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EDITORIAL.

" TIME and tide wait for no man." How true, O how true, are those words from the sage old prophet. And although we took up the editorial pen with the best of good intentions of getting our task " off our chests " as it were, and although we have sat up till long after midnight waiting, over cups of tea, for that divine inspiration which always comes to geniuses, we have got no farther than a few scribbles on sheets of foolscap, which eventually ended in the waste-paper box. But now, with only two days of the term left, we can put off our onerous task no longer: something must be written as an editorial:

It seems only yesterday that we arrived back at College to be confronted with the proofs of the last BARROVIAN waiting to be checked, and yet here we are once again chasing members of the school for their respective articles for the next edition. And in the meantime such a lot has happened. We have been subjected to fires and flu; we have undergone the trials of the Steeplechase; we have battled for the Inter-house Senior Rugger Shield; for the Athletics Shield, the Relay Shield and the Fives Shield have all been competed for; the Dramatic Society has produced " Twelfth Night "; and in odd

moments we hope we have done some work. Is it any wonder that we sigh with relief as we see this term fast drawing to a close and the holidays fast approaching?

RANDOM NOTES.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have contributed articles or information for the BARROVIAN.

✦ ✦ ✦
 Congratulations to G. D. Craine on winning the Raphael Natural Science Scholarship at St. John's College, Oxford.

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 Congratulations to School House and Colbourne House on tying for the Open Rugger Shield, to Hunt House on winning the Cross-country Shield, and to Colbourne House on retaining both the Athletics and Relay Shields.

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 We welcome the Rev. G. R. Parkinson this term, who has come to take the place of Mr. Strachan.

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 We are most grateful to the London O.K.W. Society for a generous donation of £30 towards the cost of sending the "Seven" to London. A successful collection was made at the London dinner on 18th March.

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 There have been three cinema shows this term:
 January 23rd—"Blithe Spirit."
 February 12th—"Dead of Night."
 March 5th—"School for Secrets."

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 There has been one free-half this term, on Friday, 4th March.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head of School: P. J. Henney.

Head of Hostel: P. J. Henney.

Praepositors: P. J. Henney, M. F. Hosking, A. R. R. Cain, J. S. Chester, G. D. Craine, N. W. Turner, G. T. Davy, J. H. Kelly, A. E. Nash.

Sub-Praepositors: A. B. Acton, C. A. Caine, R. N. Waters.

Captain of Rugger: P. J. Henney.

Captain of Steeplechase and Athletics: P. J. Henney.

Captain of Hockey: M. F. Hosking.

Captain of Fives: G. D. Craine.

Captain of Shooting: N. W. Turner.

Editor of Barrovian: G. T. Davy.

Chief Librarian: J. H. Kelly.

Tuckshop Manager: A. B. Acton.

SALVETE

JANUARY 1949

SCHOOL HOUSE—Street, J. C. (L IVA).

COLBOURNE HOUSE—Chamberlin, A. J. (L VB).

DICKSON HOUSE—Bond, D. S. (U IVB).

WALTERS HOUSE—Wallis, J. A. (U IVA).

HUNT HOUSE—Richardson, B. C. (III), Jackson, W. R. M. (II),
Sheard D. I. (II).

JUNIOR HOUSE—Southerst, J. E. (III), Davies, P. A. (II).

VALETE

DECEMBER, 1949

RAPER, J. G. D. (1944-48). Walters House. U VB.

APRIL 1949

KARRAN, B. (1944-49). Hunt House. L VI. Colts Colours for
Cricket, 1948; XL; House Crest for Steeplechasing, 1949. School
Certificate, 1948.

Home Address—"Oakleigh," The Darragh, Port Erin, Isle of
Man.

NICKSON, J. (1946-49). Hunt House. U IVA.

Obituary.

FREDERICK BERTRAM JOHNSON BARRETT (1897-1905)

Bertram Barrett died on 22nd December, 1948, at his home in Kensington after a life of partial invalidism.

At K.W.C. he gained his colours for cricket and rugger, and house crests for shooting, swimming and running.

In 1904 he passed third into Sandhurst, but declined to take up the cadetship and passed for Woolwich later in the year.

Then the blow fell that ruined what promised to be a brilliant career. He was found to have valvular disease of the heart.

In 1906 he went to Corpus Christi College Cambridge, and took the Mechanical Science Tripos. Subsequently he qualified A.M.I.C.E., M.I.S.E., C.S.E. Unable to take full advantage of his qualifications, he lived a very retiring life, studied languages as a hobby and spoke French, Italian, Spanish, German, and Russian fluently.

He was kind, sympathetic and entirely free from any form of self assertion.

He bore his increasing infirmity with great courage and to the astonishment of his doctors and the distress of his wife and friends he managed to keep at work until a few months before his death.

THOMAS SYDNEY CUBBON (1893-97)

T. Sydney Cubbon died at Souris, Manitoba, Canada, on 14th December, 1948. An old Colbourne boy, he was a praepositor and captain of the 1st XV while at College. After leaving College he became a timber merchant in Manitoba, founding the Cubbon Lumber Company.

HIBBERT PERCEVAL NEWTON (1889-91)

Died in Vancouver in 1945.

WALTER WOODLEY STOEKER (1879-80)

Died on 28th September, 1947

REGINALD STANLEY COWLES

It came as a great shock to all at College to learn that Mr. Cowles had been drowned in Mauritius. It is little more than a year since he left us, full of enthusiasm to take up his new post as Art Master at the Royal College, Mauritius, and it is a tragedy that one whose talents were great and who might well have achieved distinction should be destined to die so young and in such circumstances.

As a painter he had considerable natural gifts, and despite his extreme youth—he was only twenty-three when he finished his ten terms at College—he had very definite and original views on art and on the ideals towards which he was for ever striving. Fortunately several examples of his paintings still remain in College, most of them presented by him as gifts when he left. One of his reasons for going to Mauritius was to study Eastern Art, and at the time of his death he was writing a book on this little-known island, illustrating it with his own paintings. In his letters he often spoke of his desire to go on to China or Japan to study native art, and had he lived he might well have made a name for himself as painter and art critic.

Few of those who knew him here can have failed to recognise his great gifts as a teacher of art. If ever a schoolmaster could inspire and draw the best from his pupils it was he, and art at College took on a new lease of life when he arrived. His enthusiasm for his teaching knew no bounds, and he always had time to help and encourage the numbers of boys who used to invade his room with their work at all hours of the day, while it was a common sight, on Sundays and even on free-halves, to find both his study and the art-school full of boys happily painting. During his years here he produced several artists of outstanding ability, and his frequent art exhibitions bore witness to the standard of the work accomplished under his guidance.

He was immensely popular both with boys and with the masters, and he was greatly missed by all when he left the College. He sometimes modestly declared that he would soon be forgotten at College, but the number of boys who were continually asking for news of him during the year that he was in Mauritius was certain proof of the respect and affection in which he was held. Perhaps Junior House saw more of him out of school hours than did the Senior School, but he was equally friendly and considerate to all those with whom he came into contact. His real feelings towards College he did not readily reveal, but the genuine distress he felt at the time for his departure drew near, and the eagerness with which he desired news of College after he had gone, left us in little doubt as to his real affections for College.

As a colleague he was always the best of companions, bright, cheerful, immensely loyal and generous and with a mature outlook and depth of intellect that belied his youthful years. It is good to know that his work and influence here were not in vain, and that the affection and esteem in which his memory is held are not likely to diminish with the passing of the years.—J. F.

O.K.W. NEWS

The following is an extract from a recent Shell Magazine:

" Mr. Harold Wilkinson, C.M.G., has been elected to the Board of The ' Shell ' Transport and Trading Company Limited.

Mr. Wilkinson joined The Asiatic (now The Shell) Petroleum Company in May, 1922. In February, 1924, he went to Singapore where he served for four years and was then transferred to The Shell Company of South Africa. In December, 1931, he went to the United States where, some five years later, he was appointed to his present position, which he will continue to hold, as President of the Asiatic Petroleum Corporation, New York. Mr. Wilkinson is also President of Shell Caribbean Petroleum Company Incorporated.

" In the New Year Honours List for 1946, Mr. Wilkinson was awarded the C.M.G. in recognition of his services during the recent war as British Petroleum Representative in Washington, D.C."

Wilkinson was at College from 1913-1921.



NELSON BATES (Walters, 1917-22) was appointed General Manager of the Shell Company of China Limited some months ago. TOM GARSIDE (Colbourne, 1915-23) has been General Manager of the Shell Company in Greece for some time; and I.D. DAVIDSON (Colbourne) 1915-20) who has been Managing Director of Cia Mexicana de Petróleo El Aguila S.A., will shortly be returning to London to become Manager of the Production Department.



Dr. N. F. H. NEEDHAM (Colbourne, 1937-39), has been appointed Surgical Registrar of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children,

Camperdown, Sydney, Australia. This is a large hospital of 600 beds, and Needham's appointment follows a successful period as a house-surgeon there.



R. COLES (Colbourne, 1939-40) now at Clare College, Cambridge, has won the Fairbairn Junior Sculls, in the time of 8 minutes 4 seconds. He is also Rear-Commodore of the Cambridge University Cruising Club and Captain of the University Yacht-racing team.



Rev. C. PAKENHAM (1927-36) has been appointed curate at Cheltenham. Previously Mr. Pakenham was curate at Sutton (Lancs.) from 1941-44 and has since been Tutor and Principal of the C.M.S. Teachers' Training College, Ogo, Nigeria.



J. E. TONKIN (Walters, 1934-38) seems to have had an adventurous life since leaving College. It may even have been adventurous while he was still at College, for his skill at trout-tickling must have taken some time to acquire. He was in the Special Air Service throughout the war and finished with a Majority and a Military Cross. After this he joined the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey and for two years was at Base E (the farthest base South). Having come safely through many tight corners during the war he nearly lost his life in the Antarctic. He fell into a crevasse and was so tightly jammed that it took his rescuer $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to chip him out. He lost the use of his arms for three months but has now completely recovered and is training in Holland for an administrative post in the Shell Company.



The Editor apologises to Midshipman I. E. JONES, R.N., for giving him the wrong initials in the last issue of the BARROVIAN.



Notice for O.K.Ws.

A letter has been received from Hope Brothers Ltd., of Lord Street, Liverpool, 2, which states that they have just received a new delivery of Old King William's College ties. If any difficulty has been found in obtaining ties, they may now be had from Hope Brothers without delay.



Engagements

D. W. DIXON-PHILLIP (1941-44) to Mary Everard Milnes.



Births

To Nancy (née Farrant) wife of G. C. MADOC (1922-30) on 19th February, 1949, at Bangkok, Siam—a son.

LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY

The London O.K.W. Society's Dinner was held at the Brettenham Restaurant on Friday, 18th March.

The following officers were elected for 1949-50:

President, H. W. P. McMeekin; Vice-President, J. B. Cullen, Committee, E. H. Allen, A. Child, J. A. Foster, R. T. Foulds, R. M. Glass, N. L. Kelly.

The toasts were as follows: "The Loyal Toast," president of the Society; "The College," proposed by C. G. Barnes, Esq., and replied to by D. Thompson, Esq.; "Our Guests," proposed by Dr. R. D. Teare and replied to by J. D. Qualtrough, Esq., S.H.K.

The following guests and members were present:

H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-10), President; D. Thompson and the Principal (S. E. Wilson), from College; J. D. Qualtrough (1899-1905), Barrovian Society; P. E. Wallis (1919-22), Liverpool Society; J. G. Brown (1917-22), Manchester Society; E. H. Allen (1921-25), H. F. Anderson (1922-30), A. Aplin (1925-27), C. G. Barnes (1919-24), Sir James Barnes (Master), R. W. Barnes (1920-27), H. E. Barlow (1916-20), C. J. W. Bell (1936-40), W. H. Bell (1880-84), P. D. Boyce (1940-44), R. V. Bradshaw (1917-20), W. A. Cannell (1910-16), A. E. Chapman (1937-42), A. Child (1920-25), R. K. Clough (1923-27), D. Cool (1914-25), W. R. Costain (1941-48), J. H. L. Cowin (1914-17), R. Q. Crellin (1936-45), J. B. Cullen (1918-24), J. H. Foster (1895-1900), R. T. Foulds (1919-24), R. W. Frost (1919-24), D. F. Glass (1929-33), R. M. Glass (1925-30), G. A. Higham (1940-45), G. H. Hudson (1907-10), J. H. Hudson (1930-35), R. D. Johnson (1917-21), R. J. B. Keig (1919-24), W. L. Kelly (1919-25), J. Kitto (1905-11), A. W. Kerruish (1929-30), A. Monkhouse (1901-04), J. F. Pickering (1933-40), E. W. Potterton (1912-20), J. A. Ratcliffe (1941-47), R. C. Shepherd (1918-21), J. H. Sherwen (1921-26), L. Shingleton (1891-94), G. B. Smith (1923-27), W. C. Stanway (1914-21), B. W. Sumerling (1918-25), N. Sykes (1926-31), R. D. Teare (1925-30), D. E. Thompson (1928-33), N. A. Thompson (1926-29), T. C. Thompson (1924-28), N. G. Thompson (1907-14), L. D. Vulliamy (1891-94), A. Walton-Smith (1923-28), T. F. R. Waters (1915-20), H. Watkinson (1918-26), A. E. Webb (1898-1903), T. B. Webb (1928-32), J. H. Whewell (1924-28), H. F. Wood (1921-26), R. H. Woods (1923-28), C. P. Yates (1896-1902).

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner was held at the Liverpool Constitutional Club on Friday, 17th December. The President, E. L. Wiard (1919-23) presided and there was a record number of 92 members and guests.

The toast of College was proposed by the immediate Past President P. E. Wallis (1919-22), and replied to by Canon Stenning. The President proposed the toast of "Our Guests" and the responses were given by R. D. Teare (1925-30) and by Denis Thompson.

The guest of honour at the dinner was R. D. Teare, who is lecturer in Forensic Medicine and Assistant Pathologist to St. George's Hospital.

Guests from College and elsewhere present were—Canon Stenning, Denis Thompson, S. Boulter, A. J. Grant, R. W. H. Boyns, and E. C. Wheeler from Derbyhaven; A. E. Kitto (1900-03) represented the President of the K. W. C. Society; A. W. Kerruish (1929-30) represented the President of the London Society; R. L. Thompson (1915-19), President of Manchester O.K.W. Society, and J. D. Qualtrough (1899-1904), President of the Barrovian Society.

Members present were:—College entry to 1900—A. B. Broomhall, C. E. L. Locke, C. P. Yates, A. E. Kitto, K. W. Monsarrat, J. D. Qualtrough, R. A. Chandler.

College entry 1901-10—R. H. Richardson, C. C. Bemrose, E. C. Bemrose, J. F. Crellin, A. D. Thomson.

College entry 1911-20—D. N. P. McKee, E. G. Thew, E. L. Wiard, P. E. Wallis, G. G. Foulds, C. C. Humphreys, J. G. Brown, A. R. Stockdale, L. E. Gadd, G. D. Radcliffe, G. H. Daish, H. H. Timson, J. L. Woodruffe, F. Griffiths, N. D. Rycroft, R. Dutton, W. S. Wicks, S. Sansom, F. M. Cubbon, R. L. Thomson.

College entry 1921-30—S. A. Grant, E. G. Fowler, J. G. Pugh, N. A. Thompson, T. G. Dodd, G. F. Thornton, F. S. Adcock, J. C. D. Dixon, R. H. Woods, K. H. Porter, R. K. Evans, J. de la H. Erricks, J. M. Miller, R. S. Platt, G. A. H. Gamble, P. H. Ford, R. D. Teare, A. W. Kerruish, A. J. Scholfield, J. B. Black, J. R. Walker, K. Skeaping, F. Griffiths, H. W. Corkhill, C. A. Strange, E. B. B. Smith, G. F. Porter, G. F. Harnden.

College entry 1931-40—W. K. Watkins, H. K. Storey, J. H. Radcliffe, K. R. Imlach, A. H. Hack, R. Humphreys-Jones, D. Clay, W. G. Petty, F. C. Gaskin, D. M. Kent, S. L. McCabe, J. A. P. Lowe, A. R. Muir, D. G. Muir, K. J. Meadows, D. B. Roberts, D. J. Holt, A. R. Hack, M. E. C. Bemrose.

College entry 1941 onwards—D. Dixon Phillips, R. T. G. Dutton, E. A. Smith, P. Wilkinson, J. C. Lowey, D. W. B. Jones, A. H. MacGregor.

Note.—The annual golf match for the "Monsarrat" 'Cup will be played on a Mersyside course sometime late in May or early June. Anyone interested, who does not receive notification direct from the Hon. Secretary, should write to him at 35 Victoria Street, Liverpool.

MANCHESTER O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner was held at The Piccadilly Hotel on Friday, 14th January. The President, R. L. Thomson (1915-19) was in the chair and about 90 members and guests were present.

The toast of "The College" and "The Guests" was proposed by J. G. Bird, M.B.E. (1923-28), and was responded to, on behalf

of the College by Canon E. H. Stenning, T.D., and on behalf of the guests by Denis Thompson.

The guests were as follows: Canon E. H. Stenning, D. Thompson, S. Boulter and W. K. Smeeton (from College); A. J. Grant and O. W. Mitchell (former Masters); E. L. Wiard (President of the Liverpool Society).

A list of those present was taken but, unfortunately some signatures were indecipherable, some were omitted and no record of the years at K.W.C. was included.

Alphabetical list—F. S. Adcock, W. T. Anderson, A. Aplin, E. D. Ardern, J. R. Ardern, H. B. Avery, W. Ball, J. G. Bird, J. G. Brown, H. Burgess, R. Burton, D. Clay, R. K. Clough, J. Congdon, A. R. Corlett, E. Craven, R. Crellin, K. Darwent, L. R. Dawson, A. N. Dewhurst, T. G. Dodd, H. C. Easton, R. L. Ellis, R. K. Evans, A. S. Grant, E. B. Glass, F. J. Goodman, N. E. Goodman, G. S. Barlow, G. W. Graves, A. J. Green, T. Gregson, G. F. Harnden, J. E. Heald, W. K. Heap, J. K. Hill, F. Y. Holloway, R. N. P. Holt, G. H. Hudson, J. H. Hudson, J. F. Hyde, A. H. Jones, P. N. Jones, R. B. Kelly, R. Kirkpatrick, E. Lowcock, R. Lowcock, A. L. Lowry, H. Luton, M. W. Machin, W. H. Nickson, J. C. A. Ormrod, J. H. Preston, R. C. Shepherd, R. Shillinglaw, R. B. Rylance, L. G. Slack, F. Sleigh, W. H. Sleigh, H. Stonex, W. Stonex, R. Sugden, N. F. Taylor, H. S. Thomas, R. L. Thomson, N. A. Thompson, T. C. Thompson, J. R. Tweedale, G. C. White, G. H. White, J. Whitehead, W. S. Wicks, J. H. Wiles, S. L. Williams, F. Withnall, N. S. Worthington.

Old Boys of the 1920's were particularly glad to see O. W. Mitchell again. He is now Headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School and many were seeing him for the first time since he, and they, left K.W.C.

BARROVIAN SOCIETY'S 25th ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-fifth annual meeting and dinner of the Barrovian Society took place on Tuesday, 8th March in the Castle Mona Hotel. There were eighty-seven members present. At the dinner Mr. G. J. A. Brown, Editor of the "Isle of Man Times," who was elected President, received the chain of office from the outgoing president, Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, S.H.K. The toast master was Canon E. H. Stenning and the toast list was as follows. "The Barrovian Society," proposed by Mr. Denis Thompson, and replied to by Mr. J. D. Qualtrough; "The College," proposed by Mr. T. E. Brownson and replied to by P. J. Henney, Head of the School, and the Principal, Mr. S. E. Wilson. A silver shield for inter-house relay races was presented by the President, Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, to P. J. Henney, who represented the school; and the sum of £25 was also given to College to help to defray the expenses of sending College Rugby teams to the mainland. Mr. J. B. Garside was presented with a fountain pen and pencil as a small appreciation of his work as Hon. Treasurer of the Society for 25 years.

Officers elected were as follows:—President, Mr. G. J. A. Brown; Vice-presidents, Messrs. S. J. Kaye, S. E. Wilson (Principal), G. P. Alder, Henry Kelly, H. D. Lay (High-Bailiff), Canon E. H. Stenning and Major R. H. Cain, V.C., with the addition this year of Messrs. J. B. Garside and A. O. Christian; secretary, Mr. G. P. Alder; assistant secretary, Mr. L. J. Kewley; treasurer, Mr. J. B. Garside; joint sports secretaries, Messrs. E. D. Kneale and E. C. Garside; auditor, Mr. A. O. Christian. Elected to General Committee were—Messrs. K. S. S. Henderson, Gordon Bell, J. C. Christian, W. T. Quayle, J. B. Ritchie, J. H. Radcliffe, L. K. Gore and J. J. Garside. The Sports Committee consists of Messrs. J. W. W. Hyde, J. M. Cain, H. D. Lay, L. Q. Cowley, T. W. Cain, C. F. Quirk, J. H. Radcliffe, D. D. Lay, and G. P. Alder.

CHAPEL NOTES

It was a pleasure to welcome the Rev. G. Parkinson to the Chapel staff. Mr. Parkinson divides Chapel duties with Canon Stenning and lost no time in falling in with the technique and the tempo of our services.

There were no outside preachers during the term.

Two anthems were sung by the Choir: "The Radiant Morn" by Woodward, and "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" by Mozart. Two organ recitals were also given.

January 30th was the four hundredth anniversary of the execution of King Charles I and in common with Churches throughout the country, the service was designed to commemorate the occasion.

The usual Wednesday compline service was held throughout Lent, and the attendance was inspiring. The Miserere (Stainer's setting) was sung at intervals during this season.

Two special collections in aid of St. Dunstan's and The National Cancer Relief Fund, amounted respectively to £12 7s. 2d. and £16 14s. 6d.

The Confirmation was held on 25th March when 32 candidates presented themselves. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese in his address, summed up the Christian life as believing and following the precepts contained in the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments.

After the service, parents and candidates proceeded to tea in the Barrovian Hall, where the Principal and Mrs. Wilson were "at home."

The Choir was not at its best throughout the term. There was an element of unreliability which resulted in occasional bunglings of Amens and Responses, the Seven-fold Amen being a lamentable example. In a school choir, courage and intelligence are as important as voices, and these qualities seemed to be lacking. It is only fair to add that their performance on the last Sunday evening of the

Anthem and the Hymns on the Passion reached a high standard. The congregational singing was as always hearty and usually in good taste. Inability to sing to strict time, however, is one of the school's failings; all the more surprising in these days when the cult of rhythm is so vaunted.

BISHOP ISAAC BARROW

The Rev. L. F. Peltor (1922-25) has sent a copy of the inscriptions carved on the tomb of Bishop Isaac Barrow, who was buried at St. Asaph, North Wales. The inscriptions are printed below together with a line-by-line translation:

Exuviae Isaaci Asaphensis Episcopi
 The remains of Isaac, Bishop of Asaph
 In manum Domini depositae
 Placed in the Lord's keeping
 In spem laetae Resurrectionis
 In hope of a joyful Resurrection
 Per sola Christi Merita.
 Through the merits of Christ alone.
 Obiit dictus Reverendus Pater
 The said Reverend Father died
 Festo divi Johannis Baptistae
 On the feast of St. John the Baptist
 Anno Domini 1680, Aetatis 67
 In the year of our Lord 1680, aged 67
 Translationis suae Anno Undecimo
 In the eleventh year of his translation.
 O vos transeuntes in domum
 Domini in domum orationis
 O you who cross into the Lord's house
 Into the house of prayer
 Orate pro conservo vestro ut inveniam
 misericordiam in die domini.
 Pray for your fellow-servant that I may find
 mercy on the Lord's day.

R.E.H.S.

When Rex Strachan came back to us after the war, a pert boy remarked to one of the more elderly masters, "Now we can see what real College masters are like." The snub was swallowed in view of the truth of the description. A real College master had indeed come back to us, and the test of such reality is not far to seek. A master who creates a niche and then steps into it, filling it as no other could; a master who lives for his job and for the College; a master whose job does not end, or whose job merely begins, as he leaves his classroom; a master whose sayings are quoted or misquoted, whose work and whose play are admired, whose car is lampooned; a master

whose permanency among us is taken for granted, as much as is that of the College Tower, till alas! his exceptional gifts and natural but woeful ambition destroy that illusion; these are the tests of a "real College master," and these are the tests that Rex so completely fulfilled.

There is a somewhat lugubrious French maxim, "Tout lasse, tout passe, tout casse, c'est la vie." The order of these calamities is not guaranteed but their general truth is in this case flatly denied. What in the memories Rex has left here, grows weary, passes, or breaks? Not our recollections of him, not his influence, among us, not his connection with College. Celestial trips abroad, prowess in the Fives Court and elsewhere Elizabethan addresses to his people, his temporary lodging in the School House, his all too short House-mastership of the oft-orphaned Dickson House, his flying visits in the war—specially that one when his well-laden departure was delayed by an annoying threat of mist—all these memories of him neither weary, nor break, nor pass away.

As we wish him joy, we picture him at Wellington, taking with him that aura of College which will always cling to him. We picture him flashing down the drive in his red-remembered car; we picture him enriching the orchestra, no longer attacked as "the culprit" if an unlucky F natural replaces an F sharp; we picture Wellingtonians poring over the enigma of his initials and we know that no picture is complete that does not include his gracious wife and his braw daughter.

"Semper domus floreat"—these are the words with which the Wellington Song ends. We know that in Rex's heart there are two "domus", and that, taking a slight liberty with the Latin, he pluralizes the subject and changes the verb to "floreat." — D. T.

THE FIRE

At 2 o'clock in the morning on a Sunday in January 1844 a fire was discovered by two boys who had been roused by the smell of burning: several hours later the College was a gutted ruin. Similarly on Sunday evening, 23rd January this year, another fire was discovered by the Matrons; but this time owing to the prompt action of everybody the damage done was comparatively small.

The fire broke out in the airing cupboard next to Walters House Senior Dormitory which is very near the Matrons' sitting room. Miss Dooley gave the warning to the masters and within a few seconds they had fire extinguishers working and within a few minutes the school-trailer-pump had been brought to the front of the College and was quickly brought into action. Although the fire was soon under control, little could actually be done to put it out owing to the inability to play the water and extinguishers directly at the flames because of the awkward position of the cupboard and because of the dense smoke. The Castletown Fire Brigade soon arrived, however, and with their invaluable help, their strong hoses and powerful electric lights, the fire was finally extinguished.

Now, although we still have workmen repairing the damage, the excitement and thrills are over. But we still have memories: we have Miss Dooley being rescued by "our hero" Nash, after she had been overcome by the smoke on returning to see what had happened to the other matrons; we remember the blackened faces and hands of the masters who obviously had not washed for dinner; and we remember the weird and wonderful raiments that blossomed out in Walters House when other clothes arrived from home the next week.

Thus with humble apologies we close this account of our "nine days' wonder" fire.

THE CONCERT

The end of term concert took place in the Gymnasium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd April. Owing to the recent production of "Twelfth Night," the performers had more difficulty in preparing items than is usual. Nevertheless the general standard was well up to average; and none more so than the Orchestra, under the able direction of Miss Rydings.

The programme consisted of the usual selection of orchestral, choral and solo items, the first solo being "The Yeoman's Wedding Song," sung by Mr. Usherwood. This song was well suited to the performer's voice, both in tone and quality, and the inflections in light and shade were excellently done. His encore, "Come my young master and mistress too," was again well sung and provided an enjoyable item.

W. Young followed with a pleasing rendering of "O lovely Night." Though taken a little too slowly, the general effect was good, and well deserved the encore: "Ships that pass in the Night."

The next soloist was J. Kennaugh, a newcomer to these concerts, from whom we should have heard before. He sang two songs by Schubert, and although the first was somewhat unconvincing, owing to its difficulty, the second, and his encore, "Mighty like a Rose," showed his rich baritone voice to better advantage. With more experience he should develop into a good singer.

The Vice-principal, as usual, brought down the house with his performance of "The Flea," which he followed with the lamentable "Henry King" and "The Elephant's Trunk." The audience were indeed sorry to see him leave the platform.

The last singer, N. W. Turner, who sang the "Song of the Priest," found this piece too highly pitched for his voice. His encore, Bach's "Prelude in F," was, however, enjoyed far more by the musically minded of the audience.

The choirs were once more conducted by Mr. Pritchard, with Mr. Thompson accompanying on the piano. Of these, the Junior Choir was the first to perform, and sang an old Scottish song, "Up in

the morning early." Although inclined to be flat on the top notes, these young singers gave an interesting and very pleasing performance, and were well up to their usual high standard.

The full choir sang their two songs with a vitality approaching exuberance. If the trebles would always sing like this, our choral items would be much improved; and apart from a weak tenor entry in the first song, the underparts were good throughout.

The last choir was the Walters House Choir, whose return added variety to the programme, and whose example deserves to be copied by the other houses. Their efforts were musical if somewhat rowdy, and were greatly appreciated by the school, if not quite so much so by the rest of the audience.

The remainder of the programme was provided by the Orchestra who were certainly at their best. Their "Sinfonietta" by Mozart was taken at just the right tempo, and showed an understanding of the work. The gradations in tone were well done, the strings being mainly responsible for this.

Their second item, "The Clock and the Dresden Figures," was the outstanding novelty of the programme. This work was charmingly done, and the lightness and dexterity of the various instruments were delightful. The piano solo, and the special effects performed by the percussion section were good, and the general effect was well worth hearing, so much so that the work was repeated.

Their other item, a selection from "Monsieur Beaucaire," consisted of three short pieces in a light vein, and was a creditable performance.

Finally, the two College Songs brought an enjoyable evening's entertainment to an end, and a satisfactory conclusion to the hard work of Mr. Thompson and the performers, who must be thanked for their efforts.

PROGRAMME

1. Sinfonietta in *D* Mozart
THE ORCHESTRA
2. Song—"Up in the Morning early" Scotch
MR. PRITCHARD'S JUNIOR CHOIR
3. Solo—"The Yeoman's Wedding Song" ... Prince Poniatowski
MR. D. USHERWOOD
4. Solo—"O Lovely Night" Landon Ronald
W. YOUNG
5. Piano Solo—Impromptu in *D* Strimer
C. CAINE
6. Solo—(i) "The Trooper's Helmet"
(ii) "Hymn to Castor and Pollux" ... Schubert
J. KENNAUGH
7. Two Part Songs—(i) "The Meeting of the Waters" Irish
(ii) "Gipsy Chorus" from "The Bohemian Girl" Balfe
THE CHOIR

8. Solo—"The Flea" *Moussorgsky*
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL
9. "The Clock and the Dresden Figures" *Ketelbey*
THE ORCHESTRA
10. Solo—"Song of the Priest" *Amy Woodforde-Finden*
N. TURNER
11. Part Songs—(i) "O No John" *Traditional*
(ii) "King Arthur"
WALTERS HOUSE CHOIR
12. Selection from "Monsieur Beaucaire" *Rosse*
THE ORCHESTRA
13. College Songs.

"TWELFTH NIGHT"

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSIONS

To an outsider it is quite refreshing to see a production of "Twelfth Night" freed from some of the clichés of the commercial theatre and approximating more closely in fact to the circumstances of the first performance. The pace was remarkable, although the playing was not rushed; by cutting intervals to a minimum (a practice one wishes as universal) and by some excellent stage management, an illusion of continuous action was noted.

Quite rightly the accent fell on the more comic aspects of the play. The atmosphere of Illyria is a little rarified for modern lungs and the modern producer is justified in playing down those parts of the play that seemed stilted and conventional to us. The laurels go to comedy team, Maria (B. Jones), Sir Toby Belch (L. A. W. New), and Sir Andrew Aguecheek (G. T. Davy), who did full justice to their parts. The interpretation of Maria combined a convincing female impersonation with what can only be a natural flair for comedy. Jones was acting all the time he was on the stage and nothing was superfluous to the comic effect. New was an obese and mildly Falstaffian Sir Toby and he is to be commended on his delivery and the expression he had in his voice. If Davy was at times slightly less clearly audible his voice was no less expressive and his movements had a comic effect as telling as his lines. Appropriately enough, he had a look about him of Olivier's Hamlet—"mad nor-nor-west."

To praise the comics is in no way to slight those members of the cast whose roles seem primarily non-comic. P. J. Whitehead looked a very attractive Olivia and moved with ladylike grace. His first costume, in particular, was very becoming. The part of Viola is a difficult one to sustain and although her passion for Orsino may have lacked conviction the boy-girl-boy metamorphosis was well carried off.

S. E. Wilson's Malvolio aroused conflicting emotions. The conceit and self-love—the latter scene in particular, was excellent—rightly deserved deflation, but Malvolio in gyves was as much pathetic as ridiculous. The character had a disconcerting depth.

C. A. Caine "at the Piano and Dulcitone" turned out to be a pillar of the production. His piano improvisations on "Madam will

you Walk " were brilliant, although perhaps it is unfair to ask an audience to do anything more than overhear interval music of even this quality. His dulcitone accompaniment of F. R. Shimmin's songs caught just the atmosphere required. It was a pity that Feste could not perform the near-impossible and put the life and conviction into the Shakespearian "gagging" that he did get into the songs, for his performance of these was magnificent.

Practice and experience will broaden the range of expression of the voices of Sebastian, Antonio and Fabian, whose performances were good in other respects. K. R. R. Wilson's melancholic Orsino balanced in well with the rather complex and artificial structure of relationships, and was distinguished by the accomplished phrasing. The officers displayed a martial ferocity, W. P. Corlett being the more brutal of the two. The minor characters were consistently good. They did not clutter up the stage; either they were being kept busy or grouped discreetly in the background.

The general effect, and such highlights as Act II Scene I which caught the "wee small hours" perfectly, were a tribute to the whole team of performers and a credit to the imaginative production of Mrs. Wilson. The very competent staging, lighting and scenery, the spontaneous acting and the smooth and easy flow of the performance can only have resulted from thorough rehearsal and careful preparation.

PROGRAMME

The persons of the Play:

Orsino, Duke of Illyria	K. R. R. Wilson
Antonio, a Sea-Captain	G. S. Weston
Sea-Captain, Friend to Viola	J. M. Kniveton
Curio	P. Simpson
Valentine } Lords attending Orsino	M. D. Ratcliffe
Sir Toby Belch, Olivia's Uncle	L. A. W. New
Sir Andrew Aguecheek, a Foolish Knight	G. T. Davy
Malvolio, Olivia's Steward	S. E. Wilson
Fabian, Olivia's Servant	F. J. Lace
Feste, Olivia's Jester	F. R. Shimmin
Viola	M. I. Graham
Sebastian } Twin Sister and Brother	L. C. Cowley
Olivia, a Rich Heiress	P. J. Whitehead
Maria, Olivia's Gentlewoman	B. Jones
Priest	D. G. Gelling
1st Officer	W. P. Corlett
2nd Officer	R. A. Henry
Servant to Olivia	J. D. Stoner
Musician	H. Baker
Lords	P. N. A. Lowe, J. H. Wood
Pages	J. C. Clucas, C. R. Castles
Servants	W. K. Dale, T. R. Spencer
Sailors	A. G. Bairstow, W. D. Christian
Ladies	J. S. Gillespie, J. A. Harrison, B. D. A. Dagnall

The Play produced by B. I. R. Wilson

At the Piano and Dulcitone, C. A. Caine

SCENES

- Act I. Scene I. The Duke's Palace
 Scene II. Near Olivia's House
 Scene III. Near Olivia's House (3 days later)
 Interval
- Act II. Scene I. Kitchen in Olivia's House
 Scene II. The Duke's Palace
 Interval
- Act III. Scene I. Olivia's Garden
 Scene II. Olivia's Garden (a day later)
 Interval
- Act IV. Scene I. Olivia's Garden.

The stage will be darkened for a few moments to denote the passage of time as follows:—

- Act I. Between Scenes II and III
 Act III. Between Scenes I and II
 Toward the end of Scene II.

Note on the music of the Songs.—The snatches of song employed by Sir Toby Belch and the Clown during the course of the play, are all tunes which were in common use in Shakespeare's day. The setting of "O Mistress Mine" is also contemporary, but the original settings of "Come away, Death" and "When that I was" have been lost. The Catch "Hold thy Peace" was in common use during the sixteenth century, and is probably long anterior to Shakespeare.

THE SOCIETIES

MUSIC CLUB

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: Mr. D. THOMPSON

Hon. Secretary: N. W. TURNER.

Hon. Treasurer: G. T. DAVY.

The term marks the end of a phase in the history of the Society: the vice-president has attended his last meeting. In all the thirty years in which he has been a member of the Society he has been unceasing in his efforts, not only in the miniature concerts but also in helping the lecturers to find their material and produce their lectures. The vice-president has always taken a leading part in the organisation of the Society and his retirement is a very sad loss.

There have been three meetings this term, the first was as usual a miniature concert. Besides the usual "old stagers," the meeting brought to light a welcome newcomer with a rich baritone voice—J. Kennaugh.

At the second meeting the vice-president gave a lecture in which he "reminisced" through the meetings of his many years in the

Society. As illustrations he selected his favourite melodies from those which are so often recurring in the Society's meetings. There was a record attendance and the evening was a great success.

The third and final meeting of the term was the occasion of a lecture on "Purcell" by L. A. W. New. He gave an interesting account of the musician's life and the "illustrations" were admirably chosen and well played.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President: Mr. W. L. HANDYSIDE

Hon. Secretary: C. A. CAINE

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: W. W. B. STONER

Owing to many other activities, the number of meetings has had to be curtailed this term, but good use was made of the time available.

There were three public meetings—two debates and a quiz. The quiz, which was against a Douglas High School for Boys team, took place in the gymnasium early in the term, and was well attended by members of both schools. The Speaker of the House of Keys, Mr. J. D. Qualrough, was in the chair.

Each team was divided into four age groups, and the questions, which were on various topics, were divided into four corresponding classes according to difficulty. The Douglas High School team won after an even struggle.

For the first debate the Society, together with members of the Sixth form, paid a return visit to the Douglas High School. Unfortunately the weather was extremely bad, and as a result, the audience consisted mainly of High School masters and the College party.

There were two subjects for discussion. The first, "That Freedom of the Press in the United Kingdom is a Myth," was proposed by C. A. Caine, seconded by A. Duggan and opposed by J. S. Hampson, seconded by G. T. Davy. After some discussion a vote was taken, in which the British Press emerged unblemished.

The second subject was "That a Sponsored Radio would be preferable to the B.B.C.," proposed by F. Lingard and R. N. Waters, opposed by W. W. B. Stoner and R. Karran. This proved a more fruitful topic for discussion, and the argument continued even after the meeting was closed. On a show of hands, the B.B.C. lost by a narrow margin.

The last meeting of the term consisted of a debate with the Barrovians, in which the President of the Barrovian Society, G. A. Brown, Esq., moved "That Socialism is Bosh." In his papers he gave many satisfactory arguments to support this statement, and it was all that the opposer, C. A. Caine, could do to prevent the argument becoming one-sided. Speakers from the floor included other

Old Boys and a few masters who gave various views on the matter. It was a most entertaining evening that strengthened the conclusion that the Isle of Man was still a stronghold of conservatism.

It is hoped to hold similar meetings next term.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Vice-President: Mr. S. BOULTER

Chairman: Mr. W. S. FIELDHOUSE

Hon. Secretary: I. W. SCOTT

Hon. Treasurer: W. W. B. STONER

It was decided to hold three meetings during the term but eventually the second had to be abandoned owing to examinations.

At the meeting held on Thursday, 10th February, Hosking spoke on "Carburation in Internal Combustion Engines," and Craine on "Cosmic Rays." Hosking had collected a varied assortment of carburettors with which to illustrate his most interesting paper, the largest of which would have used up his basic ration in a matter of seconds. Craine tackled his difficult subject with considerable success; he gave a historical survey of cosmic ray research, described the apparatus employed in their study, and finally outlined the properties of the rays.

The last meeting of the term, the film show, was held on 24th March when seven films were shown. The first was one of the President's famous films showing various aspects of College life in earlier years. "An Introduction to Science," "The first principles of the Compression Ignition Engine," "Hydraulics," "Cinemazine No. 9" and "The Microscope" followed. A most enjoyable and instructive meeting ended with "The Instruments of the Orchestra," shown in conjunction with the Gramophone Society.

MANX SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL

Chairman: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Hon. Secretary: C. A. CAINE

There were two meetings of the Society this term, both of which were held in the cosy surroundings of the Principal's drawing room.

At the first the Hon. Secretary read a paper on Manx Ballads in which he dealt mainly with the traditional and early lyrics, basing his account on A. W. Moore's collection of Manx Folk Songs. The speaker traced the history of Manx literature from the traditional sagas, gave illustrations from several poems, and finally quoted some of T. E. Brown's remarks on the subject.

The second meeting consisted of two short papers. J. I. Turner gave an interesting and instructive account of the history of "Mining in the Isle of Man," detailing the various attempts that were made during the last century to convert the Island into a hive of industry.

He described the companies that had been formed for this project and also the various mines of the Island, especially those at Laxey and Foxdale.

In the ensuing discussion the Chairman admitted that he had once declined an opportunity to descend Foxdale mine, and added that he would still do so.

A. B. Acton then read a paper on "The Mutiny of the Bounty," in which he gave an informative account of the actual mutiny and of the event's transpiring afterwards, and also of the mutineers' life on the Pitcairn Islands. He quoted recent letters from these Islands appearing in the Journal of the Manx Museum, which described their present day society, and attempts to salvage parts of the Bounty.

It is hoped to hold at least one expedition next term though not necessarily with the Peel fishing fleet.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President: THE VICE-PRINCIPAL

Chairman: Mr. A. L. COOIL

Hon. Secretary: M. F. HOSKING

Hon. Treasurer: A. R. R. CAIN

The Society has had another quiet term, the many school activities seriously curtailing the opportunities for photography. Despite this the dark room has been in use, and the treasurer in particular has been doing a lot of enlarging. The steeplechase has been the most popular subject for photographer's attentions and many useful pictures have been taken. Maley's have again helped us out with a parcel for which we are duly grateful. This prompt reply to our requests is most refreshing in these difficult days.

We would like to remind the school as well as the Society that next term we will be holding our annual competition. There must be many suitable subjects around your homes; so bring your photographs along next term!

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL

Chairman and Producer: Mrs. S. E. WILSON

Vice-Chairman: Mr. R. CRABTREE

Secretary: L. A. W. NEW

Treasurer: Mr. C. PRITCHARD

Stage Manager: N. J. CREIGHTON

House Manager: Mr. C. W. JACKSON

Technical Adviser: Mr. W. S. FIELDHOUSE

The production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on the evenings of 29th and 30th March brought us to the end of a very active and strenuous term involving rehearsals, rehearsals, and still more rehearsals.

On 14th February we were visited once more by the "Service Players" who were trying to raise money to build a "Little Theatre" in Douglas. They presented, with their usual skill, a three-act play entitled "But once a year." It was a play of Christmas-tide, when all should be joy and understanding, but in this case, was not. When Mary Meldon's family are gathered under one roof to celebrate the festival, the spirit which should exist is marred by the inevitable inter-relation clashes and family jealousies. Despite this superficial impression of hostility, love is working its way to supremacy and is so successful that six of the ten members of the family whom we first see single, leave us in the state of promised marriage. The play was very successful and was enthusiastically received by the College audience.

During the term classes have been held in "Make-up" and in "Stage Movement." It is hoped that in the future all principals will be responsible for their own "make-up" in plays in which they take part.

It is also hoped that the hard work put into the frequent rehearsals that the production of "Twelfth Night" has entailed will enhance the quality of future productions. A criticism of the performance will be found elsewhere.

It only remains to thank our producer for the very great amount of work she has done for us and for the invaluable encouragement she has given us throughout.

Two scenes from "Twelfth Night" have been entered for the Manx Music and Drama Festival in May.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: Mr. D. W. USHERWOOD

Hon. Secretary: C. A. CAINE.

Meetings have been held fortnightly throughout the term to listen to programmes given by the Chairman, Nash and Bardsley. The choice of music has been classical or semi-classical in nature, ranging from grand opera to Bach.

The Society has now started a collection of records, which will be supplemented regularly in the future by means of subscriptions. The Society gratefully acknowledges a generous donation from Mr. Thompson.

Finally we must thank the Chairman for allowing us to meet in such comfortable surroundings.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

President: Mr. J. FOSTON
Vice-President: L. C. COWLEY
Hon. Secretary: B. JONES.

At the first meeting of this term, which was a discussion on the term's programme, J. S. Quirk and J. S. Watterson were admitted into the Society. Our second meeting was a quiz on current affairs, which was held on an inter-form basis. The U IV team won by a clear margin of 5 points.

Then we read Priestley's play, "When we were Married," a Yorkshire comedy, which proved a success and was very amusing. It was decided to have more play-reading when time permitted.

The next meeting was a debate, the subject of which was "Capital Punishment." P. K. Bregazzi, who spoke in favour of the death penalty, won his motion by 10 votes to 8, despite some excellent opposition from W. D. Christian, who was the outstanding speaker of the evening.

Our last meeting was merely a discussion of next term's activities. Only one meeting was decided on, seeing that next term is the summer term. Mr. Foston then talked about his experiences in Algeria for the remainder of the meeting. On the whole, the term has been very successful.

THE LIBRARY

A copy of Glubb Pasha's "The Story of the Arab Legion" has been presented by Col. H. T. Shakespear (O.K.W. 1894-99). In this book there is a reference by Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, to Capt. W. H. J. Shakespear as "the greatest Englishman he had ever met." A previous reference to Captain Shakespear will be found in the BARROVIAN of October 1948.

We acknowledge gratefully about 170 issues of the National Geographic Magazine (nearly all the issues from 1924-39) which have been sent by J. L. Leach (O.K.W. 1918-23). These magazines have been passed on to Mr. Nelson for use in the Geography Room.

We have also received several attractive books on travel and natural history from J. Kewley (O.K.W. 1894-98). These books will prove valuable acquisitions to the Walker Library.

HOUSE NOTES

SCHOOL HOUSE

Head of House: M. F. HOSKING

Praepositor: A. E. NASH

House Praepositors: I. H. MURRAY, J. LANDON, R. G. KNEALE

Though the cross-country provided one or two distinctly unpleasant moments the short term was generally appreciated and passed not without a certain amount of enjoyment and sportsmanship not

always characteristic of the House at this time of year. The first weeks passed quickly with the open House matches and we found ourselves in the final against Colbourne with the impressive record of 108 points for to 22 against. The result of this match (a draw) was disappointing but our young and inexperienced side did well to hold the colourful Colbourne line. The Steeplechase then held our attention and although we did not distinguish ourselves in the competition several of our entrants ran well, Robins coming in second in the open race. Following close on School exams, came the Athletics in earnest and we again fell short of fame and had to be content with the knowledge that Murray and Landon gained first colours. Creighton a second, and Shimmin his Colts. Landon won the open mile and 440 and would probably have won the 880 but he could not run due to injury. It was noted, however, that one of our more prominent athletes failed to reproduce his best form across the front of College at 7.30 a.m. and suffered the customary humiliating circumstances as a consequence. The Barrovian Shield passed by in a similar manner, being gained by our arch-enemies in the hostel.

On the night of the fire several of our seniors forsook their customary aloofness and waded forth into the hostel in a misguided attempt to extinguish the flames. However, one of our less-inflammable members achieved distinction in capturing the ankles of one and consequently the hearts of many.

We have been pleased to welcome several Old Boys this term who have participated in their various forms of sport in or around the buildings.

COLBOURNE HOUSE

Head of House: P. J. HENNEY

Praepositor: G. T. DAVY

Sub-Praepositors: A. B. ACTON, R. N. WATERS

House Praepositors: I. W. SCOTT, W. W. B. STONER,
J. M. A. CONNAL

If we accept the junior boy's criterion of a successful term, assuming that length is inversely proportional to happiness, then this term can claim its place amongst the most enjoyable. Eleven short weeks, from the first rugger practice to the relay finals—run despite the weather—packed with sport, societies and social activities, not to mention work.

We count ourselves fortunate in winning at least two shields this term, the Athletics and the Relay (despite the announcer's efforts) without the unwelcome attentions of School House with whom we are unfortunately bracketed on the Junior and Senior Rugger Shields.

Hockey had necessarily to take second place to Athletics but various competitions were played. In the senior we lost to Walters in the final. We plead as an excuse for this that our right wing was saving himself for the sports finals and thus our "rhythmical goal scoring machine was only working at half throttle."

Whitehead as Olivia and Davy as Sir Andrew Aguecheek distinguished themselves in "Twelfth Night." The latter in his part, the very antithesis of athleticism, nevertheless gained a worthy first Colour together with Henney. Second Colours—Waters, Crighton and Connal—and Colts Colours—A. Watterson and Condra—explain to a certain extent our athletic success.

DICKSON HOUSE

Head of House: A. R. R. CAIN.

House Praepositors: J. I. TURNER, K. G. COOPER, A. W. ROOK,
M. W. BOND, A. J. WHITE, N. R. WATSON

This term there have been many shields competed for, none of which ended up on our walls. In the Senior Rugger Shield, played for on the league system, we were beaten in all matches. We did better than generally expected in the cross country, coming third. Cooper was prominent in Class I, coming in fourth and in Class III we swept the board, having G. Cowley first, Mills fourth and Jenkins fifth. In the race versus the High School these four people did even better. Cooper was second and Mills, Cowley and Jenkins were the first three College people home.

In Athletics, never one of our strong points, we improved terrifically on last year, having fifteen final places as compared with six last year and were narrowly beaten by School House to come fifth. Cooper was again prominent in Class I and our Class III excelled, especially Mills, Shillinglaw (who won our House Cup), Cowin, Jenkins, and G. Cowley. In the Relay Shield we were again fifth. There seems to be a marked lack of enthusiasm in Fives, and we were not very successful in this sport.

In the play Dickson were strongly represented, especially by L. New as Sir Toby Belch.

WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House: N. W. TURNER.

Praepositor: J. H. KELLY

Sub-Praepositor: C. A. CAINE

House Praepositors: D. C. BARDSLEY, J. S. ROSS,
B. A. STRICKETT

The term was successful from all points of view and we were well represented in all activities.

We gained second place in the Athletics and Relay competitions and were unfortunate in not being able to field a fifteen of full strength for any of the house-matches. As for steeplechasing we carried on the good traditions!

The House Choir sprang up again and were completely successful in the concert.

Our congratulations to Kelly on the award of his 1st Athletics Colours; to Caine and Turner for their 2nd Colours; to Thompson and Simpson for their Colts Colours.

Raper left unexpectedly at the beginning of term; Cregeen and J. Wallis joined us this term. There were very few visits from Old Boys, who included 2nd/Lieut. P. Nelson, on overseas leave; T. M. Robinson, H. J. Cain equipped with motor cycle, and P. Fletcher, also on leave.

A gawdy display of sports jackets resulted from the fire, but the house also suffered several draughty nights in the gymnasium and a serious loss of clothes.

These handicaps, however, have not damped our enthusiasm and term has been as happy if not happier than usual.

JUNIOR HOUSE

The term that is ending has been a successful one and has found us on the up grade, particularly during the latter half. Apart from what appears to be the pesetting fault of "casualness" there has been little lately to complain of. Certainly we have seldom, if ever, had a better set of dormitory "praes," and their good work has saved the rank and file much inconvenience.

During the first half term we played as much rugger as possible, and the number of boys who attained a reasonable state of efficiency was unusual. The team held a scratch College side to a very creditable draw, in which the tackling and falling were very good except on the fatal occasion which allowed the opposition to equalise; but as usual the passing was too slow to be effective.

In the sports we did well too. Juniors in Class III are usually too young to have much chance, but for the first time under present conditions we won an event, De Morgan taking the High Jump. It was unfortunate that he then went to the San. and missed the Half Mile, in which his time had been as good as anyone's. It was pleasing to find such a knot of Juniors getting a "B" standard in this event. In Class IV, Bell showed up a most promising quarter miler, and Wightman was outstanding in the High Jump. Corran ran a very stout-hearted race in the Class V 330 yards.

We have also to thank a number of Senior boys who helped to look after things most patiently, and Senior Scouts also, who have helped often on Tuesday parades. And now we look forward to the summer term, with the joys of cricket and swimming, the Chief Scout's visit, and, for some, the summer camp.

HUNT HOUSE

Head of House: G. D. CRAINE.

Praepositor: J. S. CHESTER.

House Praepositors: H. H. CORLETT, R. D. NELSON

We started the term with 73 boys, one less than last term. Of these only twelve are over 16 and twenty-three are under 12, which makes the average age of the House rather low.

R. D. Nelson was appointed a House Praepositor at the beginning of term. Galbraith and J. H. Watterson were awarded 1st and 2nd Athletic Colours respectively, for their performances in the steeplechase. After Sports Finals Day Chester and R. D. Nelson were awarded 1st Athletic Colours.

This year we won the Steeplechase Shield by defeating Colbourne, the runners-up, by a clear margin, and once again relieving School House of it, who have kept it safely from us during the last year. All the classes ran well, and in Classes I and II we had four runners in the first eight of their class.

In the Open Rugger which was played on the league system, our team was not particularly strong, having only one 1st cap. Our best game was with Colbourne House, who narrowly defeated us 11-8. We lost to School and Walters, and beat Dickson in a hard game. It is worthy of note that R. D. Nelson, who narrowly missed his 1st cap last term owing to a broken arm, scored all our points.

We wish Karran and Nickson, who leave us this term, the best of luck in the future.

During the term we had welcome visits from W. F. Airey, J. D. Costain, W. R. Costain, N. W. Quayle, and I. J. Qualtrough, who played in sevens on Big Side.

C.C.F. NOTES—MARCH 1949

The term has passed busily, especially in the Orderly Room, with the turn over to a Combined Cadet Force. The Naval Section, under Lieutenant Crabtree, is now in full swing, or better, "under way," and packages of nautical uniform have begun to arrive, so that next term we look forward to seeing them in jumpers and bell-bottomed trousers, and there is even talk of a whaler.

The R.A.F. Section is also developing, though it has been rather delayed to the long arguments with the powers above whether Mr. Boyns can continue as Lieutenant R.N.V.S.R. (A) or will be compelled by the magic word "establishment" to descend to Sub-Lieutenant, or even to cross over to the R.A.F.

The Army Section naturally sustained a blow by the transfer of several valuable N.C.O.'s to the other Services, but this was inevitable, and they soon recovered from the shock, to such purpose that out of 36 candidates for Part I Cert. A, 34 passed. The examination for Part II will take place early next term. Mr. Usherwood is now commissioned and is taking on the Part I work.

Supplies of definitely non-utility battle dress are arriving, and our old ones are being cleaned, and as a result the turn out of the Contingent is markedly smarter. The battle of the caps is now ending, and after two years of struggle, the cap FS is to be replaced by the cap G.S. Appropriately enough, we were informed that our indent for caps GS would be fulfilled on 1st April.

Mr. Foston has worked steadily at the Miniature Range each week, with striking results on the standard of shooting; indeed, we have twice run out of 1st Class badges.

Mr. Handyside, too, has continued his devoted work with the VIII, for which we are very grateful

The whole day exercise was a sad fiasco. The scheme looked full of possibilities—even of bloodshed—but after a Monday of continued rain, and further gloomy forecasts from the Airport Met., the exercise was cancelled, and on the Tuesday we had the best day of the year!

Finally, and I hope we all realise it, behind all the increased opportunities and interest of the C.C.F. lie the efficiency and devotion and hours of work put in by Sergeant Major Roberts. Nor must we forget the work of Armourer Sergeant Bond.

SCOUTS

This term has been a conspicuous one for the Senior troop in that six of them have completed the badges necessary for the Bushman's Thong and King's Scout Badge. These badges were presented by the Island Commissioner, and are the first under the new regulations in the Island. We hope they will be able to make the journey to Headquarters to receive the Royal Certificate from the Chief Scout. The successful scouts are J. Crighton, F. Shimmin, D. Gelling, J. H. Watterson, Galbraith and J. Stoner.

On 27th March the first team, consisting of Crighton, Watterson and Galbraith, succeeded in retaining the cup for the Island Senior Scout Competition. Our success in the cross-country run, in which we were exceptionally strong, made the margin look larger than it felt, for we were pushed all the way by some hearty opposition. Our second team also did some good work, and T. Corkill in the wrestling, and P. Keig in the boxing showed up particularly well.

The rest of the group has been busy preparing for the Chief Scout's visit, and in the absence of a field day, the term has been more solid than showy. The Quartermaster's store has been particularly over-worked, and there is a feeling that someone must be making a profit. We earnestly hope for fine weather in May to bring all this work to its fruition.

We are planning to make our summer camp in Northern Ireland this year, though it is rumoured that many seniors have hair-brained schemes of their own.

It is with great regret that we face the departure of Mr. Nolan at the end of the term, for he has run a troop with great success at the time that he has been at College. However, we have been able to welcome Mr. Parkinson in his place, and also Miss McKinnon, who has nobly come forward to help our hard-pressed Akela.

We also wish to thank Miss Williams for her work in getting would-be King's Scouts through their Ambulance Badge.

Note.—If any O.K.W. of the years prior to 1914 would care to send us any records or memories of the earliest days of Scouting at College, the group would be extremely grateful.

B.C.A. Hartley, Hon. Secretary.

1st K.W.C. Group.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

REVIEW OF SEASON—SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 1948

Played 11; Won 5; Lost 5; Drawn 1

Points: For, 119; Against, 72

SCHOOL MATCHES

Matches at College—

Sat., Oct. 30th—Stonyhurst College	Lost	0—3
Sat., Nov. 27th—Wallasey G.S.	Won	16—5
Sat., Dec. 4th—Ellesmere College	Won	9—8
Sat., Dec. 11th—Liverpool College	Won	24—3

Away Matches (day-trips by air)—

Wed., Nov. 10th—Rossall School (Rossall)	Lost	0—12
Wed., Nov. 17th—St. Bee's School (St. Bee's)	Lost	0—15

Christmas Tour—

Sat., Dec. 18th—Birkenhead School	Lost	0—3
Mon., Dec. 20th—Merchant Taylors School ... (cancelled - frost)		

CLUB MATCHES

Sat., Oct. 2nd—J. H. Radcliffe's XV (Home)	Won	10—6
Sat., Oct. 9th—Chester R.F.C. (Home)	Won	48—3
Sat., Oct. 16th—Old Boys' XV	Drawn	3—3
Sat., Oct. 23rd—Waterloo "A"	Lost	9—11

With nine Old Colours in residence a good season was expected; early successes with a good win over J. H. Radcliffe's Old Boys' XV, and a big score against the Chester Club were most encouraging, but in the third match of the season against the Old Boys the first disaster occurred. With the score 3-nil in College's favour in the second half R. D. Nelson, who had scored four fine tries on the wing in the previous match, broke his arm, and was out of the game for the rest of the season; against 14 men the Old Boys managed to score and draw the match. Waterloo "A" brought over a delightful side of ex-Public School boys who played splendid open football and defeated us 11—9. The Stonyhurst match was played in adverse conditions, but two good sides handled very well and a great duel was fought out, Stonyhurst being worthy winners by 3 points to nil. This was undoubtedly the best game College played throughout the

season. Stonyhurst stayed with us for the week-end and proved to be delightful guests; the Studies entertained them to supper-parties on the Sunday night. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor inspected the teams before the kick-off, and we are most grateful to him for coming to the match.

The day-trip by air to Rossall proved to be an unqualified success: it was no disgrace to be beaten 12—nil without Nelson, and A. R. Cain—a two-year Cap who was forced to be out of the game for the rest of the season with cartilage trouble—without Craine at fly-half—who was also out of the game for most of the season with knee trouble—and when it is realised that J. H. Kelly in the forwards had to leave the field after half-time, when the score was 3—nil in Rossall's favour. Kelly, unfortunately, had a serious dislocation of the elbow and had to be left behind in hospital, and could not play for the rest of the season. We are most grateful to Rossall for the way they looked after Kelly.

The day after the Rossall match, Mannin Airways suffered a tragic air disaster, one of the aircraft in which the team crossed being lost with Captain Higgins in a crash in Liverpool. In spite of this the XV travelled with the same company to St. Bee's; we fully appreciate the courage of parents in not stopping the St. Bee's trip. Although our trip to St. Bee's necessitate a 45 minutes' flight to Silloth and a 65 minutes' bus journey to St. Bees, the team turned out fifteen minutes after arrival there. St. Bees proved to be too good for us, but their hospitality was excellent, and although it was a rush everybody enjoyed the trip immensely. We look forward with great pleasure to entertaining St. Bees here next Autumn term and they can be assured that a very warm welcome awaits them on their first visit to the Island (by air). Rossall, too, will be making their first visit to the Island, and by air, too. Wallasey G.S. were not so good this year and we had little difficulty in beating them in spite of having a re-arranged team. By this time Hosking and Chester had fallen victims in the long list of injuries, both with damaged ankles. Ellesmere flew across on a perfect day and we defeated them 9—8 in a close game. Liverpool College were unlucky and crossed on an appalling day; one aircraft actually lost its way and caused considerable anxiety but eventually reached the Island via Northern Ireland! Liverpool showed great fortitude in playing after a hasty lunch, in spite of the bad weather.

The Christmas Tour proved to be rather a fiasco; the Birkenhead game was played in spite of the frost and after many alarms; they managed to win by a penalty goal to nothing though College was unlucky not to score two tries. The Merchant Taylors game had to be scratched owing to frost. That evening the Annual Dinner was held at Blossoms Hotel in Chester; we were glad to have among our guests Mr. Percy Wallis (O.K.W. and Trustee), Mr. "Lu" Wiard (President of the Liverpool O.K.W. Society), Mr. George Harnden (the Secretary), and Mr. J. H. Radcliffe (Captain K.W.C., 1941 and 1942).

The Colts XV broke new ground in flying over to Liverpool and back in one day, where they sustained a loss.

P. J. Henney brought credit to College in playing for Scotland on the wing in the Annual Schoolboys' International v. England; Scotland gave England a very sound beating. This is the first time that a College boy has been selected to play in this match and we hope he will not be the last.

Congratulations to J. R. George on receiving his Midlands County Trials at fly-half, and J. H. Radcliffe and D. B. Roberts on their showing in the Waterloo 1st XV on the days on which Lancashire were playing County Matches. Also to John L. Chambers on his selection this season as Captain of Hampshire County XV, and to T. G. Kelly, a regular member of the Sandhurst XV.

Once again may we thank all those masters who have helped to take grounds this season.

1st XV CHARACTERS

P. J. HENNEY (1946, 1947, 1948) (11 st. 0 lbs.)—Right wing three-quarter. Captain. For a second year in succession he has proved a great inspiration to the XV by his personal courage in defence. Has fulfilled all the earlier promise he showed, and has developed into a dangerous attacking wing who goes hard for the line; his handling has improved out of all recognition. A splendid Captain on and off the field. Represented Scotland on the left wing in the Schoolboy International v. England in London, January 1949.

R. N. WATERS (1947, 1948), (12 st. 0 lbs.)—Back row forward. Vice-Captain. A grand forward who loves a fight. He led the pack with considerable skill and set a fine example by going all-out until the final whistle. Tackling and handling much improved. Should now learn to kick with greater accuracy. Very promising.

J. S. CHESTER (1947, 1948) (11 st. 10 lbs.)—Back row forward. Has played some fine games and is a great fighter. As the open side wing forward he showed great skill in getting the opposing fly-half but this too often meant that he neglected shoving when the ball was in the scrum; will go far in good company if he corrects this fault. Handling much improved; he must now learn to kick.

M. F. HOSKING (1947, 1948) (14 st. 2 lbs.)—Front row forward. Has improved very much this season and now gets through a tremendous amount of work; powerfully built, he is not easy to stop near the line and he has improved his handling.

B. A. STRICKETT (1947, 1948) (10 st. 5 lbs.)—Scrum-half. Has improved his passing this season; can now use the reverse pass, but must not over-do it. Is a tower of strength in defence where his kicking has been invaluable. Has not yet learnt to pass after going round the blind-side, or after breaking through the ruck; he must cure this fault as it is a serious one. Tackling excellent.

R. J. HACK (1947, 1948) (11 st. 6 lbs.)—Second row forward. Has developed into a fine forward who is full of vigour and courage. Handling much improved and tackles hard. Should learn to kick. Was sadly missed on the Christmas Tour.

D. C. LOWEY (1947, 1948) (11 st. 10 lbs.)—Hooker. His hooking has been most successful, even against the best schools. He has speeded up his game a little in the loose but he has still to learn to pass correctly. Too prone to handle in the scrum.

J. M. A. CONNALL (1948) (10 st. 7 lbs.)—Second row forward. Developed rapidly as a forward where he always gives of his best. His handling has been most useful, as has his tackling. Must now learn to kick.

G. T. DAVY (1947, 1948) (11 st. 3 lbs.)—Centre three-quarter. Has developed into a very sound centre; has a natural cut-through and times a very good pass for his wing. Tackles well; must learn to kick in defence. On his day is very good indeed but is still too prone to have "off days" in his handling.

J. L. CRIGHTON (1948) (10 st. 11 lbs.)—Fly-half. Played some promising games at full-back at the beginning of the season; changed to fly-half after Craine's injury and settled down there for the rest of the season. Though rather slow for this position, his good hands and his courageous tackling were invaluable. Developed a dangerous drop-kick. Kicking and falling in defence good. May make a centre or a forward.

N. W. TURNER (1947, 1948) (10 st. 0 lbs.)—Centre three-quarter. Took a long time to settle down after his injury of last season. Has an excellent cut-through and tackles courageously. On his day is a valuable link in the line but is still too prone to knock-on in critical moments in the game. Must learn to develop his defensive kicking.

G. W. P. WALDRON (1948) (11 st. 4 lbs.)—Full back. A useful, if rather slow centre, he took a long time to settle down in this new position. Brought off some excellent tackles and at other times missed some easy ones through inability to get off the mark quickly. Has good hands but must speed up all his movements. A useful place-kick.

J. H. KELLY (1948) (11 st. 3 lbs.)—Back row forward. His injury early in the season was a tragedy and robbed the pack of a vigorous fighter of considerable speed. A grand tackle, he must learn to improve his handling and to control the ball in dribbling.

J. S. ROSS (1948) (12 st. 0 lbs.)—Front row forward. An obvious choice at the beginning of the season, he tended to stagnate whilst others improved. Good in the loose but must learn to pass sooner after backing up well. Line-out work sound.

J. LANDON (1948) (11 st. 12 lb.)—Left wing three-quarter. Has the speed and physique to make him a first-class wing but lacks the right temperament; when he likes he can tackle as well as any and he could be unstoppable near the corner-flag if he did not check at an approaching tackler. A good place-kick.

RESERVES

The following have been useful reserves:

R. D. NELSON—Wing three-quarter. His broken arm early in the season robbed him of a certain Cap. His speed and deceptive swerves would have brought many tries. Must learn to perfect his tackling which is still in doubt.

G. D. CRAINE—Fly-half. Must be quite the most unlucky player we have had for years. Injuries again robbed him of any chance of a Cap. Has good hands, speed off the mark and a good cut-through; tackling doubtful since his break of two years ago.

T. H. D. TAYLOR—Has played on the wing, in the centre and in the forwards. A most useful reserve who just failed to fill any one position permanently. Has lost some of his speed as he has filled out.

J. G. RAPER—Has played in the backs and in the forwards; should develop well.

C. A. CAINE—A useful three-quarter who may develop well if he continues to play.

D. G. BARDSELY—Rather disappointing early in the season. A useful forward in the tight scrums but must learn to improve his game in the loose.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Senior House matches were run on the league system as an experiment. The theory was that the weaker Houses would not be knocked out after one match; the theory was excellent, but in practice it meant that big scores were piled up against the weak, and in what became the final, the two strongest—who had beaten all other opponents—School House and Colbourne, played out a pointless draw, thus sharing not only the Junior Shield but also the Senior Rugby Shield.

	School	Colbourne	Dickson	Walters	Hunt
School		Drawn 0-0	Won 14-8	Won 23-9	Won 41-5
Colbourne	Drawn 0-0		Won 40-9	Won 3-0	Won 11-8
Dickson	Lost 8-44	Lost 9-40		Lost 0-22	Lost 0-13
Walters	Lost 9-23	Lost 0-3	Won 22-0		Won 14-5
Hunt	Lost 5-41	Lost 8-11	Won 13-0	Lost 5-14	

STEEPLECHASE

The conditions for Steeplechasing this year were exceptionally good; fine and dry weather was experienced throughout the practice periods and, although heavy rain fell on the day before the finals, the courses were in as good a condition as we can ever expect them to be.

A series of Rugger injuries, particularly amongst the Senior boys, and the usual ailments which occur at this time of the year, tended to disorganise team selection, but in other respects the practice runs were uninterrupted and were obviously beneficial.

Apart from minor adjustments the three courses were unchanged, and once again our thanks are due to the farmers for allowing us to use their land. G. D. Craine, ably assisted by J. S. Kennaugh, who could address most of the farmers by their Christian names, organised the marshalling of the courses most efficiently.

Finals day, 19th February, was fine and mild with very little wind, and the competition in all the races was keen.

The Class I race was won by Galbraith (H.) in 39 mins. 1 sec., only 12 secs. slower than G. F. Crellin's fast time of the previous year. This was a fine achievement for a boy competing in the Class I event for the first time. Robins (S.) and L. Quirk (C.) gained second and third places respectively, and ran strongly throughout. Hunt House, with five of their team in the first nine competitors to finish, well merited their win in this class.

The Class II race was a fine one and some very close finishes were seen. J. H. Watterson's (H.) winning time of 29 min. 10 sec. was the fastest for some years. A. Watterson (C.) and A. Dunkerley (C.), running for the first time in this class, finished second and third respectively within one second of each other. Colbourne House won the Class II race.

G. Cowley (D.) won the Class III race in 27 min. 19 sec., with Ashton (H.) second and Reid (H.) third. The Class III race was won by Dickson House.

The Steeplechase Shield was won by Hunt House, the final House positions being:

1. Hunt	...	...	...	190 points
2. Colbourne	...	...	...	234 "
3. Dickson	...	...	...	303 "
4. School	...	...	...	306 "
5. Walters				

This year, and for the first time, a Steeplechase was arranged between teams from Douglas High School and the College. Teams of eight runners, with six to count in the assessment of the final order, were entered by each School in each age class as in our own Shield Competition. The races were run on Saturday, 5th March, over the College courses, and resulted in a draw. The weather was bad and the heavy going made the times several minutes slower than those recorded on Finals Day. In the Class I event the superiority of the College team was overwhelming; Galbraith (K.W.C.)

was the individual winner, whilst the remainder of the College team gained five of the next six places. The Class II race was drawn, but in Class III the result was the exact reverse of that for Class I and our Junior team was soundly trounced, the High School gaining five of the first six places.

As the High School boys were running over courses with which they were quite unfamiliar, the greatest credit is due to them, and the general result of the match indicates that we can anticipate keen competition in the future.

We wish to thank the High School Masters for their interest and co-operation in the organisation of the event which we hope may now become an annual one including teams from Ramsey Grammar School and, if possible, the new Castle Rushen School.

In conclusion we wish to thank all the College Masters who have helped in judging and timing the races, and also Copley and his assistants for their work in preparing the courses.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The following Colours were awarded for Athletics:

1st COLOURS—P. J. Henney, J. Landon, G. T. Davy, J. S. Chester, R. D. Nelson, J. H. Kelly, I. H. Murray, B. D. Galbraith.

2nd COLOURS—K. G. Cooper, R. N. Waters, C. F. Robins, N. W. Turner, N. J. Creighton, J. L. Crighton, J. M. Connall, C. A. Caine, J. H. Watterson.

COLTS COLOURS—A. M. Watterson, T. D. Thompson, J. T. Condra, J. S. Shimmin, P. Simpson.

The fine weather which prevailed during the Steeplechase period continued throughout the remainder of the term, in fact the only really bad weather occurred on the Finals Day for the Inter-House Relays. In consequence a very full programme in Athletics was attempted and completed without much difficulty.

The track was in excellent condition and our thanks are due to Copley and his assistants for levelling and re-turfing the more notoriously bad patches during the winter months. The Weight and Discus Circles, correctly surfaced, were moved to permanent positions adjacent to the track, and this made the organisation on Finals Day much easier. What a benefit it would be if the High Jump and the Long Jump could be arranged also within the track, so making a self-contained sports arena.

The practice fortnight presented the customary difficulty of attempting to do too much with too many boys in too short a time; the solution seems to be that boys, having gained the rudiments of the technique for each type of event during the practice periods, must do more practice in their own time. The more enthusiastic House Athletics Captains organised such practices for their boys, with beneficial results.

Much keenness was shown during the Standard tests, particularly in Classes I and II, where the general level of performance was good. Class III, with few exceptions, proved to be the weakest for some years; admittedly many of them have only just entered the Class, but a considerable improvement will be required if they are to reach the standard expected from them in the Higher Classes. In Class I, P. J. Henney (C.), Captain of Athletics, achieved the rare distinction of gaining A Standard in all events, thereby scoring 72 points—a real Captain's effort. Amongst other noteworthy performances I. H. Murray (S.) gained 69 points, J. Landon (S.) 66 points, G. T. Davy (C.) 64 points, and J. H. Kelly (W.) 63 points. In Class II those two promising young athletes, A. M. Watterson (C.) and J. T. Condra (C.), who did so well last year in Class III, each gained 66 points. Colbourne House gained the most points for Standards with Walters House second.

Injuries and illness robbed many of the finals of much of their interest; had J. Landon (S.), for instance, been able to compete in the Half-mile he would have had an interesting contest with N. W. Turner (W.), who won the event in a very good time without being seriously challenged. Most of the finals were well contested, but no major records were broken, the results indicating a good average rather than a vintage year.

In Class I the following were prominent in finals: P. J. Henney (C.) won both the High Jump and Hurdles and gained second place in the 100 yards and Long Jump; J. S. Chester (H.) won both the Weight and Discus events and was third in the mile, whilst G. T. Davy (C.) with a win in the Long Jump and two second places and a third to his credit, and J. Landon (S.) who won both the Mile and 440 events, did well also. The outstanding competitor in Class II. was A. M. Watterson (C.) who, new to the Class, won six finals and was second in one other; if Watterson continues to improve as he has done so far, he should do well for the College at the White City during coming years. His best distance has yet to be determined, however. In the Class IV and V events three new records were established, these are recorded below; there are some promising young athletes in both of these Classes.

Finals Day, Thursday, 31st March, was ideal for Athletics. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor honoured us with his presence and took a keen interest in all the events.

We wish to record our thanks to the Principal and all those Masters who assisted in the conduct of the Standards and finals and, in particular, to Mr. Boyns, Mr. Usherwood and Sergeant Major Roberts for their valuable assistance during the practices. Finally, a word of thanks to all those boys who, working behind the scenes, carried out their important duties so efficiently on Finals Day.

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

1.	Colbourne (the holders)	...	160 points
2.	Walters	... ..	116.5 "
3.	Hunt	... ..	101.1 "
4.	School	... ..	88.3 "
5.	Dickson	... ..	88.0 "

RESULTS

CLASS I (over 16 on 1st April)

MILE—I, Landon (S.); 2, Galbraith (H.); 3, Sayle, D. (H.)

Time: 5 min. $5\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

A moderate event with Landon winning in the final sprint.

880 YARDS—I, Turner, N. (W.); 2, Cooper, K. (D.); 3, Chester (H.).

Time: 2 min. 13 sec.

A good time. Turner, with his easy stride and quite strong finish, made a well-judged run and won somewhat easily; had Landon been running we could have had a first-class race.

440 YARDS—I, Landon (S.); 2, Davy (C.); 3, Nelson, R. D. (H.)

Time: $56\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

A good effort by Landon on a cold and windy day. Davy ran well and showed considerable improvement over this distance.

100 YARDS—I, Nelson, R. D. (H.); 2, Henney (C.); 3, Davy (C.)

Time: $11\frac{1}{4}$ sec.

120 YARDS HURDLES (3 ft. 3 in.)—I, Henney (C.); 2, Davy (C.); 3, Nelson, R. D. (H.).

Time: 18 sec.

Henney's hurdling and pacing were much improved but there was still lack of rhythm which precluded a fast time.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lb.)—I, Chester (H.); 2, White, A. J. (D.); 3, Murray (S.).

Distance: 35 ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.

A good win for Chester who had practised assiduously. White did well in gaining second place.

HIGH JUMP—I, Henney (C.); 2, Kelly, J. (W.); 3, Crighton, J. (C.)

Height: 5 ft. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in.

An interesting event. After clearing the winning height comfortably, Henney made an attempt at 5 ft. 4 in., the Inter-Schools Standard, and only just failed.

LONG JUMP—I, Davy (C.); 2, Henney (C.); 3, Anderson (H.).

Distance: 18 ft. 9 in.

An improvement on previous years but still not so good as it should be. Both Davy and Anderson profited by gaining greater height.

THROWING THE DISC (1.5 kilo.)—I, Chester (H.); 2, Waldron (C.); 3, Kelly, J. (W.)

Distance: 100 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.

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

MILE—I, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 2, Watterson, J. H. (H.); 3, Lay (H.).

Time: 5 min. 6.9 sec.

One of the best races of the year and well above the normal standard for this event. Watterson, J. H., the winner last year, forced the pace, but Watterson, A. M. had too powerful a final sprint for him. Lay ran very pluckily to gain third place.

880 YARDS—I, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 2, Watterson, J. H. (H.); 3, Marshall, M. (S.).

Time: 2 min. 19½ sec.

Another fine event. There was plenty of competition and the winner's time was very good.

440 YARDS—I, Watterson, A. M. ((C); 2, Edmonds (W.); 3, Marshall, M. (S.).

Time: 58½ sec.

A remarkably good time by Watterson, A. M., considering that this is his first year in this Class. Edmond's speed was a surprise and he shows signs of developing into a useful competitor over this distance.

100 YARDS — 1, Thompson (W.); 2, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 3, Condra (C.).

Time: 11¼ sec.

110 YARDS HURDLES (3 ft.)—1, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 2, Watterson, J. H. (H.); 3, Moore, G. (S.).

Time: 18½ secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (8 lb.)—1, Shimmin, J. (S.); 2, Thompson (W.); 3, Simpson (W.).

Distance: 36 ft. 5 in.

A very satisfactory event. Shimmin's winning putt was good, but Thompson was the more consistent.

HIGH JUMP—I, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 2, Simpson (W.); 3, Shimmin, J. (S.).

Height: 4 ft. 11 in.

The best result in this event for many years. Watterson just failed to equal the record height of 5 ft., but we can look forward with some confidence to his doing so next year.

LONG JUMP—I, Watterson, A. M. (C.); 2, Watterson, J. H. (H.); 3, Shimmin, J. (S.).

Distance: 16 ft. 8 in.

A poor result for this Class.

THROWING THE DISCUS (kilo.)—1, Thompson (W.); 2, Condra (C.); 3, Marshall, M. (S.).

Distance: 105 ft. 4 in.

Condra had been throwing amazing distances during practices but was unable to reproduce his form; like so many other competitors he was so anxious to get distance that he lost all rhythm in his turn. Thompson was the more controlled and deserved his win.

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

880 YARDS—I, Mills (D.); 2, Shackleton (W.); 3, Reid, G. (H.).

Time: 2 min. 34½ sec.

A fine win for Mills in a good time. There was fine competition amongst the leaders but there were many also-rans.

440 YARDS—I, Shackleton (W.); 2, Shillinglaw (D.); 3, Harper, R. (H.).

Time: 66½ sec.

Shackleton ran well and the time was reasonable if not outstanding.

220 YARDS—I, Mills (D.); 2, Shackleton (W.); 3, Shillinglaw (D.).

Time: 29.7 sec.

100 YARDS—I, Shillinglaw (D.); 2, Cowley, G. (D.); 3, Cowin, F. (D.).

Time: 13 sec.

95 YARDS HURDLES (2 ft. 6 in.)—I, Shillinglaw (D.); 2, Shackleton (W.); 3, Jenkins (D.).

Time: 17½ sec.

Another good win for Shillinglaw whose hurdling style was most promising.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (6 lb.)—I, Shackleton (W.); 2, Cregeen (W.); 3, Cowin, F. (D.).

Distance: 30 ft. 2 in.

HIGH JUMP—I, De Morgan (J.); 2, Shackleton (W.); 3, Miller (H.).

Height: 4 ft. 2¼ in.

De Morgan was not jumping well, but he deserved his win despite the poor competition.

LONG JUMP—I, Jenkins (D.); 2, Cowin, F. (D.); 3, Shillinglaw (D.).

Distance: 13 ft. 6 in.

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

440 YARDS—I, Bell (J.); 2, Connor (H.); 3, Vick (J.).

Time: 71 sec.

A surprisingly good time by Bell, and a new record for this event.

220 YARDS—I, Bell (J.); 2, Bairstow (J.); 3, Wightman (J.).

Time: 33½ sec.

75 YARDS—I, Connor (H.); 2, Wightman (J.); 3, Treeby (H.).
Time: 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (4 lb.)—I, Treeby (H.); 2, Bashforth (H.); 3, Skillicorn, J. (J.).

Distance: 29 ft. 3 in.

A new record for this event.

HIGH JUMP—I, Wightman (J.); 2, Connor (H.); 3, Bashforth (H.).
Height: 3 ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

LONG JUMP—I, Wightman (J.); 2, Connor (H.); 3, Southerst (J.).
Distance: 11 ft. 11 in.

CLASS V (under 10 on 1st April)

330 YARDS—I, Corran, R. (J.); 2, Lewin, R. (J.); 3, Cubbon, W. (J.).

Time: 55 $\frac{3}{8}$ sec.

A good race and a new record.

60 YARDS—I, Corran, R. (J.); 2, Lewin, R. (J.); 3, Smeeton (H.).
Time: 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ sec.

Corran's time equalled the record for this event.

HIGH JUMP—I, Smeeton (H.); 2, Corran, R. (J.) and Lewin, R. (J.).
Height: 3 ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

LONG JUMP—I, Smeeton (H.); 2, Jeffreys (J.) and Lewin, R. (J.).
Distance: 9 ft. 9 in.

The Junior and Senior Relay races were omitted from the Athletics Shield Competition for the first time this year as they now form part of the Relay Shield programme.

INTER-HOUSE RELAYS

This year the first full competition for the Barrovian Shield for House Relays was held. In the Field Events three competitors from each House in each of the two Classes, Senior and Junior, were entered. The best heights or distances attained by the three members of the team were added together to determine the final House positions. To avoid unnecessary duplication, the Field event relays were competed for during the normal eliminating rounds for the Athletics Shield Competition.

The most interesting Field event was the Senior High Jump which was won by Colbourne House with an aggregate of 14 ft. 11 in. for the three members of the team, thereby exceeding the School House total by 1 inch. In this event both P. J. Henney (C.) and J. Landon (S.) cleared 5 ft. 3 in. The Walters House juniors did very well in all their Field events, winning three of them outright and

gaining second place in the remaining one; T. D. Thompson and P. Simpson were largely responsible for this success. In the Junior Discus, Condra (C.) approached his true form with a throw of 112 ft. 6 in.

The track events, unaltered from last year, were run on Relays Day, 2nd April. Unfortunately the long spell of fine weather had to come to an end, and torrential rain fell during the morning, leaving the track so slippery that the Hurdles relays had to be abandoned. In the afternoon the weather cleared sufficiently for us to carry out our programme despite the poor conditions, but the group of Overseas Students, who were guests of the College on that day, must have gained an added respect for our hardihood.

The track events were well contested, but the baton-changing showed lack of practice and erred on the side of safety rather than speed.

Our thanks are due again to all masters who assisted in the judging and timing of the Relays and to those boys who carried out their various duties so ably.

RESULTS

Senior (over 16 on 1st April)

Junior (under 16 on 1st April)

MILE TEAM RACE:

Senior—1, Hunt; 2, Colbourne; 3, Walters; 4, School; 5, Dickson
Time: 5 min. 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, Hunt; 4, Dickson and School (tie).
Time: 5 min. 24 sec.

4 x 880 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Hunt; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Colbourne; 5, Dickson
Time: 10 min. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, Dickson; 3, School; 4, Walters; 5, Hunt
Time: 10 min. 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

4 x 440 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Walters; 2, School; 3, Colbourne; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Time: 4 min. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Junior—1, School; 2, Colbourne; 3, Walters; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Time: 4 min. 27 sec.

4 x 220 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson
Time: 1 min. 51 secs.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Time: 1 min. 55 sec.

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson
Time: 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

Junior—1, Walters; 2, School; 3, Colbourne; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Time: 54 $\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

FIELD EVENTS

Teams of 3. The aggregate height or distance for the winning team is given in each case.

HIGH JUMP:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson
Total Height: 14 ft. 11 in.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Total Height: 13 ft. 10 in.

LONG JUMP:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson
Total Distance: 50 ft. 4½ in..

Junior—1, Walters; 2, School and Colbourne; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
Total Distance: 44 ft. 10 in.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT:

Senior—1, School; 2, Hunt and Colbourne; 4, Walters; 5, Dickson.

(12 lb.) Total Distance: 92 ft. 3 in.

Junior—1, Walters; 2, School; 3, Colbourne; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
(8 lb.) Total Distance: 104 ft.

THROWING THE DISCUS:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson
(1.5 kilo.) Total Distance: 281 ft. 9 in.

Junior—1, Walters; 2, Colbourne; 3, School; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt
(1 kilo.) Total Distance: 274 ft. 9 in.

FINAL HOUSE ORDER

1.	Colbourne (the holders)	...	75 points
2.	Walters	... ..	68 "
3.	School	... ..	62 "
4.	Hunt	... ..	35½ "
5.	Dickson	... ..	29½ "

HOCKEY

In the Lent term we had our usual brief season of Hockey. The term is a busy one from a games point of view, with Steeplechase, Sports and "Sevens" taking up most of the time. However, we managed to get a good deal of Hockey. We had five pitches this year and on most days they were all occupied. The games were organised on a House basis, and, as far as possible the various age groups had equal opportunities for play.

We had an "open" and "under 16" inter-House knock-out competition. Walters won the "open," beating Colbourne in the final 2—0, and School won the "under 16," defeating Dickson 4—1.

Hockey continues to be immensely popular, and all the inter-House matches were contested with great keenness. Hosking, Captain of Hockey, and the House Captains, I. Scott, J. Turner, C. A. Caine and Craine, assisted by Chester, deserve commendation for the great deal of work they did with their House teams.

We again thank all members of the staff for their supervision and umpiring of the games and Copley and his staff for their never-failing supply of equipment and grounds.

SHOOTING

The shooting of the VIII this year has considerably improved, so much so in fact, that we have won all four matches we have shot. At last, possibles and near possibles are no longer things of the past, and are almost taken for granted.

Our main difficulty, as usual, has been lack of practice time, and towards the end of term, three matches had to be cancelled on account of insufficient time in which to complete them.

Mr. Handyside has continued, and, we hope, will continue to coach us in his spare time with his usual success and willingness.

There was a possibility, a year ago, of the early re-introduction of Shooting Colours, but the suggestion appears to have been passed over. However, we hope that the marked rise in the standard of shooting during the past year may warrant a reconsideration of the decision.

Providing the weather is reasonable next term, we hope to have a good deal of Long Range practice, and maybe it will be possible to enter the Long Range competitions we competed in before the war. In any case, the outlook for shooting next term is much better than it has been during the past few years.

The term's match results are as below:

Bromsgrove School. (609) v. K.W.C. (629)—Won.

St. Bees School (544) v. K.W.C. (629)—Won.

Epsom College (607) v. K.W.C. (634)—Won.

Royal Grammar School Lancaster (563) v. K.W.C. (649)—Won.

SQUASH

This term a knock-out Squash Competition was held, which resulted in an overwhelming victory for Mr. Boyns. In the future he will have to be severely handicapped.

Semi-final rounds—Murray beat Mr. Usherwood; Mr. Boyns beat Kneale. Final—Mr. Boyns beat Murray.

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