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EDITORIAL.

What is the purpose of a School magazine? We are led to propound this question by a provocative article on the subject which appeared recently in our august contemporary "The Times." The writer complained that most magazines contained merely a polite and formal record of events devoid of any real feeling or interest save that which a clever editor contrived to slip in between the lines. This charge calls for some reply. Polite and formal they may. be, but they nevertheless serve a distinct and useful purpose. Without the school magazine there would be no adequate means of commemorating the achievements of the school in all departments of its life, and of bringing the majority of them to the notice of anyone outside the school, or even to a large number inside it. The magazine is, in fact, the minute book of the school, which sets out to give as clear and as complete a picture as possible of the term to which it refers for the information of the present and of future generations.

Nor is it precluded from entering into the spirit of the events which it chronicles. True, it must be stiff and solemn about stiff and solemn occasions, but when it comes to the lighter side of school life, it can unbend and describe each event in the vein in which it took place. There is room too for frank and constructive criticism of anything of purely domestic concern, such as the Rugger XV or the performers in the school concert, in a fashion which can be helpful to all concerned.

The foregoing arguments will, we hope, do something to justify the existence of the present publication. We would be the first to admit that we are subject to restraints, such as are rendered necessary both by school discipline and ordinary courtesy, but we

submit that these restrictions are of a kind to stimulate rather than to suppress originality of thought. But it is our readers who must finally judge, and we leave them to form their judgment from the contents of the following pages.

RANDOM NOTES.

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



Our thanks are due to S. J. Kaye, Esq. (O.K.W., 1890-'92), for his generosity in defraying the cost of the repainting of the Honour Boards in the Entrance Hall. As a result the appearance of the Entrance Hall has been immensely improved, and a job has been done which was long overdue. Among Mr. Kaye's other benefactions to College is the handsome panelling of the Masters' Common Room.



We are grateful to H. G. W. Hughes-Games, Esq. (O.K.W., 1881-'91) for presenting two copies of a book "Rugger—do it this way," by Sugden and Hollis, one each to the Walker and Fiction Libraries.



Three lectures were given to the School during the term. On Monday, October 28th, Mr. Guy Butler gave a talk on "Athletics"; on Friday, November 29th, Miss Maxwell Fraser lectured on "Sweden"; and on Thursday, December 5th, Lt.-Col. R. O. Cafferata, Superintendent of the Palestine Police, spoke on "Palestine and the Palestine Police." We are grateful to the lecturers for their entertaining and instructive lectures.



Captain Pullein-Thompson, Secretary of the Public Schools Employment Bureau, visited College on Thursday, October 31st and Friday, November 1st. He interviewed several boys and also gave a talk on careers to the VI and UV Forms.



Films shown during the term were:-

"King Arthur was a Gentleman," on Saturday, September 21st. "The Invisible Man Returns," on Saturday, October 12th. "Phantom Ranger," on Saturday, November 30th. Our thanks are due to Mr. Pritchard and to Barlow, M. for

working the cinema.

Parties of VI form boys attended the film "Cæsar and Cleopatra" at the Regal Cinema, Douglas, on Thursday, October 31st, and the Brains Trust at the Villa Marina, Douglas, on Thursday, November 30th. Both expeditions were most enjoyable, and our thanks are due to Mr. Handyside for the trouble he took to organise them.

Dr. C. E. M. Joad, who visited the Island in order to take part in the Brains Trust, paid a brief visit to College on Friday, November 29th, and was entertained to lunch in the Barrovian Hall before leaving by air for the mainland.

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Congratulations to W. C. Holmes on his success in gaining a Royal Navy Special Entry Cadetship in January, 1947.

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Congratulations to Colbourne House on winning the Junior Rugger Shield.

Free halves were given on Friday, October 11th, in honour of the appointment of Lieut.-Gen. A. Galloway, as C.-in-C. Malayan Command, and on Monday, October 21st, at the request of the Lieut. Governor. An extra day was added to the half-term holiday at the request of the Home Secretary, and the choir half was on Friday, November 29th.

VISIT OF THE HOME SECRETARY.

During the course of his visit to the Island, the Home Secretary, the Right Honourable James Chuter Ede, paid a visit to College and unveiled a portrait of King William IV.

This portrait is a copy by Mrs. Aris of the original by Sir Martin Archer Shee in the National Portrait Gallery, showing the Sailor King, who gave his name to the College, in Naval uniform against a conventional nautical background, and doing full justice to his robust and breezy character. It hangs beside the door to the Masters' Common Room behind the High Table, and does much to complete the dignity of the Barrovian Hall.

The idea of its purchase originated with Mr. Thompson, who then set to and collected the necessary funds, the total being completed by a very generous gift from J. R. Lowe, Esq. (O.K.W., 1910-'14).

Mr. Thompson is to be congratulated on his efforts, and on making our somewhat shadowy namesake a living figure in the College at long last.

The Home Secretary's visit took place on October 26th, when he came to the College with H. E. the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Bromet, and, after being received by the Principal and Mrs. Wilson, was introduced to the masters, and lunched in the Barrovian Hall. After lunch he was introduced to the school and a party of friends of the College and subscribers to the fund, who had assembled in the gallery, by Mr. Thompson, in a speech full of his dry humour. The visitors, incidentally, arrived in the gallery some time before the conclusion of our meal, giving us an idea of the animals' point of view at the Zoo feeding time.

Mr. Chuter Ede then addressed us, giving us a very vivid sketch of King William, emphasising not only his warm-hearted unconven-

tionality which led him to break away from the rigidities of court etiquette in his association with old Service comrades, but his tendency to a Liberal view in his political activities, adducing particularly his action in 1831 during the Referm Bill crisis, when the resistance of the Duke of Wellington and the Die-hard Tories was broken by the King's threat to create enough Reform Peers to swamp the Tory opposition. May one suggest the alternative view that the King gave way to the Whig threats of civil war, and that Wellington and his supporters gave way for patriotic reasons?

Throughout a speech well interlarded with anecdote Mr. Chuter Ede impressed upon us the duty of a broad and liberal minded outlook, and one sincerely hopes that his kindly reference to the value of the Public Schools, which he enlarged upon in exhorting us never to forget the benefits we had been privileged to receive, are typical of the Government attitude.

As seems inevitable in every unveiling, he then tugged energetically at the wrong cord, but corrected himself smartly, and King William appeared at last. The address was warmly applauded; not, may we assure the Home Secretary, merely because he asked for a free half! The Principal, who had either accepted the inevitability of a half so close on top of His Excellency's popular "off the ration" half, or concealed his emotion very well, thanked him neatly and wittily and after coffee, took him on a tour of the College, after which the party left, leaving us the impression of a sincere and kindly personality.

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

SEPTEMBER, 1946

Head of School: C. A. R. Wilson.
Head of Hostel: J. W. Radcliffe.
Præpositors: C. A. R. Wilson, J. W. Radcliffe, T. G. Kelly, P. G. Black, G. F. Crellin, M. J. M. Curran, W. C. Holmes, N. H. Scott, G. F. White.

Sub-Præpositors: P. B. Jones, E. B. Selkirk.
Captain of Rugger: J. W. Radcliffe
Vice-Captain of Rugger: T. G. Kelly.
Hon. Secretary of Rugger: W. C. Holmes.
Librarians: E. B. Selkirk (Chief Librarian), G. F. Crellin, P. B. Jones, I. J. Stewardson, P. S. Nelson, J. S. Sansom, B. S. Johnston, H. J. Cain.

Editor of Barrovian: P. B. Jones.

Tuckshop Manager: P. B. Jones.

SALVETE.

SEPTEMBER, 1946

Colbourne House— Dunkerley, I., Ward, L. (LVb); Parkinson, J. H. (MIVa); Lightfoot, J. A. (LIVa).

DICKSON HOUSE— Arthur, J. R., Jackson, G. B., Weston, G. S. (UIVb); Kniveton, J. M. (MIVa); Yates, W. J. R. (LIVa); Kells, F. G. (LIVb).

- Walters House—Corrin, B. (LVa); Clucas, W. S., Dodsworth, P. W. (LVb); Taylor, T. D. H., Thorp, G. (UIVb); Christian, W. D. (MIVa); Moyers, D. White, R. O. (LIVa); Sowerbutts, P. E. (LIVb).
- Junior House— Cannell, W. J., Cove, V. R., Cowin, F., Fick, A. C. A., Jenkins, W. A., Watterson, J. S. (LIVa); Lee, D. C. W., Webster, M. V. (LIVb); Cannan, J. D. Q., Chantler, A. J. C., Dunkerley, A. G., Ellison, B. K., George, D. B., Seaton, D. A. (III); Foster, R. G., Marshall, J. P., Walsh, P. W., Weston, C., Wyer, A. I., Zatz, P. S. J. (II).
- Hunt House— Merrill, R. A. (UIVb); Perry, M. S. (MIVa); Bolton, J. D., Cain, B. R., Caine, J. B., Collister, R., Dale, W. K., Grandage, R. E., Kinley, G. D. (LIVa); Clague, J. R., Qualtrough, J. W., Stott, R. T. D. (LIVb); Bashforth, E. Q., Creer, J. C., Reid, G. (III); Connor, T. A. J. E., Gelling, G. B., Kniveton, M. R. (II).

VALETE.

DECEMBER, 1946

- W. C. HOLMES (1940 '46). Hunt-Walters House. U VI. Præpositor. Hon. Secretary of School Rugby and Cricket. Member of Sports Committee and Rugby and Cricket Sub-Committees. IST. XV Colours 1944-'46. Seven-a-Sides 1945-'46. Captain of English A.T.C. XV, 1946. IST XI Colours, 1945-'46. IST Athletic Colours, 1946. 2nd XI Colours, 1944. 2nd Athletic Colours, 1945. Colts XV Colours, 1943. Colts XI Colours, 1943. Colts Athletics Colours, 1944. Open Discus and Hurdles, 1946. Under 16 Discus Record, 1945. School Fives IV, 1946. Captain of House Cricket and Fives. House Crests for Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, and Fives. House Fives IV and Swimming IV, G.T., 1945-'46. School Cert., 1944. H.S.C., 1946. Proficiency Cert. Cert. 'A' Corporal in A.T.C. Gone to Royal Navy.
 - Home Address: "Furnham," Kenilworth Road, Fleet, Hants.
- D. W. B. JONES (1943-'46). Dickson House. U V B. 1st XV Colours, 1945. Captain of House Rugby. House Crests for Rugby and Steeplechasing. House Steeplechase IV. G.T. 1945. Gone to Army (R.A.).
 - Home Address: "Southmead," 3 Sandlea Park, West Kirby, Cheshire.
- T. G. KELLY (1939-'46). Hunt House. U VI. Præpositor. Head of House. Vice-Captain of School Rugby. Member of Sports Committee and Rugby Sub-Committee. 1st XV Colours, 1944-'46. Seven-a-Sides, 1945-'46. English P.S. XV, 1946. 1st Athletics Colours, 1946. 2nd XI Colours, 1945. 2nd Athletics Colours,

1945. Colts XV Colours, 1943. Colts Athletic Colours, 1944. XL Colours, 1942. Open Quarter-Mile, 1945-'46. Captain of House Rugby, Athletics, Steeplechasing and Fives. House Crests for Rugby, Athletics and Hockey. House Steeplechase IV, Fives IV and Swimming IV. G.T. 1944-'46. School Cert., 1944. Proficiency Cert. Cert. 'A'. Sergeant in A.T.C. Acting Lance-Corporal in J.T.C.

Gone to Army.

Home Address:: "Summerville," Belmont Terrace, Douglas, I.o.M.

F. H. WOOD (1943-'46). Dickson House. L V A. House Crest for Swimming. Hon. Secretary of Junior Debating Society. Marksman at Short Range. Gone to Business.

Home Address: "North Lodge," Cronkbourne, Braddan, I.o.M.

- E. H. CORRIN (1938-'46). Junior-Walters House.
- R. CRELLIN (1944-'46). Walters House.
- J. R. DAVY (1940-'46). Hunt House.
- L. W. P. DODGSON (1941-'46). Hunt-Junior-Dickson House.
- M. G. LEACH (1942-'46). Hunt House.
- G. C. QUIRK (1941-'46). Junior-Walters House.

O.K.W. NEWS.

GENERAL

The Rev. B. S. Baron, B.A. (1899-1903), formerly Rector of Birkin, Yorkshire, has been inducted Vicar of Keevil and Bulkington Wiltshire.

- J. L. Chambers (1926-'35), who has played Rugger for Blackheath and Hampshire, has been appointed Captain of the Blackheath Club, the oldest Rugby Football Club in England.
- J. H. L. Cowin (1914-'17), after some years' service in the House of Keys, has been elected one of the representatives of the House on the Legislative Council, and appointed a member of the Lieutenant-Governor's Executive Council.
- J. F. Crellin, M.C., M.L.C. (1903-'07) has been appointed a Member of the Lieutenant-Governor's Executive Council.
- P. B. Farrer (1939-'44) has been commissioned 2/Lt. in the Border Regiment.
- E. C. Garside (1929-'36) has passed his Final Examination for admission to the Manx Bar.
- T. G. H. M. Moore (1915-'20) has been elected Member of the House of Keys for Rushen Sheading at the Manx General Election, 1946.

Dr. P. D. Samman (1925-'33) has become a Member of the Royal College of Physicians (M.R.C.P.).

The Rev. G. Sayle, M.A. (1917-'21) has been presented to the living of South Ramsey.

A. Storey (1910-'12), who has had a distinguished career with the Shell Company in Trinidad, and has played a leading part in the life of the Island, has been appointed a Member of the Trinidad Legislative Council.

SERVICE HONOURS

Lt. G. N. Burton, R.A. (1932-'38)—mentioned in despatches for "gallant and distinguished service whilst a prisoner of war." Capt. W. G. R. Corkill, R.A. (1936-'41)—mentioned in despatches.

ENGAGEMENTS

R. Burton (1937-'41), to Gillian Killick, of Mere, Cheshire. A. F. Watson (1939-'43), to Pamela Gutridge, of Durban, South Africa.

MARRIAGES

- N. L. B. Crofts (1919-'28) only son of the late S. B. Crofts and Mrs. Crofts, to Doreen Edith, eldest daughter of the late Captain G. W. Breithaupt and Mrs. Breithaupt, at Epsom in 1946.
- S. A. Grant (1930-'40) son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grant of Castletown, to Rita Makin, of Chorley, Lancs., at Oldenburg, Germany, on January 11th, 1947.
- R. N. P. Holt (1927-'36), to Miss M. Morton, of Douglas, Isle of Man, in June, 1940.
- M. B. de la V. Macpherson (1930-'39), to Pamela D. Strange, of Worth Maltravers, on December 14th, 1946.
- Dr. R. F. H. Needham (1937-'39) to Dr. Bettine O'Dea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O'Dea, at St. Phillip's Church, Sydney, Australia, on October 26th, 1946.
- T. A. Steward (1928-'35), to Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jeffryes, of Essex, at Limbe, Nyasaland, on November 1st, 1946.

BIRTHS

- E. D. Ardern (1923-'29), a son.
- P. R. P. Birch (1928-'33), a son.
- D. F. Glass (1929-'33), a daughter. D. T. Glass (1929-33), a daughter.

 R. D. Johnson (1917-'21), a daughter.

 L. J. Kewley (1925-'28), a daughter.

 E. D. Kneale (1927-'30), a daughter.

 C. J. Mitchell (1915-'24), a son.

 J. A. D. Paul (1919-'29), a daughter.

- F. J. Trentham (1921-'28), a son.

Obituary

BERTRAM MURRAY CAMPBELL (1899-1902).

Mr. B. M. Campbell ,who died at New York on September 7th, 1946, at the age of 60, was a successful business man on Wall Street, who attracted widespread attention by suffering a term of imprisonment, on a charge of which he was entirely innocent, owing to a case of mistaken identity. He went out to the United States in 1908, and became a naturalized American citizen in 1920. He had built up a prosperous business when his career was interrupted by his arrest and conviction. He was later able to establish his innocence, and received heavy damages from the State just before his death.

JAMES ALEXANDER PICK (1924-'26).

It is with great regret that we record the death of J. A. Pick, which occurred at his home in Scarlett Road, Castletown, on September 23rd, 1946. The son of Mr. F. P. Pick, of Queen's Park, Burnley, he came to College (Hangoside), in September, 1924. From school he went into business in Burnley, and after a very successful start, his health broke down, and his life was despaired of. But when the war began he volunteered for service, and was commissioned in the Royal Army Service Corps, eventually gaining his majority. He served in the Inland Water Transport branch of the service, and commanded a squadron of rescue boats, doing excellent and exciting work in the Channel, based on Southampton. At the end of the War, unfortunately, his health again gave way. He leaves a wife, and two young children, to whom we tender our very sincere sympathy.

ARTHUR FINLAY BAWDEN PINDAR (1915-'19).

Mr. A. F. B. Pindar, who died suddenly on November 14th, 1946, at the age of 46, was the son of the late Mr. W. B. Pindar, O.B.E. (O.K.W.). Since 1928 he had been a partner in the firm of Emsley and Son, Solicitors, of Leeds. During the war he was an A.R.P. instructor in the West Riding, and became Chief Bomb Reconnaissance Officer. For many years he played for Headingley Old Boys Rugby team.

EDWIN HENRY SHAW (1878-'83)

Mr. E. H. Shaw, who died on February 2nd, 1944, was a most generous benefactor of the College, between the years 1935 to 1939 when the reconstructions of the College were being effected. He was unanimously elected to be one of the Vice-Presidents of the King William's College Society. While at the College, he was very popular, as he was quiet, unassuming, and a very dashing forward. He played for the First Fifteen for two years, 1880-1881. When he left the College, he became a Flax Yarn Merchant and lived at Ailsa Lodge, Craigavad, Co. Down.

ROLL OF SERVICE.

ADDITIONS

| Bury, E. J. Dougherty, A. F. | 1923-28 1919-29 | Major. Nigeria Regt. & R.A.M.C. Major. Manchester Regt. |
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| Dougherty, A. F. Farrant, P. S. W. | 1932-37 | Lt. Yorks. & Lancs. Regt. |
| Fisher, R. W. H. | 1919-22 | Rifleman. King's Royal Rifle Corps |
| Ginger, C. P. F. | | Major. Intelligence Corps. |
| Cinger P U | 1933-38 | Lieut. Fleet Air Arm. R.N.V.R. |
| Ginger, R. H. | 1934-38 | C/Cot D A O C Willed To 12 |
| Hodgson, T. | 1919-21 | S/Sgt. R.A.O.C. Killed 1942, |
| Keon, F. G. | 1933-39 | Lt. Lancs. Fus. |
| Kinley, E. R. | 1921-23 | F/Lt. R.A.F. |
| Kirkpatrick, R. | 1919-22 | F/O. R.A.F. |
| McLean, G. R. | 1924-29 | Major. Intelligence Corps. (Mentioned in despatches). |
| Meadows, K. J. | 1938-45 | Pte. R.A.P.C. |
| Ormerod, E. | 1920-27 | |
| Peel, E. L., O.B.E. | 1921-25 | Major. |
| Pilling, H. A.F.C. | 1917-23 | S/Ldr. R.A.F. (Killed). |
| Shaw, H. A. | 1907-14 | S/Ldr. R.A.F. (Killed). Major. Suffolk Regt. Military |
| · | , , | Registrar. |
| Thompson, D. E. | 1928-33 | Capt. R.A.M.C. |
| Thompson, E. A. | 1921-24 | S/Ldr. RAEVR |
| Worrall, G. C. | 1913-17 | S/Ldr. R.A.F.V.R. W/O. R.N.V.R. (Killed). |
| | -9-3 -/ | W/O. It.IV.V.II. (IIIIcu). |
| | CORRI | ECTIONS |
| Anderson, H. F. | 1921-29 | Major. R.A.M.C. Mentioned in despatches. |
| Given, J. G. C. | 1911-15 | Capt. R.N. Created C.B.E. |
| Hegg, T. L., D.F.C. | 1929-33 | F/Lt. R.A.F. Posthumously |
| | - > - > 33 | mentioned in despatches. |
| Lowcock, E. | 1939-42 | Capt. R.A. Was wounded and |
| | ,,,, | not killed as previously shown |
| Radcliffe, T. M. | 1935-40 | Lieut, R.N.V.R. Killed. |
| Taylor, K. B. | 1924-31 | Lieut. R.N.V.R. Killed. LtCol. R.A.S.C. Mentioned in |
| y, | -2-7 3- | despatches. Also created: |
| | | An Officer of the Order of the |
| | | British Empire |
| | | A Chevalier of the Order of |
| | | Leopold II (with palm). |
| | | An Officer of the Order of |
| | | |
| | | Orange—Nassau (with |
| | | crossed swords). |
| Thomas B E E | | Croix de Guerre (with palm). |
| Thornton, B. E. F. | 1930-32 | Capt. R.A. Killed and Mentioned in despatches. |
| Thornton G E Croix | T027-27 | Maj. L.A.A. Regt., R.A. Men- |
| Thornton, G. F., Croix | 1927-31 | tioned in despatches. |
| de Guerre | TOTO C : | Cont Balucha Root I & Was |
| Toothill, H. B. | 1919-24 | Capt. Baluchs Regt., I.A. Was a prisoner of war and not |
| | | |
| | | mentioned in despatches. |

O.K.W.'s PLAYING FOOTBALL.

The following Old Boys have been noticed in Club Football XVs. The list is by no means complete and information would be welcomed:—

Ashtonians: A. Aplin. Barnsley: J. H. Hudson.

Birkenhead Park and Cheshire: S. Sansom. Blackheath and Hampshire: J. L. Chambers.

Burton-on-Trent and Birmingham

University: J. R. G. George

Bury: D. H. Barker.

Chester: F. S. Adcock, T. Dodd, T. G. Kirkpatrick.

Davenport: J. M. Cowan.

Leeds University: C. V. Rycroft.

Liverpool University: W. K. C. M. Watkins.

Liverpool: W. H. Davidson, G. H. Imlach, J. G. Pugh.

Manchester University: G. E. Heald.

Manchester: P. W. Heald, J. C. A. Ormrod, N. A. Thompson.

New Brighton: C. A. Strange.

Playing in the Island: A. V. Aston, G. Forrester, R. V. Hunt. Playing in the Services: D. J. Holt, K. L. Hughes, H. Luton, P. Worsley.

NEWS FROM THE OLD BOYS' SOCIETIES.

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY

A Committee Meeting was held in Liverpool on December 18th, at which the following were present:—The President (A. D. Thomson), The Principal (S. E. Wilson), K. S. S. Henderson, R. L. Thomson, F. S. Adcock, G. P. Alder, G. Bell, J. G. Brown, F. M. Cubbon, J. B. Cullen, G. F. Harnden, H. Maddrell, J. G. Pugh, N. D. Rycroft, P. E. Wallis and R. H. Woods. Apologies for absence were received from:—A. Child, H. C. Easton and H. W. P. McMeekin.

The revised Rules of the Society as drafted by the Rules subcommittee were, with minor alterations and additions, approved for submission to all Members and for subsequent confirmation at the Annual General Meeting in July, 1947. It was hoped to send out the proposed rules with the Summer Term issue of the Barrovian.

K.W.C. WAR MEMORIAL FUND

At the above meeting, the Hon. Secretary (K. S. S. Henderson), read the minute passed at the meeting of the Trustees, held on October 30th, at which the Trustees expressed their approval of the scheme outlined. It was felt that the first step should be the drafting of the Appeal to be sent out to all traceable Old Boys and friends of the College, and the following were appointed:—The President, The Principal, Canon E. H. Stenning, K. S. S. Henderson and J. B. Cullen. That sub-committee have power to decide the final form of the Appeal. Various members expressed views as to the best method of ensuring the widest success for the Appeal and, in principle, it was agreed that the signatories to the

Appeal should include The President, together with a representative from the College Trustees, the College Staff, and from each of the four local Old Boys Societies.

BARROVIAN SOCIETY

The Barrovian Society revived the Annual Dance which prior to the War was regarded as one of the outstanding social events of the Christmas Season. It was held at Castletown Hotel, Douglas, on the 27th December, 1946. The President of the Society for the year 1946-1947, the Rev. F. M. Cubbon (1917-1918) received the guests. The function was an outstanding success; and it was felt that the Barrovian Dance was once again certain of being a regular fixture on the 27th December as it was formerly.

LIVERPOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY

Under the Presidency of J. G. Pugh (1928-33) who has the support of a hard-working committee and an enthusiastic Hon. Secretary in G. F. Harnden (1928-31), this local Society has had a most encouraging revival after the war. The membership is now 110 and is still rising.

Nearly 80 attended the first Annual Dinner at the Exchange Hotel on December 18th. The Principal, W. K. Smeeton and A. J. Grant were guests from the College and in reply to the toast of "College," the first-named gave a comprehensive survey of the life and successes of the school as it is to-day and touched upon the happily overcome trials and tribulations of the war years. The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by C. E. L. Locke (1896-1903), and responded to by A. D. Thomson (1905-'09), the President of the King William's College Society.

There were present:—

College entry pre 1900:—F. W. Gaskin, C. E. L. Locke, A. Jerrett, T. H. B. Law.

College entry 1901-'10:—A. D. Thomson, K. S. S. Henderson, J. F. Brakell, R. H. Richardson, H. Maddrell, G. H. Hudson, T. A. C. Leete, E. C. Bemrose, C. C. Bemrose, W. A. Short, F. F. German, A. B. Broomhall.

College entry 1911-'20:—G. P. Alder, J. B. Cullen, N. D. Rycroft, F. M. Cubbon, P. E. Wallis, J. G. Brown, R. Dutton, G. H. Daish, H. H. Timson, A. N. Hydes, L. E. Gadd, A. de H. Erricks, G. Bell, J. F. Woodruff, G. S. Humphries, D. N. P. McKee, G. W. Graves, H. V. Middleton, K. Griffiths, E. W. Potterton, R. H. McMullen, R. L. Thomson.

College entry 1921-'30:—J. G. Pugh, R. H. Woods, G. F. Thornton, G. F. Harnden, J. M. Miller, W. E. Fraser, R. S. Platt, F. S. Adcock, T. G. Kirkpatrick, J.S. Skeaping, C. D. Munroe, T. G. Dodd, J. H. Hudson, F. Griffiths, J. C. Kee, A. J. Schofield, J. Dixon, P. E. L. Locke, C. A. Strange, W. J. M. Scott, P. D. Burton, E. G. Fowler, K. H. Porter, J. R. Walker, R. K. Evans, G. H. Gamble.

College entry 1931-'40:—J. E. Thomas, G. H. Imlach, P. Higgins, W. H. Davidson, R. H. Naylor, H. M. Pruddah, E. D. Jones, F. C. Gaskin, T. P. Spiers, G. N. Burton.

Apologies for absence were received from:—J. M. Hough, D. B. Wallis, L. Wiard, H. G. W. Hughes-Games, D. B. Roberts, C. Hawkins, R. Ferguson, G. G. Foulds, D. W. D. Phillip, P. H. Scott, W. S. Wicks, P. H. Barlow, A. H. Hack, A. R. Hack, A. R. Stockdale, D. M. Dent, K. R. Imlach, R. Kershaw, G. F. Porter.

The claims of H.M. Forces account for the comparatively sparse turn-up of younger Old Boys; it is hoped that this will rectify itself by the time the 1947 dinner comes round.

Golf for the "Monsarrat Cup":—This competition, open to all Old Boys resident in or around the Liverpool area, will be played off in May on a Merseyside course. Members of the Liverpool Society will be notified of the date and course in the usual way, other Old Boys can enter if they enrol as members of the Society. All particulars can be had from G. F. Harnden, 35 Victoria St., Liverpool, r.

LONDON OLD BOYS' SOCIETY

Following the successful dinners held in Liverpool and Manchester it is intended to revive the London O.K.W. Society. Accordingly, although there are only unreliable records of members' whereabouts and its officers are limited to an Honorary Secretary designate in the person of Arthur Child, an informal dinner will be held in London at the

Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, W.C.2, at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14th, the eve of the England-Scotland Rugger match at Twickenham. It will greatly assist Child in making arrangements, if Old Boys will apply to him as early as possible for tickets, price 15s. 6d. each. Child's address is:—

c/o The British Thomson Houston Co., Ltd., Crown House, Aldwych, W.C.2.

Telephone: Temple Bar 8040, Extension 135.

Every effort is being made to get in touch with the majority of Old Boys in the London area, and it is hoped that a large proportion will be present. A number from the Liverpool and Manchester districts have already expressed their intention of attending, and the joint attraction of the International game and an Old Boys' reunion, should induce many more to travel.

The future activities of the Society may well be influenced by the success of this initial revival and it is hoped that all Old Boys who can possibly do so, will attend. The renewal of old friendships at the Liverpool and Manchester dinners seemed, after a lapse of seven hazardous years, to have special significance and there is little doubt that, provided it is well supported, the London dinner will equally be a special occasion.

MANCHESTER OLD BOYS' SOCIETY

Post-war activities were started by an informal Hot-Pot held in September at which about 50 were present. At that meeting J. G. Brown (1917-'22) was elected President for the 1946-'47 season, and H. C. Easton (1917-'22) and G. E. Heald (1935-'43) were elected joint honorary secretaries. It was decided that a dinner should be held in January, 1947.

This took place at the Albion Hotel on January 10th, when just under fifty attended. The shocking weather during the days preceding the dinner materially affected the attendance, and it is hoped that more local O.K.W.s will support future functions. The Vice-Principal, Canon E. H. Stenning, was the guest of the evening and responded in typical vein to the toast of "College," proposed by H. C. Easton. The President of the K.W.C. Society, A. D. Thomson, and J. G. Pugh, the Liverpool Society President, were also present. J. G. Brown presided.

There were present:—

College entry up to 1900: W. A. Carrington, T. H. G. Stevens, C. P. Yates.

College entry 1901-'10:—E. Craven, J. H. Wiles, A. Lee Smith,

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College entry 1911-'20: H. C. Easton, A. N. Dewhurst, W. S. Davies, L. Gadd, G. C. Humphreys, R. Kirkpatrick, R. C. Shepherd, G. W. Graves, E. U. H. Pentreath, R. L. Thomson, N. C. Woodhead, G. R. White, E. W. Potterton, R. Shillinglaw, A. N. Hydes, H. Burgess, F. Sleigh, J. H. Preston, N. S. Worthington, D. F. Mackay, J. G. Brown.

College entry 1921-'30: -N. A. Thomson, A. Aplin, R. H. Woods, R. K. Clough, K. B. Taylor, J. Sparkes, J. R. Tweedale, F. Sparkes, J. A. Woolley, A. H. Jones, J. Congden, J. G. Pugh, J. C. A. Ormrod, R. K. Evans, R. B. Rylance, W. H. Rylance, T. C.

College entry 1931-'40: J. E. Heald, D. C. Acton.

Following the dinner, officers and committee for the 1947-'48

season were nominated.

The annual subscription is the modest one of 2s .6d. and more members are wanted from the Manchester area. Will those Old Boys not already in touch with the Society, communicate with H. C. Easton, 3 St. James' Square, Manchester 2, or with J. E. Heald, Fern Bank, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, Manchester.

O.K.W.s living in the Manchester area or passing through the city, are reminded that Old Boys meet every Wednesday, for lunch at the Albion Hotel, Market Street, between 1 and 2 p.m. Any visitor

will be welcome.

THE KING WILLIAM'S LODGE No. 3383

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CHAPEL NOTES.

There was only one outside preacher during the term, the Rev. C. S. Milford, M.C., who represented the C.M.S.

Special collections were in aid of the Canterbury Cathedral Fund, Earl Haig's Poppy Fund, and at the Carol Service Dr. Barnado's Homes as usual. These collections realized respectively, £9 13s. od., £12 1s. 5d., and £33 16s. 1d.

Two Organ Recitals were given by Mr. Thompson during the term.

On the occasion of Mrs. Kniveton's departure from the College, we must assure her of our gratitude for her care of the altar, and her attention to the flowers and brasses.

The Choir sang two anthems.

"O Saviour of the World"

"The radiant morn has passed away" ... Woodward

Stanford's Te Deum in C was added to our Service Te Deums and sections suitable for congregational singing were selected.

On December, 1st the Choir, for the second year in succession, visited St. Olave's, Ramsey, and sang carols to a large congregation.

The Lord Bishop was present and gave the Benediction. The singing was of a high standard, and many warm appreciations of it were received. After the service tea was provided in the Church

Room by the generosity of several residents and parents of College boys.

Our own service of Carols took place on the following Sunday, December 8th. The Chapel was crowded, and the curious acoustic effect of such a concourse was to muffle the tone of the singing, and to deaden the ring of the voices. Nevertheless, the performance was meritorious and the old carols and hymns were heartily and worthily rendered by Choir and congregation. We heard L. New's swan song in his solo "Of the Father's love begotten," a fine ending to a fine treble career; and we enjoyed once again Canon Stenning's old Hereford carol "A Virgin Unspotted." J. Sansom made a competent King Wenceslas, and the various treble solo verses were all satisfactory.

Our Carol Service is now an insular event, and the interest taken in it, and the appreciation of it by so many friends of the College, are evidenced by the noble contribution which we are enabled to make annually to Dr. Barnado's Homes.

We would not wish to arouse heartburnings by grading the various voices in the Choir according to merit. The basses were weak, and some of their reading rather hazy, but there has been no lack of goodwill on their part, and they have shown an energy which many of the trebles might well imitate. On the whole the report on the Choir's activities for the term might read:—

"Good, but could do better."

FROM THE BARROVIAN OF FIFTY YEARS AGO. AMONG THE GERMANS

"I hate the Germans" is a sweeping assertion which one often hears from those who have formed their ideas of the Germans partly from the German Jew of the slums and the German waiter of the hotels, and partly from what they read of the occasional eccentricities of the German Kaiser; and whose prejudices have been accentuated by that red rag to the English John Bull "Made in Germany." A closer acquaintance quickly modifies any such hastily formed opinions of our Teutonic brothers. The following remarks are intended to refer to a few details in German life which strike the attention of a stranger.

The German, unlike the Englishman whose home is his castle, is content with a flat or half a flat and must therefore submit to some inconveniences. If he gives little dances or plays the piano too late at night he may have the police down on him for being a nuisance to his neighbours.

It is part of the education of every girl that she be sent away to live with some family, where she may learn the details of domestic economy. To be unable to cook would be a reproach and a shame.

The lady of the house does all the fine cooking herself, producing many a dish quite beyond the scope of the English £25 a year cook.

We obtained tickets of admission to the Reichstag one day. The building disappointed us sadly. The debating-room is to our House of Commons as an old third-class carriage is to a drawing-room saloon. We left earlier than we intended with the impression that business was not well managed and that they do things rather better at Westminster.

Education, like everything else in Germany, is cut and dried by the Government. In considering German schools the idea of boys grouped together in boarding-houses must be laid aside, for the German schoolboy is a dayboy. House matches are unknown because there are no houses and there are no matches. The method of settling quarrels is the duel. The two combatants stand opposite one another so close that the points of their sabres are almost touching their opponents' noses. There is no cut and no thrust, but the two stand perfectly stiff and try to slit one another's face. Should one of the combatants flinch, he is warned, but after the second warning his sabre is taken from him and he is branded as a coward.

FOUNDERS' DAY.

Thursday, October 17th, 1946

The "Isle of Man Times" said :-

"This was the first occasion on which his Excellency presided at a College Founder's Day, and he was accompanied by Lady Bromet. On the platform with the Governor and the Principal were the Governors and masters. The hall in which the ceremony was held was filled with parents and local and insular dignitaries.

At the outset the Principal reviewed the athletic, and academic activities of the past year, and mentioned particularly the Service honours gained by Old Boys, which included the appointment of Lieut. General A. Galloway, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., as G.O.C. Malayan Command. He referred also to the gift of £1,550 by the Shell Petroleum Company, in recognition of the award of the Victoria Cross to Major R. H. Cain, to found a scholarship at King William's College. Speaking on the impending changes in the education system, whereby the Minister of Education threatened to abolish the School Certificate Examination, the Principal said: "This examination has for many years been an object of abuse from impractical educationalists and idle schoolboys. But none of the theorists has suggested anything better. The Minister and her advisers can, I fear, have never had the practical task of getting pupils from the early age, when all learning is a thrill, through the doldrums, and into the Sixth Form where the excitement of tackling subjects one likes and discarding the others is generally sufficient to provide some inspiration. During the intermediate stage there must be an incentive, and this the School Certificate examination provides. I do most fervently hope that the educational powers that be will think again before abolishing this most valuable examination."

Dealing with the new scheme of education in the Isle of Man, which, the Principal remarked, was viewed with interest by all, he said: "The theory that every child is entitled to some form of secondary education is unimpeachable, though there must exist some doubt as to whether all children will be capable of benefitting from it. One must not lose sight of the fact that the grammar schools, by which I mean all schools, either secondary or public, which have offered a mainly academic course, have earned an honourable place in the service of this country. There is a chance, perhaps, that this new and admirable scheme, while reacting to the advantage of many, may be detrimental to this very important part of the educational system.

"So I would ask to be allowed to sound a warning trumpet that equality in education must not be developed at the expense of quality. There is a great deal of levelling in all walks of life to-day, and more often than not it becomes levelling down instead of levelling up. Let us hope that this will not be the case educationally."

The Governor was given a rousing reception when he rose. This was an occasion, he said, where he caught the reflection of his own school days, and he wondered if there was any useful message he could give them. He outlined the start of his own career, how the Navy had attracted him, and eventually how the flying business eventually caught his imagination. "Flying was in its infancy," added the Governor, "and very conveniently I broke a leg playing Rugger, and with the insurance money and with the help of my parents I transferred to the Royal Air Force. I am now, to use an airman's expression, 'grounded,' but with new responsibilities. You young gentlemen will be travelling a like road. Whatever the road, or wherever it takes you, the chance you now have to fill your reservoir of knowledge and general learning, from which you will need to draw on so heavily in later years, must on no account be missed. That is the message I want to give you. I know I missed my opportunities in my schoolboy days. If I had been given a tip that I must on no account miss my opportunities, I might have profited by it." The Governor concluded with an expression of gratification that College was regaining its normal appearance and routine and he hoped it would long survive to carry out the great and unchallenged service of turning out God-fearing men of character and learning to guide, inspire and lead our nation and Empire in the years to come."

The Governor then distributed the prizes as follows:-

BEQUEST PRIZES

Kempson Divinity Prize:
 Bishop Drury Divinity Prize:
 Walker History and Historical Geography Prize:
 Mitchell Prize for General Knowledge:
 Edgar Heald Prizes for General Knowledge:
 (1) P. H. T. Piehler;
 P. S. Nelson

Subsidiary Prizes: (Lower School):

(î) J. W. Corrin; (2) J. M. Nelson

(1) J. W. Corrin; (2) J. M. Nelson 6. Walker Greek Prize: (Not awarded) 7. Canon James Kewley Science Prize: 1045—R. R. A. Coles

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| | Biology: | 1945—R. R. A. Coles 1946—R. R. A. Coles |
| | Chemistry: | 1945—R. R. A. Coles 1946—J. R. G. George |
| | Physics: | 1945—P. J. M. Whyman 1946—D. C. Greenfield |
| 9. 10. | Kelly Manx Prize: Sir Frederick Clucas Choir Prize | C. A. Caine |
| 11. | | (alto), D. C. Greenfield (tenor) |
| 11. | Upper School: | W. K. Bazett |
| ** | Middle School: Archdeacon Kewley Mathematic | W. Bealby-Wright s Prize: D. C. Greenfield |
| 12. 13. | T. W. Cain Memorial Prize: | P. B. Jones |
| | SPECIAL PI | RIZES |
| 14. | Latin Prose Prizes: | D D Jones |
| | Senior: Junior: | P. B. Jones W. T. Hodgson |
| 15. | Greek Prose Prize: | (Not awarded) |
| 16. | English Prose Prize: | P. B. Jones I. J. Stewardson |
| 17. 18. | English Essay Prize: English Poem Prize: | (Not awarded) |
| 19. | English Speaking and Reading I | |
| | Upper School | |
| | Reading: | P. J. Henney |
| | Speaking: Middle School— | B. S. Johnston |
| | Reading: | L. A. W. New |
| | Speaking: | (1) W. Bealby-Wright |
| | I away Cahaal | (2) L. A. W. New |
| | Lower School— Reading: | R. G. Harper |
| | Speaking: | (1) R. G. Harper |
| | Mathamatical Ducklam Duigos | (2) G. B. Trustrum |
| 20. | Mathematical Problem Prize: "Reginald Walter Smith Prize | ze": D. C. Greenfield |
| 21. | Workshop Prizes: J. P. G. Higg | gins (UV); J. L. Darwent (LV) |
| 22. | Junior Science Prize: | (Not awarded) D. C. Greenfield |
| 23. 24. | Music Prize: Isle of Man Scientific Society P | |
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| Upp | GENERAL FOR | W PRIZES |
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| | History and Geography: | J. W. Caine |
| | French: Mathematics—"Algernon Ric | J. H. Kelly hard Prestwich Prize': |
| | | C. A. Caine |
| | Latin: Science: | W. T. Hodgson I. W. Scott |
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| Lower V— English Subjects: Latin—''George Mercer Tandy Prize'' French: Mathematics: Science: | A. B. Acton J. Higginbotham J. M. A. Connal A. H. Halstead A. B. Acton |
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| Upper IV— English Subjects: Latin: French: Mathematics: Science: Drawing: | F. R. Shimmin G. W. Swainson G. W. Swainson R. N. Waters R. N. Waters L. A. W. New |
| Middle IV— English Subjects: Latin: French: Mathematics: Drawing: Improvement Prize: | J. H. Watterson G. W. P. Waldron W. J. Harrison G. A. Cubbon J. S. G. Shimmin T. D. A. Thompson |
| Lower IV— English Subjects: Latin and French: Mathematics: Drawing: Improvement Prize: | P. W. White P. W. White G. B. Trustrum J. M. Watson H. S. Corlett |

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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER.

1946-1947

"Scire ubi aliquid invenire possis ea demum maxima pars eruditionis est.'

Who attended a midnight skating excursion.

2. Whose gaoler should have exhibited a "No instruments" notice.

3. Who was braver than Miss Muffett.

4. Who exploited his infant's muteness.

5. Who rebuked his sister for marrying thrice.

- 6. Who objected to being publicly décolletée before decollation.
- 7. Who wrangled with whom up the aisle.

8. Who preferred human to chevaline legs.

- 9. Who considered enlarging his Burke to carry his Bouncing
- 10. Who declared that either her guest or herself should leave the castle.
- 1, Empress Matilda; 2, Richard I's; 3, Bruce; 4, Edward I; 5; Henry VIII; 6, Mary Queen of Scots; 7, Queen Anne—Duchess of Marlborough; 8, George II; 9, William IV; 10, Queen Victoria.
 - 2. What is or was:
 - The City of Refuge.
 The City of the Sun.

3, The City of the Violated Treaty.
4 The City of the Saints.
5 The City of Legions.
6 The City of Brotherly Love.

- 7. The City of Destruction.8. The City of the Tribes
- 9. The City of Beautiful Nonsense.

10. The City of Lilies.

- r, Medina; 2, Heliopolis; 3, Limerick: 4, Montreal or Salt Lake City; 5, Caerleon on Usk; 6, Philadelphia; 7, The World of the Unconverted in Pilgrim's Progress; 8, Galway; 9, Novel by Temple Thurston; 10, Florence.
 - 3. 1. What did the birds call in the High Hall Garden.

2 What bird sings at Heaven's gate.

- 3. What bird went to Newgate.
- 4. What bird appeared in the motley rout.
- 5. What bird became part of sports equipment.

6. What bird woos the rose.

- 7. What milk-white bird droops like a ghost.
- 8. What crowned bird was Elizabeth's badge.
- 9. What bird found no rest for the sole of her foot.

ro. What bird responds to cries of Hi-Too.

- 1, Maud; 2, The Lark; 3, Grip the Raven; 4, Jackdaw of Rheims; 5, Alice's Flamingo; 6, The Nightingale; 7, The Peacock; 8, The Falcon; 9, The Dove; 10, The Wren.
 - 4. Of what places are or were the following people denizens:
 - 1. Nagas.
 - 2. Mancunians.

- Dravidians.
- 4. Innuit.
- Swahili.
- Sinhalese.
- Trinobantes.
- 8. Ainus.
- 9. Orcadians.
- 10. Acadians.
- 2, Manchester, 3, South India; 4, Greenland; I, Assam; 5, Zanzibar; 6, Ceylon; 7, Essex (Ancient Britain); 8, North Japan; 9, Orkneys; 10, Nova Scotia.
 - 5. From what point or points of the compass:
 - 1. came Kingsley's wind.
 - 2. was what cathedral drawn by Mr. Pecksniff.
 - 3. came the incautious consumer of frigid cereals.
 - 4. did the Protestant wind blow.
 - 5. comes the impossibility of amalgamation.
 - 6. blows the wind of a pileate connection.
 - 7. does the phantom go.
 - 8. does T. E. Brown align the Jurby-Point of Ayre coast.
 - 9. do the yellow roses droop.
- 10. do we come with songs every month.
- 1, N.E.; 2, N.S.E.W., S.E., N.W., Salisbury; 3, S.; 4, E.; 5, E. & W.; 6, S.W., 7, E.; 8, W. & E.; 9, S. 10, N.W.E.S.
- 6. Who died:
 - 1. from "an overdose of wedlock."
 - 2. of internal ignition.
 - 3. from the prick of a needle used on Sunday.
 - 4. from his Cardinal's cocktails.
 - on a gridiron.
 - 6. as a diet of worms.
 - 7. from an aspick's bite.
 - 8. from a knock on the head with a quart pot.
 - from immersion in Malvoisie.
 - 10. with a joyful spirit.
- 4, Alexander VI; 1, Socrates; 2, Krook; Bess Russell; 4, Alexander VI; 5, St. Lawrence; 6, Herod; 7, Cleopatra; 8, Mr. Bardell; 9, Duke of Clarence; 10, Sir Richard Grenville.
- 7. 1. What fruity transmogrification has Vanbrugh's chef d'œuvre achieved.
 - 2. What fruit did Richard III reserve as dessert to whose execution.
 - 3. Whose eating of what fruit caused an annual descent.
 - What fruit grows there where whose lips do smile.
 - 5. What fruit does what prophet blame for hereditary dental acidity.
 - 6. What fruit was Mrs. Norris assured by whom was "insipid at best.
 - 7. Whose royal head did the Mess symbolize at dessert by what fruit.

- 8. After what French Queen is what fruit named.
- 9. Who purchased what fruit at Samarcand as a panacea.
- 10. Affirmatively we are out of what.
- r, Blenheim orange; 2, Strawberries—Lord Hastings; 3, Pomegranate—Persephone; 4, Cherries—Julia; 5, Grapes—Ezekiel; 6, Apricot—Dr. Grant; 7, Pineapple—William IV; 8, Greengage— Queen Claude; 9, Apple—Prince Ahmed; 10, Bananas.
 - 8. Whose servant:
 - 1. poured beer into her master's gun
 - 2. ''kept the wicket.''
 - 3. assumed a niveous hue.
 - destroyed her master's masterpiece.
 - produced a pudding fit for a glass case.
 - 6. rode Dapple.
 - 7. served a brazen household. 8. married "her dear master."

 - 9. was good and faithful.
 - 10. ousted Sarah.
- 1, Mr. Varden's; 2, Mary's (the mother of Mark); 3, Elisha's; 4, Carlyle's; 5, Miss Matty's; 6, Don Quixote's; 7, The Brass's; 8, Mr. B's or Mr. Rochester's; 9, The King who delivered the talents; 10, Queen Anne's.
 - 9. 1. Who founded a Club in the painted porch.
 - 2. Of what Club were the 48 members painted by Kneller.
 - 3. What Club was founded by the Great Duke.
 - 4. What Club would you join if interested in fat cattle.
 - 5. What Club founder made the prefix of his name the suffix.
 - 6. Why has the Nihon-Jin-Kwai Club shut.
 - 7. What does the Gresham Club chieflly attract.
 - 8. What Club is the arbiter of Bridge.
 - 9. What Club was founded by Arthur. 10. What did Twemlow consider the best Club in London.
- 1, Zeno; 2, Kitcat; 3, Carlton; 4, Smithfield; 5, Almack; 6, For Japanese members; 7, Bankers; 8, Portland; 9, White's; 10, House of Commons.
- 10. 1. What Tennysonian character testifies to an alarm-clock shortage.
 - 2. What inter-town telephone would have obviated the equine draught of wine.
 - 3. Wireless would have roused the burghers of Carlisle more effectively than what.
 - 4. Whose Borrioboolan correspondence would have benefited by the typewriter.
 - 5. What Scott heroine would have found the Flying Scotsman advantageous.
 - 6. Where would a Hoover have been more efficient than Alpheus or Peneus.
 - 7. At what command performance would the sweet singer of Israel have been wise to substitute a gramophone.

- Who should have used a periscope instead of a burnished shield.
- Bellerophon would have discarded what, in favour of a helicopter.
- 10. Who need not have died with the Philistines, if he had used an atomic bomb.
- I, Queen of the May; 2, Ghent to Aix; 3, The red glare on Skiddaw; 4, Mrs. Jellyby's; 5, Jeanie Deans; 6, The Augean stables; 7, David harping to Saul; 8, Perseus; 9, Pegasus; 10, Samson.
- 11. What reign:
 - 1. lasted for one day.
 - 2. lasted for nine days.
 - 3. lasted for 29 days.
 - 4. lasted for five months.
 - 5. lasted for 72 years.
 - 6. was accomplished "with your loves."
 - 7. was that of "La Loca."
 - 8. ended with the Sea Green Incorruptible."
 - 9. was called "Pudding time."
 - 10. saw a pure court, a serene life, and a land in repose.
- 1, Henry V of France; 2, Jane Grey; 3, Umberto II; 4, Edward V; 5, Louis XIV; 6, Elizabeth; 7, Juana of Spain; 8, Reign of Terror; 9, George I; 10, Victoria.
- 12. I. What besides grog, do sailors measure by the glass.
 - 2. What Pope introduced stained glass to Rome.
 - 3. What misnomer do you connect with Cinderella's slippers.
 - 4. Who advocated the catching of the hare.
 - 5. Who demanded a glass of the rosy.
 - 6. Glass of ——, mould of ——
 - 7. Whose mirror cracked from side to side.
 - 8. What glass was guilty of "lese-majesty."
 - 9. How do we now see through a glass.
 - 10. Who sat on the royal wine-glass.
- I, Half-hours, or Barometric Pressure; 2, Leo III; 3, Vair (Sable) not verre (glass); 4, Mrs. Glasse; 5, Dick Swiveller; 6, Fashion—Form; 7, The Lady of Shalott's; 8, Snow-white's Queen; 9, Darkly; 10, Scott on George IV's.
- 13. I. What Bed was 12 feet square.
 - 2. Whose bed became a lupine lair.
 - 3. Where were the beds so soft that the flowers slept.
 - 4. What Welshman expiated his larceny in bed.
 - 5. What bed was the seat of justice.
 - 6. Who could not lend what because he was in bed,
 - 7. Where did the martlet make its pendent bed.
 - 8. Whose bed-ward rush was checked by Slow.
 - Who lent a narcotic bed.
 - 10. Who wrote of a terribly strange bed.
- 1, The bed of Ware; 2, Red Riding Hood's Grandmother's; 3, Looking Glass House Garden; 4, Taffy; 5, The French "Lit

- de justice"; 6, Pierrot-a pen, or Man in parable-three loaves; 7, Macbeth's Castle; 8, Sleepy Head; Roker in Pickwick; 10, Wilkie Collins.
- 14. Of what Psalms (number or opening words) are the following
 - 1. Dixit insipiens.
 - Coeli enarrant.
 - 3. Deus noster refugium.
 - 4. Notus in Judæa.
 - 5. Quam dilecta.
 - 6. Exsurgat Deus.
 - 7. Venite exultemus.
 - 8. Levavi oculos. 9. Domine, quis habitabit.
 - Dominus regit me.
- 1, 14—The fool hath said, or 53—The foolish body hath said; 2, 19—The heavens declare; 3, 46—God is our hope and strength; 4, 76—In Jewry is God known; 5, 84—O how amiable are Thy dwellings; 6, 68—Let God arise; 7, 95—O come let us sing unto 8, 121—I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; 9, 15— Lord who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle; 10, 23—The Lord is my Shepherd.
- What women are referred to in the following:

 - "The Woman Thou gavest me."
 "Peace Woman." The Bishop started.
 "He has bowed to that Woman."

 - 4. The Woman in White.
 - 5. A Woman of no importance.
 - The Woman of Knockaloe.
 - 7. The Moabitish Woman.
 - 8. The Scarlet Woman.
 - 9. "But you are such an unreasonable Woman" said Mr. Benjamin Allen.
 - 10. Little Women.
- 1, Eve; 2, Mrs. Proudie; 3, Anne Boleyn; 4, Anne Catherick; 5, Mrs. Arbuthnot; 6, Mona Craine; 7, Ruth; 8, Babylon; 9, Mrs. Raddle: 10. March sisters.
- 16. Who was the more famous sister of:
 - 1. Fatima.
 - 2. Helenus.
 - 3. Stheno.
 - 4. Anne of Wildfell Hall.
 - 5. Aglaia.
 - Marie-Christine of Saxony.

 - 7. Laurence Hope.8. Miss Barbary.
 - 9. Bianca.
 - 10. Mary Carey.
- 1, Sister Anne; 2, Cassandra; 3, Medusa; 4, Charlotte Bronte; Euphrosyne; 6, Marie Antoinette; 7, Victoria Cross; 8, Lady Dedlock; 9, Katharine the Shrew; 10, Anne Boleyn.

- 17. To what disaster do the following lines by whom refer:
 - 1. Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints whose bones Lie scattered on the Alpine mountains cold.
 - 2. A land breeze shook the shrouds And she was overset.
 - 3. But the noblest thing that perished there Was that young faithful heart.
 - 4. She with all a monarch's pride

..... Rushed to the battle, fought and died.

- 5. The shrieks of death through Berkeley's roof that ring Shrieks of an agonizing King.
- 6. While round the armed bands Did clap their bloody hands He nothing common did or mean.
- 7. Tell it not in Gath.
- Pubish it not in the streets of Askelon.
- 8. Who knows if he be dead? Whether I need have fled? Am I guilty of blood?
- 9. Christ save us all from a death like this
- On the reef of Norman's woe.
- 10. But now the inly-working North Was ripe to send its thousands forth

In Percy's and in Neville's right.

- 1, The Massacre in Piedmont. Milton; 2, The Royal George. Cowper; 3, Casabianca. Hemans; 4, Boadicea. Cowper; 5, Murder of Edward II. Gray; 6, Execution of Charles I. Marvell;
- 7, Death of Saul. David; 8, Attack on Maud's brother. Tennyson; 9, Wreck of the Hesperus. Longfellow; 10, Revolt of the Northern Earls. Wordsworth.
- 18. In 1946:
 - What Centenary reveals Boz as Editor.
 - 2. What Anglo Bornese Dynasty has ended.
 - 3. Who took and who left the helm.
 - 4. What Unity has China bestowed.
 - 5. Who has been called the Evangelical Bulldozer.
 - 6. What child of an American President has dissolved.
 - 7. What underground movement has infamed Mark Lane.
 - 8. Who has been claimed as Westminster's pin-up girl.
 - 9. What H has been dropped by a Peer.
- 10. To what Boldrewood novel should a sequel have been written.
- 1, Daily News; 2, Rajah of Sarawak; 3, The Queen and Molotov; 4, "Unity" the Panda; 5, Orsborn of the Salvation Army;
- 6, League of Nations; 7, Mark Lane renamed Tower Hill; 8, Mrs. Braddock; 9, The 'H' in Magna Charta; 10, The Squatters' Dream.

THE CONCERT.

The concert given on Saturday, 7th December, provided a pleasant evening's entertainment for College and for those comparatively few visitors who ventured out on such a raw December evening. The orchestra opened the proceedings with the minuet from Mozart's Symphony in E Flat, which proved a good choice, the music being enjoyable and within the compass of those players of modest ability who form the bulk of the orchestra. Our gratitude must moreover be expressed to friends of the College, without whose skilled and experienced playing the tale might have been very different.

All who remembered Mr. Mullens from before the war were delighted to find that his voice had not suffered in the Army. The applause which followed his rendering of Quilter's "Fair House of Joy" was well merited, and his choice of encore was a happy one. Manx songs are not so often sung at these concerts as they might be, and "Oh, what if the fowler my blackbird has taken" is a particularly beautiful one.

The substitution of Edward German's "A Country Dance" for "Old English Dance" by Quilter surprised very few. Its performance was what one expects of such players as Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Thompson, even in a Gym. not renowned for the excellence of its acoustics. We learnt regretfully that New's treble voice has lost some of its tone and richness, but if time is claiming his voice, growing experience in his playing of the violin makes some amends. He now plays with assurance and clarity, if not with great depth of tone. Mr. Pritchard's Junior Choir displayed a tendency towards untidy endings in their version of Handel's "Largo." The novelty of "John Cook's Mare" seemed to make greater appeal to the singers, and was consequently better performed.

The following orchestral pieces, "Slow Gavotte" and "March" by Woodhouse, were trivial pieces which can have done little to increase either the confidence or prestige of their performers. The orchestra urgently needs interested recruits, and weak music does little to attract them, or to increase the enthusiasm of existing members. Luckily the final item played, three short pieces by Beethoven, were immune from criticism. These were the Andante, the Minuet in G, whose graceful and flowing quality was well brought out, and the "Military March." This is not a very inspired work, but it is apparently necessary to conclude a set of pieces on a noisy note.

It is some years now since the old College song was last sung, and there cannot now be many boys who remember it. Thus the world première of "A Song of College," written and composed by Mr. Thompson and sung by Canon Stenning, was a notable occasion. The reception accorded its words and music encourages the hope that this may replace the song now no longer sung.

The importance of this event tended to shadow the song which preceded it. This, Glinka's "Midnight Review," the Canon sang most effectively, bringing out the sense of real affection which the French still feel for their Emperor.

C. A. Caine is undoubtedly one of the ablest pianists College has produced in recent years. However, it is safe to suggest that the

"Sequidillas" of Albeniz was quite unknown to all but a very few and while Caine has not yet the appreciation of the Spanish spirit which only greater study and greater maturity can give, neither can the majority of the audience have gained much pleasure from it. It was, in fact, an unhappy choice. Caine has a far greater understanding of Chopin and Beethoven, the playing of which at future concerts would certainly give greater pleasure.

The quartette, consisting of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Mullens and the Principal, rightly with such light fare made no attempt at pedantry, the songs being simply sung, and the voices blending well. The concert ended with a "Choral Fantasia an National Airs" sung by the choir. Apart from the misfire of a base lead near the end, the performance was of fair merit, without reaching the high standard the choir has previously set.

Even so, the effect of the singing was further marred by faulty discipline. Bad grouping, distracting movements, and anything out of visual or aural harmony can all detract from a choral performance.

As a final word, this Christmas concert, which had no hint of Christmas in it, though not perhaps of outstanding merit, nevertheless provided a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

PROGRAMME

| | 1 ROOM MILE |
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| ı. | MINUET from Symphony in E flat |
| 2. | SOLO—"Fair House of Joy" Quilter Mr. H. G. Mullens |
| 3. | PIANO DUET—"A Country Dance" Edward German Mr. C. Pritchard and Mr. D. Thompson |
| 4. | SOLO—''Farewell to Summer'' Noel Johnson L. New |
| 5. | VIOLIN SOLO—"Rondo" Rieding L. New |
| 6. | CHORAL ITEMS— (i) "Come, Gladsome Spring" Handel (ii) "John Cook's Mare" Junior Choir |
| 7. | ORCHESTRAL ITEMS— (i) Slow Gavotte (ii) March |
| 8. | SOLO—"The Midnight Review" |
| 9. | PIANO SOLO—"Sequidillas" |
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- rg. QUARTETTE— (i) "Ye Banks and Braes" arr. Barnby (ii) "The Goslings" Frederic Bridge Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Mullens, The Principal
- ORCHESTRAL ITEMS— (i) Andante
 (ii) Minuet in G
 (iii) Military March Beethoven
 The Orchestra
- 12. CHORAL FANTASIA on National Airs Vincent
 The Choir

THE KING

THE SOCIETIES.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President: W. L. HANDYSIDE, Esq. Vice-President: M. J. M. CURRAN, Hon, Secretary and Treasurer: P. B. JONES. Hon, Sergeant-at-Arms: G. F. CRELLIN,

The term has been a most successful one for the Society in every way. Meetings have been held every Friday evening, as last term, and a varied programme of activities has been enjoyed. The first two meetings had perforce to be devoted to business, but it may now safely be said that the Constitution of the Society, the discussion of which took up so much time last year, has now reached its permanent form, and copies of it have been printed, and distributed to members.

The next two meetings were spent in play reading, the play chosen being "The Silver Tassie," by Sean O'Casey. The play, which deals with the First World War, contains both tragedy and humour. It was greatly appreciated by most of the members, probably because of the lively wit which is constantly in evidence.

On Friday, October 25th a public debate was held on the motion "That in the opinion of this House the School Certificate Examination in its present form ought to be abolished." The proposer was Mr. P. S. Nelson, seconded by P. J. Henney; and the opposer Mr. C. A. Caine, seconded by Mr. B. E. Stokes. A large number of points were made, both by the principal speakers and by those who spoke from the floor of the House, the standard of the latter being notably high. However, nothing could shake the conservative instincts of the House, and the motion was defeated by 30 votes to 16.

The next meeting, on Friday, November 1st, was divided between two informal discussions, the first being on the film "Caesar and Cleopatra," which most of the members had seen the previous evening, and the second on "British Foreign Policy." Opinions were expressed more freely than in the formal atmosphere of a

debate, but lack of time prevented either subject being discussed as fully as had been hoped.

On Friday, November 8th, a joint meeting was held with the Manx Society, at which we were privileged to hear a talk by the Speaker of the House of Keys (Mr. J. D. Qualtrough) on "The Constitution of the Isle of Man." Mr. Qualtrough dealt ably with every aspect of his subject, but in spite, or perhaps because of this he had to face a barrage of questions afterwards, all of which he dealt with to the satisfaction of the questioners.

The next two meetings were occupied with the reading of "The Duchess of Malfi," by John Webster. This play, which bears many resemblances to a Shakespearian tragedy, was a great contrast to the previous one, but its awesome splendour could not fail to be admired, if not appreciated, while it also contains many passages of great beauty and charm.

On Saturday, November 16th, the Society again joined with the Manx Society in an expedition to the House of Keys and the Manx Museum, followed by tea at Collinson's Cafe. We are grateful to our guides, Mr. Qualtrough at the House of Keys and Dr. Bersu at the Museum, for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

The final meeting of the term took the form of a public debate away from the usual pattern. A number of passengers were supposed to be in a plane which was about to crash, and the object of the debate was to decide who should have the only parachute available, the cause of each passenger being advocated by one of the speakers. The evening was more of an entertainment than a serious debate, and so it was regarded by the 41 people who voted in favour of Betty Grable, who headed the poll. Sir Alexander Fleming came second with 25 votes, and the remaining passengers were well behind.

In conclusion we must mention the two successful expeditions of VI Formers organised by the Society, one to the film "Caesar and Cleopatra" and the other to the Brains Trust. At the Brains Trust the Question Master specially complimented us on the fine set of questions which we sent in.

MUSIC CLUB.

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: D. THOMPSON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: I. J. STEWARDSON.

Hon. Treasurer: C. A. R. WILSON.

Committee Members: R. D. BUTLER, B. S. JOHNSTON, B. E. STOKES, M. W. S. BARLOW.

During the term, the club held three meetings. At the first, which was held on the 5th October, three new members, Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Barlow, were elected to the committee. The Honorary Treasurer also read a financial statement for the Easter Term.

Mr. Pritchard then gave a lecture, in which he demonstrated the

construction of simple melodies, and showed its application to compositions of a more complicated nature.

The meeting of the 2nd November was devoted to the annual concert in miniature. This is usually held on the first meeting of each school year, but its postponement on this occasion gave more leisure for its preparation. The programme as usual was admirably arranged by the Vice-President and the performance of it was more than satisfactory.

Finally, a meeting was held on the 23rd November, when Mr. Johnston lectured on "The Waltz." He first sketched the origin of the dance, and then showed how its music had developed, reviewing the different parts it has played in both Salon, Opera and Ballet. Notable amongst the lecturer's choice of illustrations were works by Brahms, Chopin, Strauss and Délibes. The performance of them was divided between the Vice-President and Mr. C. Caine, who have both given valued service throughout the term. Besides them Mr. L. New, Mr. T. Kelly, and the Vice-Principal as soloists, and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Mullens and the President as members of a well-balanced quartette, have entertained the Club at its meetings, and thanks are now offered to them for their service.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL. Vice-President: S. BOULTER, Esq. Chairman: W. S. FIELDHOUSE, Esq. Hon. Secretary: G. F. CRELLIN Hon, Treasurer: N. H. SCOTT.

Committee Members: M. W. S. BARLOW, P. G. BLACK, R. D. BUTLER, H. J. CAIN.

During the term three meetings were held, each with an attendance above average.

At the first meeting, the first lecture, entitled "Blood," was given by the Hon. Secretary. The composition of the blood and its functions in the body, together with a concise outline of the respiratory and circulatory systems, were explained. The lecture was illustrated by suitable slides. The second paper on "Some Experiments with Iodine and its Compounds" was a joint effort by the Hon. Treasurer and R. Butler. It included some interesting and well performed experiments on velocity of reactions using hydrogen peroxide and acidified potassium iodide solutions, and on the polymorphism of mercuric iodide.

The second meeting, an open one, held on November 7th, was devoted to a most interesting lecture by H. M. Rogers on "The Birds of Languess." The lecturer illustrated his talk by lantern slides of his own preparation. Mr. Rogers did not confine his talk to Languess but included suitable examples of specimens from all parts of the Island. The lecture was followed by an excellent display of bird skins by Mr. Rogers (Jnr.), a Barrovian; the skins were well prepared and in a good state of preservation,

It is suitable at this juncture to express our very sincere thanks to Mr. Rogers for enrolling the College Scientific Society into the ''British Empire Naturalists Association'' and paying our first year's subscription. A subsequent vote proved the Society to be unanimously in favour of the proposal for affiliation.

The last meeting, a joint one with the Photographic Society, was held on December 3rd. The main business was a lecture by M. Barlow on 'Colour Photography' apparently a subject of traditional family interest. The subject matter of the lecture had been admirably prepared and the lecturer was fully conversant with its historical and modern aspects. An admirable collection of slides loaned by 'Dufay-Chromex Ltd.,' served to illustrate the intricate details of the process.

MANX SOCIETY.

President: THE PRINCIPAL. Chairman: H. G. MULLINS, Esq. Hon Secretary: N. H. SCOTT.

This term the Society has had a very full programme, and altogether five meetings and one expedition have been held. At the beginning of the first meeting of the term, held on October 10th, five new members were elected, namely Messrs. P. G. Black, E. B. Selkirk, P. S. Nelson, J. S. Sansom and B. S. Johnston, leaving one place vacant. Mr. P. B. Jones then read a short paper on "Bishop Barrow," which gave us many interesting facts to discuss.

On October 30th, Mr. Samuel Norris honoured the Society by a talk on the "Tourist Industry of the Isle of Man." He astonished everyone by the manner in which he related facts and figures to illustrate his lecture, which was very instructive and gave us a new perspective on the tourist industry.

A joint meeting with the Literary and Debating Society was held on November 8th, at which Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, S.H.K., gave a talk on the "Constitution of the Isle of Man," in which he described the internal administration of Tynwald Court, the House of Keys, and the Tynwald Boards.

As a sequel to the previous meeting an expedition of the two Societies was held on November 16th. It began with a visit to the House of Keys, where the Speaker cleared up a few points made in his talk at College, after which the party went on to the Manx Museum, where Dr. Bersu explained the work done at the excavations at Balladoole, and illustrated his talk with many exhibits. The expedition concluded with an excellent tea at Collinson's Cafe.

The next meeting was held on November 21st, when Mr. M. J. M. Curran read a paper on "The Quayles of Bridge House." This paper, later described as an Irish interpretation of Manx History was, if not very accurate, very amusing and interesting.

For our last meeting we are indebted to Mr. T. C. Greenfield, who came to College on December 4th, to give a talk on the "Island's Water Supply." This lecture, illustrated by maps, was most

instructive, and also showed us how the water supply of the Island can be further developed.

We are grateful this term for the use of the Chairman's study as a meeting place, and also we do not forget the many happy hours spent in Mrs. Wilson's drawing-room during the war, and even, on occasion, in peace.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL. Chairman: A. L. COOIL, Esq. Hon. Secretary: M. W. S. BARLOW. Hon. Treasurer: E. B. SELKIRK.

The term has, on the whole, been a very successful one. Three lectures have been given; one by the Hon. Secretary on "Indoor Photography" at the beginning of term, and one by Mr. Wood on "Photo-engravure and Block-making" towards the end. The third lecture was held in conjunction with the Scientific Society, and was delivered by the Hon. Secretary on "Colour Photography."

Some very unusual prints have been produced by various members, and an (almost) infallible—if expensive—system of copying has been developed. Messrs. Maley have again sent us a large parcel, for which we are very grateful. The Society is attempting to acquire an electric glazier and drier, which will be very useful, particularly in the summer, when the heating is off.

Two new members have been elected—Messrs. A. R. R. Cain and P. C. G. Fletcher, and our numbers now stand at the maximum of twelve.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

President: J. FOSTON, Esq. Vice-President: J. W. CORRIN. Hon. Secretary: F. R. SHIMMIN. Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: W. J. CORLETT.

This term we welcome Mr. Foston as our President. He took over the duties during the term and we are very grateful to him. We must not forget Mr. McGovern, whose place Mr. Foston has taken. We thank him very much for his valuable assistance in previous terms.

During the term there were five meetings, the first of which took place on September 27th. On this occasion a very interesting discussion about the Society took place.

The second meeting for the term took the form of a debate— "Should games be compulsory at Public Schools?" This was proposed by D. Bardsley and opposed by J. Lowey. The motion was won be 12 votes to 9.

The third meeting of the Society was held on October 21st, and took the form of a "quiz." Each hostel house was represented.

The first part was won by Dickson House, and the second part by Walters. The question master was J. W. Corrin.

The fourth meeting was held in Mr. Foston's study, and took the form of five-minute lectures. Several boys gave lectures, and when a vote was taken L. New was adjudged to have given the best lecture. The second place was awarded to N. Watson, and the third to J. W. Corrin. H. Baker is to be congratulated on a fine effort for a boy of his age.

The last meeting of the term was held on December 2nd. This consisted of a most interesting spelling-bee.

We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Foston for the use of nis warm and comfortable study for our meetings. On the whole the term was a great success for the Society.

CHESS CLUB.

Chairman: A. J. GRANT, Esq. Hon. Secretary: P. B. JONES, Hon. Treasurer: I. J. STEWARDSON.

During the term the Club has held regular meetings, which have been extremely well attended.

23 new members have joined the Club, and consequently it has been necessary to purchase some new equipment, which we are fortunate to have got at a remarkably low price. Although the majority of members are extremely young, their keenness is most marked, and we can only hope that it will be maintained. It has not been possible to raise a team of sufficient strength to play any matches this term, but we hope to arrange fixtures with the Douglas Chess Club for next term.

A tournament has been held in two sections to determine the relative strength of the new members, and to arouse interest among them, and it has succeeded in both its objects. We hope that with time and practice the Club may be able to produce a strong team in the not-too-distant future.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

President: L. DEHAENE, Esq. Chairman: J. FOSTON, Esq. Hon. Secretary: B. S. JOHNSTON.

Our programme for the term consisted of four meetings, all devoted to lectures by various members. At the first meeting the Hon. Secretary spoke on the subject of that much misunderstood country, Ireland, and endeavoured to explain the situation which prevails there. His talk was interrupted by audible comments of a none too helpful nature, but nothing daunted, he pursued his subject to the finish, and a lively discussion ensued, not without some more merriment at the expense of the speaker and his nationality.

On October 21st, Mr. Handyside delivered a brilliant.and eloquent speech of some length on the study of Modern Languages in general. He outlined the reasons for the choice of French as the most frequently taught language, and gave some useful tips on the best approach to the subject. Lack of time prevented any discussion, but the Chairman found time to remind us of his well-known views on the key to the mastery of the French tongue.

At the next meeting Mr. B. E. Stokes gave a talk on his experiences in France during the summer holidays. This was of great interest as being a first-hand account of present conditions in that country. Many questions were asked, and the lecturer is to be congratulated on the wealth of information he gave us.

The fourth and last meeting of the term was held on November 25th, when the Chairman gave us an interesting and amusing talk on his wartime travels abroad. His subject was North Africa, which he described in a clear, methodical way, referring both to the land itself and to the seemingly ridiculous peculiarities of the people.

Attendance has been very good at all meetings, and three new members have been elected to our select ranks. Our thanks are due to the Chairman for the use of his study and to the various speakers for their interesting and edifying talks.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Society has been started this term and has already met with considerable success. Meetings have been held every Wednesday evening and the programmes have included auctions, a quiz, and various other items. An exhibition was held towards the end of term, and was a great success. We are grateful to L. Sims, Esq., and H. F. Turner, Esq., who lent us a valuable collection of stamps for the occasion. During the term they also sent us selections of approvals, which have helped to stimulate interest in the Society.

HOUSE NOTES.

SCHOOL HOUSE

Head of House: C. A. R. WILSON.
Sub-Præpositor: P. B. JONES.
House Præpositors: I. J. STEWARDSON, J. S. SANSOM,
B. E. STOKES, J. S. SOUTHWARD, M. F. HOSKING.

At the beginning of this term it appeared that School House had a reasonable chance of winning the Under 16 Rugby Shield, but we were seriously handicapped by the loss of the captain, Landon, with a broken wrist, and we lost a close game with Colbourne, the eventual winners. However, the team played very well and has no reason to be ashamed of its performance. The captaincy was taken over by R. T. G. Dutton, who was awarded his XL Colours, together with D. C. Lowey and M. I. Graham, the last-named being fresh

from Junior House. There is considerable promise in the lower part of the House, which augurs well for the future. The new boys were all from Junior House, and are very promising.

We were sorry to lose our matron, Mrs. Kniveton (Mrs. Hunt), on the occasion of her marriage, and extend our good wishes to her for the future. This loss is counterbalanced by the fact that Miss Carless, after years of faithful service in the Hostel, is coming to be our matron, and we hope to be able to provide the rest and quiet which she so richly deserves!

The Hallowe'en duck-apple ceremony was held as usual on the night of October 31st, and is one which provides great fun for spectators and participants alike, even for the unfortunate small boy who succeeds every year in spending a good quarter-of-an-hour with his head at the bottom of the tub before obtaining his reward.

The House Concert was held on the last Monday of term. There were many vistors present including one former member of the House, A. E. Chapman. The evening was a great success, the main feature being the Preproom Chorus. There were no leavers, so the Concert closed on a cheerful note.

COLBOURNE HOUSE

Head of House: M. J. M. CURRAN.

Præpositor: G. F. WHITE.

House Præpositors: P. J. HENNEY, D. M. WATTERSON,
R. D. BUTLER, P. H. T. PIEHLER.

The "Under 16" XV did well to win the Shield, beating School House (10—0), Walters (15—3) and Hunt (9—0) in the final. The whole team played as a team and won for that reason. R. N. Waters, son of R. F. Waters (O.K.W.), captained the side well.

We now hold the Senior and Junior Rugby, and the Swimming, Fives, and Scout Shields, but are likely to lose some of them before long.

This term is the first which we have spent in our new quarters. The two Senior Dorms are now in the old Sick quarters, and the Junior Dorm used to be the old combined Hostel Junior Dorm. The new arrangement is working well as it is much better to have our own dormitories. Numbers in the House are a record—48.

We have done well in work this year with a record number of Certificates, five Higher School Certificates. and seven School Certificates. Congratulations to R. R. A. Coles on winning the Henry Bloom Noble University Scholarship; he has gone to Clare College, Cambridge, to read medicine. Did we hear that he turned down a Cambridge Freshers' Rugby Trial owing to the pressure of work?

Leavers last term: A. D. Clague, R. R. A. Coles, D. C. Greenfield, F. R. V. Abraham.

New boys this term: Condra J. T., Dunkerley I., Lace J. H.,
Lightfoot J. S., Logan I. E. D. B., Parkinson J. H., Watterson A. M., Watson P. J.,
Ward L.

We were pleased to see the following Old Boys this term: J. L. Chambers (who is playing for Hampshire and Blackheath), J. H. Radcliffe, C. F. Quirk.

Congratulations to M. J. M. Curran, G. F. White and P. J. Henney on their 1st XV Caps and to D. M. Watterson on his 2nd XV Cap.

DICKSON HOUSE

Head of House: G. F. CRELLIN.
Sub-Præpositor: E. B. SELKIRK.
House Præpositors: J. E. M. CORKILL, I. D. WOOD,
A. R. R. CAIN.

This letter idea worries us. Whom are we addressing? Those who do not know already, are probably not interested anyway. However, the facts are there. With the thirteen new arrivals this term, we now fill both dormitories on the top floor. The new boys incidentally have an effect upon the character of the House. Certainly as far back as the time of the father of the present head of the House and possibly further, Dickson has been traditionally the House for Island boys. We like the Island boys and do not want the tradition broken; but it is probably a good thing that nearly half of us are now from the mainland. The more visitors from the other island that we can train to be good Manxmen, the better.

J. E. M. Corkill, I. D. Wood and A. R. R. Cain were appointed house præs at the beginning of the term. Selkirk and Cain have been regular members of the College XV; G. F. Crellin, I. D. Wood, and D. W. B. Jones have occasionally played. We have no shields yet—in fact, our "Under 16" XV was knocked out in the first round—but they are coming.

The House room has at last acquired a wireless. Mr. G. P. Crellin has presented it in the name of his son, and we are very grateful to him for his kindness and generosity.

At the end of the term we lose D. W. B. Jones, L. W. P. Dodgson and F. H. Wood; and the end of the term is nearly here. Best of luck to them, and greetings to the old members of Dickson House who may chance to read this.

WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House: J. W. RADCLIFFE.
Præpositors: P. G. BLACK, W. C. HOLMES.
House Præpositors: H. J. CAIN, M. W. S. BARLOW,
E. H. CORRIN, P. S. NELSON.

Forty-eight is almost certainly a record number for the House. Of this number nineteen are in the Sixth Form, and therefore holders of School Certificates—an indication of the high standard we boast. This standard, however, is by no means confined to the academic side of school life.

Radcliffe, Holmes, Robinson, Barlow G., Higginbotham and Black are all 1st XV colours, H. J. Cain, Fletcher and P. Nelson are

and XV colours, and Strickett, Taylor, Bardsley and Thompson gained XL's. The only shield competed for this term was the Junior Rugger. Here we were defeated 15—3 by the eventual winners, Colbourne House, but in crossing their line we achieved more than their opponents in the Final, Hunt House. The team, captained by Strickett B., was distinguished by its effective, not to say bloodthirsty, tackling.

Walters is the mainstay of the J.T.C., having eight N.C.O.'s. This term the Certificate "A" results were reasonable in Part 1,

though rather disappointing in Part II.

We were visited this term by several Old Boys, amongst whom was J. P. Thorp, now Headmaster of Wellington School, Somerset. M. S. Fraser was seen in Chapel one Sunday night, and we have also received D. J. Holt, J. J. Forrester and P. Worsley.
Our prestige is still maintained in Chapel. We are the proud

leaders of the congregation, mainly due to the stalwart efforts of M. W. S. Barlow.

Finally, we extend a welcome to our nine newcomers, and offer our best wishes to those boys who have left, or are about to leave us.

JUNIOR HOUSE

Twenty-one new boys have turned up this term. However, we are quite used to this sort of thing, and the walls have bulged for many years without quite falling down. An equal number have departed, and we begin again all under twelve, with only six of the Scout Troop and four of the Rugger team left.

In work, van Issum, Trustrum, and White P. have reached the mythical heights of UIVA, White at what must be the lowest age for a long time. We have a strong contingent of new boys in LIV. though most of them will not be with us more than one year. At the other end Miss Clague is striving with some real examples of perverted ingenuity; not a bad thing, as they remind masters that other

much maligned juniors are not as bad as they might be!

We have begun to learn something about Rugger. novelty wore off we hoped to have some games with boys from the senior school, but they seem to have been too busy with Junior House Matches. Perhaps we shall have better luck next term, and hope we shall do as well as last year. Robertson R. and Keig P. (Capt.) are left from last year's forwards, and Harper R., Quirk S. and Jenkins have also been playing well. Among the backs, two newcomers, Watterson J. S. and Lee, have made their mark.

The Junior Scout troop and Cub pack have been going strong, and their activities provide a great deal of variety. Patrols are run in conjunction with House sections, which provide competitions in numerous spheres, including Rugger. Patrol matches can sometimes have quite a House match atmosphere, and even a run comes

to life if there are points to be gained.

We are now coming to the end of the first term for many and the last for a few. There has been much sorting out and settling down. Life in Junior House is very much of a yearly cycle, and the foundation is relaid each autumn. Last year was one of the better ones, and this can be at least equally good.

HUNT HOUSE

Head of House: T. G. KELLY.
Præpositor: N. H. SCOTT.
House Præpositors: W. K. BAZETT, W. R. COSTAIN, R. S. MIDDLETON.

This term has, on the whole, been fairly successful. The House was called upon to defend the Under 16 Rugger, Shield in dreadful weather conditions, and, although it was lost to Colbourne House, the team, under the able supervision of their captain, gave of their best. This victory in defeat was mainly due to the hard work put in by Kelly and Messrs. Nelson, Grant and Smeeton.

We were glad to see a former Head of House, A. V. Aston, playing rugby several times against the 1st XV this term, and also a number of other former members of the House.

Leavers this term are Kelly T., Davy J. R., and Leach. Of these Kelly especially will be sadly missed; the House has owed much to his inspiring leadership during the past four terms. We wish all the leavers the best of luck in the future.

J.T.C. NOTES.

Captain H. G. Mullens took over command of the contingent from Captain W. K. Smeeton, this term. The latter is now second-incommand, and we have also the assistance of and Lieutenant J. Foston. The total strength of the contingent has risen above 160, and our establishment has been increased to 150.

This was partly due to the disbanding of the A.T.C., which brought us a small group of highly placed people who had already passed Certificate "A" Part I, and had held non-commissioned rank in the junior service. These undertook to attempt Part II of the certificate examination this term, and they were all successful. Of the candidates who sat for the examination, 26 out of 30 passed in Part I, and 12 out of 18 in Part II.

The training during the term has been varied. It has included almost continuous use of the miniature range, and also a whole day exercise, spent by the post-Part I cadets on a T.E.W.T. and by the pre-Part I cadets in individual stalks and observation exercises. This took place in the region of Round Table and Cringle Farm. This term time for parades has been reduced to a single afternoon each week; but it is intended to make the fullest use of the time that we have.

N.C.O.'s for the term were:-

C.S.M.: C. A. R. Wilson. C.Q.M.S.: H. J. Cain.

J. M. Curran, I. J. Stewardson (D/Major), Sergeants:

B. E. Stokes.

Corporals:
G. S. Barlow, P. G. Black, W. K. Bazett,
Lance-Corporals:
J. S. Sansom, P. H. T. Piehler, J. E. Kneen,
T. M. Robinson, G. F. White, T. N. Atkinson,
R. S. Middleton, E. B. Selkirk, P. C. G. Fletcher,

J. Simpson, W. B. Wilson.
J. L. Darwent, J. W. Radcliffe, T. G. Kelly, G. F. Crellin. A/L/Corporals:

THE SCOUTS

The high light of the term for the whole of College Group was the presentation of a richly-deserved Medal of Merit to Mr. Christal. The ceremony took place in the Gym. on 8th October. The Medal was presented by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Patron of the Island Association. The Island Commissioner, the Rev. J. H. B. Sewell, the Principal and Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Christal were also present. In spite of the number of recruits present, the whole parade was commendably steady, the Cubs winning a special word of commendation.

With the increased numbers, the School Troop has been divided into two, but none the less presents a severe problem to the scouters available. Outdoor training has taken place whenever the weather has permitted, and a large-scale wide game took place in the after-noon on Field Day, when First-class Scouts experimented with more advanced training at Quayle's Orchard, some of it, we hear, perilously near the tree tops. Indoors, a lack of space has been felt, which makes competitive games difficult. Test work, however, is less obstructed, and several proficiency badges have been gained.

Junior Troop, left with only five old scouts, has been making a fresh start, but recruits, both those from the clubs and newcomers, promise well, and eight have already passed their Tenderfoot tests. On Field Day the troop visited Barrule plantation, where the wide game revealed more enthusiasm than cunning, and speed in attack prevailed over defence. Considerable interest has recently been shown over road safety, ending in what may be described as a Saturday afternoon hards Saturday afternoon burlesque. Some energetic work in the clothing department has much improved the turn-out of the troop.

The Cub Pack are as lively as ever in spite of their heavy contribution to the Scouts in personnel. Field Day found them stalking each other and making fires on Langness, and now they are quite frightening the Junior Troop by the amount of signalling that goes Well done! There is no one more welcome to a Scoutmaster than a good ex-Cub.

THE CHINA CUP

An announcement of the winner of the China Cup (for the best all-round sportsman of the year) has not been made since 1939.

The following are the winners:—

... C. J. W. Bell ... H. Luton 1940

1941 1942 ... J. H. Radcliffe 1943 ... G. E. Heald

1944 ... M. E. C. Bemrose 1945 ... L. R. Smith 1946 ... J. R. G. George

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Colours for Season 1946 were awarded as follows:-

1st XV: J. W. Radcliffe, T. G. Kelly, W. C. Holmes, T. M. Robinson, G. F. White, G. L. Ranscombe, G. S. Barlow, M. J. M. Curran, C. A. R. Wilson, P. J. Henney, J. Higginbotham, E. B. Selkirk, A. R. R. Cain, W. R. Costain, P. G. Black.

2nd XV: G. F. Crellin, D. W. B. Jones, N. H. Scott, G. D. Craine, D. M. Watterson, J. S. Southward, P. S. Nelson, I. D. Wood, J. L. Collings, M. F. Hosking, J. H. Kelly, J. S. Chester, H. J. Cain.

Colts Colours: J. Landon, R. N. Waters.

XL Colours: R. T. G. Dutton, D. C. Lowey, M. I. Graham, N. A. Shah, J. M. Watson, V. Toulmin, T. D. H. Taylor, T. D. A. Thompson, D. C. Bardsley, R. Nelson, J. R. Davy, R. Corkill.

REVIEW OF SEASON, SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER, 1946

Played 14; Won 10; Lost 4; Drawn 0; Points for 230; against 95.

SCHOOL MATCHES

| Matches at College— | | |
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| Sat., Nov. 2nd Liverpool College | Won | 39 0 |
| Sat., Nov. 23rd Ellesmere College | Won | 18 o |
| Sat., Nov. 30th Wallasey G. S. | Won | 67 o |
| Sat., Dec. 7th Stonyhurst College | Lost | 626 |
| Half-Term Tour— | | |
| Tues., Nov. 12th St. Bees School (Waterloo) | Lost | 313 |
| Thurs., Nov. 14th Rossall School (Waterloo) | Lost | 319 |
| Christmas Tour— | | |
| Sat., Dec. 14th Liverpool College (Liverpool) | Won | 23— o |
| Mon., Dec. 16th Merchant Taylors' (Crosby) | Won | 8 o |
| Wed., Dec. 18th Birkenhead School (Birkenhead) | | 0-13 |
| | | -3 |
| SERVICES AND CLUB MATCHES | | |
| Sat., Oct. 5th Waterloo "A" (Home) | Won | 9 5 |
| Sat., Oct. 12th H.M.S. Valkyrie (Home) | Won | 9 3 |
| Sat., Oct. 19th Old Boys' XV (Home) | \mathbf{Won} | 20 3 |
| Sat., Oct. 26th H.M.S. Valkyrie (Home) | \mathbf{Won} | 11— 8 |
| Sat., Sept. 28th H.M.S. Valkyrie (Home) | Won | 14 5 |

With a nucleus of ten of last year's XV left we looked forward to another good season and although the XV did not develop as well as had been expected, Radcliffe, who captained the side very well, has no need to feel despondent over the results. A glance at previous "Barrovians" will show that this was a record season for interschool matches—four of them being at College. Five were won and four lost with a total of 167 points against our opponents' 71. The visits of Stonyhurst and Ellesmere by air broke new ground and were enjoyed by all; Wallasey too, who came by sea, was a new fixture.

Stonyhurst, St. Bees and Rossall all had very good sides; St. Bees beat Sedbergh and drew with Stonyhurst, and Sedbergh beat Oundle and Uppingham. All these schools have 400-500 boys over 13 years of age whereas we have only 150 of that age. When these schools are strong even our best has little hope of beating them; when we are at our strongest and they are only moderate we can hope to win. It as well to state matters plainly because the fixture list has been made the strongest in the history of the College for a definite purpose—to improve the standard of College Rugby for the benefit of the players—and it would be a pity if that purpose were spoilt by a growing inability to accept defeat cheerfully, if well merited. Again it would be a pity if parents and Old Boys—more enthusiastic supporters of the XV no school can claim to have were led to believe that College Rugby is in a decline. It was easy to maintain an almost unbeaten record when the opposition was moderate; it will be much more difficult in subsequent years. Perhaps the most illuminating Press report was that in the "Liverpool Post" of Dec. 7th, in which there was a report of the Stonyhurst game under big black type—"King William's College beaten." matches with these schools we have against Rossall lost 9, won 3; against St. Bees lost 5, won 2 and drawn; 1 and against Stonyhurst lost 5, won 2 and drawn 1.

The weakness in this year's XV which was soon evident was not unexpected. Two new centres had to be found and there were no really class centres in the school. Higginbotham was not available until half-term at full-back, Costain deputising for him quite successfully. Craine, who looked promising, broke his collar-bone and was not available for the rest of the season. Finally Costain and Black filled the two vacancies, but both lacked thrust, were incapable of making good openings for their wings, and lacked a strong defence. Radcliffe and Henney, on the wings, had any amount of thrust but they seldom received anything like an opening. Henney proved invaluable for his defence which saved many tries. The tries which Radcliffe scored were largely due to openings from Holmes at fly-half. Robinson proved to be a tower of strength at scrum-half, and Holmes at fly-half had some good games and some bad ones, and was uncertain in defence. forwards were a doubtful proposition. They played some excellent games; they rose to great heights in the second half against Ellesmere and in the Stonyhurst match, but their heeling was often slow and sluggish which gave the backs no chance. Kelly, White and Ranscombe proved to be ubiquitous in defence, the latter being outstanding in defence when it was most needed. The front row worked hard but were too frequently beaten for possession; Kelly, though a fine forward individually, was too often playing as a five-eighths, probably to some extent due to the weakness in defence. It is fortunate that the school must have realized that there is no real substitute for putting a man down quickly and hard; it is one of the most enjoyable parts of the game to those who have courage. All the backs made the fatal mistake of lying too deeply in their own half and were thus unable to get up quickly on the opposition when the latter received the ball.

Thanks to the keenness of J. Forrester, the Barrovians brought

down scratch sides which gave the 2nd XV some good games. The Colts, under Mr. Boulter, were less fortunate; returning to peace-time conditions no matches were available for them; this cannot be remedied until such time as the Manx schools take up Rugby Football. This lack of match practice for all teams below the XV makes it difficult to build up good XVs.

Our thanks are again due to all those masters who so willingly turn out in all kinds of weather to coach.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

- J. W. RADCLIFFE (1944,1945, 1946), (10st. 10lbs.)—Left wing-three-quarter. Captain. With his speed and swerve he has scored many fine tries for the school in the last three years. Again scored 60 pts, in tries. His defensive kicking has improved a great deal this season but he has still to master the cross-kick, and his tackling deteriorated badly towards the end of the season. He captained the side well on and off the field.
- T. G. KELLY (1944, 1945, 1946), (11st. 9lbs.)—Back-row Forward. Vice-Captain. He has played some fine games for the school in the last three years. He has a good sense of position and tackles and kicks well but he must not overdo the winging; he often broke away too soon and hampered his own halves when they were in possession this season. In attack he was more inclined to go on his own this year instead of handing on to the backs after making the opening. He will go a long way in first-class company if he corrects these faults. A good goal-kick who has scored 38 pts.
- W. C. HOLMES (1944, 1945, 1946), (11st. 3lbs.)—Fly-half. Has learnt to master his temperament and has played some excellent attacking games. Has an eye for an opening and would probably make a very good centre. Kicks well in attack and defence and thinks about tactics on the field. His defence at fly-half was often weak. Very difficult to stop near the line, he should go a long way in first-class football. Did a splendid job as Hon. Sec.
- T. M. ROBINSON (1945, 1946), (11st. 3lbs.)—Scrum-half. Had a very good season and improved his passing out from the base of the scrum. Scored some good blind-side tries, his determination and weight being great assets. Was always excellent in defence. Should go a long way in good company.
- G. F. WHITE (1945, 1946), (11st. 4lbs.)—Back-row Forward. He was not fit at the beginning of the season and took a long time to regain his old form. Learnt to handle well with the three-quarters and was as good as ever in tackling and falling. Could improve his kicking with advantage.
- G. L. RANSCOMBE (1945, 1946), (10st. 9lbs.)—Back-row Forward. Became the most improved forward in the pack, his tackling and falling being exemplary. His handling developed well and he was often up to take part in a movement with the threequarters. Could improve his scrummaging.

- G. S. BARLOW (1945, 1946), (12st. 2lbs.)—Forward. Powerfully built, he was best in the lines-out and was sadly missed on the Christmas Tour. Could always be relied upon to go all out and to tackle; must improve his handling and kicking. Falling good.
- M. J. M. CURRAN (1945, 1946), (11st. 8lbs.)—Forward. Increased his speed considerably in the loose but would have been more effective if he had improved his handling and avoided getting offside so much. Could always be relied upon to fight hard to the end. Tackling and dribbling much improved.
- C. A. R. WILSON (1945, 1946), (12st. olbs.)—Forward. Made up for his slowness in the loose by vigorous tackling and good falling in the loose mauls. Dribbles well but must learn to improve his handling. Had some good days as hooker but will probably settle down best in the second row.
- P. J. HENNEY (10st. olbs.)—Right wing-three-quarter. He developed into the best tackler in the XV, an art badly needed this year, and saved many tries. Did not see much of the ball in attack, but must learn to take his passes smoothly and to employ the swerve, sidestep and cross-kick. Promising.
- J. HIGGINBOTHAM (rost. olbs.)—Full-back. Did well to gain his place after such a late start. Fields well and has plenty of courage in tackling and falling. Kicking much improved with both feet. Must learn to drop-kick and to position himself for the break-through. Could set the backs going more often instead of kicking, particularly when the score is an adverse one.
- E. B. SELKIRK (11st. olbs.)—Forward. Developed into a very sound second-row forward who could always be relied upon to shove in the tight and the loose. Scrummaging much improved this season. He must learn to improve his handling in the loose and his dribbling.
- A. R. R. CAIN (12st. 10lbs.)—Forward. He got through a good deal of solid work in an unspectacular way. Shoves well but must try to get lower. Though slow in the loose he managed to keep up with the game. Must learn to dribble and to handle with confidence.
- W. R. COSTAIN (10st. 6lbs.)—Right centre-three-quarter. Gave good service and showed promise as a reserve full-back, his kicking improving. As a centre he lacked speed off the mark and failed to make openings. His tackling leaves much to be desired.
- P. G. BLACK (11st. 3lbs.)—Left centre-three-quarter. Rather disappointing in the latter half of the season when strong opposition was met. He has a natural cut-through which he rarely employs and must learn to make openings for his wing. Tackling leaves much to be desired. Showed promise at fly-half where his speed off the mark and his good hands were useful; may find this to be his best place.

RESERVES

The following have been valuable reserves:-

- D. W. B. JONES-A good forward who was handicapped by a serious lack of weight. Should do well when he fills out if he improves his handling and learns to keep on-side.
- G. F. CRELLIN-A much improved forward who was unlucky that seven Old Colours remained in the forwards. Played well on the Christmas Tour.
- G. D. CRAINE—Centre three-quarter. Was unlucky to break his collar-bone yhich probably robbed him of a Cap. Has speed and a good cut-through.
- J. S. SOUTHWARD-Wing three-quarter. Has plenty of speed and handles well but lacks the necessary determination to go all out for the line. Must learn not to stop before being tackled.

SECOND XV

Played 4; Won 1; Lost 3; Pts.: For 45; Against 64. With the departure of H.M.S. Valkyrie, the 2nd XV found itself without matches once more. Fortunately J. Forrester, who was on leave, took a great deal of trouble to raise some Barrovian sides who nobly filled the gap. The side improved slowly and managed to win the last match.

The forwards were practically the same as last year owing to the seven Old Colours returning to the 1st XV, and the pack was therefore above average. G. F. Crellin again captained the side and led the pack very well. One or two forwards showed promise, but the backs were weak, which does not bode well for next year's 1st XV.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Preliminary Round: School o pts. Colbourne 10 pts. Colbourne 15 pts. Semi-Final: Walters 3 pts. o pts. Hunt 19 pts. Dickson

Final: Colbourne 9 pts Hunt

Colbourne won the final largely because their tactics were better. Hunt played with a gale behind them in the first half and failed to use the wind. Colbourne skilfully kept the ball close and tackled well, spending the time in their own half. In the second half Colbourne used the wind and attacked repeatedly in the Hunt half. Connal scored a try which Waldron converted with a good kick. Connal dropped a good goal. Waters captained the side and led the Colbourne pack with zest.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. VALKYRIE

C. W. C. V. H.M.S. VALKYRIE

(Won 14—5)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Sept .28th. Though so early in the season the XV showed promise. Holmes kicked a good penalty and tries were scored by Robinson, Kelly and Radcliffe; Kelly converted one try.

K.W.C.: Ranscombe G. L.; Radcliffe J. W., Costain W. R., Holmes W. C., Henney P. J.; Black P. G., Robinson T. M.; Barlow G. S., Selkirk E. B. Curran M. J. M., Wilson C. A. R., Cain A. R., White G. F., Jones D. W. B., Kelly T. G.

K.W.C. v. WATERLOO "A" (Won 9-5)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Oct. 5th. College were without Holmes. Waterloo crossed and played the same day, and included two College reserves in their side. College scored an unconverted try by Radcliffe in the first half, Waterloo replying with a converted try by Parr. In the second half the College forwards played well in the loose but the heeling was slovenly. Robinson scored a good scrum-half try, and Radcliffe scored effort and of the college forwards played try,

And Radeliffe scored after a good run.

K.W.C.: Southward J. S.; Henney P. J., Costain W. R., White G. F., Radeliffe J. W., Black P. G., Robinson T. M.; Barlow G. S., Wilson C. A. R., Curran M. J. M., Cain A. R., Selkirk E. B., Ranscombe G. L., Jones D. W. B., Kelly T. G.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. VALKYRIE (Won 9-3)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Oct. 12th. Play tended to be scrappy, College being without Radeliffe and Holmes. Tries were scored for College by Ranscombe and Kelly; the latter converted one.

K.W.C.: Southward J. S.; Wood I. D., Costain W. R., White G. F., Henney P. J., Black P. G., Robinson T. M.; Barlow G. S., Wilson C. A. R., Curran M. J. M., Cain A. R., Selkirk E. B., Ranscombe G. L., Jones D. W. B., Kelly T. G.

K.W.C. v. OLD BOYS (Won 20-3)

(Won 20—3)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Oct. 19th. Stuart Adcock did well to collect and bring a full XV, most of whom had seen War Service. College was without Black. Costain was tried at full-back and Craine in the centre. Adcock, Kirk-patrick, Watkins and Hudson were all prominent in the first few minutes of the game when the Old Boys pressed hard but the College defence held. Adcock was injured but managed to remain on the field. Holmes scored for College after a good run, and the same player ran through the Old Boys' defence immediately afterwards. Radeliffe started a fine movement with a long pass out from the left wing when hemmed in, the ball going to Holmes, Henney taking a difficult pass at top speed to burst through the centre for a fine try. Aston kicked a good penalty goal for the Old Boys.

Robinson, Holmes, Kelly and Craine combined well to send Radeliffe away for a fine unconverted try early in the second half. Holmes cleared with a long kick from his own "25," which failed to go into touch, and racing up he caught the bounce to cut through for a grand opportunist try which Kelly converted. Henney broke through well to pass to Ranscombe who ran well before passing to Kelly who outbaced Hudson to score.

Old Boys: I penalty goal: 3 pts.

Old Boys' XV: Hunt R. V. Hudson J. H., Aston A. V., Forrester J., Adcock F. S.; Holt D. J., Luton H., Ormerod I., Watkins K., Dodd T., Thompson N. A., Worsley P., Kirkpatrick T. G., Cowen J. M., Davidson W. H.

K.W.C.: Costain W. R.; Southward J. S., Henney P. J., Craine G., Radeliffe J. W., Holmes W. C., Robinson T. M.; Barlow G. S., Wilson C. A. R., Curran M. J. M., Cain A. R., Selkirk E. B., White G. F., Ranscombe G. L., Kelly T. G.

K.W.C. v. H.M.S. VALKYRIE (Won 11--8)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Oct. 26th. The Chester R.U.F.C. had to cancel at the last moment and the Navy nobly filled the breach. Robinson scored round the blind side, Kelly converting with a good kick. The backs fumbled badly to let J. H. Radeliffe in for a good try for the Navy, Aston converting. Some good handling by Black, Ranscombe, Radeliffe and Holmes put the latter in for an unconverted try. Robinson got Radeliffe away for a blind-side try. Soon afterwards Robinson sent Black away, who passed inside to Holmes who crossed the line, but was held up. Aston kield a penelty goal for the Navy.

K.W.C.: Costain W. R.; Henney P. J., Craine G., Holmes W. C., Radcliffe J. W.; Black P. G., Robinson T. M. Barlow G. S., Wilson C. A. R., Curran M. J. M., Cain A. R., Selkirk E. B., Jones D. W. B., Kelly T. G., Ranscombe G. L.

K.W.C. v LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

(Won 30-0)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Nov. 2nd. College began against a strong wind playing towards the sea. The backs fumbled several times and then good passing sent Radcliffe away for a wing try. Rain began to fall heavily making handling difficult. Holmes gave Henney a good chance but he knocked on. The backs passed well and Kelly took an inside pass but was tackled after a good run. Radcliffe intercepted near his own "25" and ran through the Liverpool defence; Kelly converted from the touchine against the wind; a fine kick. Craine brock his collar bone ten minutes before half-time and Ranscombe was taken out of the pack and put on the wing, Radcliffe going inside.

The College pack played storming tactics with the wind and rain in the second half and Liverpool were rather overwhelmed spending most of the time defending in their own half. Robinson scored a fine blind-side try which Kelly converted with a splendid kick from the touch-line. Kelly ran through from the half-way line, but failed to convert his own try. Robinson picked up in the loose to score another try which Kelly converted. Conditions were very bad but College continued to throw the ball about, Holmes running strongly on his own to score, Kelly again converting. Robinson, who was in an ubiquitous mood ran through on his own, Kelly converting with another good kick. Holmes burst through strongly to give to Kelly who ran well to score. Holmes again broke through, Radcliffe coming up for the inside pass to score, Kelly kicking his sixth goal with a wet and heavy ball.

Final Score: K.W.C.: 6 goals, 3 tries: 39 pts.
Liverpool College nil
K.W.C.: Costain W. R.; Henney P. J., Craine G., Black P. G., Radcliffe J. W.;
Holmes W. C., Robinson T. M.; Barlow G. S., Wilson C. A. R.,
Curran M. J. M., Cain A. R., Selkirk E. B., Ranscombe G. L., Kelly
T. G., White G. F.

K.W.C. v. ST. BEE'S SCHOOL (Lost 3-13)

Played on the Waterloo Club's ground at Blundellsands, Tuesday, Nov. 12th. St. Bee's played with the wind and the rain in the first half and attacked from the beginning. From a series of quick heels the St. Bee's three-quarters attacked strongly in the College half but the defence held well until Heaton cut through strongly in the College half but the defence held well until Heaton cut through and gave a quick pass to the wing to Thompson who scored a clever try, which was converted with a very good kick by Heaton. The St. Bee's pack continued to heel with monotonous regularity, their front row being very good, and the backs handled the greasy ball with confidence. From a quick heel in the loose the St. Bee's left centre, Heaton, cut through again and passed to Bloomer who scored; Heaton converted. St. Bee's scored again with a good penalty kick by Croasdale.

The St. Bee's forwards were in great form and with their superior weight obtained possession nine out of ten scrums this they continued to do in the second half. College, after one of its rare heels, sent the three-quarters away in a good passing movement which saw Radcliffe run round the full-back to score far out; this was not converted. There was no further score in this half but St. Bee's continued to get the ball and to press in the College half, only good tackling preventing further scores.

Final Score: St. Bee's: 2 goals, 1 penalty goal: 13 pts.

K.W.C: 1 try : 3 pts.

K.W.C: Higginbotham J.; Henney P. J., Costain W. R. Holmes W. C., Radcliffe J. W.; Black P. G., Robinson T. M.; Curran M. J. M., Wilson C. A. R., Barlow G. S., Selkirk E. B., Cain A. R., Ranscombe G. L., Kelly T. G., White G. F.

St. Bee's proved themselves to be a big and fine side with just that extra weight, speed and skill, which made all the difference. Both sides tackled well and played an open game in spite of the bad conditions. The College pack worked hard but it had met its match, except in dribbling. The College backs made one serious tactical mistake throughout the afternoon; always hoping that the ball would come out of the scrum on their side, they lay back ready to attack, with the result that they were never up quick enough to nip the St. Bee's attacks in the bud; this was due to the earlier winning sequence of matches.

K.W.C. v. ROSSALL SCHOOL (Lost 3-19)

Played on the Waterloo Club's ground at Blundellsands, Thursday, Nov. 14th. This match proved to be a repetition of the previous game. Rossall were bigger and better in all departments of the game. The ground was heavy but the rain had stopped. The game was fairly even for the first fifteen minutes until Entwistle kicked a penalty goal for Rossall. College attacked strongly on the Rossall line but a stupid mistake by a forward gave Rossall relief with a penalty. College made good use of the wind but Rossall was gaining mastery in the tight and two quick tries came before half-time from Smith M. and Leigh, the second one a brilliant try in which the whole Rossall line took part; neither was converted was converted.

Against the wind in the second half College found the going difficult. Rossall attacked repeatedly and Henney was prominent with some fine tackling which saved several tries. College returned to the attack and from a scrum Robinson went over on the blind side. Higginbotham was playing well at full back and Holmes was prominent with some good tackling. Hamer scored a blind-side try for Rossall and Leigh scored again. Just before time Entwistle dropped a lovely goal from a heel in front of the posts.

Final Score: Rossall: 4 tries, 1 dropped and 1 penalty goal: 19 pts.

K.W.C.: 1 try

K.W.C.: 1 try

K.W.C.: Higginbotham J.; Henney P. J., Costain W. R., Radcliffe J. W.,

Black P. G.; Holmes W. C., Robinson T. M.; Curran M. J. M., Wilson

C. A. R., Crellin G. F., Selkirk E. B., Ranscombe G. L., Jones D. W. B.,

Barlow G. S., Kelly T. G.

K.W.C. v. ELLESMERE COLLEGE (Won 18---o)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Nov. 23rd. Elleamere made history by being the first School XV to fly to the Island to play College. They can safely claim to be the second school in the country to fly to play in an inter-school match, College being the pioneers when the XV flew to Campbell College, Belfast, in 1936.

There cannot be much wrong with the youth of this generation when they show such enterprise, refusing to be deterred by such appalling flying conditions as greeted Ellesmere. With the team flew the Rev. R. A. Evans-Prosser, the Headmaster, and their coach, Mr. Brian Bailey. This was a new fixture, the result of happy associations in the Manchester P. S. Sevens last Easter.

The match began with a full gale blowing, and rain was falling heavily. The handful of Rugby enthusiasts who turned up to watch were rewarded by a skilful exposition of handling by both sides in very bad conditions. The weightier College pack secured more of the ball, thus giving their backs more opportunities, but it does great credit to Ellesmere that in spite of their long and uncomfortable journey made the same morning, they stuck to their opponents gamely, Foden being outstanding in defence.

College played with the gale the first half, Wilson hooking well to give the backs plenty of opportunities. The backs combined well to send Radcliffe away for three tries one the result of a dribble. From a scrum near the line G. F. White showed great determination to score the fourth try before half-time.

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Final Score: K.W.C.: 6 tries: 18 pts.

Ellesmere: nil

K.W.C.: Higginbotham; Henney, Costain, Black, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson; Curran, Wilson. Barlow, Cain, Selkirk, Ranscombe, White, Kelly Ellesmere flew back on Sunday morning having left behind some very happy memories of a courageous and memorable first meeting.

K.W.C. WALLASEY G.S. (Won 67---o)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Nov. 30th. The match proved rather uneven, Wallasey not being able to meet the powerful thrusts of the College backs. The score was 35 pts. to nil at half-time.

In the second half College continued to score at regular intervals. Wallasey were unfortunate to be a man short for the whole of this half. For College, J. W. Radeliffe scored six tries, Holmes four, Kelly, White and Costain two each, and Black one try. Kelly converted six. Holmes dropped a goal.

Final Score: K.W.C.: 6 goals, 11 tries, 1 dropped goal : 67 pts. Wallasey : nil

Wallasey

K.W.C.: Higginbotham; Henney, Costain, Black, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson;

Curran, Wilson, Barlow, Cain, Selkirk, Ranscombe, White, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. STONYHURST COLLEGE

(Lost 6-26)

Played on Big Side, Friday, December 6th. After many alarms Stonyhurst flew over in the morning, their first visit to College. This is the first time the two schools have met since the late 30's.

The two teams were lined up in front of the Pavilion before the match and were introduced to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, who watched the

Exchanges were even for the first quarter of an hour. Some good work by the forwards, a quick heel and swift passing out to Radcliffe saw the latter racing for the left corner-flag to score a fine try. Kelly could not convert this. After this early reversal the Stonyhurst three-quarters became much more lively, Isola, their fly-half, showing his quality and pace. One of their centres equalised with a try under the posts from a fly-kick, but the kick at goal failed. The College defence then broke down badly in the centre and with Isola the mastermind behind the attack, Stonyhurst added two converted and one unconverted tries before half-time to make the score 16—3 in their favour.

In the second half Stonyhurst again showed up the weakness of the College defence in mid-field, adding two more converted tries to our unconverted try by White after a forward rush. Robinson at scrum half, and Henney on the rightwing, got through a tremendous amount of tackling which saved many points. Higginbotham and Holmes kicked well at times. The forwards, on the whole, beat the Stonyhurst eight, except in the lines-out. Kelly was ubquitous and perhaps the best forward on the field.

It was the best game seen on Big Side for years and demonstrated clearly that there is no substitute for determined low tackling in mid-field. Territorially the game was fairly even, but College failed to drive home its attack, the passing lacking imagination. Isola, the fly-half and Captain was always a thorn in the College defence:

Final Score: Stonyhurst College: 26 pts.

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Curran, Wilson, Barlow, Cain, Selkirk, Ranscombe, White, Kelly.

Stonyhurst flew back the following morning leaving behind in the Island happy associations and the reputation for clean, hard rugger at its best. We shall look forward to seeing them again in 1948.

CHRISTMAS TOUR-

K.W.C. v LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

(Won 23-0)

Played at Liverpool, Saturday, December 14th, in rain and mush. College was without Kelly and Barlow in the pack.
College scored early from a dribble by Holmes which Curran continued, to score. Radcliffe converted with a good kick. The Liverpool forwards made ground but College soon returned to the attack scoring a grand try after some brilliant inter-passing backwards and forwards between Holmes, Black, Radcliffe and Holmes, the latter taking an inside pass to score after a determined run. Radeliffe again converted. The backs were handling the greasy ball extremely well and Holmes and Robinson were in great form at half. The backs got Radeliffe away for an unconverted try before half-time.

In the second half the College pack played much better and Wilson hooked well. Ranscombe and Crellin were frequently prominent. From a scrum near the line Robinson dashed over for a good try which Radcliffe converted. Henney made a determined run but was stopped on the line by a fine tackle. Robinson tricked the Liverpool back-row by sending out a splendid reverse pass to send

Holmes over, Radeliffe converting. Radeliffe did well to kick four good goals

with the heavy ball.

Final Score: K.W.C.: 4 goals, 1 try: 23 pts.

Liverpool College : nil pts.

K.W.C.: Higginbotham; Henney, Costain, Black, Radcliffe: Holmes, Robinson; Curran, Wilson, Jones D., Selkirk, Cain, White, Crellin G. F., Ranscombe.

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

(Won 8-0)

Played at Crosby, Monday, December 16th. There was a good deal of frost in the ground, but both sides ignored this; playing vigorous football and tackling hard. College pressed hard and nearly scored but Merchant Taylors defended resolutely. College lost much ground by good penalty kicks which drove them back. Several tries were missed by faulty handling which was forgivable in the cold. The only score before half-time was a penalty converted by Radeliffe for College. After some robust play in which first Henney and then Holmes were nearly over, the forwards took the ball to the post and pushed over.

College had more of the game in the second half and made some flerce attacking movements. Holmes narrowly missed two drops at goal, Black made a fine cut-through and with only the full-back to beat, failed to pass to Curran who was backing up very well. Holmes ran fast down the right wing and sent a splendid cross-kick in front of the posts which Kelly did well to gather at top speed, but the latter was tackled. Radcliffe was nearly in on the left. Merchant Taylors rallied with long kicks, but Higginbotham, who had all the way through played very well, was always there to return the ball to touch. Kelly followed up his own kick to get the touch-down, Radcliffe converting.

Final Score: K.W.C.: 1 goal, 1 penalty goal: 8 pts.
Merchant Taylors: nil
K.W.C.: Higginbotham; Henney, Costain, Black, Radcliffe; Holmes, Robinson;
Curran, Wilson, Crellin G. F., Selkirk, Cain, Ranscombe, White, Kelly.

K.W.C. v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

(Lost 0—13)

Played on the Old Birkonians' Ground, Liverpool, Wednesday, Dec. 18th. All grounds in the Liverpool district were frozen up and it was doubtful if the game could be played, but luckly the Old Birkonians' second ground though covered with thick long grass, proved playable. College were still without

Birkenhead's win will do all the good in the world for the Rugby matches between the two schools, and we hope that next year Birkenhead will come into line with all our other opponents by playing us alternate years here and on the mainland. On the day's play Birkenhead showed initiative and superiority in all departments of the game and thoroughly deserved their win. They tackled courageously and College failed lamentably in this most important part of the game. Birkenhead played their best game of the season, and it is unfortunate that those O.K.W.'s who saw only this match during the whole season, picked on the day on which the XV had an off day—a day which comes to all teams from time to time. from time to time.

College were thoroughly lethargic in the forwards and Birkenhead secured regularly from the set scrums. Cook soon got over for them, the try converted. Soon afterwards Birkenhead again heeled and their centre cut through, the College defence in the centre failing miserably, Hoskayne scoring an excellent try.

College woke up in the second half and Radcliffe was unlucky not to score when he kicked high but when he touched down he was awarded a try which the referee, Mr. Blackiston, the old England forward, had to cancel, as it was over the short dead-ball line. The game moved from end to end of the field but College could make no impression on a very good Birkenhead defence which was on its toes, and finally Kerr scored a good try for Birkenhead from a loose forward scramble which Ellerton converted.

Final Score: Birkenhead School: 2 goals, 1 try 13 pts.

K.W.C. : Rigginbotham; Henney, Costain, Black, Rødcliffe, Holmes, Robinson; Curran, Wilson, Crellin G. F., Selkirk, Cain, Ranscombe, White, Kelly.

SHOOTING.

During the term, shooting has been confined to three postal matches, against Epsom College, Whitgift School, and Rossall School respectively. All three have been lost.

| The scores were as fo | llows: | | |
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| K.W.C | 510 | Epsom College 699 | |
| K.W.C | 540 | Whitgift School 730 | |
| K.W.C, | 679 | Rossall School 699 | |
| The results were disar | pointing, | but there was a marked improve | _ |
| ment in the last match, | and by n | ext term we hope to have attained | 1 |

something like our old standard.
Our thanks are due to Mr. Handyside and Mr. Foston and also to Bazett and Darwent, the N.C.O.'s in charge, for their invaluable

work at the Range.

OXFORD LETTER.

We wish first of all to make amends for an omission. Last term, unknown to us, Alan Bruce (1933-'41) had been lurking in the dark room of the Clarendon Laboratory. This term he has been discovered running prodigious distances across country in order to get his picture in the Oxford Mail. Queen's now has half our strength (as far as we know!) W. M. T. Alcock (1931-'41) arrived late, after trying for a Class B release for eighteen months. Needless to say, he didn't get it, but managed to persuade the Royal Corps of Signals that Oxford was a better place to read English in than Bethel-bei-We now leave Queen's for Merton, where P. G. M. Gaffikin (1940-'44) may be found drawing a few breaths of air before returning to the fourth alcove on the right (top floor) of the Radcliffe Science Library. He reports he has now finished with dogfish, and denies he was involved in the recent suing of the Department of Physiology for the maltreatment of cats. G. N. Burton (1932-'38) is still at St. John's, but a recent search of the labyrinthine corridors failed to discover him. Rumour has it that he was not unconnected with the traditional coronation of the Martyr's Memorial on the day of the Royal visit.

On that auspicious occasion, the society proclaimed its loyalty in diverse fashion. The members of Queen's were fortunate enough to entertain Her Majesty; rank outsiders had to fend for themselves. Gaffikin emulated Nicodemus on the top of a traffic light, and Burton was a witness from the Broad of the Rape of the Lock of the New Bodleian. To compensate for the satisfactory completion of one building, it was inevitable that another should be partially destroyed, but we are pleased to hear that the authorities have lost no time in starting to repair the damage to St. Mary's in the recent fire.

Despite current allegations in the Press, we are not to be seen driving down the High complete with landau, frockcoats and beards. It has been suggested, on the other hand, that we are leading a too serious life, and have lost much of the spontaneity which characterised our predecessors. The truth is that Oxford has lost none of its real value, and we do not hesitate to contradict the idea that a comparable education can be obtained elsewhere. We

are too few here at present, and feel we cannot close without reiterating the old plea for more O.K.W.'s. We believe several are due to come up after the claims of military service have been satisfied, and some of us, at least, will be here to welcome them.

Finally, we should ask all those who are entering or visiting the University to get into touch with the secretary, G. N. Burton, St. John's College, so that we may extend hospitality to our visitors and enrol in our number as many new members as possible.

OXONIENSES.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

There are five or six of us up at Cambridge now, counting those at Downing. We extend our sympathy to the few unhappy exiles in the Latin quarter of Cowley. Our latest arrival, R. R. A. Coles, is attacking medicine fiercely at Clare, and sailing for the 'Varsity' with a half-blue on the horizon. It was not entirely his fault that two of the boats sank the other day. L.V. Corkill, back at Downing after serving and school-mastering, is drinking in the beauties of English Literature, and coxing a boat on the river. This, he affirms, is his only vocal activity. D. L. E. Curran is reading classics at Trinity Hall, playing rugger, and learning the piano. His neighbours speak in glowing terms of his interpretation of the five-finger exercise.

P. S. Gelling, at Downing, has taken to Classical Archaeology, and can find only a little time for hockey, Ancient Icelandic, Russian, Manx and five other languages. He and Corkill scattered notices in Manx all over the University and unearthed at least four other Manxmen, one of whom can speak the native tongue.

There is some evidence that D. M. Saunderson is at Downing reading Mechanical Sciences. Judging by the state of his room he still takes an interest in wireless, and it is said that he spends a good deal of his time playing the organ in a local cinema.

- R. A. G. Stuart has switched from Classics to French and German, and complains that they eat into the time he can spend on the real business of life, aeroplanes and fencing. He is a fencing half-blue, and was University captain last year.
- G. A. Higham and L. R. Smith joined the Army last August after a year here, on a short course. The former played bridge and rugger at St. Catherine's and supervised the building of a bridge by the S.T.C. The latter was at Jesus, and played rugger for the 'Varsity several times.

K.W.C. is quite well-known here for its General Knowledge Paper and its rugger tours; no one, mercifully, realises its connection with "Eric or Little by Little."

We hope and trust that those who are coming from King William's to a university will ignore any insidious propaganda from other places and make the right choice.

CANTABRIGIENSIS

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The Barrovian

Dear Sir,

I see from the October issue of the Barrovian that College claimed a victory over the Old Boys in the cricket match played on 27th and 29th July last by one run. According to the printed scores it was the Old Boys who triumphed by one run—or was there a very fast one (or two) not recorded in the Barrovian?

Yours faithfully

H. V. GELL, Lt.-Colonel.

(On facing this quick one from Colonel Humphrey Gell we might almost have been forgiven for attempting to cover up, since to acknowledge defeat by one run after the great enthusiasm of a supposed victory, would have been utter bathos. Instead, we decided to go out to the pitch of the ball and risk being stumped, and so we turned to the score book.

There we found that the total of the College 1st Innings was 139, and this total was indeed on the typescript that went to the printers. A mistake had nevertheless been made in copying from the score book, and Collings had only been given 26 runs whereas the score book shows clearly that he obtained 28. Doubtless a compositor, with as keen a mathematical sense as Colonel Gell, saw the discrepancy, and with a nice sense of puckishness, and sympathy for the Old Boys, altered the total to 137.

We would like to congratulate Colonel Gell on his quickness in spotting this "wrong 'un," and express our delight that the reports in the Barrovian are followed with such close attention by Old Boys.—Ed.).

O.K.W. RUGBY "SEVENS" FUND, 1946.

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NOTICE.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB, 100 PICCADILLY, W.1.

Old Boys of King William's College are eligible for Membership, and the Secretary, Major K. S. S. Henderson, will be pleased to arrange for the nomination of any who may wish to join.

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Town and Country subscriptions may be paid half-yearly, by Banker's Order, if desired.

Further particulars from the Secretary of the Club.

CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following Contemporaries, with apologies for any inadvertent omissions:—

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