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Mr. A. J. Grant, who has been so valuable and popular a member of the College since 1919, is leaving us, to our very sincere regret. He would in any case have retired under superannuation in November of this year, but as a very suitable post has been offered him immediately, he has wisely accepted it.

Several Old Boys have asked me if I would act as treasurer and organiser of a testimonial fund, and this I undertake most gladly, since he came to the College as instructor to the (then) O.T.C. under my command.

It needs no commendation of mine to express our appreciation of the valuable work that Mr. Grant has done in close on thirty years here, nor to recall his popularity, his kindness of heart, his enthusiasm for College, and his sympathy with those in trouble, facts so well-known to his countless friends in generation after generation of Old Boys, who in their turn will, I know, wish him to have some tangible memorial of their regard and affection.

I shall be delighted to receive subscriptions on behalf of such a fund, and call together a representative committee of Old Boys to decide how best we can express our appreciation and affection.

E. H. STENNING

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EDITORIAL.

Bells, bells, bells ! Bells are the nerves of our College life ; they control our comings and our goings, our work and our play. They are as the sergeants of the army, who having received their orders from their senior officers, command the mobs of private soldiers by means of their stentorian voices. College would faint like a stricken man if the bells failed to ring.

Ever since iron was first discovered centuries before Christ was on this earth, bells have been used to attract man's attention. The master called his slave ; the visitor announced his arrival at the house ; the town-criers and vendors gathered their crowds ; the good people were called to worship on a Sunday ; all by means of a bell. We awake from our dreams to the clanging of bells, " out of tune and harsh " ; bells call us to breakfast, Chapel and mark out our periods through the school hours ; lunch, tea, prep. and at last bed, all and sundry are controlled by the small fag whose duty it is to ring the bell.

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and the gentle breeze is softly fanning the glittering lake, which nestles amongst the omnipotent and towering hills. It is Sunday morning. Gently, across the wind, comes the sound of the chiming of bells ; the people are wending their way to Church.

Dear bells, how sweet the sounds of village bells,
When on the undulating air they sound !
Now loud as welcomes ! faint, now, as farewells !

Turning round, we see another scene on our wall of memory. It is cold and dark, the wind is blowing, rattling the windows and whistling through the cracks in the doors. Suddenly, there is awful clanging and banging of bells. "Come on, out of bed," yells a domineering voice; and oh ! how warm and cosy it is inside ! "Come on, get up !"

"Oh, noisy bells, be dumb ;
I hear you, I will come."

Twenty five times a day the bells call our attention. It is no wonder that the boys look forward, therefore, to the holidays, when they can do as they please and have no need to regulate their lives by bells. Perhaps, this is rather gloomy and pessimistic an opening to the Barrovian, so let us finish by thinking of the bells for lunch, the end of school ; and let us recollect that each bell brings us ever nearer the holidays and home.

RANDOM NOTES.

The Editor thanks all those who have supplied material for the Barrovian.



We welcome Mr. Crabtree who has succeeded Mr. Cowles as Art Master. We hope his stay here will be long and successful.



On Saturday, 7th March, a party of boys with a nucleus of members of the Literary and Debating Society went to the Gaiety Theatre, Douglas to see Mr. Priestley's comedy, "Laburnum Grove."



Congratulations to G. F. Crellin, L. S. Quirk, and A. M. Watterson, on winning their respective steeplechases.



Congratulations to School House on winning the open Rugger and Steeplechase Shields, to Walters House on winning the Fives Shield, and to Colbourne House on winning the Sports Shield.



On Tuesday, 9th March, the Castletown Metropolitan Band visited College to give a Concert in the gym, which included pieces for the brass, and songs. Since the visit of the Band of the East Lancashire Regiment, band concerts have been popular at College and the performance was universally enjoyed, to judge by the applause.



For the second time in recent years College was plunged into darkness by an electricity failure. This occurred at supper on Wednes-

day, March 3rd. College continued its supper undeterred, by candle-light. In spite of early bed the break in the routine appeared to be appreciated by most.



The more anthropologically minded among our readers will be interested to know that the Coming of Spring was celebrated this year by a Free Half on Wednesday, March 10th. The Choir Half was on Monday, March 15th.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head of School : G. F. Crellin.

Head of Hostel : G. F. Crellin.

Praepositors : G. F. Crellin, P. J. Henney, J. E. M. Corkill, W. R. Costain, P. S. Nelson, G. Bussey, M. F. Hosking, J. Simpson, D. M. Watterson.

Sub-Praepositors : A. R. R. Cain, G. L. Ranscombe, J. S. Southward, G. D. Craine, A. H. Macgregor, P. H. T. Piehler.

Captain of Rugger : P. J. Henney.

Captain of Steeplechase and Athletics : P. S. Nelson.

Captain of Hockey : G. F. Crellin.

Captain of Fives : P. S. Nelson.

C.S.M. of J.T.C.: G. F. Crellin.

Chief Librarian : P. H. T. Piehler.

Editors of Barrovian : P. H. T. Piehler, G. T. Davy.

Tuckshop Manager : J. E. M. Corkill.

Foreman of Fire Brigade : D. M. Watterson.

SALVETE

WALTERS HOUSE—D. G. Shackleton (LIVa).

HUNT HOUSE—D. D. J. Teare (III).

P. J. U. Jones (II).

VALETE

APRIL, 1948

G. BUSSEY (1943-48).—School House. U VI. Praepositor. Captain of House Steeplechase and Fives. 1st XV Colours, 1947. 2nd XV Colours, 1947. 2nd Athletic Colours, 1948. Colts XV Colours, 1946. House Crests for Steeplechase and Rugger. House Fives IV and Steeplechase VIII, 1947-48. Walker Librarian. School Cert., 1946. Cert. "A." Lance-Corporal in J.T.C. Marksman at Short Range. Gone to Army.
Home Address : Melrose, Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

- D. M. WATTERSON (1941-48)—Junior-Colbourne House. U VI. Praepositor. Member of Sports Committee and Swimming Sub-Committee, 2nd Athletic Colours, 1948. 1st Swimming Colours, 1947. 2nd XV, 1946. XL, 1944. Colts Colours for Athletics, 1945. Senior Breast Stroke record, 1947. First in Junior Mile, 1945. Captain of House Swimming and Hockey. House Crests for Swimming, Rugby and Athletics. House Steeplechase VIII. G.T., 1945-47. Member of Manx Society. Foreman of Fire Brigade. School Cert., 1946. Lance-Corporal in J.T.C. Gone to Army.
Home Address : Eastcliffe, Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- P. T. G. GRIFFITHS (1945-48)—Hunt House. III.
Home Address : Benha, Brookfield Avenue, Castletown, Isle of Man.
- A. J. G. R. MACK (1946-48)—School House. L. VB.
Home Address : 17 Bibby Road, Southport, Lancashire.
- P. F. WALSH (1945-48)—Junior-Dickson House. L IVB.
Home Address : By-the-Way, 12 Manor Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, 21.

O.K.W. NEWS

Sir J. H. Barnes (Master 1914-18), who was made K.B.E. a year or two ago, became K.C.B. in the New Year's Honours List.

Six book-prizes have been presented to the Library by S. Lace Williams (1910-17) and H. D. Lace Williams (1920-25). The prizes were won by their uncle F. Lace (1886-89).

J. E. Thomas (1931-35) was successful in his Law Finals last November and is thus qualified as a solicitor. He was mentioned in Dispatches during the war—April 4th, 1946.

W. R. Craine (1918-23) has changed his address from 28 Portland Street, Oxford to :—142 Kensington Park Road, London, W, 11.

MARRIAGES

N. A. Entwistle (1934-38) to Marion Hildred in Birmingham, on October 25th, 1947.

F. Lowcock (1939-42) at Wilmslow on January 10th, 1948.

J. G. Pugh (1928-33) to Nancie Kerr, on September 29th, 1947.

BIRTHS

To :—

F. N Brown (1919-1928)—a daughter on February 21st.

J. H. O. Chance (1924-1932)—a daughter on February 16th.

G. A. H. Gamble (1927-32)—a son.

M. A. R. George (1925-27)—a son on February 19th.

J. E. W. Hasluck (1925-29)—a son, in Kenya, on November 12th 1947.

J. L. Mingham (1914-1916)—a daughter on February 29th.

C. H. H. B. Sparrow (1926-34)—a son in 1945 and a daughter in 1947.

J. M. Robson (1922-1930)—a daughter on January 20th.

Obituary.

GEORGE DONALD WINSTON ASHTON (1921-1925).

The death of Donald Ashton came as a great shock to his countless friends in the Island. He entered the Junior House in 1921. His gay outlook on life, and his great ability in making friends, made his school life an unusually pleasant time. He had a very good treble voice which later developed into a very pure tenor. From the Junior House he went to Dickson but later became a Day Boy, and attained the dignity of Upper VI? and a House Praepositorship. He left school to become a law student, and had a brilliant career. He was looked upon as one of the foremost of the young members of the Manx bar, certain of later legal distinction, by reason of his intimate knowledge of the law, his persuasive and courteous manner, and his quick appreciation of a legal point. He was much interested in amateur acting, and was an easy and accomplished member of the cast of many plays put on in Douglas during the past fifteen years. He married Miss Sylvia Bailey a most accomplished amateur actress, and her death three years ago caused Donald so great a blow as completely to upset his life, though he retained his great skill in his work. He fought as a bombardier R.A. in the war, and declined to take a commission because he had a great fondness for the rank and file, of whom he was much beloved. He held strong political views which never separated him from the affection of his friends on the other side, and he was ever the advocate of the under-dog.

CHARLES BERTRAM CRIBB (1881-1887)

One of the keenest of the Yorkshire O.K.W's. died at his home in Wharfedale on December 6th, 1947, at the age of 77. He entered Trafford's in 1881, and left as a praepositor in 1887. He returned to Yorkshire in textile manufacturing, and founded a large upholstery business. He was one of the founders of the Yorkshire branch of the O.K.W. Society. During the whole of first World War he served as a sergeant in the Volunteer Training Corps. He was a man of great enthusiasm, always bright, and cheery and always deeply interested in College affairs. His son J. H. followed his father to College, and to him we extend our sincere sympathy.

ROBERT MYLCRAINE FREER (1884-1888)

Dr. R. M. Freer of Ballakagh, Kirk Arbory, died in Noble's Hospital, Douglas, on January 30th, 1948, aged 79. His early home was at Ballaugh. He was in Trafford's, and was one of the XV in 1887-88. He left College for Edinburgh University to study medicine. He gained his "blue" for that university. He was M.B., C.M., of Edinburgh 1894, M.D. 1903, and D.P.H. 1909. After house appointments in Edinburgh he was appointed resident medical officer of Toxteth Park Infirmary and then medical officer of the Metropolitan Asylums Board 1901-14. He returned to Castletown and practised there 1914-36. He was always a spectator of College Football matches until his last illness. In his retired life he took a very great interest in Manx history and archaeology. A well-read scholar, and a much loved physician, he had a wide circle of Island friends. His son R. E. left School House in 1939, and to him, his mother and sisters we tender sincere sympathy.

FREDERICK WILLIAM GASKIN (1888-1889)

F. W. Gaskin died in the Liverpool Royal Infirmary following an operation on January 16th, 1948. He was a civil engineer of considerable fame. A Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, he specialised in water supply, and joining the staff of Liverpool Corporation during the time of the construction of the great Vyrnwy dam and reservoir, he ultimately became its Resident Engineer. He retired in 1937 after 42 years' service with the Corporation. He was a familiar figure at College most Foundation days, and took a lively interest in the Liverpool O.K.W. Society. His last visit here was last July.

CHARLES AINSWORTH MITCHELL (1883-1884)

Son of an eminent surgeon of Thetford, Dr. C. A. Mitchell died on January 5th, 1948, at the age of 80. He entered Trafford's in 1883, and was a very able scholar. He went up to Exeter, Oxford in 1889, and read science. He returned to King William's College as assistant master 1890-92, but, anxious to make his career in the very early days of industrial science, went up to King's College London for a course in Industrial Chemistry. At first he specialised in inks, on which subject he became a world authority. In 1897 he was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry. He became a consulting analytical chemist, and his services were much in demand by the Criminal Investigation Department during the early period of crime investigation by scientific means. He was Vice-President of the Institute of Chemistry, 1937-40, President of the Medico-Legal Society, 1935-37. He was a prolific writer on criminal science, his best known works being, "Science and the Criminal," "The Evidence of the Casket Letters," "The Scientific Chemist and the Expert Witness." His "Ink Analysis" is the standard work to-day. He was Secretary of the Society of Public Analysts, and Editor of their journal "The Analyst." Apart from his scientific work Dr. Mitchell had wide interest. He wrote many delightful short poems, articles of wide interest in every type of periodical, was an archaeologist of considerable fame and an expert technical and artistic photographer. He retained his wide interests, and critical mind to the very end of his life.

RICHARD HAMPTON PUGH (1932-1934)

R. H. Pugh entered School House in 1932 and left in 1934 to go into business in Birkenhead. He was a G.T. and Short Range Marksman.

ROLL OF SERVICE**ADDITIONS**

- Pugh, R. H. (1932-1934) F/Lt. R.A.F.—Killed on active service. Shot down over Crete in 1944.
Ricketts, W. W. H. (1929-1933) Temporary Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.—Missing, presumed killed, when H.M.S. Whitaker was sunk on 1st November, 1944.
Stenning, G. (1929-1938) Lieutenant Commander, R.C.N.
Wilson T. (1928-1929) Major, M.B.E.

NEWS FROM THE OLD BOYS' SOCIETIES.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner was held at The Exchange Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday, December 17th, 1947. P. E. Wallis (1919-22) presided, and there were 58 Old Boys and guests present.

The toast of "The College" was proposed by the President and replied to by the Principal (S. E. Wilson.) J. F. Brakell (1901-04) proposed "The Guests" and the President of the London Society (J. B. Cullen, 1918-24) replied.

The Guests from College were :—The Principal, The Bursar (K. S. S. Henderson) and A. J. Grant. Other guests were the Presidents of the King William's College Society, The Barrovian Society, The London and Manchester Societies. A. D. Thomson (1905-09), A. E. Kitto (1900-03), J. B. Cullen (1918-24), and R. L. Thomson (1915-19).

Those present were :—

College Entry to 1900 : A. E. Kitto, C. E. L. Locke, C. P. Yates.

College Entry 1901-10 : C. C. Bemrose, E. C. Bemrose, J. F. Brakell, K. S. S. Henderson, R. H. Richardson, A. D. Thomson.

College Entry 1911-20 : J. B. Brown, J. B. Cullen, G. H. Daish, L. E. Gadd, G. C. Humphreys, D. N. P. McKee, C. Machin, G. D. Radcliffe, N. D. Rycroft, R. L. Thomson, H. H. Timson, P. E. Wallis, W. S. Wicks, J. L. Woodruff.

College Entry 1921-30 : F. S. Adcock, J. B. Black, W. O. T. Cocker, H. W. Corkhill, J. C. D. Dixon, T. G. Dodd, J. de la H. Erricks, E. G. Fowler, F. Griffiths, K. Griffiths, G. F. Harnden, G. F. Porter, K. H. Porter, J. G. Pugh, A. J. Scholfield, J. S. Skeaping, C. A. Strange, N. A. Thomson, G. F. Thornton, D. P. B. Turner, J. R. Walker, D. B. Wallis.

College Entry 1931-40 : F. C. Gaskin, M. R. Hack, H. Imlach, R. H. Jones, D. M. Kent, H. M. Pruddah, H. L. Storey.

College Entry 1941-on : M. E. C. Bemrose, E. D. Brown, D. W. D. Phillips, W. K. Watkins.

Apologies for absence were received from the following :— G. Bell, A. B. Broomhall, G. N. Burton, P. D. Burton, A. B. Collier, R. Dutton, R. A. Ferguson, G. G. Foulds, G. A. H. Gamble, F. W. Gaskin, W. E. R. Gunthorpe, A. Graves, C. Hawkins, A. N. Holt, D. J. Holt, D. W. Hobson, H. M. Hough, H. G. W. Hughes-Games, G. S. Hunter, J. W. B. Hunt, A. N. Hydes, A. K. Jerratt, B. Jones, F. D. Marshall, J. M. Miller, C. D. Munroe, K. H. Naylor, R. S. Platt, A. M. Poole, E. W. Potterton, D. B. Roberts, W. J. M. Scott, E. B. Selkirk, E. A. Smith, R. T. Smith, A. E. Taudevin, W. Waterworth, B. Wilkinson.

Golf : The Annual Meeting for the Monsarrat Cup will be played on a date to be fixed during the summer. Details can be had from G. F. Harnden, 35 Victoria Street, Liverpool, 1.

MANCHESTER O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner was held at the Reform Club on Friday January 9th. There was a record attendance of both guests and members.

The toast of "The College and the Guests" was given by the President, R. L. Thomson (1915-19), and responded to, on behalf of College, by S. Boulter (Master 1922-), and on behalf of the Guests by Sir James H. Barnes, K.C.B., K.B.E. (Master 1914-18).

There were 125 present and apologies for absence were received from 4 Masters and 15 Members.

Guests from K.W.C. : The Principal (S. E. Wilson), The Vice-Principal (Canon E. H. Stenning), The Bursar (K. S. S. Henderson), and S. Boulter, A. J. Grant, J. B. Nelson.

Other Guests : The President of the K.W.C. Society (A. D. Thomson), the President of the Barrovian Society (A. E. Kitto), the President and Hon. Secretary of the Liverpool Society (P. E. Wallis and G. F. Harnden). The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air (Sir James H. Barnes, K.C.B., K.B.E.), C. A. R. Wilson (Head of College, 1946-47), and J. W. Radcliffe (Captain of Football and Cricket, 1946-47).

Old Boys present were :—

College Entry pre-1900 : W. Carrington, A. R. Corlett, A. E. Kitto, C. E. L. Locke.

College Entry 1901-10 : H. B. Avery, J. F. Brakell, E. Craven, T. Gregson, P. Goodbehere, K. S. S. Henderson, G. H. Hudson, T. A. C. Leete, A. D. Thomson, H. Stonex, W. Stonex, J. H. Wiles.

College Entry 1911-20 : W. G. Berry, J. G. Brown, H. Burgess, C. E. Burrell, W. R. Cubbon, A. H. Cunliffe, K. Darwent, L. R. Dawson, A. N. Dewhurst, H. C. Easton, F. Furnival, G. W. Graves, J. Greenwood, C. Heap, W. K. Heap, F. Y. Holloway, G. C. Humphreys, H. N. Hydes, J. L. Ingham, R. Kirkpatrick, B. Laycock, E. B. Lenthall, C. Machin, H. V. Middleton, E. W. Potterton, J. H. Preston, R. C. Shepherd, J. Shillinglaw, R. Shillinglaw, F. Sleigh, R. Sugden, N. F. Taylor, R. L. Thomson, P. E. Wallis, G. R. White, F. Withnall, N. C. Woodhead, N. S. Worthington.

College Entry 1921-30 : A. Aplin, G. Aplin, E. D. Ardern, J. R. Ardern, W. Ball, J. G. Bird, P. D. Burton, R. K. Clough, J. M. Cowan, W. S. Davies, R. L. Ellis, E. B. Glass, R. J. Green, G. F. Harnden, J. C. Heywood, G. M. Heap, R. N. P. Holt, J. H. Hudson, J. F. Hyde, A. H. Jones, P. N. Jones, P. W. Kay, R. B. Kelly, E. K. Long, P. W. Long, A. L. Lowry, F. Majdalany, F. C. L. Noar, J. C. A. Ormrod, P. Padfield, J. L. Pilling, R. B. Rylance, F. Sparkes, A. B. Stewart, K. B. Taylor, N. A. Thomson, T. C. Thomson, J. A. Trentham, J. R. Tweedale, S. F. White, J. Whitehead, R. H. Woods, J. A. Woolley.

College Entry 1931-40 : G. N. Burton, R. Burton, A. N. Donaldson, W. Entwistle, R. H. Ginger, J. P. Griffiths, G. E. Heald, J. E. Heald, P. W. Heald, D. J. Holt, J. D. Lyson, M. W. Machin, C. V. Rycroft, H. L. Slack, L. G. Slack, A. E. White, D. J. White, V. N. White, C. A. R. Wilson.

College Entry 1941-on : G. S. Barlow, R. Crellin, J. W. Radcliffe.

Apologies for absence from

Masters : L. Dehaene, H. G. Mullens, J. L. Ryder, W. K. Smeeton.

Old Boys : F. S. Adcock, J. Congden, R. A. Ferguson, J. K. Hill, E. Lowcock, A. Monkhouse, E. U. H. Pentreath, D. Radcliffe, N. C. Shillinglaw, A. Stevens, T. H. G. Stevens, C. A. Strange, E. H. Taylor, S. L. Williams, T. F. Wilson.

London Society President : J. B. Cullen.

W. T. Anderson (1885-88), the former Hon. Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire O.K.W. Society, attended the reception prior to the Dinner.

LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner was held at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, on Friday, February 13th. The President, J. B. Cullen (1918-24), was in the Chair and there were 66 Old Boys and Guests present.

The President proposed the toast of "College" and during his speech made an appeal for financial help from Old Boys towards the cost of entering a College team in the Public Schools Seven-a-side competition organised by the Rosslyn Park Club. Various Old Boys promised hospitality and the sum of £30 was raised.

The reply to the toast was made by the Principal.

W. L. Kelly (1919-25) proposed the toast of "The Guests" and A. Galloway (1908-14) responded.

G. R. Hall-Caine offered the gift of a cricket bat to be awarded to the member of the 1948 College XI with the best batting average.

H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-10) was elected President for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50.

Guests were : The Principal (S. E. Wilson), The Bursar (K. S. S. Henderson), Lieut-General A. Galloway, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., A. D. Thomson (Pres. K.W.C. Society), P. E. Wallis (President Liverpool Society), R. L. Thomson (President Manchester Society), and Rev. F. M. Cubbon (Past President, Barrovian Society).

Present were : Master (1914-18) Sir James H. Barnes, K.C.B., K.B.E., Permanent Under Secretary of State for Air.

College Entry to 1900 : Sir A. Elphinstone, Bart., J. H. Foster, G. R. Hall-Caine, J. Kewley, C. G. Robson, L. Shingleton, J. L. Walton, A. E. Webb, L. R. Wheen, C. P. Yates.

College Entry 1901-10 : J. F. Brakell, E. Craven, P. J. Gaffikin, A. Galloway, K. S. S. Henderson, G. H. Hudson, H. W. P. McMeekin, C. H. Symons, A. D. Thomson, N. G. Thomson, J. W. C. Watterson.

College Entry 1911-20 : H. E. Barlow, C. G. Barnes, R. W. Barnes, A. Child, T. Child, F. M. Cubbon, J. B. Cullen, R. T. Foulds, R. W. Frost, A. J. B. Goldsmith, A. N. Hydes, W. L. Keig, W. L. Kelly, A. H. Lewis, E. U. H. Pentreath, E. W. Potterton, R. L. Thomson, P. E. Wallis.

College Entry 1921-30 : E. H. Allen, A. Aplin, J. L. Chambers, R. K. Clough, D. F. Glass, R. M. Glass, J. H. Hudson, A. W. Kerruish, J. V. Lewis, G. H. Ramsden, J. B. Scott, J. H. Sherwen, R. D. Teare, N. A. Thomson, A. H. Thorpe, R. H. Thorpe, A. Walton-Smith, T. B. Webb, R. H. Woods.

College Entry 1931-40 : H. C. Chambers, J. J. Christian, P. G. M. Gaffikin, C. P. F. Ginger, K. D. Lewis, C. K. S. Moore-Browne, J. A. Radcliffe.

Apologies for absence were received from : H. F. Anderson, W. H. Bell, P. D. Boyce, R. V. Bradshaw, A. E. Chapman, Sir John Clague, E. T. Close, D. Cooil, W. L. Cotton, W. R. Craine, A. T. Cutter, J. H. Hall, A. E. Kitto, E. H. Pattison, R. H. Payne, J. M. Robson, H. T. Shakespear, B. B. Smylie, C. H. Stoker, H. Watkinson, F. Withnall.

CHAPEL NOTES

There were no outside preachers this term.

There were two special collections, one for St. Dunstons, and one for the Cancer Fund. These amounted respectively to £14 and £20.

Lent was observed by the customary Voluntary Evening Service on Wednesdays. The attendance of the School was, as usual, most gratifying.

The organ still misbehaved at the beginning of the term, but after a cursory overhaul, it will be completely put to rights during the Summer Holidays.

On March 19th, forty-one candidates were presented to the Lord Bishop for Confirmation. His Lordship preached on the twin aspects of the Christian life :—repose and warfare.

After the Service, candidates and many of their parents were entertained to tea by the Principal and Mrs. Wilson in the Barrovian Hall and the Bishop's autograph was in great demand.

Holy Week and Easter in Chapel are dealt with below.

No anthems were sung during the term, the Choir being too much occupied in practising the Easter Music, but the *Miserere* (Stainer's Setting) was performed at intervals throughout Lent. The congregation sang the non-choral verses, and shewed great intelligence in adapting these to the printing of the Psalter. The performance was quite massive in the verses and in the Gloria, perhaps too massive in the declaration of blood-guiltiness or of a broken and contrite heart.

The Choir improved as the term went on, the Tenors being particularly satisfactory. The Trebles produced a volume of sound, and their singing was good when supported by intelligence. That prop, unfortunately was not invariable.

EASTER 1948

The opportunity of keeping Holy Week and Easter at College comes but seldom. The emphasis naturally falls on the voluntary services. Throughout Lent the voluntary service of Compline on Wednesday evenings regularly brought a large number of boys into Chapel: and during Holy Week this service was held every night. On Good Friday there was no school and no organised games. The ordinary compulsory morning prayers were at 9.30. The three hour's service conducted by the Lord Bishop was voluntary and was well attended. About a dozen boys remained in Chapel the whole time; and at no time was there too small a congregation to make the singing go well. In the evening there was a special musical commemoration of the Good Friday story. The events were recapitulated in a series of readings from St. Matthew's Gospel interspersed by congregational hymns, by two choruses from *The Messiah* ("Behold the Lamb of God" and "Surely He hath borne our griefs"), sung by the choir, by the Aria "He was despised" sung by Mr. Beagley, and by "At cool of even" (from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion) sung by Canon Stenning.

The dark atmosphere and slow tempo of Good Friday is bound to be a strain on young spirits, and to all of us the brightness of Easter comes as a relief. The chapel had been decorated with flowers sent by parents from their gardens. Parents had responded most generously to Canon Stenning's appeal; and both to them and to the ladies who arranged them so effectively we are all very grateful. There were nearly a hundred communicants at the 7.30 service, and smaller congregations at 8.15 and post-matins celebrations. The singing at Matins and Evensong was of the heartiest. Canon Stenning sang as a solo Spenser's Easter Hymn in the morning, and the choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus in the evening.

The vigour of the services in a school chapel is always in striking contrast to the apparent lethargy in some parish churches; and it must have struck visitors on this occasion especially. Among the present members of College this Easter will long be remembered as one that was honoured in every way as the festival should be.

FRESH FIELDS

On the 4th of February The Service Players presented to us Ivor Novello's comedy "Fresh Fields." The theme is concerned with the impact on the aristocratic but impecunious Lady Crabbe and her family of the wealthy, upstart, plebian Pigeons, lately arrived from Australia. Lady Crabbe is after money and Mrs. Pigeon after reputation. Mr. Novello uses the clash of the two families for much effective humour. But after spending most of the evening sneering politely at the uncouth attempts of the Pigeons to fit themselves into English Society it was disturbing to hear the ultimate protest of the daughter, Una Pigeon, that the plebian way of life is not intrinsically inferior, that English polish may be equalled by Australian virility, that Society at its politest is somewhat of a sham. This, if any, is the moral of the play. At all events in the end the families intermarry in the best fairy tale style though some of us wondered whether they would live happily ever after.

We lost little of Novello in the very lively interpretation of the Service Players. Perhaps the two most outstanding parts were those of Lady Mary Crabbe (Mrs. Cowell) and Mrs. Pigeon (Joan Hulton) on account of the intense vitality, gusto and enjoyment they were able to put into their acting. Hilary Askew gave us an idea of a complex character in Una Pigeon, common, vulgar, naive, yet likeable, straightforward, and dignified. The other characters, of necessity more restrained, gave performances of the competence adequate for the production of a well balanced whole.

Mr. Novello's superabundant humour, even at its most risqué, was apparently by no means above the heads of the youngest in the audience who enjoyed a very entertaining evening. It is to be hoped that the Service Players will become frequent visitors here for they give a much appreciated fillip to the Dramatic Society under whose auspices all plays are now presented.

THE CONCERT

The end-of-term Concert was held in the gymnasium on Tuesday, 30th March, before a large and appreciative audience of the school, parents and friends.

This was again unusual in presentation; and the choirs and orchestra were much more successfully arranged on the dais than in the past. The choice of items, if somewhat short, was also more suitable for a College Concert, and indicated a long needed rise in the standard of music and musicianship throughout the school.

There was however, a dearth of solo items, broken only by Canon Stenning's singing "Within These Sacred Portals." This showed the Vice-Principal in a new light, as we do not often have the pleasure of hearing him sing this type of song. His encore (Handel's "Silent Worship") was more suited to his style of singing and was enthusiastically received by the audience.

For some reason there was not the accustomed item by the Junior Choir ; but in their absence, the Male Voice Choir thoroughly enjoyed themselves singing Arthur Sullivan's "Lost Chord." Although this was, perhaps, a little out of place with the rest of the programme, the Choir, helped by the orchestra, gave a quite pleasing rendering, even if the basses somewhat lacked the resonant "church organ" tones which this piece of music requires.

The full choir gave us a sympathetic and spirited rendering of the four excerpts from the Messiah, though perhaps their "Behold the Lamb of God" and "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" were a bit unsteady. Their "Hallelujah Chorus," however, was intelligent and exhilarating and held the audience's attention throughout. Despite the tendency for the orchestra to overshadow the choir, the general result was very enjoyable, the tenors and basses being much improved.

The second half of the programme opened with the 1st movement of the Schumann Pianoforte Concerto in A minor. This was an ambitious item, both for the soloist and orchestra. Though rather nervous at first, the pianist soon settled down and gave an outstanding performance. The orchestra's tone and attack was good, their phrasing careful and the tempo well managed.

In the Occasional Overture by Handel, the tempo was perhaps on the slow side for the oboist whose solo parts were excellent, but the final section was well controlled and balanced. Their next item, "Eine Kleine Nacht Musik" by Mozart, though a trifle too quick, was carefully played, and well merited its applause.

Finally the orchestra played the opening movements of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Despite a wrong entry in the beginning passage, they proceeded to give us a very good performance ; the bass strings were good, especially the 'cellos, who with the wood-wind section played well throughout the evening.

The programme was perhaps too ambitious, but the general impression left by the concert was that of a successful conclusion to weeks of patient individual and collective practice. Our thanks are due to Mr. Beagley and the performers for the entertainment, and to Mr. Strachan for organising the seating arrangements so capably.

The Programme was as follows :—

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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| 1. Occasional Overture | <i>Handel</i> |
| THE ORCHESTRA. | |
| 2. Within These Sacred Portals (The Magic Flute) | <i>Mozart</i> |
| CANON E. H. STENNING. | |
| 3. The Lost Chord | <i>Sullivan</i> |
| MALE VOICE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA. | |
| 4. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (Serenade in G) | <i>Mozart</i> |
| THE ORCHESTRA. | |

INTERVAL.

5. Concerto No. 1 in A minor, 1st Movement
(Andante con Moto) *Schumann*
Pianoforte : C. A. CAINE.
6. Behold the Lamb of God
Surely He hath borne our grief
Worthy is the Lamb
Hallelujah *Handel*
FULL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA.
7. Symphony No. 5 in C. minor, 1st Movement
(Allegro con Brio) *Beethoven*
THE ORCHESTRA.
Conductor : MR. E. C. BEAGLEY.

MR. SHAW REGRETS . . .

Surely it is the secret aim of every journalist, however much a dabbler in the subject, to pull off a "scoop." Even the most staid reporter, one imagines, feels a slight quickening of the pulse when he finds his discreetly inserted quarter column in "The Times" on the impending divorce of a peer is a day in advance of the hysterical headline of some more plebian rival. And not even the editor of a school magazine is untouched by the desire to outdo the editors of other schools in the brightness or novelty of his productions.

It is possible but unlikely that such thoughts ran through my mind when I saw on the ordnance map the magic words "Ayot St. Lawrence." It was not the quaintness nor even the unpronounceability of the name which struck me for Hertfordshire is rich in such names, but that those words occur at the end of every pronouncement of that patriarch, myth, and major prophet of the 20th century, Mr. George Bernard Shaw. Hardly even the word Sandringham or Versailles at the end of a manifesto similarly incites my interest.

Well, there were the words prosaically printed on the map, thus dispelling the illusion that the place was a kind of Ultima Thule or Where the Rainbow Ends. If Ayot St. Lawrence actually existed then possibly even Mr. Shaw exists in the flesh as well as "a vortex of pure thought." Accordingly I bade a solemn farewell to friends and relations and cycled off to make sure that Ayot St. Lawrence was not the result of some gremlin's prank in the Ordnance Survey Draughting Room.

I had plenty of time for reflection cycling the dozen or so miles to this Fabian Mecca. By the time I arrived I judged that I had covered in my mind every kind of reception I might encounter at the house of the amazing Mr. Shaw. Sometimes I sanguinely saw myself being courteously invited in, having afternoon tea and cakes pressed upon me, and publishing the result of my interview in prominent London Dailies for which I would, after due hesitation consequent upon my amateur status in journalism, accept cheques for hundreds

of pounds. Sometimes I imagined myself giving rise either as hero or butt, to one of the myriad G.B.S anecdotes. I saw stories beginning "one of the few times when Shaw was outwitted in argument was when . . ." Then in more darkly realistic mood I realised that such a celebrated man would have ways and means of keeping the idly curious from his door. Need I fear merely refusal from a professional boxer or was there danger of mastiffs and spring guns? Then again I saw myself shown into the presence of a G.B.S. now in an unnerving state of senile decay; such phrases as "the battered wreck of an intellect" came into my mind. Of course it turned out quite differently.

Ayot St. Lawrence exists. The geographical clue to it is that it has escaped the octopus-like tentacles of the London Passenger Transport Board. It exists in fact, in an utterly unspoiled Hertfordshire village with all the usual impedimenta, ruined Saxon church, Manor House with "county" people and rows of stone cottages. It is winding and damp, close and shut in with many trees.

The house was not difficult to find. Two girls were peering with a guilty air over the gate leading to a large solid middle class type of mansion with well kept lawns and drive. Somewhat to my surprise it was not in the slightest way distinguished or exotic but might have taken its place with dignity in the stately parade overlooking Wimbledon Common. Taking my courage in both hands I walked up the drive with an air of what I hoped was the greatest unconcern and pressed the bell.

I received no charge of buckshot through the letter box. I was not even greeted by a pugilist. Instead the door was opened by a kindly middle aged woman in white overalls. Immediately I reverted to the "senile decay" theory. "The Editor of the Barrovian"—a voice was coming from somewhere "presents his compliments to Mr. Shaw and would be glad of a short interview." But no, Mr. Shaw was asleep, but if I returned in two hours time . . . "Mr. Shaw is really quite good about seeing people" was a kindly afterthought. Saxon churches pall after two hours.

Unfortunately the Barrovian is apparently not a name to conjure with in Ayot St. Lawrence. In Ballasalla it might have been different.

"Mr. Shaw will not see you now but you may write him a letter stating exactly what you want."

"Little senile decay here" I thought to console myself.

"But I suppose you haven't had any tea and you've a long way to go."

It was on the tip of my tongue to repudiate indignantly any suggestion that I was not able to cycle to Newcastle without food but commonsense reasserted itself just in time and I accepted humbly, trying to give the impression of a shipwrecked and starving mariner. I was taken into the bright and solidly prosperous kitchen in the best reporter style and was regaled with tea and a slice of the Shavian Christmas cake.

Mrs. Laden, for that was the name of my protectress, was not uncommunicative. Mr. Shaw's mental powers are as keen as ever I was assured. He spends most of the day writing in the summer-house. However, sometimes he is the victim of his own powers of concentration. Once Mrs. Laden smelt burning in the house. Having searched all the rooms unsuccessfully she went in to Mr. Shaw's study out and found it full of smoke and the sofa, which must have been smouldering for a half hour or so, almost completely burnt out. A yard or two away, by the big fire, sat Mr. Shaw peacefully writing. One agreed with her that she has a great responsibility.

She herself remains a staunch Conservative, impervious to Mr. Shaw's arguments. I was gratified to hear her complaining of the misdoings of "those dreadful reporters," how persevering, obstinate and even rude they were. Obviously I was no longer classed as one of "them."

It was pitch dark when I left and as I crunched up the drive I heard someone coming towards me. Perhaps it was Mr. Shaw returning from his summer house. But a guarded "good evening" revealed no rich brogue. However, the meeting was fortunate for it was a neighbour who had come to tea. We engaged in conversation and he went so far as to promise to introduce me to him upon another occasion—"for only a short time of course." So I have still a chance to penetrate the inner sanctum.

STEEPLECHASING

Steeplechasing ! . . . Chasing Steeples ! . . . But how can one chase steeples ? It is impossible ; it is vague ; it is futile. To me the word suggests a will-o-the-wisp, the broken flicker of half-light across the marshes that is aid to attract travellers to a miry end . . . Equally its abstractness suggests wool-gathering . . . or any thing completely pointless or undefinable.

And yet when we look the word up in a dictionary we find—"a foot-race with water and hedge jumps." There is the prosaic footslogging that repels me from the Cross-country. It does not appeal to my imagination, and I become an unwilling conscript rather than a straining enthusiast.

I see no point in a race without a purpose : and if you say that the purpose of the Steeplechase is to win a shield for a House, I remain cynical. What is the purpose of a House ? Does the House exist to promote the happiness of its members or do its members exist for the glory of the House ? If you hold the second view you are a Fascist. And the article is written for Englishmen. If the Steeplechase does not promote school happiness it is obsolete : and the days when work was an undesirable interlude between games died with Victoria.

My attitude is not determined. From year to year, as I watch two rivals straining their muscles in the final sprint across Big Side, and listen to the crowd cheering them on, I suddenly realized the true grandeur of the Steeplechase. It is an Ideal: for the conflict of two runners represents the oldest known law of Man—survival of the fittest. Besides this, the shield they battle for and the reputations they are bound to maintain are mere baubles. As Shaw's St. Joan says—"It is the memory that sanctifies the cross, rather than the cross that sanctifies the memory." I realize that this race both represents, and prepares for, the race of Life, and I think of the superb training in physical discipline that it provides. To my distorted view, each runner seems a monk who subdues the flesh for the sake of the spirit.

But after all this fanciful wandering, I find that I have to run myself. As I wait at the start for an odious voice that states—"I shall say on your marks, get set, go!" . . . and later as my body takes the first arctic shock of water . . . and when I lose my initial energy at the first field . . . it is then that I abandon my stoic Philosophy. I see the Steeplechase for the undesirable thing that it is. I pass flocks of sparrows, and begin to drift into a state of cynical bitterness, reflecting that they can go just where and when they want. I drag my feet through shoals of greasy mud, bespangled with the gym shoes of those who have gone on before: I feel the club-like impetus of cobbled stones on my aching feet as I run down endless farm tracks. My perspiration conglomerates on my eyebrows, as I watch the hedges bounding up and down in front of me. I realize that there is not much further to go, and I exert myself once again. It is vanity. Another four begrimed figures pass me, leaving me immersed in slush and humiliation. As I come in past the time keeper, I feel a calculated desire to eliminate him and all his smirking confederates. But when it is all over and little fags come and say—"Ah, well, never mind, you did your best"—then it is that I become one with the early Christian martyrs.

The above are the various stages through which my mind passes. I have even at moments felt a surprising sensation of vigour, and even the exquisite joy of becoming thoroughly wet, muddy, careless and infantile.

But behind all these changes of mood is the knowledge that no amount of pen-pushing will alter College's Steeplechase spirit. For it has become traditional. And even should the entire staff join the nine-tenths of us who are not exactly enamoured of it, I am sure the Steeplechase would continue. It is a "Done Thing." A deluge might stop it, but the rain here is as bad as conceivably possible to create discomfort, while being just too light to wash the course away.

They tell me it is usual to summarise an essay. So, if there is such a thing as a Steeplechase spirit, it is no angel. It is a Gremlin!

JLM.

THE SOCIETIES.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President: W. L. HANDYSIDE, Esq.

Vice-President: P. S. NELSON.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: C. A. CAINE

Membership has remained at fourteen since two resignations were balanced by the incoming of M. Barlow and G. Davy. The Society has met seven times during the term. The first meeting, apart from that devoted to business, took the form of a symposium on "IF." Many interesting, and some amusing, speculations were produced. On February 6th, Mr. Foston addressed the Society on "Education in Germany." After half-term Priestley's "Laburnum Grove" was read and later members saw a production of the play at the Gaiety Theatre. At another meeting the Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms opened a discussion on "Current Affairs" and Russia and Communism dominated the evening. An inter-debate with the Junior Debating Society was held on March 12th and generally enjoyed. The difficulty of arranging a debate with Douglas Societies and the lack of Sixth-form support have made such private meetings more enjoyable than the poorly-attended public meetings. At the final meeting eight members contributed to a further symposium on "What I am reading now."

MUSICAL SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: D. THOMSON, Esq.

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

Committee: P. FLETCHER, G. DAVY, C. A. CAINE,
N. W. TURNER.

Three meetings have been held by the Society this term. The first took the form of a miniature concert, again organised by the indefatigable efforts of the Vice-President. What with solos and piano duets of a high standard, we had a very enjoyable evening.

The second meeting of the term consisted of a lecture entitled "The Romantic Period in Opera," given by Mr. Fletcher. In it he dealt with the various types of grand opera, from Weber to Puccini, illustrating his talk by a large number of records played on the amplifier by Mr. Pritchard.

The third and final meeting of the term was another lecture, this time on "Light Opera" and given by Mr. Turner. The speaker gave us a very enjoyable talk on the subject, taking illustrations from the works of Gilbert and Sullivan to those of Monckton. The performance of them was admirably carried out by the President, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Watson, Mr. Carr, Mr. J. Quayle, Mr. Young, and Mr. A. B. Crookall, with the Vice-President at the piano.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: S. BOULTER, Esq.

Chairman: W. S. FIELDHOUSE, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: G. F. CRELLIN.

Hon. Treasurer: M. W. S. BARLOW.

Committee Members: J. E. M. CORKILL, I. W. SCOTT,
J. SIMPSON, W. W. B. STONER.

The two meetings held during the course of the term proved to be of topical interest.

The first by Mr. Simpson on the subject of "Gas Turbines and Jet Propulsion" was the outcome of several months preparation. The lecture reflected his genuine interest in this line of engineering development. For much of his information he was indebted to many well known firms now producing jet engines in Great Britain, including Rolls Royce and De Havilland. He obtained from them photographs, diagrams and component parts.

The second lecture delivered by Mr. Barlow, was naturally of an unorthodox nature, and entitled "Radio," a subject on which he is well qualified to speak. After dealing with the industrial development of radio, Mr. Barlow, who is a "Licensed Amateur," established radio communication, on his own set, with a fellow amateur in Castletown with whom he had a lengthy, but to many, unintelligible conversation.

The third meeting was arranged but had to be postponed and finally cancelled.

MANX SOCIETY.

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: H. G. MULLENS, Esq.

Secretary: G. F. CRELLIN

The Society this term has been lively and the work has been of a varied nature, comprising two meetings and an expedition.

The first meeting was a paper by Mr. C. A. Caine on "Manx Place Names." The lecturer showed a deep knowledge of his subject and was quite at home with the most difficult pronunciations.

The Society was, at the last minute, diverted from its intended visit to Clucas's Laundry, owing to an inopportune epidemic amongst the girls.

An alternative arrangement, thanks to Mr. Corlett, was hastily made with Ellerslie Dairy Farm, which was accordingly over run with our Members. The afternoon was enjoyably spent viewing the sights which ranged from an irate bull to a mountainous midden, a terminus of the farms small gauge railway. Ellerslie is run on model lines and we certainly approved of everything we saw. The Society later adjourned to Mrs. Winckle's on the Eary Dam, for tea.

The last meeting of the term was devoted to a lecture on 'Dreams' by Mr. Schroeder, a retired lecturer on, amongst other things, Philosophy. Although not essentially "Manx" the lecture was extremely instructive and aroused considerable interest. Several dreams were recounted although the bulk of the Society maintained an awkward silence. We politely assume that their memories were poor. The Society is grateful to Mr. Schroeder for a delightful evening.

PHOTOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: L. COOIL, Esq.

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

Hon. Treasurer: J. E. M. CORKILL.

This term the Society has been flourishing as usual. One new member, Dean, J., was admitted. Owing to lack of a free Saturday, our stalwart lecturers have not had a chance to show their knowledge, nevertheless, good work has been done in the Darkroom, and, as a reward, it is hoped that we may be able to have our long awaited outing next term. Once more a Midsummer Competition is being organized, and it seems that the standard this year will be even higher than last.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

President: J. FOSTON, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: P. S. NELSON.

The Society met six times during the term and read the Quintero Brothers' "El Pueblo de las Mujeres" and Labeche's "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon." The Society is grateful to the British Drama League, the Buchan School and Miss Steven of the French Club Glasgow, for their co-operation in procuring copies of the above plays.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: Mrs. S. E. WILSON.

Vice-Chairman: R. CRABTREE, Esq.

Secretary: R. J. KENNA.

Treasurer: C. J. PRITCHARD, Esq.

Stage Manager, D. S. Pye; House Manager, R. E. H. Strachan, Esq.; Technical Adviser, W. S. Fieldhouse, Esq.; Photographer, The Vice-Principal; Committee: M. Barlow, J. W. Corrin, L. A. New.

The Society was formed this term and membership has reached the fifties. Six meetings have been held at the first of which the officers were elected, rules were drawn up and the future programme

discussed. The second and third meetings consisted of lectures on elocution, by the Chairman. The fourth meeting was on February 4th, and was a presentation of "Fresh Fields" by Ivor Novello, given by the Service Players. Members of the Society received the warmest congratulations for their splendid and professional preparation of the stage. This meeting was thrown open to the rest of the school. At the fifth meeting, the Chairman continued with the series of lectures on elocution, and at the sixth the Vice-Chairman gave a most interesting lecture on "The Artist and the Stage."

The Society has become a member of the Manx Amateur Dramatic Federation and hopes to enter two plays for the Manx Music and Drama Festival in May. The plays which it is hoped to perform are "And this our Life" by Stuart Ready, and "Piper's Pool" by Helen A. Hope. The two plays will also be presented at College on Saturday, May 22nd.

THE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: Mr. BEAGLEY.

Hon. Secretary: P. C. G. FLETCHER.

The Society was started this term, its aim being to promote an interest in "good" music.

Meetings were held weekly in Mr. Beagley's study. At the 2nd meeting Mr. Poston gave a talk entitled "Opera in Khaki" in which he told from first hand experience how "Grand Opera" had entertained the troops during the Italian Campaign.

At the third meeting Mr. Beagley gave a short talk on Concerti tracing them from Handel to the Present day.

Mr. P. MacClellan gave a lecture at the 4th meeting entitled the "Golden Age of Song." During this lecture he reproduced for us on the radiogram the voices of the greatest singers of the last century.

On Palm Sunday a recital of "The Dream of Gerontius" was given in Mr. Beagley's study.

The last meeting of the term consisted of a full rendering of "Messiah" by Handel.

K.W.C RADIO SOCIETY

President: Mr. STRACHAN.

Hon. Secretary: C. A. CAINE.

Hon. Treasurer: M. W. S. BARLOW.

The Society was founded at the beginning of this term with the object of encouraging the Radio enthusiasts and would be constructors of the school. At the initial meeting Mr. Strachan agreed to become President, and Messrs. Caine and Barlow were voted Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

We were given permission to have the room over the Art School for use as a practical room and have since acquired various equipment for use in this room.

Meetings have been held regularly in the Physics Lecture Room, and have consisted mainly of talks on elementary principles by the President and Messrs. Barlow, Young and Caine.

Several members have already started constructional work, and there has been an influx of ex-government 18 sets.

It is hoped to continue meeting next term and to visit neighbouring radio installations.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

President: C. PRITCHARD, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer: M. W. BARLOW.

Competition Secretary: I. W. SCOTT.

Hon. Secretary: W. STONER.

This term has, so far, been the most successful in the Club's existence. From the lethargy of last term, members have awakened to prodigious feats of aeromodelling, in some cases, we fear, to the detriment of more scholastic labours. The cause of this enthusiasm, can be traced back to the beginning of the term, when the Club attended a model Exhibition held in Douglas by the members of the Manx Model Aircraft Club. Great interest was aroused by a demonstration of control line flying and that day several members of the Club returned with diesel engines. This was not the only benefit arising from the exhibition, however, as the Club got permission to use a field at the back of the aerodrome as a flying ground, and also the disused hangars in the same place. As a direct result of this the membership of the Club has reached its limit of 20 members.

Just before half-term, we were granted the use of the master's bicycle shed as a workshop, and since then it has been empty only on very rare occasions.

The Club now numbers amongst its members 8 diesel fiends, and with a bit of practice, they ought to be able to make a good showing in the competitions next term. Already a starting competition has been arranged for the end of this term, which ought to give them the necessary practise towards getting that quick start so necessary in competitions.

CHESS CLUB.

Chairman: A. J. GRANT, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: N. SHAH.

Hon. Treasurer: R. N. WATERS.

Meetings were held throughout the term, which unfortunately has not been an entirely satisfactory one. The attendance has been dropping regularly, until towards the end of the term, it has been most

disheartening. But this we hope is only momentary. We think this is because of the many rival attractions coupled with the pressure of School work. So next winter term, when the evenings start to lengthen and Chess becomes a more popular pastime, we may once again look forward to a better attendance at the meetings.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

President : J. FOSTON, Esq.

Vice-President : L. C. COWLEY.

Secretary : D. G. GELLING.

At the beginning of the term a new committee was formed, owing to our Upper V members leaving. We also welcomed seven new members, and our meetings have been well attended.

For the first meeting we had the novel experience of play reading in the form of a Spanish comedy, "The Women have their Way." Owing to its length it took place on different nights, but nevertheless it was a success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all members. Next a debate was held, the subject being "That this house supports the abolishment of Military Service for the Isle of Man." The motion, proposed by Cowley and opposed by Yates, was lost by a close vote. Another inter-house quiz was then held, Dickson being the eventual winners. At our next meeting, Mr. Foston very kindly gave us a most entertaining and instructive lecture on German schools. Following this a Brains Trust was held which was very much enjoyed.

A series of short debates was held with the Literary and Debating Society. This enabled 8 speakers from each society to take part in the 4 debates. Although our speakers lost their motions, we were by no means disgraced. We later had a "hat-debate," which proved very amusing.

At the time of writing we have not yet held our last meeting, which is to take the form of a "lecturette" evening, but nevertheless, as can be seen, we have had a very full and enjoyable programme. In conclusion, we must again thank Mr. Foston for the use of his warm study.

THE STAMP CLUB

Activities this term were enthusiastically supported by the junior section of the school, who flocked in large numbers to both the auction meetings. While this feature remains easily the most popular a lecture and Open Nights were well attended. Arrangement for an exhibition had to be dropped because of the apparent lack of entrants.

After half-term, it was decided that changes should take place among the officials since the senior members were short of time. Thus a new Committee has been formed which is more likely to reflect the opinions of the younger members. This Committee can certainly count on growing enthusiasm for their hobby, the educational value of which is generally underestimated.

HOUSE NOTES

SCHOOL HOUSE

Head of House : M. F. HOSKING.

Praepositor : G. BUSSEY.

Sub-Praepositor : J. S. SOUTHWARD.

House Praepositor : A. E. NASH.

The term has been a very satisfactory one from one point of view. We beat successively, Walters, Hunt and Colbourne, to regain the Senior Rugger Shield after its two year absence from our walls. In the same week we obtained the Cross-country Shield, mainly due to good groups in the open and under 14 classes. G. Bussey, second in the open race, is to be congratulated on gaining his 2nd Athletic's Colours for steeplechasing.

The Fives Shield still eludes us but once more we were only beaten in the final by Walters.

J. S. Southward for the second time, and J. Landon are to be congratulated on gaining 1st Athletic Colours although the finals are not yet completed.

Despite the fact that we have the only two mild cases of Scarlet Fever in the school, the House has been well to the fore in all spheres of school life, the Principal even once, being heard to commend our singing in Chapel Practice.

G. Bussey and A. J. G. R. Mack leave at the end of term but otherwise we will be complete at the beginning of next.

COLBOURNE HOUSE

Head of House : P. J. HENNEY.

Praepositor : D. M. WATTERSON.

Sub-Praepositor : P. H. T. PIEHLER.

House Praepositors : G. T. DAVY, P. W. T. DRACUP, P. N. DEAN, M. W. DEAN.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Beryl Brown—aunt of R. N. Waters—for her gift of pictures which have added so much to the homely atmosphere of the Houseroom.

In the House Rugby Shield we fell to School House in the final after a keen struggle. It is much too soon to forecast the result of the Athletic competition; we have hopes that we shall not disgrace ourselves, much enthusiasm having been shown. In the Steeplechase Watterson, A., and Quirk did well to win the Class III and II races respectively, the former for the second year in succession.

The newly founded Aeromodellers Society has many followers in the House, and the Hobbies Exhibition to be held at the end of the year should benefit as a result.

We understand that M. J. M. Curran and B. S. Johnson are rivals in door knob cleaning in an accountant's office in Belfast and Alan Johnston flourishes in the "A.P.C." in Beirut. Bruce Galloway seems to be enjoying life as a Trooper in the B. S. A. Police in Rhodesia.

(Any news of other ex-Colbourne types will be gratefully received by the Editor for the next issue of the Barrovian).

DICKSON HOUSE

Head of House : G. F. CRELLIN.

Praepositor : J. E. M. CORKILL.

Sub-Praepositors : A. R. R. CAIN, A. H. MACGREGOR.

House Praepositors : W. T. HODGSON, P. W. YOUNG,
J. I. TURNER.

Life this term has been fairly hectic with a more than a full programme as regards outdoor activity.

Two new House praepositors, Young P. and Turner, J. were appointed towards the end of the term and at the same time V. Toulmin was appointed Head of the House-room, White being promoted to a study.

Our open rugby match against Colbourne House proved to be far from disheartening, both sides enjoying a clean game. Colbourne scored all their 8 points in the opening minutes. Our forwards used their weight, which was considerable, and had a lively time storming the Colbourne line, doing everything but scoring.

The Steeplechase maintains its traditional unpopularity. No one except Crellin, who won the event, gained single figure places, and generally speaking results were not inspiring.

We have had varying success with other outdoor activities ; at the time of writing Athletics are not finished, but our standard seems to be higher than last year.

WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House : P. S. NELSON.

Praepositor : J. SIMPSON.

House Praepositors : M. W. S. BARLOW, N. W. TURNER,
P. C. G. FLETCHER, J. W. KELLY.

The past term has once again been successful. Both Senior and Junior Hockey teams were comfortable winners in the competitions. In Rugby, however, we were unfortunate to be defeated by a strong School House side in the 1st round of the competition, N. W. Turner being sufficiently unlucky to sustain a fractured leg.

Nevertheless, this set-back was outweighed by our retention of the Fives Shield, which was again won by a comfortable margin. Strickett and Kelly were awarded their House crests for their efforts.

In the social life of the school, Walters continues to rank high, great enthusiasm being displayed in all Societies, particularly in connection with the Junior Debating Society and Male Voice Choirs.

The House also wish to congratulate J. Simpson on attaining his Athletic Colours.

H. J. Cain, clad in somewhat startling attire, and fresh from the precincts of Dublin University, along with P. J. Kneale, paid us a welcome visit toward the latter end of the term; a term which has been both interesting and enjoyable for all concerned.

JUNIOR HOUSE

There has been little to relate this term, with no changes in personnel, the House has progressed steadily with J. V. Meadows as head, and J. R. Howarth second string. Brighter and lighter days are with us, and we have weathered the winter with some relief remembering the events of a year ago. Like the rest of the College we enjoyed the adventure of an evening without lights, but we did not share the lack of heat which afflicted our senior neighbours! One vigorous game with Hunt House was much enjoyed, especially by the scrums who walked over each other without feeling it for the whole length of the game. There was also a Field Day that would have been more enjoyable if the temperature had been higher. This month our time, if not fully occupied, has been greatly cut up by the sports and choral engagements. Odd parties have been able to delve in the garden, but our Scouting has suffered greatly. It is our ambition to produce a patrol which can fend for itself in a real backwoods camp by the Summer holidays, and there is much to be done. It is a pity that we lose Crowe, P. this term, who is due to go to Colbourne. He should have been one of the party.

At half-term Mr. Crabtree arrived to take the place of Mr. Cowles. He has already given us many games, and we look forward to his cheery help with cricket and swimming next term.

HUNT HOUSE

Head of House : W. R. COSTAIN.

Sub-Praepositors : G. L. RANSCOMBE, G. D. CRAINE.

House Praepositor : J. S. CHESTER.

This term appears to have been one of many activities. On returning at the beginning of term, we were pleased to find a new heating system had been installed in our quarters and that we were now prepared for any repetition of last year's cold weather.

The Open Rugger XV this year was fairly strong, having in it three 1st caps. We played School House, the eventual winners, in the second round of the House-matches and were beaten by 5 pts.—0.

In the Cross-country competition we were runners-up to School House. Our Class II and Class III teams ran very well. J. H. Watterson was afterwards awarded his Colts Colours,

Again this year there has been a Hockey Competition, which both Senior and Junior teams enjoyed. It was played on the league system, in which we gained the same number of points as Walters House, but were beaten in the final replay.

The House now has 72 members and as 46 of these are in the "Under XIV's," they well deserve a section of the House-notes for themselves. This term as with last, they have been captained by G. S. Nelson. Their interest in Rugger has not waned, and early in the term a scratch under 12 team played against Junior House. A lively interest has also been taken in Fives this term, and many Juniors have been coached by Seniors when not practising for the Fives Competition.

Old boys we have received visits from this term are :—A. E. Manwaring, N. H. Scott, J. D. Costain, I. J. Qualtrough who played sevens on Big Side, and T. R. Cowell who played fives for Mr. Strachan's team.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

REVIEW OF SEASON, SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 1947

Played 13 ; Won 3 ; Lost 10 ; Drawn 0 ;
Points for 32 ; Against 163.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

Matches at College :—

Sat., Oct.	18th—Merchant Taylors' School	.....Lost 6—13
Sat., Nov.	1st—Liverpool College	.....Won 9—8
Tues., Nov.	4th—Birkenhead School	.....Lost 0—6
Tues., Nov.	11th—St. Bees School (Waterloo)	
	Half-term Tour	.....Lost 0—23
Thurs. Nov.	13th—Rossall School (Waterloo)	
	Half-term Tour	.....Lost 0—36
Sat. Nov.	29th—Wallasey G. S.	.....Lost 0—6

Christmas Tour :—

Sat., Dec.	13th—Stonyhurst College (Stonyhurst)	Lost 0—5
Mon., Dec.	15th—Ellesmere College (Ellesmere)	...Won 3—0
Wed., Dec.	17th—Liverpool College (Liverpool)	...Lost 0—9

CLUB MATCHES

Sat., Oct.	4th—Waterloo "A" (Home)	.....Lost 0—8
Sat., Oct.	11th—Chester R.U.F.C. (Home)	.....Won 9—8
Sat., Oct.	25th—Old Boys' XV (Home)	.....Lost 0—18
Sat., Sept.	27th—J. L. Ryder's XV (Home)	.....Lost 5—23

Nobody could deny that as far as results went it was a poor Season—perhaps the poorest since 1930 or 1931. To some extent it was due to having ten 1st XV Colours back the previous year ; therefore few last year gained the necessary match playing experience,

so valuable to College sides, where Colts and 2nd XV inter-school matches cannot be played. In other ways it was one of the richest seasons. The reputation of College XV's for "guts" and tackling returned in all its pristine glory; seldom has a College Captain so nobly set the example. From a purely "social" point of view the season was a great success, new ground being broken by the XV staying at Stonyhurst College and Ellesmere College on the Christmas Tour.

The problems of team-building were not easy; Henney had to build an entirely new back-division around himself and Costain. Much valuable experience was gained on the Half-term tour against St. Bees and Rossall, and by Christmas a workmanlike combination was able to hold a strong Stonyhurst side to 5 pts. in the best match of the season. G. D. Craine was again unlucky, being injured in the Old Boys' match, and was not able to take any further part for the rest of the season; this was a severe blow as he would undoubtedly have earned a Cap either in the centre or on the wing. It was not difficult to pick eight forwards who played well in the loose but the eight was not nearly successful enough in getting the ball in the tight scrums.

The unfortunate 2nd XV might have had quite a useful record had there been any opponents, but all the Service sides have gone, and the Island no longer plays Rugby. J. H. Radcliffe made a valiant effort to revive the "Barrovians" but a full side could not be fielded; sometimes players did not keep their promises to turn up to play; no side can be run successfully under those conditions.

The Colts showed a good deal of promise. New ground was broken by a visit of the Liverpool Collegiate School's Colts XV; after a keenly contested game College won by 9 pts. to 8pts. Next season the College Colts XV is to visit Liverpool College Colts on a day-trip by air! This term the aged, crippled and maimed—the Masters—strengthened by the inclusion of Henney and Crellin, managed to defeat the Colts in a keen game. Since the average age of the Masters must have been nearer 50 than 40, a good time was had by all. The Principal proved himself to be an adept at picking out of the scrum, and scored a classic try—Mr. Boulter, the referee, following Lord Nelson's famous example! Mr. Jackson in the centre showed many of the attributes of a Cumberland wing, but he found, like the aged Grand National entrant, that there is a limit to how much can be carried in the saddle; his goal kicking was Mathematical—neat, accurate and effective. Mr. Smeeton made a dashing wing, and on one occasion sat on the ball with great aplomb; on the other wing Mr. Grant brought back happy memories of the Castletown R.U.F.C. In the scrum Messrs. Strachan, Barrett and Fieldhouse gave their horrified wives on the touch-line, many anxious moments—a married swan-song which had some very bright moments. The Principal is to be congratulated on bullying and persuading so many ancients to be idiotic for once in a while, and for providing the 1st XV and the school with so much entertainment. The Colts enjoyed themselves thoroughly and paid off many old scores. To those rascals who had hoped for no school the following day, let it be said to the Masters' credit that there were no absentees in Chapel the following morning.

A College VII is taking part in the Public Schools Sevens Championship, run by the Rosslyn Park R.U.F.C. in April, in London. With 64 entrants, we can only hope that we shall not disgrace ourselves; the Seven has practised hard. We are most grateful to those members of the London O.K.W. Society who are to be our hosts, and who are financing the whole of the tour; it is particularly encouraging to the VII that this gesture should be made in a "lean" year.

Once again we thank all those masters who have helped in coaching.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

P. J. HENNEY (1946, 1947), (10st. 4lbs.)—Right-wing-three-quarter. Captain. He had one of the most unenviable tasks in trying to make bricks without straw, but he set a superb example by his courage in adversity, and by tackling of an order which has rarely been seen on Big Side. In attack he is still impetuous and must make sure that he has the ball safely in his hands before he makes his final spurt. He played many good games in the centre where his defence was so badly needed, and he scored some fine individual tries. Off the field he led a fine band, who brought credit to the College.

G. L. RANSCOMBE (1945, 1946, 1947), (11st. 11lbs.)—Back-row Forward. He willingly played wherever he was wanted, which included scrum-half, fly-half and centre, but his real place is in the forwards. Ubiquitous in attack and defence he is a valuable player to have in any side, but he has not yet learned to scrummage, and he still tends to hang about amongst the "threes" in the hope of picking something up. If he is to reach the highest places he must learn to "corner-flag" every time.

W. R. COSTAIN (1946, 1947), (10st. 4lbs.)—Right-centre-three quarter. Probably the most improved player in the side. He did invaluable service at full-back where he showed much promise, but the side could not do without him in the centre where his strong running and eye for an opening brought tries. He has a splendid defence and is a very good left-foot kick; he must now develop the right foot. Should go a long way in first-class football.

G. F. CRELLIN (11st. 5lbs.)—Back-row-forward. Developed rapidly as the season advanced and can count himself a very sound forward. Did a great deal of useful tackling and dribbling. He must now learn to handle with confidence on all occasions. With experience became a leader who always got the best out of the pack. Should have a promising future in good company.

P. W. T. DRACUP (9st. 6lbs.)—Left centre-three-quarter. Played some good games at scrum-half and would have settled down at fly-half but for an unfortunate injury which kept him out of the game for some time. Should develop well when he has put on some weight and matured.

R. N. WATERS (11st. 7lbs.)—Back-row-forward. Has done remarkably well for one so young. Has enthusiasm and uses his brains. Opens up the game well but must learn not to send out long passes

in his own half when there is serious risk of an interception. A promising goal-kicker, he should improve his passing. Promising.

J. S. CHESTER (10st. 13lbs.)—Hooker. Has a useful turn of speed which makes him a dangerous raider in the loose, but has still to learn to give a good pass. He is hard to stop near the line and dribbles and tackles well. Has improved as a hooker. Promising.

G. BUSSEY (10st. 6lbs.)—Second-row-forward. Got through a tremendous amount of work and improved rapidly as the season advanced. Tackles well and is always up with the ball; he must learn to improve his handling. Should do really well in good company when he puts on more weight.

A. R. CAIN (1946, 1947), (12st. 11lbs.)—Front-row Forward. He did well to carry his great weight without falling behind in the game. Did some useful work in the close mauls and improved his tackling. His handling of the ball still leaves much to be desired.

M. F. HOSKING (12st. 11lbs.)—Front-row Forward. Improved considerably during the season. He is not as slow as he looks on the field; revels in tackling hard and with his weight and physique can take any amount of punishment. Should concentrate on improving his handling of the ball and on control in dribbling. Promising.

R. J. HACK (10st. 10lbs.)—Second-row Forward. A good, honest forward who can be relied upon to shove his weight. A useful dribbler and a good tackle, he should now concentrate on improving his handling and kicking; a useful reserve hooker.

N. W. TURNER (9st. 8lbs.)—Fly-half. He developed rapidly during the season and finally won his way into the side. Is a dangerous player in attack on his day; should try to polish up his game and to improve his tactical kicking. A very good tackle. Promising.

B. A. STRICKET (10st. 11lbs.)—Scrum-half. Is full of courage and gives a useful pass. Should be an asset to the side next year when he has polished up his game. Must learn when to go on his own and when to open up; at present he is to inclined to open up on all occasions. A very useful tackle. Promising.

G. T. DAVY (10st. 6lbs.)—Left-wing-three-quarter. Played a useful part with his very sound tackling. He lacked weight and speed to make the final penetration against good defences. Will probably develop into a centre. Must learn to improve his kicking; handles well.

P. C. G. FLETCHER (10st. 21lbs.)—Full-back. Played in many places in the back-division and was the utility man of the side. Improved during the season, and showed promise as a full-back where his kicking was adequate.

RESERVES

The following have been useful reserves :

J. LANDON—Wing-three-quarter. Would have gained a cap if his defence had not been so weak. Has considerable speed and is well-built. May do well next year if he learns to tackle and fall on the ball.

A. H. MACGREGOR—Forward. A powerfully built forward who was disappointing because he never exerted himself to the full ; loves a fight. Could go a very long way with his physique, if he takes up the game seriously.

G. D. CRAINE—Centre, fly-half or wing-three-quarter. Has been most unlucky with injuries. Would almost certainly have won a Cap had he not had to retire from the game early in the season. Has a good turn of speed, tackles well and has a useful cut-through.

G. W. P. WALDRON—Centre-three-quarter. A youthful centre who learned a good deal in the early games. Has developed considerably this term. A useful place-kick.

D. C. LOWEY—Forward. Showed considerable promise as a young hooker but must try to speed up his game in the loose and must learn to handle the ball.

J. M. A. CONNALL—May develop as a three-quarter or a forward. Has improved considerably and has a useful turn of speed.

J. SIMPSON—Wing three-quarter. Runs hard but his handling is still uncertain.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

This year the weather for the Senior House Matches was fine, and although much rain fell it did not hinder the play. The knockout system was again used. In the Preliminary Round, played on Monday, January 26th, School beat Walters, last year's winners. In a very rough game, the faster and heavier School House backs beat the Walters' defence several times. In the first half Walters' fly-half, N. W. Turner, had his leg broken ; this seemed to dishearten the side, for afterwards their defence broke up and the play degenerated considerably.

Result : School 13 ; Walters 0.

SEMI-FINALS

School v. Hunt :

This was a hard and well fought match with some good constructive play from both sides. After much struggling, with the ball now at one end of the field and now at the other, School House scored the only try of the match just before half-time. Murray intercepted a lob on the half-way line, and before he could be stopped was up the field and over the line : Robins then converted. After this Hunt could not wipe out their deficiency nor could School House increase their lead.

Result—School 5 ; Hunt 0.

Colbourne v. Dickson :

Dickson were handicapped by weak backs and from the start it was seen that their object was to keep the ball in the forwards as much as possible, and with their heavier pack they succeeded. From one of the few heels that Colbourne had in the first half, Henney went round the blind side and scored a try beneath the posts, which Waldron converted. Shortly after Waldron kicked a penalty, which brought the score up to 8—0. In the second half the game remained very loose, and neither side got the ball out past the fly-half. About quarter of an hour from the finish Dickson made a hard effort to score from the forwards but were repulsed. It was a hard, clean, well fought game.

Result : Colbourne 8 ; Dickson 0.

FINAL**School v. Colbourne :**

The final was played on Big Side under ideal weather conditions. School attacked from the first whistle, and two snap tries by Southward and Landon, the former being converted by Robins, practically settled the match in the first five minutes. After this rude shock, Colbourne woke up, and the rest of the game was merely a dinging battle. The ball proceeded from one end of the field to the other, from one touch line across to the other, and there was no constructive or really intelligent football from either side.

Result : School 8 ; Colbourne 0.

STEEPLECHASE

Few sports are more dependant on the weather than Steeplechasing even a good season has its own difficulties. The mild weather this year gave us much more plough than usual, and an early lambing season, with consequently closely guarded gates and hedges, caused quite a lot of trouble and necessitated frequent minor changes in the courses. The help and co-operation of the farmers, and excellent work by P. S. Nelson (Captain of Steeplechasing) and the hardy band of course marshals did much to ease matters, however, so that the training period and Final races were carried on according to plan. In fact more serious training was done this year than usual, and House Captains are to be congratulated on their efforts.

The new organisation for Steeplechasing introduced last year again proved very satisfactory and will be adhered to. A total of 120 boys competed in the three final races held on different courses for Classes I, II, and III.

Stormy weather, with heavy rain and winds often reaching gale force, made the courses muddy and difficult during the week preceding the races, but Finals day, February 14th, was considerably

better ; it was a mild, misty day with moderate winds and the course was not in bad condition.

The competition throughout was very keen and the winner's time in each of the Finals was better than last year, although comparative times from year to year and course records for Steeplechasing are rather meaningless ; the condition of the course and minor changes we have had to make are things that we cannot account for.

The Class I race was a fine one. Costain (H) took the lead early on and maintained it until he had passed Ballavell Farm, when G. F. Crellin (D), who with Bussey (S), M. Dean (C) and Robins (S), had never been far behind, went to the front, maintained his position and finished strongly in 38 min. 49 secs. Bussey beat Costain for Second place by nine seconds. The five leaders all finished within one minute of Crellin's time. The School House team won the Class I race.

The Class II race was also very closely contested and Quirk (C) was the winner in 31 min. 9 secs. J. H. Watterson (H) gained second place but only a few seconds separated the next four runners led by Galbraith (H), and the finishes were exciting. The Hunt House team gained a good win in this event.

A. M. Watterson (C), who won the Class III race last year, gained a somewhat easier win this year in 27 min. 27 secs. He ran very strongly throughout and was never seriously challenged. C. B. Wood (S), W. Robertson and G. Corkill gained the next three places for the School House team, the winner of this event.

The Steeplechase Shield was won by School House, the Final House positions being : 1, School 188 points ; 2, Hunt, 216 points ; 3, Colbourne, 229 points ; 4, Walters, 378 points ; 5, Dickson, 384 points.

Again we wish to thank all masters who assisted in timing and judging the Final races, the boys who marshalled the course so efficiently, and above all the farmers who allowed us to use their land at more than usual inconvenience to themselves this year.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The following Colours were awarded for Athletics :—

1st. Colours.—P. S. Nelson, J. S. Southward, J. Landon, G. F. Crellin, P. J. Henney, W. R. Costain, J. Simpson.

2nd. Colours.—J. H. Kelly, J. S. Chester, D. M. Watterson, P. C. G. Fletcher, G. Bussey, I. H. Murray, A. H. Macgregor, L. S. Quirk.

Colts Colours.—J. H. Watterson, R. D. Nelson, T. D. H. Taylor, R. N. Waters, J. L. Creighton.

It is a pleasure to be able to record that the weather was perfect for Athletics this year. We are grateful but, after the trials of the last two years, we feel that it is no more than our due.

In order to avoid undue waste of time in dealing with the increased numbers of boys in all age groups, it was agreed this year that boys should be entered for the Standards Tests by their House Captains only for those events in which they had reasonable chance of gaining points, although all boys had the normal practices in all branches of the sport. The scheme, excellent in its intention, proved somewhat futile for two reasons; the first the laudable anxiety not to lose any possible points, and the second that few House Captains had much idea of the athletic prowess of their boys. This was true more particularly in the lower age groups, where, unfortunately, the numbers are the highest. Much more co-operation will be required if the scheme is to be made workable in future years.

The Practice fortnight commenced auspiciously with a visit by C. B. Holmes, the international sprinter and rugger player. He gave us a most instructive and entertaining lecture on general athletics training with particular reference to sprinting. His lecture, interspersed with anecdotes and personal experiences, was a real pleasure to us all, for "C.B." has the gift not only of doing things, but the even rarer one of being able to talk about himself with delightfully disarming modesty. On the following day he gave demonstrations and instruction to selected groups of boys, and the sight of his all-white track suit with the magic word "Britain" in huge letters across the breast attracted swarms of autograph hunters. We wish to record our thanks to him, for there is no doubt that we all gained much from his visit.

The Athletic practices did little more than introduce boys to the various types of events, for the number of boys in each age-group is now so large that it is impossible for a boy to have much individual instruction. This is true in particular with the younger boys who are more numerous, and in Field Events, where careful training in technique is so necessary.

Competition in the Standards Tests was very keen this year, and the results were well above the average except in Class II which, with a few notable exceptions, was the weakest for many years. There are some very good athletes in Class III however, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to develop when they reach Class II. In Class I, J. S. Southward (S) and J. Landon (S) each gained 66 points for the Standard Tests, whilst P. J. Henney (C) gained 63 points and J. Simpson (W) 60 points. A. M. Watterson (C) and J. T. Condra (C) each gained the maximum of 64 points in Class III.

In the Finals the most noticeable improvement was in the High Jump which, in all Classes, was above the average, and two new records, namely Class III, 4 ft. 6 ins., by A. M. Watterson, and Class IV, 4 ft., by N. P. De Morgan (J), were made. P. S. Nelson (W) won both the Class I High Jump and Discus events and was second in the Hurdles, and in the same Class J. S. Southward (S) won the 100 yards and 440 yards and gained third place in two other events. W. R. Costain (H) and J. Landon (S) were also prominent in Class I finals. The outstanding achievement among the younger boys was that of A. M. Watterson who won every event in

Class III and established three new Class records in doing so. His new High Jump record has already been given, the other two are Class III 440 yards, 61 secs., and Class III 880 yards, 2 mns. 28 secs. Watterson's supremacy in his Class somewhat overshadowed the performances of T. Corkill (D), who also beat the 880 yards record when he gained second place in this event, C. B. Wood (S) and J. T. Condra (C), who are young athletes of whom we expect much in the future. N. P. De Morgan (J) was prominent in Class IV in which he won all Finals with the exception of the 75 yards.

Finals Day, 27th March, was fine, but a rather strong and cold East wind made conditions more difficult than we had expected during the spell of fine weather. The track was an improvement on last year but much has yet to be done before it becomes really satisfactory.

Our thanks are due again to the Principal and all those Masters who so willingly co-operated in the conduct of the Standards and Finals, to Copley and his assistants for their work on the track and for the great improvements at the Jumps, and lastly to all those "back-room boys" who assisted on Finals Day in such an efficient and unobtrusive fashion.

The final order of the Senior Houses in the Athletics Shield Competition was:—

1. Colbourne House (the holders)	160 points.
2. Walters House	121.2 "
3. School House	120.7 "
4. Hunt House	97.3 "
5. Dickson House	60.9 "

RESULTS—CLASS I (over 16 on 1st April)

Mile.—1, Crellin, G. F. (D) ; 2, Costain (H) ; 3, Dean, M. (C).
Time : 4 mins. 58½ secs.

An interesting race, well contested, and a popular win for Crellin. The time was quite good considering the wind.

Time : 2mins. 11½ secs.

880 yards.—1, Landon (S) ; 2, Costain (H) ; 3, Dean, M. (C).
A very good race and a close finish. The time was above the average. This is probably Landon's best distance, and as this is his first year in Class I he is very promising.

440 yards.—1, Southward (S) ; 2, Landon (S) ; 3, Fletcher (W)
Time ; 56½ secs.

A very close finish. Southward was not at his best having strained a calf-muscle.

100 yards.—1, Southward (S) ; 2, Watterson, D. (C) ; 3, Costain (H).

Time : 11 secs.

Southward won rather easily.

120 yards Hurdles (3 ft. 3 ins.).—1, Henney (C) ; 2, Nelson, P. (W) ; 3, Southward (C).

Time : 18 secs.

Henney and Nelson were level at the last hurdle but Henney won by his faster sprint.

Putting the Weight (12 lbs.).—1, Macgregor (D) ; 2, Chester (H) ; 3, Southward (S).

Distance : 34 ft. 1 ins.

If Macgregor could learn to get across the circle more quickly he would add several feet to this distance ; he has the necessary physique. Chester was only narrowly beaten.

High Jump.—1, Nelson, P. (W) ; 2, Kelly, J. (W) ; 3, Henney (C) and Connal (C).

Height : 5 ft. 3½ ins.

An interesting event. Nelson's winning jump was a fine one. Kelly jumped well, but he should practice at lower heights until he has perfected his landing which is dangerous at present.

Long Jump.—1, Simpson, J. (W) ; 2, Landon (S) ; 3, Costain (H).

Distance : 17 ft. 3 ins.

The Standard reached was not what it should be, and in no case was a really satisfactory run-up made. Costain's best effort was well over 18 ft. but it was a "no-jump" by a narrow margin.

Throwing the Discus (15 kilo).—1, Nelson, P. (W) ; 2, Chester (H) ; 3, Kelly, J. (W).

Distance : 109 ft. 8½ ins.

The general standard was by no means exceptional but Nelson's throw was the best we have had for some years.

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

Mile. Watterson, J. H. (H) ; 2, Watterson, J. P. (C) ; 3, Galbraith (H)

Time : 5 mins. 23½ secs.

Not particularly fast but well contested.

880 yards.—1, Watterson, J. H. (H) ; 2, Taylor (W) ; 3, Watterson, J. P. (C).

Time : 2 mins. 25 secs.

Another quite good win by Watterson J. H.

440 yards.—1, Nelson, R. (H) ; 2, Watters (C) ; 3, Dunkerley, I. (C).

Time : 59½ secs.

100 yards.—1, Nelson, R. (H) ; 2, Bardsley (W) ; 3, Taylor (W).

Time : 11½ secs.

The best performance in this Class this year.

110 yards Hurdles (3ft.).—1, Crighton, J. (C) ; 2 and 3, Shimmin, J. (S) and Nelson, M. (H), (dead heat).

Time : 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Putting the Weight (8lbs.).—1, Ross (W) ; 2, Taylor (W) ; 3, Waters (C).

Distance : 34 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump.—1, Crighton, J. (C) ; 2, Waters (C) ; 3, Weaver (C).
Height : 4 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Waters was not at his best, but Crighton and Weaver both jumped very well, Weaver, using the Western Roll, is most promising ; he is the most improved jumper of the year.

Long Jump.—1, Taylor (W) ; 2, Dunkerley, I. (C) ; 3, Waters (C) and Nelson, M. (H).

Distance : 17 ft. 1 ins.

The standard was low. Taylor's winning jump was the only one of any quality.

Throwing the Discus (1 kilo).—1, Waldron (C) ; 2, Clucas (W) ; 3, Kenna (S).

Distance : 108 ft. 5 ins.

Waldron did not show the improvement we had hoped for and he was rather lucky to win.

CIASS III (over 12 and under 14 on 1st April)

880 yards.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Corkill, T. (D) ; 3, Marshall (S).

Time : 2 mins. 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

A fine new record, beating J. H. Radcliffe's time in 1938 by 4 secs. Both Watterson and Corkill are most promising young athletes as this excellent race, run in quite a strong wind, shows. Marshall ran very pluckily to gain third place.

440 yards.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Corkill, T. (D) ; 3, Wood, C. B. (S).

Time : 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Another fine record for Watterson, J. H. Radcliffe's time in 1938 being 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. Watterson is a most powerful runner for his age ; it is to be hoped that he continues to develop as he grows older.

220 yards.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Wood, C. B. (S) ; 3, Condra (C).

Time : 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

This race was run very soon after the Hurdles ; nevertheless, the winner's time was only $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. outside the record.

100 yards.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Corkill, T. (D) ; 3, Condra (C).

Time : 12 secs.

Again only $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. outside the record time.

95 yards Hurdles.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Condra (C) ; 3, Sowerbutts (W) and Dunkerley, A. (C).

Time : 16½ secs.

A very fast race and Condra was only just beaten. The record for the event is 16 secs.

Putting the Weight (6 lbs.).—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Condra (C) ; 3, Young, W. (D).

Distance 34 ft. 1 ins.

High Jump.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Condra (C) ; 3, Marshall (S).

Height : 4 ft. 6 ins.

Yet another record for Watterson. The standard of jumping by all boys in this final was well above the average.

Long Jump.—1, Watterson, A. M. (C) ; 2, Condra (C) ; 3, Lee (C).

Distance : 15 ft. 5 ins.

More evidence of Watterson's versatility ; the record for this event is 15 ft. 6 ins.

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

440 yards.—1, De Morgan (J) ; 2, Skillikorn (J) ; 3, George (J).

Time : 76½ secs.

220 yards.—1, De Morgan (J) ; 2, George (J) ; 3, Maddrell (J).

Time : 33½ secs.

75 yards.—1, Maddrell (J) ; 2, De Morgan (J) ; 3, Gallagher (J).

Time 11 secs.

High Jump.—1, De Morgan (J) ; 2, Gallagher (J) ; 3, Dagnall (J).

Height : 4 ft.

A new record for this Class De Morgan shows promise ; he must now try the Western Roll.

Long Jump.—1, De Morgan (J) ; 2, Osbaldeston (J) ; 3, Goldsmith (J).

Distance : 12 ft. 3 ins.

CLASS V (under 10 on 1st April)

330 yards.—1, Smeeton (H) ; 2, Wilde (J) ; 3, Johnston (J).

Time : 61½ secs.

60 yards.—1, Wilde (J) ; 2, Smeeton (H) ; 3, Johnston (J).

Time : 9½ secs.

RELAY RACES

Senior (over 16) 4 x 110 yards.—1, Colbourn House.
2, School House.
3, Walters House.

Time : 51½ secs.

Senior (over 16) 4 x 880 yards.—1, School House.
2, Dickson House.
3, Colbourne House.

Time : 9 mins. 35½ secs.

Junior (under 16) 4 x 220 yards.—1, Walters House.
2, Colbourne House.
3, School House.

Time : 1 min. 53 secs.

HOCKEY

In the Lent Term we had our usual season of Hockey. The term is a busy one from a games point of view, with Steeplechase, Sports, Senior House Matches and "Sevens" taking up most of the time. However, we managed to get a good deal of Hockey, and this year the weather was, for the most part, favourable for enjoyable matches. Each week's programme was arranged so that, as far as possible, the various age groups had equal opportunities for play. We had four pitches this season, and on most days they have all been fully occupied.

During one week we had a League competition among the Houses, awarding 2 pts. for a win, and 1 pt. for a draw. In the open League Walters and Hunt tied with 6 pts. each, with Walters having the better goal average. The Captains decided to play off, and Walters were the winners. Walters House also won the "under 15" League competition.

Hockey has again proved very popular, judging from the number of boys who go out to play at times other than those officially allocated to games.

Crellin, G. F., Captain of Hockey, and the House Captains—Hosking, Watterson, D., Corkill, J. E. M., Fletcher and Craine deserve commendation for the great deal of work they did with the organization of teams, and we thank all Masters who supervised and umpired games and matches.

FIVES

A shortage of balls, which shows signs of becoming less acute in the future, and a lack of time, especially in the second half of the term, have interfered with School Fives. It has been possible, however, to finish three competitions.

First, the last House competition, run on the system whereby each House is represented by its four best players. In future the two best Under Sixteens and the two best Over Sixteens from each House will make up the teams. The result was as follows :—

Hunt v School—School

School v Dickson—School

Walters v Colbourne—Walters

School v Walters—Walters.

The Shield has not therefore changed hands.

In the Open Handicap Mr. Strachan beat Craine in the Final, after previously disposing of the Principal, Collings and Nelson.

The Junior competition was won by G. W. P Waldron who beat L. S. Quirk in the Final. There was a field of 32.

On Saturday, March 20th, a team collected by Mr. Strachan opposed the School Fives IV and beat them soundly. The results were :—

Nelson v Mr. Radcliffe12-15, 4-15, 3-15.

Fletcher v Mr. Cowell9-15, 5-15, 4-15.

Craine v Mr. Beagley2-15, 6-15, 5-15

Collings v Mr. Wood15-5, 15-11, 15-9.

We are grateful to Mr. Strachan for providing external competition.

J.T.C. NOTES

A quiet term—a lull perhaps before the hectic activities of the summer, when we shall have a Certificate "A" Examination, Tynwald, General Inspection and a Whole Day Exercise. The Whole Day Exercise this term was on the 17th February. C.S.M Crellin led a force of two platoons to make contact with the rear guard of a retreating "enemy," which had taken up position on the hill south of Glen Grenaugh. The pursuers had lost a section to a well placed ambush before they realised that their quarry was in front of them. They then deployed over ground which gave the recruit spectators an opportunity to see a clear demonstration of how it should be done. It was unfortunate that the later stages of the attack had to be cut short owing to the intervention of some sheep who claimed the fine spring day for the production of their lambs. In deference to the, with the courtesy for which the British Army is justly renowned, the "cease fire" was sounded.

N.C.Os. remain the same as last term. Fourteen recruits passed their test at half term and were embodied in the contingent. Cpl. Nash has now taken over the recruits.

The Summer J. T. C. Camp will be at Eaton Hall, Chester from 27th July till 4th August. We hope to take two platoons of 37 cadets each.

We have started using the Balnaw Range again, and it is hoped to use it more often next term.

During the term, the following have gained classes for shooting, held under E.M.T. conditions :—

1st Class.—L/Cpls. Bussey, Macgregor, Underhill, Costain ; Cadets Shimmin, J., Thorpe, Waldron, Clucas, Weaver, Nelson, R., Lowey, D., Leathem, Landon.

2nd Class.—L/cpl. Waiterson, D., Cadets Mack, Thompson, Weston, Evans, Creighton, N., Cubbon, Graham, W. I., Marle, J., Turner, J., Logan, P., Aitken, Crookall, A. M., Watson, N.

THE SCOUTS

The term has passed well on the whole and it has been more possible than usual at this time of the year to get outside. Even a Field Day in February did not prove impossible.

The Seniors have been increased by the "going-up" of Logan, I., and they have won two more scout cords, for which we offer congratulations to Stoner, J. and Watson, J. The varied needs of the Venturer badge have inspired most of the programmes. This has included shelter and look-out buildings in Barrule plantation, boxing wrestling, jumping, and a medley of incidents. Among others, cooking has even taken place up the trees. Captain Gordon has kindly helped us by giving instruction in navigation.

"A" Troop has reverted to the arrangement of House Patrols. Christian, Shackleton and Spencer have been invested. Webster has gained the Backwoodsman and Oarsman badges. Four Scouts are heading for the First Class Badge.

On Field Day a joint wide game was held with "B" Troop between Santon and Port Soderick. In "B" Troop, Harper, R. has completed the Second Class Tests. Outdoor competition and wide games have occupied most Tuesday afternoons.

In Junior Troop some sixteen are now through the Tenderfoot tests, and it is our ambition to have a really good patrol fit for the summer camp. Meadows and Howarth, J. have given a most enthusiastic lead, and some of the patrol work has been really good. Unfortunately during March, when the weather has been good, sports have cut up the afternoons and singing rehearsals have prevented patrol meetings at other times.

The Pack have been making good progress and are now busy working at signalling. On the Field Day they were at Port Grenaugh, where lairs were built and raided, and on Good Friday, as in the past, an expedition was made to find primroses to decorate the Chapel.

Finally, there are reasons to remind all concerned that two principles are "sine qua non" in scouting—Scout Law and Patrol System. If you come along expecting to be entertained and kept out of mischief for an afternoon, because there is an entry to that effect on the College Calendar, go away and do your recruit drill. You need it. Scouting is for those prepared to exercise self-discipline (scout law) and initiative (Patrol System).

SHOOTING

This term Shooting has been very limited because of the pressure of other school activities—the Hon. Secretary's appeals making very little difference. However, as some new Mossberg rifles have been received from N.W. Command, our Short Range shooting should improve considerably next term. We have been unable to use these rifles this term owing to the lack of spare parts for them, and, we hope as a result of this, have lost the two matches shot this term :—

Elizabeth College, Guernsey, C. I.....	674
K.W.C.	651
Lancaster R.G.S.	593
K.W.C.	531

There are signs of a definite improvement in the outlook for shooting—Long Range being almost a certainty for next term with possibly the re-introduction of Shooting Colours. This latter will give the VIII something to work for—perhaps other activities will no longer claim priority over shooting. In any case, it is hoped to show the Barrovians an improvement in form, and the result of the Inter-House competition will be of interest.

NOTICE TO OLD BOYS

The Public Schools Employment Bureau at 62 Oxford Street, London, W. gives information or advice regarding careers whether professional, industrial or commercial. Old Boys are entitled to apply for such assistance in choosing a career providing that their age less their years of service in the forces does not exceed twenty one. The Secretary, Captain H. J. Pulein-Thompson, M.C., spends much of his time visiting the schools and calling on business firms and can therefore only be seen at the office by appointment. O.K.Ws. should note the effect of the control of engagement order. However, ex-servicemen have complete freedom in choice of employment until the end of their demobilisation leave. O.K.W. candidates would therefore be well advised to get in touch with the Bureau just before demobilisation.

A prospectus of the Bureau can be obtained on application to the Secretary and Bursar, King William's College.

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BARROVIAN SOCIETY

The Twenty Third Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Barrovian Society was held at the Castle Mona Hotel, Douglas, on Tuesday, 16th March, 1948, when 87 Old Boys attended. A. E. Kitto (1900-1903) President of the Society presided. The Guests of Honour were Eng. Capt. F. B. Phillips, O.B.E., R.I.N., and Harley Cunningham, Esq.

past Governors of the College for over 15 years ; P. E. Wallis (1919-1922) President Liverpool O.K.W. Society ; R. L. Thomson (1915-1919), President Manchester O.K.W. Society ; and H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-1910) came specially to represent the London O.K.W. Society.

After the Loyal Toast the Principal proposed the Toast of " The Guests and Kindred Societies " and Capt. Phillips and P. E. Wallis replied. Rev. Canon E. H. Stenning, M.A. gave the toast of " The Barrovian Society " to which the President, A. E. Kitto, replied. The Toast of the College was proposed by the High Bailiff, H. D. Lay (1912-1913), and replied to by G. F. Crellin, Head of the School.

Those present were :—

Deemster W. P. Cowley, C.B.E. ; The Principal ; The Vice-Principal ; L. Dehaene ; S. Boulter ; J. B. Nelson ; J. L. Ryder ; W. K. Smeeton ; R. E. H. Strachan ; C. W. Jackson ; W. S. Fieldhouse ; E. C. Beagley A. J. Grant and the Head of the School, G. F. Crellin, and the Captain of Rugby, P. J. Henney.

College entry to 1900 :—A. O. Christian, J. N. Daly, R. D. Farrant, A. E. Kitto, R. S. R. Kneale, L. D. Woods.

College entry 1900-1910 :—H. S. Cain, J. H. Caine, A. E. Corlett, J. F. Crellin, K. S. S. Henderson, J. F. W. Kermode, H. W. P. McMeekin, N. R. Smith.

College entry 1911-1920 :—A. O. Caine, G. P. Alder, J. H. L. Cowin, R. L. Cowle, E. H. Creer, R. Crookall, F. M. Cubbin, J. B. Garside, L. K. Gore, G. D. Hanson, H. J. Johnson, L. Kermode, H. D. Lay, E. Ormerod, A. C. Qualtrough, J. Skillicorn, F. W. Stubbs, R. L. Thomson, P. E. Wallis.

College entry 1921-1930 :—G. P. Bridge, T. E. Brownsdon, T. W. Cain, J. T. Chrystal, J. H. Clague, T. R. Cowell, G. H. Cowley, K. C. Cowley, L. Q. Cowley, T. S. Creer, D. R. Cringle, C. H. Cubbin, R. K. Eason, W. D. Gelling, Henry Kelly, W. C. Kelly, E. E. Kermode, L. J. Kewley, E. D. Kneale, J. P. Lomas, B. I. D. McMeekin, H. Moore, J. B. Mylchreest, J. A. G. Quilliam, J. B. Ritchie, F. S. Robson.

College entry 1931 on :—J. S. T. Brew, J. J. Christian, E. H. Corrin, W. M. Crellin, R. Freer, M. Horowitz, P. J. C. Lace, C. F. Quirk, J. H. Radcliffe, J. W. Radcliffe, M. I. Shimmmin, R. O. A. Wertheim, W. B. Wilson, F. H. Wood.

Apologies for absence were received from J. D. Qualtrough, S.H.K. (1899-1903), and H. G. W. Hughes-Games (1881-1891).

Barrovian Day :—The date of this Annual Gathering at College is fixed for Thursday, 3rd June.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Dear Sir,

With the approach of the Examinations the chronicle of our doings becomes no easy matter. In the Lent Term life is apt to get rather schizophrenic; we find ourselves working quite often, and as time goes on we withdraw from circulation, as it were, for longer and longer periods. We think Desmond Curran has withdrawn altogether. Since he became President of the Hibernian Society he seems simply to hibernate.

But of those who may still be seen about we can report:

R. A. Wertheim (Pembroke) has been awarded his Hockey colours and pursues his studies of the Law, Bridge, Crossword Puzzles and the Ramsey Courier. Peter Gelling is now President of the Field Club, an Outdoor organisation he does his best to keep Outdoors, but which meets in his rooms to discuss the Field, leaving much of it on his carpet. M. Horowitz (Downing) is sporting rugger "half" colours. This may mean that the other "half" has still to be awarded, or that it has already been torn from his back. D. Cregeen, Downing soccer star, is actively engaged on problems presented by the Mathematical Tripos and his end-of-term bill. J. Heron has been adding to his collection of sporting trophies. He now has the ruins of his Triumph Speed Twin and an oar broken in two. R. Coles came second in the Fairbairn Junior Sculls and was among the first to volunteer for the hazardous job of teaching young ladies from Girton and Newnham how to sail.

To those of us interested in rowing the big event of the term has been the Lent Bumps. Of course we had our share, and R. Coles in Clare 2 made four bumps and won his oar; a splendid achievement. J. Heron in Downing 3, made a decisive bump on the Starter's Barge, an achievement made the more remarkable by his prompt action in jumping overboard and carrying on by himself. Coxwain Corkill was responsible for a bump on a sculler, who went down with an air of pained surprise.

Our lives have been brightened this term by visits from K. Hughes, N. E. Heijne and J. Lyson. Hughes was rather in a hurry and probably on his way to Singapore; Heijne played rugger for a London University team against Downing, and "Tiger" Lyson took tea with nearly all of us on the same day, an ambulatory and gastronomic feat. It was very pleasant to see them all again, and we look forward to visits next term from E. Chapman, (now of London University) and from M. Alcock and A. Bruce (of the Other Place).

To conclude, we have news of a find which enables us to announce that if the owner of a collar marked "K. Wilson" or "Count Boris Vrshla" (reports differ) and believed to have been lost early in 1944, applies to the Bedder, L. Block, Downing College, Cambridge, he may hear of something to his advantage.

We remain, Sir,

Your

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