendelssohn*
C. CAINE.
5. SOLO—"Long ago in Alcala" *Messenger*
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.
6. SOLO—"Solveig's Song" *Greig*
L. NEW.
7. FINALE *from Symphony No. 5* *Beethoven*
THE ORCHESTRA.
8. SOLO—"The Song of the Bow" *Aylward*
MR. J. R. BOARDMAN.
9. SOLO—"Orpheus with his lute" *Edward German*
L. DODGSON.
10. PIANO DUET—"Merrymakers' Dance"
Edward German
MR. J. R. BOARDMAN AND MR. D. THOMPSON.
11. ENSEMBLE—"Songs of the Sea" *Stanford*
(i) "Drake's Drum." (ii) "Devon O Devon"
P. HEALD AND CHORUS.
12. SELECTIONS—
(i) "Præludium" *Jarnefeldt.*
(ii) "Trumpet Voluntary" *Henry Purcell*
THE ORCHESTRA.
"THE KING."

NATIVITY PLAY (December, 1945).

This Christmas the "King William's College Players" performed an ambitious Nativity Play, "The Star of Bethlehem," written and produced by Mrs. Wilson, and supported by delightful singing by the trebles.

Though a play of this type was new to most of the audience, and though in the nature of things in such a performance the audience

can give no support to the players, so that they must feel almost as if they are acting to an empty auditorium, the play achieved the success it deserved. The splendid dressing over which immense trouble had clearly been taken, and the lighting effects, so essential in a play like this, such as one did not imagine could have been produced on such a small stage, made a very impressive spectacle.

There were five scenes, linked by appropriate music and carols by the trebles, dressed as children of the period. The play opened with a prologue, the proclamation of the Taxing, by a Roman official and his guard. This was one of the few scenes one could criticise, for the soldiers failed to give any impression of the majesty and dominance of Rome. It was followed by a very convincing scene in the palace of the Young King, movingly done by Greenfield, and the second scene, on the hills above Bethlehem, was perhaps the best of all. The characters of the shepherds and their reaction to the night's watch, and the coming of the Heavenly Host, were most effectively drawn, and gave an opportunity for very faithful portrayal of the eldest shepherd by the Principal, well supported by Quirk and Kenna.

The scene then changed to the inn at Bethlehem, another colourful and realistic piece of work, which was well carried through by the numerous characters involved. It successfully produced the mingled atmosphere of disgruntled travellers grouching at the inconvenience of a winter journey, their determination to make the best of it with a warm fire and good food and wine, and a failure to realise that any great event was impending, and a sense in others that something, they knew not what, was hanging over them. All this cleverly produced the feeling of tension and foreboding to lead up to the weary entrance of Mary and Joseph, simply and naturally played by Mrs. Watkin and Mr. Grant.

Incidentally, it is conventional to represent that most chivalrous gentleman, of whom so little is known, as an old man. Was this, one wonders, necessarily the case?

Following this came a scene in the palace of Herod, which to some of us seemed out of tune with the rest of the play, though perhaps the contrast was justifiable. The exotic court of an Oriental despot was well drawn, splendidly dressed, and convincingly acted, and the Three Kings, particularly the Negro, were becomingly dignified. There was, however, an air of melodrama that jarred with the naturalness of the rest of the play, though this may be due to over-sophistication on the part of the writer rather than over-acting by Herod and his court!

Next, we were back outside the inn for a rather charming little scene where natural sympathy for the poor wanderers of the night before was shown by characters who were not yet aware of the miraculous Birth, and the play ended with the scene in the stable itself, with the conventional entry and grouping of the figures, very beautifully balanced and lighted. The effect was heightened by the device of a bright light shining from the manger, into which the audience could not see, instead of the usual and unsatisfactory attempt to represent the Child by a doll.

In all, Mrs. Wilson is to be congratulated on her production, from its writing, though her efforts in training the cast of 50-odd, to

the way her team backed her up, and we hope she feels that it repaid her for her trouble and the work she so wholeheartedly put into it. To attempt a play of this type in front of an audience almost entirely unused to entertainments other than dramatic, and, dare one say, generally lowbrow at that, was a bold effort, but it fully justified itself, and one can only regret that more friends of the College did not see "The Star of Bethlehem" owing to other engagements on the two nights.

THE SOCIETIES.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

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Vice-President: A. D. CLAGUE.

Hon. Secretary: P. B. JONES.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: P. W. HEALD.

During the term the Society has been re-organised on an entirely new basis, and now consists of a limited number of members selected by the old Committee, which has ceased to exist. Most of the time has been spent on framing a constitution for the new Society which has reverted to its old title of the Literary and Debating Society.

As the maximum number of members, including officers, is to be 20, the society will be familiarly known as the Twenty Club.

One meeting was held on November 7th, at which the President read a paper proposing that "The cure for the ills of the modern world lies not in a change of heart, but in a change of head", and an interesting discussion ensued.

A programme has been mapped out for next term, when it is hoped to hold meetings of a varied character. At least two of the meetings will be open to all members of the V and VI forms, whether they are members of the Society or not.

It is highly encouraging to note the promise which the future holds out, after so long an experience of struggling on with an inadequate number of speakers, which has been the lot of the Society for several years.

Besides the officers, members elected were the Principal, Mrs. J. M. Watkin, J. R. G. George, R. B. Wolton, A. W. F. Corvin, G. F. Crellin, E. B. Selkirk, C. W. B. Leatham, F. R. V. Abraham, M. J. M. Curran, P. S. Nelson, C. A. Caine.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

President: P. C. McGOVERN, Esq.

Vice-President: J. W. CORRIN.

Hon. Secretary: F. H. WOOD.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: V. TOULMIN.

The Society has held three meetings during the term, and the attendance has been very gratifying on all occasions. The first debate

of the term was on a subject which was universally popular at the time. Mr. Young, who proposed that "Atomic power can be harnessed for the benefit of mankind" won the applause of the house for his technical knowledge and the excellent delivery of his speech, almost dwarfing the opponents into insignificance. The majority voted in favour of the motion, and a very interesting debate was concluded.

The second debate was on the question "Is modern civilization a failure?" We were glad to see at the debate Caine C. A., and Dodgson, two of our former members who had gone to higher forms this term. Apparently the modern generation of schoolboys do not think that this civilization is a failure, for there was an overwhelming majority in favour of "No".

At the third meeting a debate on the question "Is the influence of the Cinema injurious?" was contested with skill and ingenuity, and the general opinion was that provided the young and old alike saw the best films the influence of the cinema was good rather than harmful.

MUSIC CLUB

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President : D. THOMPSON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : P. W. HEALD.

Hon. Treasurer : D. C. GREENFIELD.

Members of the Committee : C. A. R. WILSON, R. D. BUTLER, A. W. F. CORVIN, I. J. STEWARDSON.

The first meeting of the term was on the 13th October. In private business the four committee members as above, were elected. In public business a miniature concert was held which except for one or two good items did not come up to expectations.

On the 3rd November, Mr. Boardman gave a lecture on "The Romantic Period in Music". Mr. Boardman who has been a very welcome and expert addition to our artistes this winter, gave a very able sketch of the development of music from the Classical period to the present day. There were some fine piano pieces played by C. Caine, The Vice-President and the Lecturer.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a lecture entitled "Shakesperian Music", given by Mr. Stewardson. Among the many good illustrations, two piano duets by Edward German played by Mr. Boardman and the Vice-President were prominent. Mr. L. New and Mr. R. Quayle, as Trebles, and the Vice-Principal, Mr. J. R. Boardman, Mr. G. S. Barlow, and the Hon. Secretary as Bases and Tenors, gave valued service in the term's lectures and concerts.

MANX SOCIETY.

President : THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman : THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Hon. Secretary : A. D. CLAGUE.

Only three members remained from last term and at three business meetings held during the course of the term nine new members were

elected to the Society, Messrs. Crellin, G.F., Jones, P., Abraham, Butler, Piehler, Scott N., White G., Curran M., and George. Two papers were read during the term.

The first by Wilson C. was of an exceptionally humorous and entertaining character and traced the history of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company from its foundation in 1830 to the present day. An interesting discussion followed.

The second paper by Heald dealt with our neighbouring pile, Rushen Castle. The ensuing discussion made small use of the interesting subject matter propounded by the lecturer, but a great variety of fascinating topics was touched upon.

The term has been a satisfactory one. The two minute-writers, both new members of the Society, accomplished their tasks successfully and we must once again thank Mrs. Wilson for her pleasant drawing-room and ever-welcome refreshments.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President : THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Chairman : A. L. COOIL, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : M. W. S. BARLOW.

Hon. Treasurer : E. B. SELKIRK.

This term the activities of the Society have been severely curtailed by the lack of supplies. Our suppliers have sent us several parcels, but only a few films, and no printing paper at all until three weeks before the end of term. Consequently the Christmas competition has had to be cancelled, but it is hoped to hold another at the end of next term. Nevertheless, good use has been made of the Darkroom, various experiments being made on the direct reversal of bromide prints, etc.

We were unfortunate to lose our Chairman, Mr. Houghton, at the end of last term, but we are very grateful to Mr. Cool, who has stepped into his place.

New members this term were C. M. Dawson, M. J. M. Curran, H. J. Cain, T. M. Robinson, P. G. Black and G. J. H. Levick. Now that we have supplies, most members are considering taking some Christmas photos, and we hope to see some successful ones next term.

CHESS CLUB.

Chairman : A. J. GRANT, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : P. B. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer : I. J. STEWARDSON.

Committee Members : J. R. G. GEORGE, C. HAWKINS, P. H. T. PIEHLER, A. D. LEACH.

During the term meetings have been held every Friday evening. The attendance has varied greatly but on the whole has not been very good. A number of beginners have joined the Club and learnt the rudiments of the game, and it is hoped that there will be more next term.

Two matches have been played against the Douglas Chess Club, one at home on Thursday, November 1st, and the other away on Saturday, November 24th. A third match arranged for Tuesday, December 4th, had to be cancelled owing to the pressure of other school activities. The first match resulted as follows:

K.W.C.		DOUGLAS.	
Mr. Grant	0	Mr. Radcliffe	1
P. B. Jones	1	Mr. Gray	0
C. Hawkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. Henry	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. R. G. George	0	Mr. Turner	1
P. H. T. Piehler	1	Mr. Kermeen	0
I. J. Stewardson	0	Mr. O'Hare	1
I. E. Jones	0	Mr. Ennett	1
W. B. Wilson	0	Mr. Chapman	1
J. Landon	0	Mr. Cowin	1
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2 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The second match resulted as follows:

K.W.C.		DOUGLAS.	
P. B. Jones	0	Mr. Radcliffe	1
C. Hawkins	1	Mr. Henry	0
P. H. T. Piehler	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. B. Wilson	0	Mr. Ford	1
I. E. Jones	0	Mr. Kermeen	1
J. Landon	0	Mr. O'Hare	1
R. G. Kneale	0	Mr. Ennett	1
A. M. W. Leathem	0	Mr. Cretney	1
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1 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The results were on the whole not unsatisfactory, but a weakness is apparent on the lower boards, which can only be remedied by practice. We are most grateful to the Douglas Club for the matches, and hope for many more in the future.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

President : L. DEHAENE, Esq.

Vice-President : Mrs. J. M. WATKIN.

Hon. Secretary : B. S. JOHNSTON.

The Society was founded after half-term with the object of promoting a greater interest in the study of modern European languages. Fifteen boys have joined the Society, and there has been a good attendance at the three meetings which have been held. Owing to lack of time, activities have been confined to lessons in elementary German by P. S. Nelson, who has undertaken to teach the language. It is hoped, in the future, to extend the scope of our studies to a superficial knowledge of as many as possible of the main European languages.

YN CHESHAGHT MANNINAGH

Joint Presidents : C. A. CAINE, J. W. CAINE.

Hon. Secretary : J. W. CAINE.

Hon. Treasurer : A. R. R. CAIN.

Hon. Librarian : J. H. KELLY.

During the first year of its existence the Society has made considerable progress in the study of Manx. In this it has been assisted by the very welcome gift of a duplicator, on which the lessons have been printed. We are also very grateful for the gift of the six volumes of Kneen's "Place Names of the Isle of Man".

AERO MODELLERS' CLUB.

President : C. PRITCHARD, Esq.

Chairman : B. J. T. CLAGUE.

Hon. Secretary : I. E. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer : M. S. M. NEW.

Hon. Librarian : I. W. SCOTT.

Committee Member : W. W. B. STONER.

The Club was entirely re-organised under the guidance of the new President, Mr. Pritchard. A subscription was raised in order to procure some Balsa wood and various models are now under construction. It is hoped in the near future to hold a "Field Day" when all the flying models built will be flown. Next term it is hoped to hold classes of instruction in order to attract beginners into the Club.

J.T.C. NOTES

This term has seen Captain Wilson surrender the command of the contingent, not, one understands, without relief, to Captain Smeeton once again. It is to be hoped that no one fails to appreciate the gallant manner in which the Principal stepped into the breach on the untimely death of Capt. R. W. Smith, and kept the Contingent going during the difficult years of the war. Shedding square and gown for battledress, he furbished up his rusty military memories, and with his well known drive and energy has left the JTC at a high pitch of efficiency. He admits himself that he now looks with much more sympathy on the efforts of those who he rather used to think were playing at soldiers, and we in return hope that his fives has not suffered too much!

Peace having broken out, it was inevitable that we should be asked to surrender one of our parade days, and so we now only parrade on Thursday afternoons. This meant that the Cert. A candidates were very pressed for time, as not only was our time cut by half but owing to the extra week of holidays resulting from the royal visit, term hardly got started till some time in October.

One whole day exercise was held, in which we did not go further

afield than Langness. The squad system of training has much to recommend it, but the exercise, simple as it was, showed very clearly the drawbacks to never working together as platoons, and when dark brought the close, the situation was rapidly developing into a question of just who was chasing who.

Certificate A Exam. was held on Dec. 6th and 7th, and the fact that only 5 out of 24 failed in Part II reflects great credit on the candidates themselves and on their squad instructors.

Part I were rather less successful with 5 failures out of 15, but in their case they cannot be blamed, as in view of the short time available it was necessary to concentrate the OC's extra and voluntary classes on Part II. The bulk of the failures were due to faulty map references, which can soon be put right, and the weapon training was described as of a high standard.

There is perhaps a little 'postwaritis' and some tendency to feel that as a result of the atom bomb the infantryman is obsolete. This does not seem to be the view of the experts, even in America, the home of the atom bomb, and it does not seem impossible that in the 'Atomic War' the only really safe person will be the foremost infantryman who has got so close to his enemy that it is impossible to drop one on him without atomising 'own tps' as well. So get Cert. A and be sure of getting into the front row of the stalls!

NCOs for the term were:—

C.S.M.: Clague A. D.

C.Q.M.S.: Wilson C.

Sergeants: Ferguson, Cain H., Greenfield (Drum Major).

Corporals: Curran M., Wolton.

L/Corporals: Stewardson, Moore H., Leatham C., Higgins, Barlow G., Black, Cain J. R., Bazett, Sansom, Piehler, Kneen, Manwaring, Robinson T., Stokes.

Captain of Shooting: L/cpl. Bazett.

I/c. Min. Range: L/cpl. Piehler.

Armourer: L/cpl. Stokes.

A.T.C. NOTES.

This term the Flight spent the greater part of its time learning theory in Room M, Corporal Coles taking Aircraft Recognition classes.

Two breaks in the programme were, however, provided. The first was a visit to a public demonstration given by H.M.S. "Urley", at which several new types of planes were to be seen, and the second a field day, also at H.M.S. "Urley", the chief features of which were instruction in the 'Link' trainer, and a brief trip in an Anson.

The Flight is grateful to the C.O. and to Lieut. Spackman, who again organised the field day, and to two officers who were kind enough to give lectures: Flt/Lt. Oliver, D.F.C., and Flt./Lt. Beevers.

NCOs for the term were:—

Flight/Sergeant: J. W. Radcliffe.

Sergeants: P. W. Heald, T. G. Kelly.

Corporals: R. R. A. Coles, F. R. V. Abraham.

RUGBY, 1945

Colours for the season 1945 were awarded as follows:

1st XV.—A. D. Clague, J. W. Radcliffe, P. W. Heald, T. G. Kelly, W. C. Holmes, J. R. G. George, C. W. B. Leatham, T. M. Robinson, M. J. M. Curran, D. W. B. Jones, G. F. White, R. R. A. Coles, G. S. Barlow, C. A. R. Wilson, G. L. Ranscombe.

2nd XV.—J. P. G. Higgins, E. B. Selkirk, J. S. Southward, G. J. H. Levick, P. J. Henney, J. E. Kneen, N. Scott, H. J. Cain, P. C. G. Fletcher, P. G. Black, G. F. Crellin, D. C. Greenfield, W. R. Costain, D. N. Markham, W. N. Hudson.

Colts XV.—P. S. Nelson, J. Higginbotham, J. W. Caine, M. F. Hosking, A. H. Macgregor, J. L. Collings, R. F. Hudson, G. Bussey, J. S. Chester, P. W. T. Dracup, G. A. Brown, P. Wilkinson.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. "ST. GEORGE". (Won 15—3.)

Played at College, Saturday, October 6th. Both sides were badly in need of practice and apart from one or two good movements, very little combination was seen. "St. George" lasted better in the second half. Holmes dropped a good goal.

Final score: College 15 pts.; H.M.S. "St. George" 3 pts.

Team: Leatham C. W.; Heald P. W., Clague A. D., George J. R., Radcliffe J. W.; Holmes W. C., White G. F.; Wilson C., Selkirk B., Barlow G. S., Cain H. J., Robinson T., Curran M., Kelly T. G., Jones D.

K.W.C. v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL (Crosby).

(Won 32—0).

Played at College, Saturday, October 13th. This was the first visit of a School XV to College for seven years and a large crowd saw some good football in perfect weather. College had one change, Scott N. taking the place of Cain.

College played against the sun, M.T.s attacking strongly but Leatham, at full-back, saved well. College heeled well and Holmes made ground with a long kick. College were pressing hard all the time, Kelly finally making a powerful break from a loose scrum; with a cleverly controlled dribble he scored near the corner-flag. Radcliffe kicked a fine goal.

College continued to press, George making a good run before being tackled. From a scrum near the half-way line, White passed to Holmes (fly-half), George cutting in between the latter and the breaking forwards before Holmes passed to him, the ball then going back outside to Clague, who gave to Heald, the latter passing to Kelly, who was backing up well outside him, the latter hitting the corner-flag as he went over. It was a lovely move, done at top speed. College were heeling well in the loose. M.T.s were holding on grimly, and relieved with some good kicking. College heeled outside the M.T.s' "25." White sending out a long pass to George and the latter ran splendidly to score a fine try which Radcliffe converted.

M.T.s got into the College half with some spirited forward play but Holmes, George and Radcliffe combined to produce the copy-

book wing-try, passes being given and taken at top speed. Radcliffe missed a difficult kick, after scoring. On returning to the attack, Heald was caught by the M.T.s' forwards, but College was soon over again, Holmes cutting through to give to Heald; the latter turned in from the wing through a gap and dashed under the posts to score a very good try which Radcliffe converted.

Half-time score: College (3 goals, 1 try) 18 pts.; Merchant Taylors, Nil.

Merchant Taylors began the second half in dashing style, Leatham saving a dangerous situation. M.T.s returned to the attack, the centres missing their men badly, but Leatham tackled grandly and had to go off for a short time. M.T.s pressed on the College line for some minutes, and should have scored, but College fought well to keep them out, Holmes finally relieving from his own line with a run and a high kick up the field. Radcliffe kicked a long penalty from the 10 yards line. M.T.s returned to the College half and Kelly relieved with a good run, the ball going out to the threes but Radcliffe knocked on an easy pass. From a loose scrum the halves, Clague, George and Radcliffe, handled well, Radcliffe running very fast up the wing to score far out, Barlow converting. After some even play, M.T.s returned a high kick which Leatham caught running at speed on his own "25"; after a long run he gave to Radcliffe on the wing, but the latter kicked ahead with only one man to beat. After further mid-field exchanges, Holmes followed up a high punt which the full-back fumbled, and after a clever dribble and a race for the touch-down, he scored.

College made several more dangerous moves, Holmes cut-through and passed to Radcliffe who passed inside to Holmes, but the final pass was forward. Radcliffe dived over from a quick heel and blind-side pass from the base of the scrum.

Final score: K.W.C. 5 goals (1 penalty) 3 tries, 32 pts.; Merchant Taylors, Nil.

The College showed much improved form, the side looking much fitter. The backs used their brains more. The forwards settled down well and made up for their lack of experience and weight by their vigour and dash in the loose. Kelly was the best forward on the field. Merchant Taylors are to be congratulated on the game way they stuck to their opponents throughout the game; they found the College backs too fast and elusive for them, but they tackled grandly.

Lieut.-Commander Manton, R.N., refereed the game admirably.

K.W.C.—C. Leatham; J. W. Radcliffe, J. R. George, A. D. Clague, P. W. Heald; W. C. Holmes, G. White; C. Wilson, B. Selkirk, N. Scott, M. Curran, D. W. B. Jones, T. G. Kelly, G. Barlow, T. Robinson.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. "ST. GEORGE". (Won 31-0.)

Played in Douglas, Saturday, October 20th. Clague was unable to play through injury, Heald going into the centre, and Southward J.S. coming into the side on the wing. Ranscombe replaced Scott in the forwards.

Kelly scored an unusual try from the kick-off, when he followed up fast and dribbled over. Holmes cut-through cleverly, ran up to the full-back, and passed to George, who was backing up, the latter

scoring. Radcliffe converted. Heald picked up in the loose and scored a good try.

At half-time Leatham was moved up to the centre, Southward going to full-back, and Heald returning to the wing. This change was most successful. Holmes cut-through to send George over after a good run: Radcliffe converted. Kelly got the ball in the loose and gave to Holmes, who passed to George, the latter cutting-in to score, with Radcliffe backing up. Some good passing between Kelly, Leatham, George and Radcliffe resulted in the latter scoring a good try. From a loose scrum the halves sent George away for another splendid run and try. Radcliffe scored another try after all the backs except Heald had handled well. "St. George" intercepted a lobbed pass from Kelly, but Heald raced back to make a fine tackle. White, Homes, Leatham, George and Radcliffe handled well before the latter scored.

Final score: K.W.C. (2 goals, 7 tries) 31 pts.; H.M.S. "St. George", Nil.

The forwards played a better game and the backs were in a lively mood, but "St. George" were unlucky to lose a man for the second half.

K.W.C.—Leatham; Southward, Heald, George, Radcliffe; Holmes, White; Barlow, Wilson, Jones, Selkirk, Ranscombe, Robinson, Curran, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. "URLEY". (Lost 10—20.)

Played at College on Saturday, October 27th. H.M.S. "Urley" fielded a big and heavy scrum which did not always use its weight scientifically in the loose mauls. It was a fine pack which gave a good exhibition of close dribbling, and secured the ball from most of the set scrums. College did well to stick to these experienced and much bigger men.

College tried out a new full-back, playing Leatham in the centre; Clague led the forwards and Robinson left the pack to play scrum-half, replacing White, who went into the pack. These experiments, in preparation for the half-term tour, were not entirely unsuccessful, Robinson showing promise in his new position. The Navy left wing showed a fine turn of speed and was never mastered, and their scrum-half was always a thorn in the College side. The College backs did some good things but failed to combine often, the centres failing to make openings. Holmes showed much more resolution in defence and dropped a lovely goal; in attack he found the attentions of the opposing wing forwards a little trying. Radcliffe ran well to score two good tries. Of the College pack, Kelly, though more subdued than usual, got through a tremendous amount of work, ably backed up by Curran and Jones, though all played well.

Final score: H.M.S. "Urley", 20 pts.; K.W.C. 10 pts.

College XV.—Greenfield; Radcliffe, George, Leatham, Heald; Holmes, Robinson; Curran, White, Jones, Wilson, Selkirk, Clague, Coles, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE. (Won 43—0.)

Played at College, Saturday November 3rd. Clague returned to the centre, Leatham to full-back, Ranscombe to the forwards and Barlow replaced Wilson, who was unfit.

Owing to two Liverpool boys falling sick after arriving on the Island, College had to lend its reserve wing, Southward, to complete their team.

College pressed from the beginning and penned Liverpool in their own half; Clague and Heald both just failing to score. Liverpool were tackling very well. College missed several penalty kicks. George sent Radcliffe away, the latter running beautifully for half the length of the field to score a splendid try, which Barlow converted. The Liverpool pack was getting the ball in all the set scrums but College heeled well in the loose. Liverpool made several raids into the College half but Heald, and then Leatham cleared well. Radcliffe missed an easy penalty. Clague, who was playing well in the centre, made a good burst before sending Heald away for a good wing try, which was not converted. Some pretty play by Holmes and Clague ended in the latter scoring, Radcliffe converting. Liverpool looked dangerous but Leatham made a good save. College looked very dangerous and were giving the ball plenty of air; both forwards and backs were backing up well. Clague made another excellent opening for Heald, who ran well to score; Radcliffe converted.

Immediately after half-time, Robinson—who was showing great promise at scrum-half—broke away on the blind side and gave to Radcliffe, who was tackled. Soon afterwards, Robinson sent out a lovely pass to Holmes; George cutting-through to score a clever try which Radcliffe converted. Kelly and Curran were prominent in a forward attack which almost brought a try. Holmes dropped a good penalty. Robinson again got Radcliffe away cleverly on the blind side, the latter running well to score near the corner-flag. The same player kicked a fine penalty from far out, the ball bouncing over after hitting the cross-bar. College eased off and Liverpool rallied, attacking on the College line for some minutes, but Kelly relieved with a long kick. Robinson, Holmes, George and Clague combined well at top speed after a loose heel, to send Heald in for another try. Holmes cut through beautifully to score, Radcliffe converting. The last try of the match was a delight to watch and left the opposition quite outclassed; the halves sent George away, the latter running out to the touch-line, his wing—Radcliffe—coming inside to take an inside pass, and the latter wove his way down the field to score a lovely try too far out to be converted.

Final score: College, 43 pts.; Liverpool College, Nil.

Team—Leatham; Radcliffe, George, Clague, Heald; Holmes, Robinson; Coles, White, Barlow, Ranscombe, Selkirk, Jones, Curran, Kelly.

HALF TERM TOUR.

The XV spent five days on the mainland at half-term, making Blossom's Hotel, Chester, its headquarters. Merchant Taylors were beaten in a hard game on the Saturday—a much improved side since

its visit to College earlier in the season—Rossall was easily defeated on the Waterloo Club's ground on the Monday, and on the Wednesday St. Bee's won by 14 pts. to nothing, in a hard-fought game, College being three points down at half-time. It was a pleasure to renew this fixture with our old Cumberland rivals after a lapse of more than ten years, even though it did necessitate playing three games in five days.

Since our object in touring is to enable us to play the mainland schools who play the best type of open Rugger—in which hard knocks are given and taken in clean football, and in which tackling is a *sine qua non*, the tour can be judged a great success.

As is always to be expected when touring, injuries weakened the XV. Ranscombe and Clague were injured in the first game, the former missing the rest of the matches, and the latter having to rest until the third game, in which he played full-back until the beginning of the second half, when he moved up into the centre to take Leatham's place, the latter being unlucky enough to dislocate his ankle during a tackle.

We are greatly indebted to the Waterloo R.U.F.C. for the use of their splendid County ground for the last two games, to Mr. Steve Meikle, the old England fly-half, for refereeing the Rossall match, and to Mr. Ken Wilson of the Waterloo Club, for refereeing the St. Bee's game.

K.W.C. v. MERCHANT TAYLORS. (Won 14—11.)

Played at Merchant Taylors, Saturday, November 10th.

College managed to scramble home in a poor game. Both sides were handicapped by the spectators who encroached on the field of play.

College attacked strongly and their fast backs made several dangerous moves, but the narrowness of the ground was cramping after Big Side. George tried a drop and Clague made several strong runs which pushed Heald into touch. M.T.s were getting the ball in the set scrums and their centre dropped a fine goal from well out. Both sides knocked on frequently, and College backs could not settle down. Holmes broke through grandly, sending George away for the latter to make a good opening for Radcliffe, who ran well to score far out. M.T.s replied with a longish penalty drop-goal. Holmes broke through unsupported, but could have scored himself. Immediately afterwards he repeated the move, this time going over on his own. Radcliffe converting. With College leading by a point, M.T.s nearly kicked another penalty drop-goal.

College attacked strongly after half-time and nearly scored from a dribble, the decision going to the defenders. Ranscombe, with a very badly torn ear, was finding it impossible to shove in the scrum. M.T.s attacked strongly but George brought off a splendid tackle. College forwards heeled in the loose and the backs sent Radcliffe away for a good run. From a scramble near the line Cain went over. M.T.s dropped another fine goal from well out. With the score 11—11, it looked as if M.T.s might win the match with another drop-goal or penalty-drop, but College stormed their opponents' line,

Holmes touching down after following up a forward dribble. College was nearly over again and Radcliffe made another good run. M.T.s returned to the College "25" and narrowly missed another penalty-drop. College managed to get the ball away up the field and keep it there until the whistle went.

Final score: K.W.C. (1 goal, 3 tries) 14 pts.; Merchant Taylors School (2 dropped goals, 1 penalty drop) 11 pts.

K.W.C.—Leatham; Heald, Clague, George, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Selkirk, Cain, Ranscombe, Curran, Jones, White, Coles, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. ROSSALL SCHOOL. (Won 27—6.)

Played on the Waterloo Club's ground at Blundellsands, Monday, November 12th. College were without Clague and Ranscombe, Leatham moving up to the centre. Southward coming in at full-back, and Barlow coming back to the pack. Leatham played very well in the centre and Southward gave a plucky display, even though his kicks rarely found touch.

After some even play, Heald missed his wing and let Rossall in for a good try. Heald atoned for this, scoring a fine try well out, after Leatham had dribbled well, and Holmes and George had started the passing movement. After further exchanges, Holmes cut right through after a clever pick-up in the loose at speed, and passed to George, who gave to Kelly, the latter showing a grand turn of speed before he scored; Radcliffe converted. Rossall attacked strongly, their scrum-half working the blind side cleverly, and Southward tackled his man but brought him down over the College line to give Rossall a well-deserved try. Then came a lovely College move, Leatham breaking through at the half-way line and passing to George after a good run, the latter backing up on the right and scoring after a good run.

Immediately after half-time, Leatham made a good attempt at a drop. From the College "25," Radcliffe picked up in the loose, passed to Holmes, who cut through and gave to Kelly, the latter scoring a fine try. Holmes cut through cleverly and passed to George, but a Rossall centre who was running between them in the same direction, managed to knock the pass towards his own goal-line, George dribbling through for Radcliffe to get the touch-down. Kelly converted. The College forwards were playing a great game. From a scrum the backs got the ball away and with at least seven College players up to take a pass, George scored a fine try. Holmes scored another fine try, five backing up this time. Radcliffe converted.

K.W.C.—Southward; Heald, Leatham, George, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Coles, White, Barlow, Curran, Jones, Selkirk, Kelly, Cain.

K.W.C. v. ST. BEE'S SCHOOL. (Lost 0—14.)

Played at Blundellsands, Wednesday, November 14th. Clague came back into the side but went to full-back.

College attacked and George cut-in, but was tackled. Kelly followed up well. The forwards were getting the ball but the backs were fumbling their passes; the machine was not working smoothly. A penalty to St. Bee's brought pressure near the College line but

Clague saved. Heald stopped a try when he tackled his wing, but he missed him soon afterwards and George tackled him well. Selkirk was injured in a loose scrum, and while Clague was tending him, St. Bee's heeled, their centre cutting through for a fine try. College made a dangerous attack which all but brought a try; all the backs handled and George raced outside Heald to take another pass, cross-kicked beautifully, the ball falling by the posts, and Kelly was there but just failed to get over. College continued to attack strongly but St. Bee's were tackling grimly. Several movements broke down in the St. Bee's "25." The forwards were heeling splendidly in the loose but the St. Bee's back row were round very fast to worry the halves. Robinson and Kelly put in good kicks. Another College attack, in which the ball passed from the left to the right side of the field, ended in Heald being tackled near the line. Kelly, Barlow and White were prominent in some good loose play.

College began the second half in confident style, Leatham and Heald being prominent. In a good movement by the backs, Leatham was heavily tackled when in possession, and unfortunately had to leave the field with a dislocated ankle. Clague decided to play without a full-back, taking Leatham's position in the centre himself. St. Bee's made a dangerous attack but Radcliffe brought off a splendid tackle which saved a try. St. Bee's forwards were dribbling finely, and College backs failed to gather the ball, but White raced up from the forwards, picked up cleverly, and made touch. Leatham managed to hobble on to the field, but could only stand. St. Bee's continued to press and dribbled over for an unconverted try. Clague made a fine dribble and follow-up at speed, but St. Bee's were safe. Leatham fielded a kick pluckily and passed to Clague who should have got Radcliffe away on the open side of the field. College were making great efforts to score, Holmes cutting through determinedly, but he was beautifully tackled in front of the posts. The College forwards made great efforts to get over and almost succeeded, but St. Bee's defence was excellent. Clague made a run, but the St. Bee's forwards got him. Radcliffe was being starved on the wing, as he had been most of the afternoon. A St. Bee's centre made a fine cut-through and Clague chased him, but he scored. St. Bee's were now well on top and College looked tired and well beaten. The St. Bee's forwards scored again after some clever short-passing.

Final score: St. Bee's (1 goal, 3 tries) 14 pts.; K.W.C. Nil.

K.W.C.—Clague; Heald, Leatham, George, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Coles, White, Barlow, Curran, Jones, Selkirk, Kelly, Cain.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. "ST. GEORGE". (Won 12—11.)

Played in Douglas, Saturday, November 24th. College were still without Leatham; George and Ranscombe were unfit. Clague moved back to the centre, Levick took George's place, Southward returned to the side at full-back. Selkirk was also injured and Wilson came in to hook; Scott replaced Cain. The College line looked strange indeed and it found in the "St. George" XV most formidable opposition—the best side "St. George" has ever turned out against us. But for a little bad luck on "St. George's" part, a vastly improved College defence, the fine Naval Training Establishment would have registered its first victory against College.

After some even play, in which Radcliffe was prominent in good tackling, St. George dribbled through; Clague fell, but "St. George" scored through Routh. College replied with a good try by Heald, which Robinson engineered on the blind side. "St. George" were getting the ball in the tight and their backs often ran well. College failed to stop a "St. George" dribble and Routh scored again, the try being converted. The College pack was heeling well in the loose but the Navy was getting more of the ball in the tight. The centres missed their men and Kelly relieved with a long kick and follow-up to tackle the defender in possession. The forwards dribbled to the line and Southward scored on the left.

College began the second half with some good forward play, Kelly, Curran, Coles and White being prominent. At last the backs got the ball to Radcliffe, after the halves and Clague had handled—and Radcliffe ran well to score far out. College was now leading by a point and the Navy were making great efforts. The game was full of excitement. Kelly made a fine run through and was nearly over; from the ensuing scrum, Robinson got the ball to Holmes who hit the cross-bar with a drop; Kelly then caught the rebound; the forwards heeled again from a loose scrum, the ball passing through the hands of Robinson, Holmes, Levick, Clague and Heald, the latter scoring. Barlow and White were prominent. "St. George" dribbled well, caught the bounce and Routh went over for another good try, thus bringing the Navy within one point of the College score again. College survived some strong attacks, Clague, Holmes and Robinson making good saving kicks at critical moments.

Final score: K.W.C. (4 tries) 12 points; H.M.S. "St. George" (1 goal, 2 tries) 11 pts.

K.W.C.—Southward; Heald, Clague, Levick, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Scott, Wilson, Barlow, Curran, White, Jones, Coles, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. JURBY "A". (Won 20—6.)

Played at College, Saturday, December 1st. Jurby included a number of their unbeaten XV but left out the heaviest forwards and their very dangerous centres. College were still without Leatham and George. Henney was tried at full-back, and Kneen as hooker.

College pressed hard from the beginning but the Jurby defence held. Jurby drew first blood when one of their backs ran up to Henney, kicked over his head and scored. College should have scored after a good move. Radcliffe tackled well when Jurby looked dangerous. Kneen was hooking well and only good tackling kept College out, while they were in the Jurby half for a long time. Jurby made a good break-through and long run to score. Clague picked up well and sent Heald away for a good try. Levick dribbled well, caught the bounce and sent White away for a fine try; Kelly converted. White was playing very well.

Early in the second half the College backs sent Radcliffe away for an unconverted try. Radcliffe was prominent with good tackling and for a clever move when he came into the centre to make an extra man but the move broke down later with bad passing. The same player fielded the ball and ran well before he was tackled. College

was doing most of the attacking now. The forwards were playing their best game of the season, heeling well in the tight and the loose. The halves got the ball to Clague, the latter missing out Levick to give Radcliffe a fine pass, the latter scoring after a strong run. Robinson worked the blind-side well with Radcliffe, the latter running well to score well out. Clague made a good run before scoring; Radcliffe converting.

K.W.C.: (2 goals, 4 tries) 20 pts.; R.A.F. Jurby "A" (2 tries) 6 pts.

K.W.C.—Henney P. J.; Heald, Clague, Levick, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Coles, Kneen, Barlow, Curran, Jones, Ranscombe, Kelly, White.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. "ST. GEORGE". (Drawn 0—0.)

Played on Saturday, December 8th, at College in appalling weather. A strong sou'-easterly was blowing with driving rain, making it almost impossible to handle the ball, and the ground was heavy with two days' almost continuous rain. It was disappointing that the weather should have broken for this, the last fixture with "St. George", making good Rugger impossible. In the absence of Leatham, Southward again played full-back; Higgins came into the pack for Coles, who was away; and Wilson C. took Kneen's place as hooker.

Both sides handled the greasy ball well for the first ten minutes; College pressed hard near the "St. George" line for some time, but failed to get over, the bitter conditions causing dropped passes at the critical moment. The Navy were playing with the gale behind them, and as soon as the ball became heavy the game changed into a forward tussle with little to choose between the packs. College were nearly over with forward rushes on more than one occasion, and the Navy were near the College line several times when a score looked likely, but forward passes or over-keenness in dribbling resulted in College clearing or touching-down.

After half-time, the Navy rarely got out of their own half and only twice reached the College "25." Their forwards, however, repeatedly dribbled away from their own line to save dangerous moves by the forwards. Kelly was unlucky not to score twice, once when the ball slipped out of his hands when he was over the line. Holmes was nearly over once, and George looked dangerous with a High kick and follow-up, with the forwards backing up. The final whistle blew with College pressing hard.

Both sets of backs had a miserable afternoon and failed to fall on the ball. The forwards enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and for College Kelly was outstanding, ably backed up by White, Curran, Higgins and Barlow; Wilson hooked well.

K.W.C.—Southward; Heald, Clague, George, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Curran, Wilson, Barlow, Jones, Higgins, Ranscombe, Kelly, White.

CHRISTMAS TOUR.

15th Dec. v. Liverpool College (won 25—0). Tries by Radcliffe 3, George 2, Heald 2. Goals kicked by Kelly (2).

17th Dec. v. Royal Naval College (won 3—0). Try by Kelly.

19th Dec. v. Birkenhead School (won 22—11). Tries by Kelly (2), George (2), Radcliffe, Robinson. Goals kicked by Kelly and Radcliffe.

A full report of these games will appear in the next issue of "The Barrovian."

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

The conditions were the same as for last year. A preliminary round was necessary and this resulted in Colbourne beating Dickson. In the semi-finals, School and Hunt beat their opponents, Walters and Colbourne, with scores of 12 and 42 points to nil. The final between School and Hunt was an interesting but scrappy game which the latter won by 3 points to nil. School House are to be congratulated upon giving Hunt a very hard game and Hunt upon retaining the shield with a team far superior to that of any of the other houses.

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