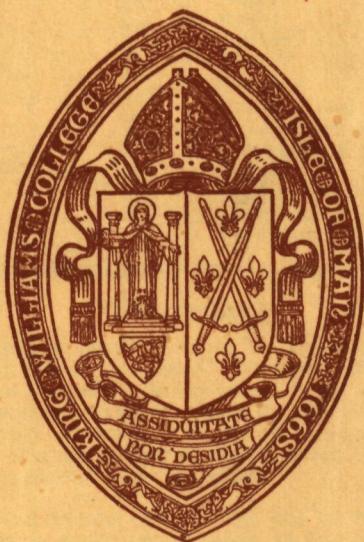


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EDITORIAL.

We have frequently asked ourselves the question "What does a boy get out of a school like ours?" or, more particularly, "What does he get out of College?" It is a truism to say that what he gets out of it is in proportion to what he puts in, but this leads to another question, "To what extent does he get the opportunity of putting something in?" On the answer to this question College, or indeed any institution or society, must be judged.

We are not, and cannot claim to be, one of the greater public schools, and are no doubt denied many of the things which such schools can offer. Neither our academic nor athletic standards are remarkably high, though both, especially the former, are improving. But we do possess that which is most characteristic of public schools, and which inspires among their members a loyalty such as no other type of school can ever hope to command. What is this thing,, which for want of a better name we will call by the hackneyed term "public school spirit"? In our opinion, it lies in the great range of activities, both outdoor and indoor, which constitute the life of the school. It is by means of these that we get not only enjoyment, but also the opportunities for service, and for pride in our own achievements, on which loyalty and devotion are based. College is, we feel, a place round which our lives can be built, and in which they can be happy and successful. If, as we believe, this claim is true, then we are justified in being proud of our school and in defending its reputation against that of all comers.

RANDOM NOTES

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



This term we bid farewell to Mr. McGovern, to whom we offer our best wishes for the future. We also extend a hearty welcome to Mr. R. O. A. Wertheim (O.K.W.), who has come in his place.



Congratulations to G. F. White, C. F. Robins and A. M. Watterson on winning the Open, Under 16, and Under 14 Steeplechases respectively.



Congratulations to Walter's House on winning the Senior Rugby and Fives Shields, and to Hunt House on winning the Cross-Country Shield.



This term College has acquired the use of a Squash Court on the premises formerly occupied by H.M.S. "Urley." A number of senior boys have taken up the game, and the court has been engaged whenever there has been time available.



On Friday, March 14th, a party of VI. Form boys visited a performance of "Pygmalion," by Bernard Shaw, at the Gaiety Theatre, Douglas.



On Tuesday, March 25th, the whole school attended a special showing of the film "Great Expectations," at the Castletown Cinema.



The following films have been shown on the College cinema during the term:—

"Halfway House," on Saturday, January 18th.

"Cottage To Let," on Saturday, February 8th.

"Pluto—Job 99" (An M.O.I. Release), on Tuesday, February 18th.

"Dirty Work," on Saturday, March 1st.

"Heart of Arizona," on Saturday, March 22nd.

In addition, three instructional films on swimming produced by the A.S.A., have been shown, and illustrated by talks by Mr. Cooil.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Pritchard and his assistants for operating the cinema.



A Brains Trust from the Barrovian Society visited College on Tuesday, March 25th, at 8.0 p.m. The session took place in the Gym., and was attended by the whole school. The Brains Trust consisted of the Vice-Principal and Mr. Mullens, from the Staff, and Mr. J. H. L. Cowin, M.L.C., Mr. J. A. Cain, and Mr. R. K. Eason, from the Barrovian Society. The Principal acted as Question Master.



A free half was given on Friday, March 7th.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

JANUARY, 1947.

Head of School : C. A. R. Wilson.

Head of Hostel : J. W. Radcliffe.

Præpositors : C. A. R. Wilson, J. W. Radcliffe, P. G. Black, G. F. Crellin, M. J. M. Curran, P. J. Henney, P. B. Jones, N. H. Scott, E. B. Selkirk, G. F. White.

Sub-Præpositors : H. J. Cain, I. J. Stewardson.

Captain of Rugger : J. W. Radcliffe.

Captain of Steeplechase and Athletics : J. W. Radcliffe.

Vice-Captain of Steeplechase and Athletics : G. F. White.

Captain of Hockey : N. H. Scott.

Captain of Fives : J. W. Radcliffe.

Librarians : E. B. Selkirk (Chief Librarian), G. F. Crellin, P. B. Jones, I. J. Stewardson, H. J. Cain, P. S. Nelson, B. S. Johnston, J. E. M. Corkill.

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

Tuckshop Manager : P. B. Jones.

SALVETE.

JANUARY, 1947.

WALTERS HOUSE—Corlett, W. P. (M.IV.B); Brown, D. P. (L.IV.B).

JUNIOR HOUSE—Shepherd, E. A. (L.IV.B).

HUNT HOUSE—Conibear, P. K. (M.IV.A).

VALETE.

APRIL, 1947.

J. W. CAINE (1941-47)—Junior—Walters House.

G. A. CRELLIN (1943-47)—Dickson House.

T. B. FISHWICK (1942-47)—Hunt House.

R. C. GELLING (1942-47)—Junior—School House.

B. J. GILMORE (1944-47)—Walters House.

R. F. HUDSON (1941-47)—Hunt House.

P. J. C. LACE (1944-47)—Walters House.

T. MARTIN (1946-47)—Hunt House.

O.K.W. NEWS.

GENERAL.

Sir James H. Barnes, K.B.E. (Master, 1914-1918), has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air.

E. F. Caine (1934-1943), is Refinery Engineer with the United Oilfields of Trinidad, at Point Fortin, Trinidad.

R. D. Cranfield (1927-1930), has been promoted Assistant Superintendent of Police at Jerusalem.

J. F. Crellin, M.C., M.L.C. (1903-1907), has been appointed Chairman of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, a post left vacant by the retirement of A. Robertson, O.B.E. (1880-1881).

A. T. Cutter (1919-1922), who played many times for Wales at hockey, was invited to umpire the England versus Scotland game at Scarborough.

J. A. Hilton (1910-1918), has been seconded from the Nigerian Government Service for service in Palestine, and is now Chairman of the Commission responsible for the local administration of Jerusalem.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Mylchreest (1927-1934), has been appointed to command the Manx Regiment in the Territorial Army.

ENGAGEMENT

N. A. Entwistle (1934-1938), to Marion Hildred, of King's Norton, Birmingham.

MARRIAGES

D. S. Ison (1935-1937), to Elizabeth Stewart Middleton, of Glasgow.

A. F. Watson (1939-1943), to Pamela Guteridge, of Durban, South Africa, at Durban, on 8th February, 1947.

BIRTHS

To:—

J. E. Hibbert (1925-1932)—a daughter.

H. J. Johnson (1919-1921)—a daughter.

A. H. Jones (1925-1928)—a daughter.

R. B. Kelly (1926-1929)—a daughter.

ROLL OF SERVICE.

CORRECTION.

Miller, J. M. (1927-29), W/O., 149 Tank Regiment, R.A.—Twice Mentioned in Despatches.

ADDITION.

Kelly, R. B. (1926-1929), Lt., R.A.—Mentioned in Despatches.

Obituary.

JOSEPH GRAHAM COOKE (1920-1921).

JOHN TERRENCE FITZPATRICK (1901-1903).

Mr. J. T. Fitzpatrick, who died on 15th April, at the age of 59, was one of the best known of Liverpool's fruit merchants, and Managing Director of Messrs. P. & T. Fitzpatrick, of Queen's Square, Liverpool. After leaving College he went to Liverpool University,

and then entered the family firm. He was a Past President of the Liverpool Wholesale Fruit and Potato Merchants' Association, and was for three years President of the National Federation of Fruit and Potato Trades' Associations. He was a prominent Freemason, and a Past Provincial Grand Warden.

ROBERT STOREY (1901-1905).

Mr. Robert Storey, O.B.E., who died on 18th February, 1947, was the second of five brothers who all attended K.W.C. He left to go to Manchester University at the early age of 15, and was top of his year in the Chemistry Honour School before he reached his 19th birthday. Leaving K.W.C. so young as he did, he did not reach the 1st XV., or the 1st XI., but got his colours for the University Cricket XI., and played Rugger for the Sale Club. A brilliant forward, he was capped several times for Cheshire, and played in the 1912 International Trials. In 1913 he was awarded a Gartside Travelling Fellowship, which enabled him to study foundry methods in the U.S.A., and he afterwards entered industry as a metallurgist. In the First World War he served at Gallipoli and in the Middle East in the R.A.S.C., reached the rank of Major, and was awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division). In 1919 he was associated with his brother, J. E. Storey, in the foundation of the Storey Foundry Company, and continued as Joint Managing Director until his death.

LEONARD WILD (1891-1893).

Mr. L. Wild died in January, 1947, at the age of 71, at his home in Bolton. He was for many years a dealer in cotton and cotton waste, and an inventor and manufacturer of cotton cleaning machinery. In the First World War he served in the B.E.F., and was demobilised with the rank of Sergeant-Major.

NEWS FROM THE OLD BOYS' SOCIETIES.

BARROVIAN SOCIETY

The Society's annual dinner was held at the Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas, on Tuesday, March 11th, and was attended by nearly 90 Old Boys. At the business meeting preceding the following officers were elected for the current year:

President: A. E. KITTO.

Vice-Presidents: J. D. QUALTROUGH, G. J. A. BROWN, S. J. KAYE, S. E. WILSON, G. P. ALDER, E. H. STENNING, R. H. CAIN, H. KELLY.

Hon. Secretary: G. P. ALDER.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: L. J. KEWLEY.

Hon. Treasurer: J. B. GARSIDE.

Hon. Auditor: A. O. CHRISTIAN.

Committee: K. S. S. HENDERSON, G. BELL, T. W. CAIN, J. H. L. COWIN, J. A. CAIN, W. T. QUAYLE, H. R. KENNAUGH, J. B. RITCHIE.

Joint Hon. Sports Secretaries: E. C. GARSIDE, E. D. KNEALE.

Sports Committee: J. W. W. HYDE, T. W. CAIN, J. RADCLIFFE, J. M. CAIN, C. F. QUIRK, D. D. LAY, L. Q. COWLEY, G. P. ALDER.

The Guest of Honour was Deemster W. P. Cowley, C.B.E., who was elected an honorary member of the Society in appreciation of his sterling work on behalf of the College.

The Rev. F. M. Cubbon presided, and a pleasant time was spent in toast, story and song. Old friendships were renewed, and on all sides there were talks of "the days that was!"

The toasts were in the hands of Messrs. J. B. Garside (The Deemster, W. P. Cowley, C.B.E., and Guests), S. E. Wilson (The Society), J. H. Caine (The College), and L. J. Kewley (The Entertainers), and were replied to by Deemster Cowley, the Rev. F. M. Cubbon, C. A. R. Wilson (Head of the School), and Canon E. H. Stenning, respectively.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by Canon E. H. Stenning, F. D. Buxton, J. H. Caine and R. K. Eason.

Those present at the dinner were the Guest of Honour, Deemster Cowley, the Head and second Head of the School, C. A. R. Wilson and J. W. Radcliffe, and the following members:—

Rev. F. M. Cubbon, A. E. Kitto, S. E. Wilson, G. J. A. Brown, G. P. Alder, Canon E. H. Stenning, H. Kelly, J. B. Garside, A. O. Christian, L. J. Kewley, K. S. S. Henderson, T. W. Cain, W. T. Quayle, J. A. Cain, J. H. L. Cowin, J. B. Ritchie, E. C. Garside, E. D. Kneale, J. W. W. Hyde, J. Radcliffe, J. M. Cain, C. F. Quirk, D. D. Lay, H. D. Lay, L. D. Woods, J. F. Crellin, J. N. Daly, R. S. R. Kneale, T. G. Moore, A. E. Corlett, J. F. W. Kermodé, A. C. Qualtrough, J. H. Caine, R. K. Eason, M. H. H. Strachan, R. L. Cowle, E. E. Kermodé, J. R. Chrystal, J. P. Lomas, J. H. Clague, B. I. D. McMeekin, T. S. Creer, G. P. Bridge, J. S. Skillicorn, G. H. Cowley, E. H. Corrin, W. C. Kelly, N. R. Smith, J. K. Lewin, F. W. Stubbs, K. C. Cowley, T. F. Wolsey, J. S. T. Brew, W. D. Gelling, C. H. Cubbon, J. F. Corlett, L. K. Gore, D. Williamson, P. B. Farrer, E. H. Creer, C. J. Mitchell, J. D. Bruce, S. Boulter, J. L. Ryder, C. W. Jackson, W. S. Fieldhouse, J. K. Green, T. Mannering, R. G. B. Cordiner, T. P. Spiers, R. B. Freer, H. R. Corlett, J. B. Mylchreest, J. W. Ridsdale, J. L. Quirk, J. Collin, R. M. Hely, W. A. Rowell, F. D. Buxton, G. D. Hanson, L. Kermodé.

LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY.

The first post-war dinner was held at the Waldorf Hotel on Friday, March 14th, when sixty-three Old Boys and Masters attended. The Chair was taken by J. B. Cullen (1918-24), who was subsequently elected President of the Society for the 1947-48 year. A. Child was elected Honorary Secretary, and the following were elected to form

the Committee: H. E. Barlow, J. L. Chambers, R. M. Glass, H. W. P. McMeekin and C. K. S. Moore-Browne.

The Guests were Mr. S. E. Wilson (Principal), Rev. F. M. Cubbon (Barrovian Society), A. D. Thomson (King William's College Society), and P. E. Wallis (Liverpool Society).

There were present: The Principal of King William's College.

Former Masters: Sir James Barnes, K.B.E. (1914-18), and Bishop R. S. Fyfe (1892-3).

College Entry pre 1900: J. H. Foster, C. E. Locke, L. Shingleton, F. N. G. Taylor, C. P. Yates, H. Yates.

College Entry 1901-10: C. T. Butler, C. V. Cassal, E. Craven, T. A. C. Leete, A. Monkhouse, C. H. Symons, A. D. Thomson, N. G. Thomson, F. Withnall.

College Entry 1911-20: H. E. Barlow, C. G. Barnes, R. W. Barnes, F. N. Chell, A. Child, G. E. Church, D. Cooil, F. M. Cubbon, J. B. Cullen, A. T. Cutter, R. T. Foulds, A. J. B. Goldsmith, J. H. Hall, R. J. B. Keig, A. H. Lewis, E. U. H. Pentreath, R. L. Thomson, P. E. Wallis.

College Entry 1921-30: E. H. Allen, H. F. Anderson, A. Aplin, L. E. G. Brook, S. M. Caldwell, J. L. Chambers, R. K. Clough, J. Congden, R. M. Glass, J. V. Lewis, R. Martlew, R. H. Payne, R. Pendlebury, A. K. Quilliam, N. C. Rimmer, J. M. Robson, J. L. Smith, J. H. Sherwen, B. B. Smylie, R. D. Teare, A. Walton-Smith, W. H. Whewell, P. R. Whyman, R. H. Woods.

College Entry 1931-40: J. M. Hough, K. D. Lewis, C. K. S. Moore-Browne.

The dinner for 1948 was fixed to take place on the eve of the England v. Ireland Rugby International in February, 1948. Arrangements will be published in a later issue of *The Barrovian*.

Any London Old Boys are requested to get into touch with the Hon. Secretary, A. Child, at The British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., Crown House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Weather, prevalence of disease, and a prolonged organ defect, combined to lessen our usual musical output in Chapel. The services, however, were heartily sung throughout the term in spite of heavy casualties among choir and congregation.

There were no outside preachers, but on March 2nd, Mr. Christal spoke movingly on the work of St. Dunstan's. The collection in aid of that Home amounted to £17 15s. 9d., and that on behalf of the Cancer Hospital, on March 30th, to £17 10s. 0d.

Lenten Evening Services were held at usual on Wednesdays, the attendance at which was, as always, gratifying.

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man held the Annual Confirmation on Friday, March 21st, thirty-four candidates presenting themselves. His Lordship preached from the text Philippians iv., 13—"I can do all

things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." The theme of his address was the necessity of the virtues, Faith and Strength, to the latter of which he applied an apt parable on atomic energy.

Miss Carless has succeeded to Mrs. Kniveton's care of the altar, and we are grateful to her for her unfailing attention to the beautifying of the Sanctuary and arrangement of flowers.

The choir sang two anthems:

"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" *Mozart.*

"Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" *Farrant.*

Their performance of the *Miserere* during Lent was reinforced by the Congregation, who joined them in appropriate verses, and in a specially written line for the *Gloria*, with a fine massive effect. Perhaps the highest level of the term's singing was reached in the Seven-fold Amen at the Confirmation Service. If they can render so good an account of themselves in a decimated condition, there is no need for despondency as to their performance during the next few terms.

PANTOMIME.

THE BALLASALLA BLACKOUTS.

On 14th February we enjoyed another visit from Mrs. Scate's Ballasalla Blackouts in the pantomime "Babes in the Wood." It is always an amazement to see what local talent can produce, and Mrs. Scate's perennial vivacity can be relied upon to make anything go with a swing, except, as will be seen later, the praes' singing!

The Blackouts produced a most enjoyable rag of the conventional pantomime: every well-worn joke that one expects of panto was successfully burlesqued—fleas, kippers, landlandies, and that far from laughing matter, the Manx train—omitting only the mother-in-law, a joke never popular in the Island. The ugly sisters were most successfully ugly, and the producers did not fall into the common error of believing that it is possible to be funny without being vulgar. The faint-hearted assassins would at least be well punished by their weddings.

The demon king was irrepressible even by the failure of his schemes and the insecurity of his tights: the disguised princess was convincing in the part of Baron Stinko's maid of all work: the clowning of the murderers delightfully natural, and the Baron's hearty solos belied his dissipated appearance.

There were many popular songs in the show, and it was unfortunate that the acoustics of the gym. rendered Prince Robin's solos inaudible. When the audience were made to "Whistle or Sing" the school's proficiency at the appropriate whistle was a little disturbing, but the few masters present gave a robust rendering, though somewhat shaken by a random sausage, and their contribution was much ahead of the pusillanimous pipings of the praes, though they were not even up to Junior House Standards in the whistle.

The dancing of the well drilled chorus delighted the school, the xylophonist received well merited encores, and the skit on the Can-Can was warmly applauded.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Scate, the Blackouts, Bill Lahmers and his Band, and the accompanist, and that energetic guitar player, who bore the brunt of the music.

THE CONCERT.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th, 1947.

The general opinion among those who were present at the end-of-term concert was that in almost every department it was much below the standard of previous College concerts. Allowing for all the difficulties that have to be surmounted; lack of instruments, instrumentalists and vocalists, the commentator has still to judge the product by the standard set in the past, and from this angle it can only be concluded that this concert was disappointing.

The programme was of the traditional type for College concerts. Apart from individual items, only two points call for comment; the absence of a College solo vocalist, and the inclusion of an O.K.W. in the person of Mr. L. V. Corkill. Mr. Corkill's rendering of Handel's "Love That's True," suffered from a certain self-consciousness which blunted the edge of the cadences, but he was more convincing in his encore "The Early Morning," by Graham Peel, a song more in the modern idiom and more suited to the richness of his middle and lower registers.

Mr. Mullens was not in good voice, and his choice of songs was unfortunate. The sentimental ditty "I Love the Moon," is hardly worthy of a place in the programme, and the College concert atmosphere is unsuitable for appreciation of Moore's intensely emotional lyric "Oft in the Stilly Night." Canon Stenning's resonant tones and intimate acquaintance with the limitations of his audience made his rendering of Edward German's "When Maidens go a-Maying" and Norton's "Elephant and Portmanteau" one of the few spontaneously enjoyable contributions to the concert.

Not even the Choir themselves could have been pleased with their performance in "Cherry Ripe" by Charles Horn, and "The British Grenadiers." They kept their eyes glued to their scores, and Mr. Eedes had the unnerving experience of conducting singers who paid not the slightest attention to him. "Cherry Ripe" did not stir their imagination, and their inability to rouse themselves in "The British Grenadiers" left the audience quite unmoved. Musically, there was a lack of tone-control, and the rhythm in both pieces was unexhilarating. The choir might profitably take a leaf out of the Junior Choir's book and memorise words and music. Only then will they sing as a choir.

Mr. Pritchard's Junior Choir got more enjoyment out of their singing and conveyed their enjoyment to the audience. "He was a Rat," by Watts, was tunelessly and intelligently rendered, but Rubenstein's "Melody in F" seemed a poor choice when there is such a

wealth of more suitable material. This piece was, however, on the whole quite competently handled. One further point: there were too many mannerisms, both active and passive, which are a source of distraction to the audience.

Miss Rydings was not happy in Lederer's "Poème Hongrois." The abandon characteristic of music of this kind has to be nicely controlled and makes great demands on bowing technique, but her encore "Serenata in A" by Drdla, was much more successful.

Caine, C. played Scarlatti's "The Cat's Fugue" without imagination. Programme music calls for more than correct technique; it demands interpretation, and therefore insight into the composer's intention. His duet with Davy was unworthy of the players on the occasion and transported listeners to the back-courts of Victorian London. In the matter of encores Caine must always be prepared. This is no indication of conceit, and at least it spares us the agony of listening to a mutilated portion of an artistic whole.

The Orchestra revealed ample evidences of hard practice, but the results were disappointing. First, the inclusion of the piano marred the effects of the woodwind and ruined the colour-scheme of Handel's "Scipio," and the "Minuet and Trio" from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony." The drums were flat and dead instead of being bright and rousing, and the want of a double bass created a void which even three 'cellos did not fill. Finally, all the overtones were absorbed by the stage curtains, so that the audience missed the colour so essential to full appreciation of the music. The most successful item was the last, the "Peasant Dance," by Woodhouse, where the orchestra caught the strong primitive rhythm which was its essential feature.

College concerts are not something to take for granted; they entail hard work for all concerned. Sickness, lean periods for performers, and many unforeseen circumstances, all affect the final result, and it is only enthusiasm and hard work which will enable College to pass out of the doldrums.

The programme was as follows:—

1. MARCH—"Scipio" *Handel*
THE ORCHESTRA
2. SOLO—"I Love the Moon" *Rubens*
MR. H. G. MULLENS
3. PIANO SOLO—"The Cat's Fugue" *Scarlatti*
C. A. CAINE
4. TWO PART SONGS—(a) "Cherry Ripe" *Charles Horn*
(b) "The British Grenadiers"
THE CHOIR
5. VIOLIN SOLO—"Poème Hongrois" *Lederer*
MISS K. RYDINGS
6. SOLO—"When Maidens Go a-Maying" *Edward German*
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

7. MINUET and TRIO from " Surprise Symphony " *Haydn*
THE ORCHESTRA
 8. TWO CHORAL PIECES—(a) " Melody Rubinstein "
(b) " He was a Rat " *Watts*
MR. PRITCHARD'S CHOIR
 9. PIANO DUET—" Rendez-vous " *Aletter*
C. CAINE and G. DAVY
 10. SOLO—" Love That's True " *Handel*
MR. L. V. CORKILL
 11. ORCHESTRAL ITEM—" Peasant Dance " *Woodhouse*
THE ORCHESTRA
 12. CHORUS—" The Soldier's Chorus " from "Faust" ... *Gounod*
THE CHOIR
- " GOD SAVE THE KING."

ENGLISH POEM PRIZE.

The Prize was won by the following poem :

Howl thou wind, moan
O'er the ageless stone,
Stir up the ageless sea,
Breathe on the crags
Where the hunched up shags
Muse in a deep reverie.

Heave thou sea, well
To an oily swell,
Break up the sun's blood shot way,
Round the rocks creep,
The shing wrack heap
Up on the stones round the bay.

Where the mist ends
And the ocean blends
In mystic harmony,
The tragic cry
Of a gull in the sky
Echoes the cliffs and the sea.

Cold breeze and mist
By the low sun kissed,
Blending the sky and the sea,
In a pale pink light,
In a delicate white,
Looks the sun, like a ghost at me.

W. B.—W.

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.

During the term the Society has continued to hold weekly meetings, which have been conspicuously successful.

The first meeting, on January 24th, took the form of a quiz between a team of Manx members and a team of those from the mainland. Each was asked questions about the other's country on the lines of the broadcast "Trans-Atlantic Quiz." The Isle of Man team was successful by 31 points to 24.

Two meetings were given up to the play "Antigone," by Sophocles, translated by Gilbert Murray. At the first Mr. Mullens gave an introductory talk on Greek drama in general, and on Sophocles in particular, and explained the background to the particular play in question. At the next meeting the play was read, with the President as Creon and J. S. Sansom as Antigone. Explanatory remarks were given by Mr. Mullens between each episode, and we are most grateful to him for making the reading of the play possible by the great trouble he took in preparing his talks.

The next meeting was held jointly with the Modern Languages Society, and consisted of three papers on "The Art of Translation," read respectively by Mr. Foston, Mr. Mullens, and the President. Each dealt with the subject from a different point of view, Mr. Mullens taking it in its broadcast sense, and the other two confining themselves to the medium of language. Owing to the lateness of the hour the ensuing discussion was somewhat restricted, but time for a few questions was nevertheless found.

At the next meeting P. S. Nelson read a paper on "Ghosts," in which he interpreted the subject scientifically, tracing all aspects of a belief in ghosts which he concluded to be entirely non-existent, and then going on to discuss spiritualism and telepathy. A very interesting discussion followed, which continued for some time in a very lively vein.

On February 28 the meeting took the form of an impromptu "Hat" debate, open to all members of the school. Motions discussed were "That the Isle of Man should become a county of England," "That happiness depends upon the stomach," "That jazz is the lowest form of music," and "That there is no justification whatever for corporal punishment in schools." All were defeated. Considering that the speakers had only three minutes to prepare their speeches the standard was very high indeed, and there is no doubt that this is one of the most interesting forms of debate.

The next meeting consisted of a talk by Mr. Thompson on "Charles Dickens," a subject on which few are more qualified to speak. The speaker managed to convey to his audience his own deep love of

Dickens' works, while at the same time was not blind to their faults, which he showed, however, to be trivial in comparison to their great merits. The talk was illustrated by readings from some of the best known of Dickens' works, which were, judging from their reception, extremely well chosen.

On March 14th the Society organised a party of VI. Form boys, which visited a performance of "Pygmalion," by George Bernard Shaw, at the Gaiety Theatre, Douglas, and which was amply justified by the quality of the show.

The next meeting was devoted to the reading of "Abraham Lincoln," by John Drinkwater, the name part being shared between B. S. Johnston and J. S. Sansom. Some cuts were necessary in order to fit the play into the time available, but the substance of the plot was preserved.

The term was concluded for the Society by the visit of Mr. J. N. Panes, the Government Secretary, who gave a talk on "Some Aspects of our Colonial Obligations," referring specially to Nigeria, where he had lived for 20 years. Mr. Panes touched on several aspects of his subject, beginning with a historical retrospect and concluding with a statement of his views on the future unification and development of Nigeria.

In conclusion, we must express our thanks to all those who have contributed to making the term a success for the Society, not forgetting Mr. Mullens, whose comfortable study has been freely placed at our disposal.

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.

Three meetings have been held this term in accordance with our usual programme, and on each occasion a lecture was delivered by one of the Committee members. At the beginning of the term the Hon. Treasurer announced that our financial position showed a very satisfactory balance of £24 10s. 1d. This sum will by now have been increased by the collections from this term's well-attended meetings.

The mumps which has taken its toll throughout the school seems also to have taken our vocalists by the throat, as none of them have appeared to entertain us all this term. Entertainment has not been lacking, however, nor have we gone short of both pleasant and noisy

music. We had first a lecture on brass instruments, and the Hon. Treasurer shrewdly followed it up later by presenting a programme of brass band music.

The first lecture was given by Mr. Barlow on Saturday, February 1st, when he dealt with the origin and development of the brass instruments. His explanations were punctuated by the amplifications provided by local talent on the bugle, the French horn, the cornet, trumpet, trombone, and the bombardon. Mr. Barlow, an ardent swing fan, then carried his lecture a step further in order to demonstrate the cacophony of which brass is capable when under negro influences. These illustrations were supplied from amongst Mr. Barlow's own extensive selection of records.

This meeting was followed a fortnight later by a second, which was held in Room S, as the Gymnasium was bitterly cold. The subject of the lecture was The Ballet and it was dealt with by Mr. Stokes. His scope was strictly limited, of course, as the picture of the settings in which his illustrations appear had to be left entirely to the imagination. As someone wisely said, a practical demonstration was not possible. However, Mr. Stokes was able to give a short history of the ballet, which he illustrated with music from "Les Sylphides," "Coppelia," and "Casse Noisette."

The third meeting of the term was held on Saturday, 8th March. It was not so much a lecture as a full-size bandstand concert, and it definitely marked the high spot of the Club's activity for the term. A full programme of thirteen items was presented by the Castletown Metropolitan Band introduced by the Hon. Treasurer. Arranged on the stage the band made a most imposing array, resplendant in their blue uniforms with the red and yellow facings, and with instruments and buttons gleaming.

It was arranged that the programme should be presented in two parts, in order that the band might have a rest. In the interval thus supplied the Hon. Treasurer delivered his discourse, in which he discussed each instrument in the band, and told us something of the history of the Castletown Band as added interest. The band, led by its veteran, Mr. Cubbon, gave a truly remarkable performance. They possessed tone, talent and precision in timing, and fully deserved the applause they received. Mr. Christian with his trombone, and Mr. Kewley with his euphonium, merit particular mention for their solo items, but every member of the band pulled his full weight. The Vice-President closed the meeting by offering them congratulations and thanks, both of which the audience heartily supported.

Afterwards the committee members entertained the bandmen and saw that their thirst was satisfactorily quenched. In replying to a speech, the President said that the Metropolitan Band ought to initiate an annual visit to College. If it were arranged, this would give the Club an extra incident to look forward to. As this is the end of the Club's activity for this school year, we wish to thank everyone who has in any way contributed to the success of our meetings

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.

Three Scientific Society meetings were held in the Lent Term, with a record attendance at the last.

At the first meeting three short papers were read by the Hon. Treasurer and Messrs. Black and Butler. Mr. Butler dealt with his subject, "Radio-Activity," very thoroughly, but he was handicapped by having no experiments to perform to illustrate and support his arguments. The second paper on "Penicillin," by Mr. Black was far too wide to be dealt with fully in the time at his disposal. He limited himself wisely to its discovery, development, and large scale production. His lecture was extremely interesting, and illustrated by slide and specimens. The meeting closed with a demonstration of "Lissajows Figures" by the Hon. Treasurer. He demonstrated the formation of the figure on an ingenious apparatus of his own construction which proved remarkably effective. Many good figures were produced and passed round for inspection.

At the second meeting Mr. Barlow delivered the lecture which we are beginning to expect from him each term. This time he chose Sound Recording as his subject. As usual he was master of his subject and endeavoured with considerable success to make the Society equally so. He dealt with all methods of sound recording, pointing out the advantages and defects of each. His clear exposition of these methods and of manufacturing processes made a most interesting lecture.

The final meeting of the Term was entirely devoted to a show of Scientific Films, for the loan of which we are indebted to the Central Film Library. The first, entitled "Radar," gave a clear and concise picture of the basic principles of Radio-Location, and of its wartime application. The two Biological films, "Penicillin" and "D.D.T." were exceptionally good, both in the clarity of their description and for the excellence of the photography. The last film, on "Explosives," was not up to the same high standard, however. The meeting attracted 126 members despite the limitations of attendance to certain forms. The meeting culminated in a display arranged by Mr. Black of Penicillinian culture.

MANX SOCIETY.

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: H. G. MULLENS, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: N. H. SCOTT.

For this term three meetings and one expedition were arranged, but on account of unforeseen circumstances, one of the meetings had to be abandoned.

At the first meeting, held on January 30th, several members read short extracts from books referring to the Manx or the Isle of Man.

For our second meeting, the original programme had to be cancelled, and in its place the Society was entertained by three short papers, read by Crellin, Selkirk, and the Hon. Secretary, respectively. The first dealt with the life history of the most famous Manx slave trader, Captain Hugh Crow, and the second with the life of Edgar Christian, who, we are informed, led a short, but eventful and adventurous life in the Arctic wastes. To conclude the meeting the Hon. Secretary read a paper on the life of Captain John Quilliam, both in the Royal Navy and in the House of Keys.

Our expedition, on March 8th, led us to the Nunnery, Douglas, where we were the guests of Lady Fry and Major Fry-Goldie-Taubman. After our arrival and introduction the latter took us on a tour of the grounds, which impressed us not only with their size, but also with their state of preservation. On our return to the main building we inspected a large number of extremely interesting paintings, after which Lady Fry entertained us with a very enjoyable tea. We are very grateful to our host and hostess, and thank them most heartily for their kindness.

We also wish to take this opportunity to thank our Chairman for the use of his warm study as a meeting-place.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: A. L. COOIL, Esq.

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

Hon. Treasurer: E. B. SELKIRK.

The term's activities have been less than usual, due not to a lack of supplies, but more probably to their expense. Nevertheless, the Society will be the proud possessors of the long-awaited electric glazer next term, and, with the Half-Term Competition, doubtless good use will be made of it. An exhibition will be held after the competition to show the school what the Society can do, and it is sincerely hoped they will not be disappointed—particularly since Cain, H., has been experimenting with colour and movie film.

One new member, Costain, W. R., was enrolled in place of Quirk. G. C., and, as always, the Society has a healthy waiting list.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

President: J. FOSTON, Esq.

Vice-President: J. W. CORRIN.

Hon. Secretary: F. R. SHIMMIN.

This term has probably been the most successful in our history. Ably led by the President, we are now a flourishing society. The library contains over fifty books, including ten Penguin books bought this term.

Of our seven meetings, three have been devoted to private business. Of the remainder, the first was held on February 1st, and consisted of a short debate on the motion "That horse-trams should be abolished from Douglas Promenade," proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Vice-President, and opposed by H. S. Corlett, seconded by J. C. Lowey. The motion was defeated by eight votes to six.

The next meeting, on March 10th, took the form of a Brains Trust, consisting of the Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary, V. Toulmin and J. C. Lowey. Questions discussed were "Is Music Developing for the Better?" "Should the Steeplechase be made Voluntary?" "Is a horse more useful to a farmer than a tractor?" and "Will Television be worth the cost?"

On March 14th a spelling bee was held between Dickson House and Walters House. After a close contest, the result was a draw, each side scoring 68½ points.

The last meeting on March 21st, consisted of a quiz, Science and Arts. The Science side were asked easy Arts questions, and the Arts side easy Science questions. The result was an easy win for the Arts side.

We must once more thank Mr. Foston for the use of his comfortable study and able help so readily given.

CHESS CLUB.

President: A. J. GRANT, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: P. B. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer: I. J. STEWARDSON.

The term has been an uneventful one for the Club. We were unable to arrange a match with the Douglas Chess Club, as we had hoped, owing to the pressure of other school activities, and have confined ourselves to our usual weekly meetings. On the whole, attendance at these has been very good, particularly among the younger members, many of whom have also borrowed sets to play in their spare time. Consequently, the standard of play is showing a slow, but sure improvement, which is most encouraging. This fact, coupled with the undoubted keenness displayed, makes it possible to look on the future with distinctly hopeful eyes.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

President: L. DEHAENE, Esq.

Chairman: J. FOSTON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: B. S. JOHNSTON.

Hon. Treasurer: P. S. NELSON.

The activities of the Society have been more limited this term, and only two meetings have been held. The first consisted of a talk by Mr. P. Piehler, who visited Germany at Christmas, on his experiences there, and on the impression he received of the defeated

Germans. It was specially interesting to us, as we have heard so little first-hand information about this subject, and the lecturer is to be congratulated on the delivery of his speech.

The second meeting was held jointly with the Literary and Debating Society and took the form of three papers on the "Art of Translation," read by Messrs. Foston, Mullens and Handyside respectively. They each gave their own views on the best way to tackle this, to us, rather abstruse subject, and while Mr. Foston looked at the problem from a practical point of view, Messrs. Mullens and Handyside took up the philosophical aspect, thus giving us a very much wider comprehension of the "Art."

HOUSE NOTES

SCHOOL HOUSE

Head of House: C. A. R. WILSON.

Præpositor: P. B. JONES.

Sub-Præpositor: I. J. STEWARDSON.

House Præpositors: J. S. SANSOM, B. E. STOKES,
J. S. SOUTHWARD, M. F. HOSKING, G. BUSSEY.

This term has been mainly one of illness, and all the news is either affected by, or directly concerned with it. About a week after the beginning of term most of the studies retired to the San. with 'flu; the Open House Match was only a week off, and we had been lucky in being drawn against Dickson. However, when the day arrived two forwards, Wilson, the only first colour in the House, and Hosking, one of our few representatives on the 2nd XV., were still sick, and we lost a close game played in a howling gale.

The standard of hockey was good, and we only lost by one goal to Walters, the eventual winners of the inter-house competition.

Now we come to a startling item in the notes. Mr. Thompson, for the first time in several decades, retired to bed over a weekend. The nature of his malady is kept a closely-guarded secret. Mr. McGovern, our assistant housemaster, also suffering from a bad cold, was already in bed, so the house had to run itself for a few days.

Congratulations to C. F. Robins on winning the Under 16 Steeplechase, and to J. Landon on being selected to represent College at the White City.

Congratulations to P. B. Jones and I. J. Stewardson on being made Præ. and Sub-Præ. respectively.

There is one leaver this term, R. C. Gelling, and in addition we bid farewell to Mr. McGovern, to whom we wish God-speed. We are looking forward to next term, when we hope that Mr. R. O. A. Wertheim will be able to make something of the excellent cricket material which there is in the House.

COLBOURNE HOUSE

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

Præpositors: G. F. WHITE, P. J. HENNEY.

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

Having written our first House Notes last term, we are still wondering what their real purpose is, as so much of the news is already published elsewhere in *The Barrovian*.

Congratulations to P. J. Henney on his appointment as a full school Præpositor.

Congratulations to G. F. White on winning the Senior Cross Country Race for the third year in succession, and to A. M. Wattersson on winning the Class III. Cross Country.

Congratulations to P. H. T. Piehler on winning the "unseen" General Knowledge Prize.

We lost the Senior Rugby and the Fives Shield this term.

Congratulations to W. Bealby-Wright on winning the English Poem Prize—an award which has not been made for some years.

Ten boys—one fifth of the House—were confirmed by the Lord Bishop this term.

Would any parents or Old Boys of the House consider giving us any large pictures which they do not want which would be suitable for hanging on the bare House Room walls?

We think that this is a suitable moment to thank Mr. Radcliffe for the wireless set, and Mr. Dean for the radiogram which they gave us last year.

DICKSON HOUSE

Head of House: G. F. CRELLIN.

Præpositor: E. B. SELKIRK.

House Præpositors: J. E. M. CORKILL, I. D. WOOD,
A. R. R. CAIN.

Having written one set of House Notes for the last issue of *The Barrovian*, we have said all we have to say. We have not, since then, hit the headlines either for our successes or for our crimes. Happy is the nation that has no history. Are we alive? Yes, and doing nicely thank you. To say more of what happens in our sequestered vale would be either to reveal intimacies or to publish banalities.

WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House: J. W. RADCLIFFE.

Præpositor: P. G. BLACK.

Sub-Præpositor: H. J. CAIN.

House Præpositors: M. W. S. BARLOW, P. S. NELSON,
G. S. BARLOW, J. SIMPSON.

The term has been highly successful. By beating Dickson and Colbourne we won the Open Rugger Shield and thoroughly revenged

last year's defeat. The Fives Shield has returned to the fold after a victory in which the House Four, Radcliffe, Robinson, Nelson and Fletcher, scored 540 points against 100. The House, moreover, has been undefeated in the inter-House hockey, but the cross-country still remains a blot on our distinguished record. Enough said!

The mumps epidemic did not seriously affect the House, which was considerably less smitten than others. Indeed it may have had a beneficial effect since we have amassed 122 commends as against 36 reports. Is this a record?

The Fifth Form Room have been promoted to the rank of study and the promotion has been well received.

We extend our congratulations to W. C. Holmes on gaining Special Entry into the Royal Navy, and are glad to hear that he is playing in the R.N.C. Sevens at Rosslyn Park.

The new boys we welcome are three: Brown, Corlett and Moiseeff. Gilmore, Caine, J. W., and Lace, P., are leaving, the latter two to join the band of Old Walters bankers.

JUNIOR HOUSE

The term is drawing to a close and we are asked for a report. The standard topics, however, are missing, and this has been a term when the usual things did not happen. Only in the first and last weeks could one playing field be used; even Juniors had enough of snow, which was seldom of a quantity for missiles; running was a mortification of the flesh on the hard high road, at which Meadows and De Morgan have excelled. Yet the term has been a happy one, in a way which reflects great credit on all, in spite of all the weather could do.

After five years in the House, van Issum has ruled dormitory and prep, room with a bite more noticeable than his bark, and this has saved many a thoughtless one from a worse fate. Three boys came to us from Hunt House, Bolton, Creer and White, N., and they fitted in very readily. Another recruit was Shepherd, the son of an old Junior.

Robertson, R., and Wood imported the mumps. This was an unpopular disease (it makes one look such an ass), and it was studiously avoided except by Foster. He seemed to be getting on nicely, but the Doctor refused to certify him and he only missed half term!

Scouts and Cubs have been very busy getting on with things that could be done inside, in the hope of taking full advantage of next term's summer weather, which is surely due to us. The Cub pack has now a high reputation to keep up, and the Troop are also up to last year's good standard. We lose three of our four Patrol Leaders this term, but their successors are well able to continue their work.

HUNT HOUSE

Head of House : N. H. SCOTT.

House Præpositors: W. K. BAZETT, W. R. COSTAIN,
R. S. MIDDLETON, D. N. MARKHAM.

We started the term with 69 boys, a few less than last term. Of these 33 are under 13½, which makes the average age of the House rather low.

D. N. Markham was appointed House Præpositor at the beginning of term. Later, W. K. Bazett was awarded his 2nd Athletics colours by taking 2nd place in the Cross-country.

Early in the term we were beaten 3-nil by Colbourne House in the second round of the Senior House matches. For this game we were unfortunate in losing G. Craine, who again broke his collar bone, in a practice during the second week of term.

Because of the bad weather there has been competition for only one other outdoor activity shield, namely that for Steeplechasing. This shield we keep by defeating Colbourne, the runners-up, with a clear margin. In all three classes the first four runners in the House were in the first ten, and in Classes I. and II. the sixth members of the teams were 19th, and in Class III. 27th.

This year it has been possible to hold a Junior and Senior House Hockey Competition. The under 16's were beaten by School House, the ultimate winners, but in following less serious inter-house games they were not always defeated. The Senior team beat Dickson House in the first round, but lost to Walters in the final. This was due to the greater experience of Walters' forwards and the lack of finish to our forwards' play when in the opposition circle.

The interest in Fives this term on the part of the Senior members of the House has been increased greatly, and it is hoped that this interest will not wane. In the competition for the shield we were beaten by Walters after drawing a bye for the first round.

We were pleased to see the following Old Boys playing hockey this term: T. Kelly, L. Earnshaw, S. Christian and J. D. Costain, who was on leave after service in the Pacific. Other visitors this term were L. Smith and P. Bruce.

We wish Hudson, Fishwick and Martin, who leave us this term, the best of luck in the future, and also to Conibear and Stott, who go to Walters and School Houses respectively.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Fifty years ago, and what do we remember? Mainly the Chapel, I think, and Judy at the organ, except when relieved by Lloyd or Miss Wood from Douglas. Black used to disappear into the inner recesses of the organ to do the blowing in the days of the old two-manual Willis, but was relieved of this duty when the new three-manual was built with its water engine in the old vestry at the west end. Chapel practice at 9.30 on Sunday mornings, with Joe himself taking us through the Psalms, responses, and occasionally some

unusual hymns; morning service at 11; afternoon service at 4.30 during the summer with the floor watered to cool the building a bit, and a choir practice at 9 p.m. after prep. in the evening.

There was no 5-day week for the choir; they were practising on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 2.15 to 3.0 and 9 to 10 p.m., Saturdays as well, but going to the Tynwald at St. John's on July 5th each year made up for the hard work. We went on to Peel to sing in the old Cathedral in the Castle, dinner at a boarding house, and to Hall Caine's Greeba Castle for tea and a singsong.

H.G.W.H.-G. had come back as a master and took the Third; although named after a song I cannot remember whether he had any musical inclinations except on Saturdays. Billy Baker had the Second, and Taffy Davis had just left the Third; Wilson had just about taken over the Lower Fifth from Tiglath, who had gone to Klondyke.

Dickson was for ever with the Upper Fifth; the Sixth seemed to have no permanent head, Edwards and Dottles seeming only to pass in the night.

Lights in College were the batwing burners; even mantles had not arrived although 'Orace Pyne had rigged up an electric light over Joe's desk in the big schoolroom for the nightly 5.45 readings from the classics, which finished school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The school clock was in the same room just over the door, fitted with an elaborate contrivance for tinkling a bell five minutes in advance of the hall bell at the end of each period, 9.50, 10.40, 11.30, 12.20 and 1.10.

'Orace was a good man wasted in a scientific desert, but had his chance and took it later at Warwick, but even in these early days he had an "X" ray tube at work and a wireless receiver and transmitter before the general public had heard of such things, and they worked when he gave demonstrations in the big school on a Saturday evening.

These lectures were as brilliant and interesting as any I have heard since, whether on Geology, Physics, or Wireless, especially as they came after a course of talks on the human body by some well intentioned lady, which were a real flop.

Castletown was a garrison town in those days (I wonder if the Barracks have been pulled down yet), and 1895 saw six feet of snow on the Ballasalla road through which the soldiers made a cart track to College.

Whole holidays were unthought of in 1894, but one adventurous lady bearded the Principal with a suggestion for a whole day picnic to Colby Glen, which took place on Midsummer Day about 1896 or 1897.

There was another to Santon Dubbs a year later; scratch affairs but red letter days in a rather humdrum life where the head's expressed opinion was that boys who are not kept fully engaged will get into mischief.

I often wonder how many boys went down with measles, one of those years. When the San. was full, school carried on and we none

of us seemed to suffer for it, although one master proved more "difficult" than usual. H.G. took us in his bedroom when his leg was broken.

These were Victorian days, yet the school did not date except perhaps in the gas-brackets. There were no curtains or blinds except in the studies where they blew across the gas during evening service, giving the fire brigade some real wet practice.

I do not think that there had ever been any "fagging" nor was there too much rough stuff for the youngsters.

Joe was dead low church; his successor was, to our estimation, too high, and adopted a new psalter and hymn book, and standing up when he entered, which we did not like, and I cannot help thinking that the service never afterwards had its former zeal. But of all conservatives the boys are the least yielding, are they not?

B. 1894/1900.

IN PALESTINE TO-DAY.

The following is an extract from a letter received from J. A. Hilton, Esq. (O.K.W. 1910-1918), who is serving as Chairman of the Commission responsible for the local government of Jerusalem:—

"In view of your kind threat to put me in the *Barrovian* (which I continued to get until recently), I should perhaps explain that I am a somewhat 'ersatz' mayor. Having done everything that was likely to come my way for some years in Nigeria, I volunteered for service here on secondment in 1944—and was promoted Deputy District Commissioner of the Capital after some four months. Then the High Commissioner some two years ago dissolved the elected Municipal Council (which being half Arab and half Jewish could never agree on anything), and appointed a Commission of seven senior officials—or whom I found myself one. Now our original Chairman—the ex-Postmaster General who alone gave full time to the municipality—has gone to a post under U.N.O. and I have been recalled to take his place. My real posting this tour, if I ever get to it, is Principal Assistant Secretary in the Secretariat.

"This City is, of course, the most interesting place to serve in you could imagine—Ancient and Modern, Peace on Earth and Politics in the Holy Places, Hymns and Hatred on every side all jumbled up together. My job has included stage-managing religious festivals (with police), helping to clear up the King David mess, handing back the Jewish Agency after we had occupied it, and dancing in the continental-type cafes before licensing them! At the Jewish Agency, as they would not send anyone to "take over" from me, I could only have the troops withdrawn and stand in the crowd to watch the long line of cars full of Jewish leaders enter. Everyone else uncovered—and feeling most unpleasantly conspicuous, I hastened to do so too!"

J.T.C. NOTES

The weather this term has restricted training severely. Once again the field day was continually postponed. At length, on the last Friday of the term, the contingent carried out an exercise on Langness. The object was to practice battle procedure; and the development of the platoons showed that the lessons had been very well learnt. Otherwise, too much of the training has been indoors to make very satisfactory programmes or an interesting account. We hope that the weather next term will allow us to remedy this. Certainly a busy time lies ahead. Apart from the general inspection, there is to be a Certificate "A" examination lasting two days and a field exercise; and probably we shall again be called upon to provide a guard for the Tynwald Ceremony. A lot of hard work will be required of all members of the contingent, and upon their keenness we can rely.

SCOUTING

1st K.W.C. GROUP.

This term has seen the inauguration of a Senior Scout Troop. It is hoped to enrol about four of our best Scouts per year, and for a start, Shimmin, F., Crighton, J., Gelling, D., and Watterson, J. H., all First Class Scouts, are leading the way. This is a serious and whole-hearted adventure, as the course is an alternative to that provided by the J.T.C.

Crighton is to represent the Group at the International Jamboree in France next August. Inspired by this, he gained the award for the best exhibit at the Island Scout Handicraft Exhibition. In this connection, Webster's Pirate Ship (and crew) must be mentioned. Being made in workshops under supervision, it was not eligible for competition, but was certainly the most striking exhibit on view.

All Scouting has suffered from the wintry weather, but steady progress has been made whenever possible. In "A" Troop, seven proficiency badges have been won. Second Class badges go to Watson, J., and Stoner, J., and there has been one investiture. In the "B" Troop eight have been invested and Watson, P., attained Second Class. Field Day was rendered somewhat difficult by the conditions, but the Seniors tried a cooking programme. "A" Troop stalked Mr. Copley round Castletown, and "B" Troop shadowed their Scouters in an observation competition.

Junior Troop and the Pack were able to devote considerable time to Scouting activities in place of some of the abandoned games. Miss Clague's first aid classes flourished, and many queer dishes germinated seeds in unexpected places. The Troop collected material for a Scout Jumble Sale and then jam jars with much enthusiasm. On Field Day, half-patrols managed to cross three miles of hill country on a compass bearing and find their tea—a good effort.

Scouters have not been idle, and three of them attended a course for two week-ends in Douglas.

The Annual Camp is being planned for the beginning of the summer holidays, and it is hoped that all Second Class Scouts, or better, will attend. There ought not to be room for many more!

Our thanks are due particularly to Mr. O. S. Wrangham, the Assistant Island Commissioner for Tracking who has visited us several times, and whose experiences and advice have been most welcome to the whole group.

STEEPLECHASE.

That we were able to run the steeplechase at all, and to complete the bare minimum of practice runs this year was nothing short of a miracle; the conditions were indescribably bad. Despite this, the practices were beneficial, and most Houses were able to select representative teams of boys who were reasonably fit and had had some team training.

The organisation of the steeplechase Shield Competition was changed this year. Three Final races were run, for boys in different age-groups, instead of the customary Senior and Junior races. The Class I race, for boys over 16 years was run on the former Senior Course of six to seven miles; the Class II (14 to 16 years) race was run on the former Junior Course of about four miles, whilst a new course of about three miles was introduced for Class III (12 to 14 years). Each House entered teams of eight boys in each Class, so that 120 boys competed in the Final races this year instead of the 40 boys in previous years. To allow for injuries and retirements in such a big entry, only the first six of each team to complete the course counted in assessing the Final House order.

Finals day, February 15th, turned out to be one of the few moderately fine days of the Term, although heavy going was experienced on all the course. All the races were keenly contested and reflected great credit on all competitors. As expected, G. White (C), again won the Class I event in the very good time of 40 min. 42 secs., almost a minute faster than his winning time of last year. He was not unduly pressed throughout the race, and finished remarkably fit and fresh. Bazett (H) gained second place in 41 min. 15 secs., after a hard tussle with G. F. Crellin (D). Some very good team running, particularly by Hunt, Colbourne and Dickson House, was seen in this race.

In the Class II event, twenty boys finished within three minutes of the winner, Robins (S) who completed the course in 31 min. 19 secs., and some close finishes were seen. Landon (S) gained second place in 31 min. 52 secs. Again there was some good team work by Hunt House. Watterson, A. (C) won the Class III race in 28 min. 30 secs., and was closely followed by three Hunt House boys led by Watterson, J. H.

The Steeplechase Shield was won by Hunt House, the holders, the Final House positions being: 1, Hunt, 179 points; 2, Colbourne, 228 points; 3, School, 288 points; 4, Dickson, 303 points; 5, Walters, 397 points.

We wish to record our thanks to all those masters who assisted in timing and judging the races, to the farmers who again allowed us to use their land and who were so helpful and co-operative, and finally Middleton and his co-workers who marshalled the course so efficiently.

ATHLETICS.

It was quite impossible to attempt any serious Athletics during the Lent term. During the brief periods of respite from snow, frost, blizzard and rain, some heroic efforts at practising were made, but when one of our brave groups "shacking" in the snow reminded one of the masters of "The Retreat from Moscow," even the stoutest hearts were daunted. We gave in.

The Sports will be held in the Summer Term on a track on Gell's Field.

The unfortunate weather has interfered seriously with the training of a team for the Inter Public Schools Challenge Cup meeting at the White City. Our only consolation lies in the fact that most other Schools have been similarly affected, some to a far greater degree.

RUGBY

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Senior House matches were once again played on the knock-out system, and we were fortunate to have completed the game before the Arctic weather set in.

In the Preliminary Round, Dickson beat School by 11 points to 3. Dickson had a useful pack, with Cain, A. R., Crellin, G. F., Macgregor and Selkirk, the latter of whom ably captained Dickson between ferocious tackling. The weakness of Dickson backs was easily borne out when Southward scored for School, rounding the defence by a run from the half-way line.

SEMI-FINALS.

The semi-finals were played in falling snow and a driving wind.

COLBOURNE v. HUNT.

The game between Colbourne and Hunt was a ding-dong affair, Colbourne being the eventual winners by a try scored by Henney, which was unconverted. Both sides continued to press hard and there were anxious moments for each, but there was no further score.

Result: Colbourne 3; Hunt 0.

WALTERS v. DICKSON.

Under the adverse conditions Walters easily defeated Dickson 30—0. Walters had a powerful back division of four 1st XV. caps

and two 2nd caps, and practically the same scrum as last year. Everyone understood that the Walters forwards would heel every time, this being evident by the way Selkirk and Crellin (Dickson wing forwards) marked Robinson, the Walters scrum half. Wood, I. D., at fly half was a tower of strength in the Dickson line but the only one. Tries were scored by Radcliffe, J. W. (4), Black, P. G. (2), Robinson, T. M., and Fletcher, P. C. G. (1). Radcliffe converted with a heavy ball three times.

FINAL.

WALTERS v. COLBOURNE.

The final was played on Big Side on a breezy day. In this game the Walters forwards excelled themselves, getting the better part of the play for the first half and half of the second. The Colbourne line tackled well, especially White and Henney, the line coming up flat. Half-way through the first half on the Colbourne 25, Walters heeled, Robinson passing to Black who cut through past Dracup to score near the posts, Radcliffe converting. About ten minutes later Black repeated this move, finding a gap between White and Dracup, Radcliffe again converting. This, namely 10—0, was the score at half-time.

In the second half Colbourne, with the wind behind, pressed strongly with their forward and with long touch kicking. Curran was well to the fore in the forward play, and Barlow, G., was prominent in the lines out; also at this time there was the lively interchange of house-match banter. After a forward rush White succeeded in crossing the Walters line, where he lost the ball, but Dracup, backing up, effected the touch down. The kick was not converted. There was no further score, the result being 10—3 for Walters.

RUGBY "SEVENS."

Mr. A. B. Collier, who originally suggested the raising of an Old Boys' Fund to finance the Sevens Tour, has asked us to publish in *The Barrovian* our reasons for not competing this year.

The cost of the Tour in 1946 was £121, as published in the accounts of the Fund in *The Barrovian*, leaving a balance of £6 5s. od. towards this year. So far only £18 has been contributed. As, in addition, some of this year's Seven left at Christmas, the authorities did not feel justified in asking the Trustees for a grant this year, or for that matter in asking Parents to finance it. It is to be noted that this year the Athletics team is going to the White City, and some parents would have to finance both ventures.

We agree with Mr. Collier that it would be a good thing to send a Seven to London annually, but the matter is almost entirely one of finance. Schools which compete there annually have boys who live in London who can put up the teams in private houses.

HOCKEY

In the Lent Term we had our usual short season of Hockey. Four pitches were available this year but, owing to the bad weather, we had few days when we could use them all. Each week's programme was arranged so that, as far as possible, the various age groups had equal opportunities for a game. This did not quite work out in practice, because on many days play was impossible, and so boys who did not get as much hockey as they would have liked, must lay the blame on the weather and not the organisers.

An under sixteen inter-House knock-out competition was held with the following results:—

In the first round, School beat Hunt and Colbourne beat Dickson; Walters had a bye. In the second round Walters beat Colbourne; School had a bye. In the final School beat Walters.

An open inter-House knock-out competition was also held, with the following results:—

In the first round Hunt beat Dickson and School beat Colbourne; Walters had a bye. In the second round Walters beat School; Hunt had a bye. Walters beat Hunt in the final.

The annual match between the College XI. and a Barrovian XI., resulted in a fairly easy win for our opponents. The College XI. had several other games against XI.'s consisting of Masters and Old Boys. The best College XI. was Hack, goal; Sansom and Hosking, full-backs; Radcliffe, J. W., Scott, N. (captain), and Markham, half-backs; Black, Fletcher, Barlow, G. S., Landon and Atkinson, T. N., forwards.

During the Easter vacation a College XI. was narrowly defeated by a touring team of Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys.

Scott, N., Captain of Hockey, and the House Captains, Sansom, Watterson, D., Corkill, J. and Black, deserve commendation for the great deal of work they did in connection with the organisation of teams, and we thank all Masters who supervised and umpired games and matches.

In spite of many black days we had an enjoyable season, and Hockey again proved itself very popular with boys of all ages.

FIVES.

After the Shield not being competed for last year, the competition was much looked forward to this year. Walters proved to be easy winners and met little opposition in their path to the Shield. Again the Houses have been restricted in practising by the few balls available, and those who wished to practice often had to repair them themselves. The competition again was on the knock-out system.

In the Preliminary Round, Walters beat Colbourne by 180 points to 25. In the Second Round, School narrowly beat Dickson, and Walters beat Hunt by 180 points to 21. In the final round, Walters

beat School by 180 points to 54, thus scoring a total of 540 points for, to 100 against, an average of 15.2.78 per game, surely the best for many years.

There were not sufficient fives balls for a tournament this year, so that the public battle between the Principal and Mr. Strachan has to be postponed to a future date, when the land will be flowing with milk and honey (and fives balls).

SHOOTING.

There has been a general improvement in marksmanship this term but we are in need of fresh blood. Therefore, in the summer, we propose to train some of the more promising youngsters so that next year the nucleus of a team will still remain.

At the end of last term we beat Elizabeth College at Guernsey in a postal match, shot under "Country Life" conditions. Our score was 536, as against 496.

The results this term were:

K.W.C. v. Bromsgrove	566	: 623	Lost.
K.W.C. v. Elizabeth College	579	: 558	Won.
K.W.C. v. Merchant Taylor's	549	: 501	Lost.

Results of the last two matches shot have not yet been received.

Occupied by a host of other school activities, we can find little enough time for shooting practices; but we have persevered, and only by continuing to do so can we maintain, and indeed increase, our scores.

OXFORD LETTER.

By the absence of *The Barrovian* from our collection of important literature acquired this term, we are forced to conclude that the fuel crisis has placed that publication on the same footing as *The New Statesman*, *The Spectator*, *Punch*, and *The Farmers' Weekly*, not to mention *The Isis*. While wishing to congratulate you, Sir, on this achievement of equality with the leading journals in the land, we commiserate heartily with you on this unwelcome interruption of the termly spread of good news from a far country. In happier bygone days we experienced, as quondam editors, the trials normally undergone by that august and harassed functionary—the apathy of potential contributors, the illegibility of correspondence, the deplorable mathematics of the compiler of the cricket scores, the disadvantages of a calendar of events, which made the critique of the end of term concert the occasion of much midnight oil burning—all those difficulties of editorship, which we are traditionalists enough to suppose you deal with still. These were hard enough, but having placed your magnum opus in the hands of the printers, your

troubles, apart from correcting the proofs were over, and you sat back and waited, for controversy, blame, or even praise. Alas, Sir, how times have changed! Now it appears that having got so far, your troubles are only about to begin. Doubtless it was proposed to send a busload of printer's devils from Upper IVb. into Douglas to lend a hand in speeding the press. Doubtless, too, this manifestation of private enterprise, liberalism or common sense—call it what you will—was scotched when the fatal pronouncements of a ministry which shall be nameless were made known.

It may be, of course, that we are barking up the wrong tree in supposing the production ban to be the reason of your non-appearance so far. Perhaps your winter rivals even that of 1928-'9 in severity, and either your manuscript is icebound in Castletown, or your "galleys" frozen up in Douglas. Having no knowledge, Sir, we are left to fall back on conjecture. Of one thing, however, we are certain; by the time these words appear in print, if indeed such a reminder of past honours is permitted to pass the censors—you and we will be engaged in happier pursuits than struggling to help our circulations moving, staunching burst pipes, falling off our bicycles, and playing a fixture list of snow-bound sport entirely in the imagination. By then, we hope, our leisure hours will be passing pleasantly under a sunny sky; in the parks, where perhaps the lateness of the top dressing will not have affected the wicket too badly (though as spectators our interest in this is largely academic!); on the cherwell at last open to navigation, where even the most amateur of punters can ply his craft with little contumely; bathing in Parson's pleasure, or exploring the stripling Thames (floods having subsided!)—in fact, Sir, doing all those things, which should be done in an Oxford summer term, with the obvious crucial proviso, "weather permitting."

And we shall picture you, struggling gamely to keep your batting average in double figures; careering carelessly down Foxdale on a bicycle, which may have seen better days, now forgotten in the triumphant thrill of the present, swimming vast distances in training for the half mile; slicing your tattered last remaining Silver King on to Derby Haven beach in preparation for one of the modern labours of Hercules; stumbling onwards and upwards in the firm conviction that Barrule's summit lies just over the next ridge—in fact, doing all the things which a College summer term demands, and with the aforesaid proviso, usually gets.

We are being cautious, Sir, and in our opinion rightly so; for there may come a time when having striven to bowl off-spinners with a sphere of sawdust and been repeatedly robbed of a several-wickets victory by yet another cloudburst, the hopes of our last paragraphs may prove in retrospect vain and illusory. But we hope not; and would conclude, in expectation of receiving a long lost budget of college news fairly soon, with our best wishes, and in proposing to you the Editorial Toast—"a happy issue out of all your afflictions."

OXONIENSIS.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

The marked increase in attendance at lectures this term was probably not entirely due to lack of heating elsewhere, but we must own that we have been less concerned with the education of the Whole Man than with the problem of keeping the Whole Man warm. However, O.K.W.'s are notoriously hardy, and we are happy to report that a rapid survey of those at this University has shown them to be indisputably alive in almost every case.

Intending visitors to Trinity Hall should not confuse it with the rear quarters of Trinity College proper, which it adjoins: but it is worth looking for, if you know Desmond Curran. Here he practices those five finger exercises by which his room may be so easily located; and here, in a series of charitable tea-parties, he has made good the calorific deficiencies of many a man less well acquainted with Ulster produce.

R. A. G. Stuart, sustained by parcels from Australia, has spoken eloquently at the Union in support of Empire Preference, and is zealously pursuing his study of European languages with a view to farming in Scotland.

The extensive re-arrangements, and perhaps an occasional Jap, among the exhibits in the Museum of Classical Archaeology, might prompt the infrequent visitor to the assumption that Spring Cleaning was in progress, or even a visit from the Brokers men. Not so. Closer inspection of some itinerant group of plaster figures might reveal Peter Gelling (readily distinguishable by his spectacles), propelling it along. The number of broken statues in there is alarming, but we understand that some at least are meant to look like that. P. S. G. also cycles outside the town boundary to dig in the ground for pottery. Should the cup and saucer shortage continue, he will soon be joined in force.

Vondy Corkill, who lost his voice shouting either at the Downing boats or at his landlady, also lost his bicycle one dark night in Free School Lane. He tramped about for a week until he found it again—in Free School Lane, a curious occurrence for which he can offer no adequate explanation.

Ross Coles is to be seen in "The Dugout" every day, "starving off starvation" with a singleness of purpose reminiscent of Billy Bunter. But unlike that Immortal, he is unusually active. He sails for the University when the water is not frozen, and plays rugger for Clare when the ground is not frozen, and sometimes runs for three miles at a time though with what object we did not discover. Perhaps that is the distance one must practise to outstrip a Proctor.

David Saunderson continues his study of the organ, but far from pulpit and cloister. Just where, we are not permitted to say; but his infrequent appearances at Downing are, we understand, only by courtesy of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation. However, local radio reception is still subject to persistent interference, which suggests that he still manages to do some experimental work, as do we all from time to time; for "While the jolly hours lead on propitious May," *Assiduitate non Desidia* must remain the motto of your

CANTABRIGIENSES.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of *The Barrovian*.

Dear Sir,

It has been arranged that the Old Boys' Rugby match with the College for the season 1947/48 will take place on Saturday, October 25th.

Preliminary arrangements are to be the same as last season's successful trip, that is, cross to the Island by steamer on the Friday and return Sunday midnight or Monday morning, which ever suits the individual, and it is suggested that holidays or leave might be fixed to suit the above dates.

Anyone interested in playing is asked to communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. ADCOCK.

To the Editor of *The Barrovian*.

Dear Sir,

There is a serious shortage of spiked running shoes at the College, and there does not seem to be any prospect of their becoming more plentiful for a long time. None has been sold from our store for many years; we have been loaning our present stock to the various Houses during the Athletics season, but, as replacements have been impossible to obtain since 1940, few of those we have will outlast the present season.

If, therefore, any O.K.W.'s have a pair in their possession which they no longer require, would they care to give or sell them to the College? We should be most grateful.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. FIELDHOUSE.

To the Editor of *The Barrovian*.

Dear Sir,

In *The Barrovian* of February, 1947, there is a statement in the review of the Rugby Football season that Stonyhurst, St. Bees, Rosall, Sedburgh, Oundle, and Uppingham, are all schools with 400-500 boys over 13 years of age. I cannot speak with any authority as to the others, but this statement is wrong as regards St Bee's, which, in fact, has just over 200 boys.

This is obviously an unintentional error, but I feel that it is impossible to let it pass without comment, since, apart from other considerations, it might conceivably lead to an unfortunate misunderstanding and unintentional lowering of the reputation of St. Bee's as an outstanding Rugger school.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS THOMPSON.

The Foundation,
St. Bee's School,
Cumberland.

[We wish to tender our sincere apologies to St. Bee's for an error, which was quite inadvertent.—Ed.]

NOTICE.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

O.K.W.'s whose actual age *less* the time spent in national service, gives a nominal age of under 21, are entitled to receive advice and to be registered for employment with the Bureau. The goodwill of the Bureau with firms stands high, and they have a number of vacancies which might be suitable for O.K.W.'s now coming out of the Forces. Enquiries should be addressed to The Secretary, at 62, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

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