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RANDOM NOTES

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



Throughout the greater part of the term we have been deprived of the inspiration of Canon Stenning through his continued illness. After three periods in Nobles he has now been transferred to the "Freemasons" Hospital, London. We wish him a quick and complete recovery so that he may once again continue in his devoted and unselfish service at College.



On Monday, January 30th, we had a most welcome visit from the Douglas School of Technology and Art who presented their play, the "Wishing Well." Seldom has a play been received with such enthusiasm as this at College and we look forward to future visits from these accomplished players.



On Thursday, January 24th, we had a visit from the O.K.W. Brains Trust who discussed many and varied topics which were appreciated generally by those present.

Congratulations to B. D. Galbraith, A. Dunkerley and B. B. Vick on winning the Open, Under 16 and Under 14 Steeplechases respectively.



On Friday, March 10th, the School went to a performance of "Hamlet" at the Cosy Cinema. The film was enjoyed by the senior part of the School but it was perhaps a little "heavy" for some of the more junior members.



Congratulations to Colbourne House on winning the Senior Rugger, Steeplechase, Athletics and Relay shields, to School House on winning the Fives shield and to Dickson on retaining the Kicking Cup.



A free half was given on Monday, February 20th, to celebrate Scott I's postmastership at Merton College, Oxford.



The following films have been shown on the College Cinema this term:—

"The Way Ahead," on Saturday, January 21st.

"Rookies Come Home," on Saturday, February 11th.

"Vice-Versa," on Saturday, March 4th.

"Sleeping Car to Trieste," on Saturday, March 25th.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. Pritchard and his assistants for the capable way in which they have handled the cinema.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head of School and Hostel: J. H. Kelly.

Praepositors: J. H. Kelly, R. N. Waters, K. G. Cooper, H. H. Corlett, R. G. Kneale, J. Landon, J. I. Turner, P. S. Fitt.

Sub. Praepositors: J. L. Crighton, N. L. Leece, R. D. Nelson, L. A. W. New, I. W. Scott.

Captain of Rugger: R. N. Waters.

Captain of Steeplechase and Athletics: J. Landon.

Captain of Hockey: J. H. Kelly.

Captain of Fives: J. Landon.

Editor of the "Barrovian": R. G. Kneale.

Chief Librarians: W. S. Clucas, N. A. Shah.

Tuckshop Manager: K. G. Cooper.

SALVETE

JANUARY, 1950

JUNIOR HOUSE: Hollingsworth, C. (II); Meadows, D. R. (II); Sarreti, P. A. (II).

HUNT HOUSE: Brayshaw, S. (II); Duncan, J. A. (LIVa).

VALETE

APRIL, 1950.

- H BAKER (1943-50). Junior.—Dickson House. UVa. Sir Frederick Clucas Choir Prize, 1949. Marksman at Short Range. Gone to H.M.S. CONWAY.
Home Address: "Ardsonnys," Governors Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- C. B. DAVIES (1944-50). Junior.—School House. LVI. Colts XV Colours 1948, XL 1947. House Crest for Rugger. House Steeplechase VIII. School Cert. 1949, Cert. A.
Gone to business.
Home Address: Westminster Bank House, Frodsham, Cheshire.
- M. D. RATCLIFFE (1941-50). Junior.—Colbourne House. School Cert. 1949.
Gone to sea.
Home Address: 2, Parkholm, Park Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Obituary**JOHN ROBERT BLABEY (1879-85)**

Died on the 1st January, 1950, aged 82 years.

REV. C. E. HOYLE (1877-85)

By the death of Charles Edward Hoyle, College has lost one of her oldest old boys. He was a Manchester boy, born 12th March, 1866, who entered Principal's (School House) in April, 1877. He became a Praepositor in 1882 and was a member of the XV 1883-85. In 1885 he left College with a scholarship for Pembroke College, Cambridge. Here he read Classics and gained a "Second" in the Tripos of 1888. Staying up a fourth year to read Theology he passed the Theology Tripos Pt. II in 1889, took his degree and next year was ordained deacon in the diocese of Rochester with title for a curacy for St. Paul's, Walworth, S.E., where he stayed for two years, and took priest's orders. He then turned to Warlingham, Surrey, for two years, when he left the diocese of Rochester, and next went to Farnham (Winchester) 1894-97. The Bishop of Winchester lived in those days at Farnham Castle and he invited Hoyle to be his domestic chaplain, a post of high importance. He stayed at Farnham Castle till 1899 when he was appointed Vicar of Aldershot. This is naturally one of the most important livings in the Winchester diocese. Hoyle held it until 1912, at the same time continuing to hold the appointment of Chaplain to the Bishop. In 1912 he left Aldershot with its business and hustle for the country vicarage of Easebourne, where he remained till his retirement in 1935. For many years he was Rural

Dean of Midhurst, Sussex, in which deanery Easebourne is situated. He was exceedingly well versed in Diocesan affairs and was of greatest assistance to successive Bishops of Winchester. Throughout his life he took the greatest interest in his old School, and was a regular subscriber to all its appeals. He died on October 27th, 1949, at "Merlebank," Donnington, Newbury, and is survived by his widow to whom we offer our very sincere sympathy and with whom we share in part the happy memory of one who served his Master faithfully and well.

MAJOR R. JOHNSTON, V.C. (1885-90)

We regret to have to announce the death of Major Robert Johnston, V.C., which occurred on March 24th at Kilkenny. While at College he had a distinguished career. He was a Prae. and a member of both the XV (1866-90) and the XI (1888-89). He was an Irish Rugby International and for the rest of his career we quote from the Obituary which appeared in the "Times."

"The son of Mr. Robert Johnston, Q.C., of Laputa, Donegal, he was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man. He joined the 5th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in 1890 and served throughout the South African war, being dangerously wounded during the siege of Ladysmith. It was at Elandslaagte on October 21st, 1899, that he and another officer, Captain Charles Mullins, both won the V.C. The citation said that "at a most critical moment, the advance being momentarily checked by a very severe fire at point blank range, these two officers very gallantly rushed forward under this heavy fire and rallied the men, thus enabling the flanking movement which decided the day to be carried out." At the end of hostilities Johnston became District Land Commissioner in Eastern Transvaal, but in 1911 joined the Irish prison service, and in 1915 was appointed governor of Maryborough convict prison. In 1918 he was appointed a resident magistrate in Roscommon, but retired on the advent of the Irish Free State. He had since been interested in farming and the breeding of thoroughbred cattle."

O.K.W. NEWS

DR. G. K. TUTTON (1924-31) has been appointed as Lecturer in Neuro-Surgery at Manchester University.

"It is impossible to dictate to one's secretary while bones are being sawn"—Dr. Teare (1925-30). This appeared in the "Sayings of the Week" in the Observer in company with "titbits" from such illustrious personalities as Winston Churchill and Judge Blagden.

S. A. GRANT (1930-40) has been appointed Adjutant, The Border Regiment, which is at present serving in Africa.

L. S. LLOYD (1890-95) has had his article—"International Standard Musical Pitch" published in the December '49 edition of the "Journal of the Royal Society of Arts."

THE REV. F. M. CUBBON (1917-18) has been appointed Chaplain of the Mayor of Douglas.

E. C. GARSIDE (1929-36) has been appointed a Town Commissioner for Ramsey.

There are a number of College Crests (size about 5 ins. by 3 ins.) for sale at a price of 8/- including postage. They are well finished in a light brown wood, the actual crest being a coloured transfer. Any Old Boys who are interested should get in touch with the Manager of the College Tuckshop.

In future the *Barrovian* for the current term will be published before the end of term so that anyone wishing to submit any information should send it at least 6 weeks before the end of term.

BIRTHS.

- S. A. GRANT (1930-40), on 28th February, 1948—a son.
S. A. GRANT (1930-40), on 22nd February, 1949—a daughter.
W. E. FRASER (1930-31)—a son.
K. C. COWLEY (1930-36)—a daughter.
C. J. W. BELL (1936-40), on 4th February, 1950—a son.
R. D. JOHNSON (1917-21), on 7th November, 1949—a daughter.

LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY.

The Annual General Dinner of the London O.K.W. Society for 1950 was held at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, on Friday, February 10th. A brief Annual General Meeting was held before the dinner and the Committee was re-elected "en bloc" for 1950 with the following exceptions: W. L. Kelly has succeeded H. W. P. McMeekin as the President, and D. C. Greenfield comes on to the Committee in place of J. H. Foster who is going North.

The Committee is, therefore, as follows:

President: W. L. Kelly, O.B.E. (1919-25).

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: C. J. W. Bell (1936-40).

Committee: E. H. Allen (1921-25), A. Child (1920-25), J. B. Cullen (1918-24), R. T. Foulds (1919-22), R. M. Glass (1925-30), D. C. Greenfield (1938-46).

All the above with the exception of A. Child, due to illness, were at the Dinner.

Also present were—

Guests: R. H. Cain, V.C. (1922-27), Mr. S. Boulter (Master), Mr. J. B. Nelson (Master), Mr. E. W. Potterton (President; Manchester Society), Mr. A. N. Hydes (President, Liverpool Society). Mr. G. J. A. Brown (1896-1900) (President Barrovian Society—absent with apologies).

H. F. Anderson (1922-30), A. Aplin (1925-27), G. Brown (1924-34), G. Bauman-Smith (1923-27), R. V. Bradshaw (1917-20), Sir J. H. Barnes, K.B.E., (ex-Master), C. G. Barnes (1919-24), R. W. Barnes (1920-27), W. Ball (1921-23), C. T. Butler (1906-9), A. E. Chapman (1937-42), C. H. Cubbin (1920-25), R. K. Clough (1923-27), J. H. L. Cowin (1914-17), D. Cooil (1914-25), I. D. Davidson (1915-20), J. H. Foster (1895-1900), J. S. Fitt (1937-40), M. S. Green (1934-42), N. E. Goodman (1918-22), J. E. Hibbert (1925-32), Mr. Howcroft (Press Association), W. G. D. Hutchinson (1915-21), J. H. Hudson (1930-35), G. H. Hudson (1907-10), J. H. Joughin (1924-29).

C. W. C. Karran (1919-27), J. C. Karran (1920-28), K. D. Lewis (1939-45), J. Legh-Smith (1925-30), B. D. McMeekin (1928-37), A. Monkhouse (1901-04), G. C. Madoc (1922-30), A. McNab (1923-27), D. F. Mackay (1919-25), S. L. Quine (1909-11), G. H. Ramsden (1927-37), J. H. Sherwen (1921-26), L. Shingleton (1891-94), C. H. Symons (1902-06), B. W. Summerling (1918-25), E. F. J. Sharp (1911-17), W. C. Stanway (1914-21), A. D. Thompson (1905-09), R. L. Thompson (1915-19), T. C. Thompson (1924-28), A. M. Thorpe (1922-25), R. M. Thorpe (1923-26), H. Watkinson (1918-26), P. E. Wallis (1919-22), K. R. R. Wilson (1935-43), R. H. Woods (1923-28), A. Walton-Smith (1923-28), J. W. Watterson (1905-11), C. P. Yates (1896-1902).

The following had accepted but could not turn up at the last moment—

W. M. Bell (1880-84), G. J. A. Brown (1896-1900), A. Child (1920-25), R. G. Gibson (1920-24), H. G. Mullens (ex-Master).

The usual toasts were honoured as follows—

The Loyal Toast—President of the Society (H. W. P. McMeekin, Esq.).

The College—Dr. E. H. Allen.

Reply—S. Boulter, Esq., M.C.

"Our Guests"—J. B. Cullen, Esq.

Reply—R. H. Cain, Esq., V.C.

At the Annual General Meeting before the Dinner a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President was proposed by W. L. Kelly and seconded by R. T. Foulds.

H. W. P. McMeekin in a short speech proposed W. L. Kelly as his successor, which notice was carried nem-con. and suitably replied to by the new President. The Hon. Sec. then thanked the retiring Committee Member, J. H. Foster, for his hard work.

LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT O.K.W. SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Constitutional Club, Liverpool, on Tuesday, December 20th, 1949. The President, H. N. Hydes (1919-24), was in the chair and there were 73 Members and Guests present.

The Guests were—S. E. Wilson (Principal), S. Boulter (Master) and E. W. Potterton (President of Manchester Society). Dr. K. W. Monsarrat (1883-6) was the Guest of Honour and responded to the toast of "The Guests." The Principal replied to the toast of "College."

Those present were:—

College entry pre-1905—A. B. Broomhall (1900-03), R. A. Chandler (1900-03), F. F. German (1902-04), C. E. L. Locke (1896-03), K. W. Monsarrat (1883-86), R. H. Richardson (1901-05), C. P. Yates (1895-02).

College entry 1906-22—C. C. Bemrose (1908-16), R. B. Bragg (1916-20), J. G. Brown (1917-22), G. H. Daish (1912-16), R. Dutton (1919-23), J. de la H. Erricks (1921-24), R. K. Evans (1922-26), L. E. Gadd (1920-25), K. Griffiths (1920-25), G. C. Humphreys (1918-24), A. N. Hydes (1919-24), C. A. Manning (1918-22), C. D. Munro (1922-24), K. H. Porter (1922-25), E. W. Potterton (1912-20), N. D. I. Rycroft (1918-22), A. R. Stockdale (1920-25), R. L. Thomson (1915-19), P. E. Wallis (1919-22), L. Wiard (1919-23), W. S. Wicks (1920-25), J. L. Woodruff (1919-21).

College entry 1923-32—F. S. Adcock (1922-30), H. W. Corkhill (1926-31), T. G. Dodd (1925-29), P. H. Ford (1930-34), F. Griffiths (1923-27), G. F. Harnden (1928-31), C. B. Ker (1923-27), J. M. Miller (1927-29), G. F. Porter (1930-33), J. G. Pugh (1928-33), A. J. Scholfield (1927-35), P. H. Scott (1929-34), W. J. M. Scott (1929-35), J. S. Skeaping (1922-29), E. B. B. Smith (1929-32), C. A. Strange (1929-32), G. F. Thornton (1927-31), J. R. Walker (1924-30), D. B. Wallis (1927-32).

College entry 1933-46—J. R. Arthur (1946-49), M. E. C. Bemrose (1938-44), R. T. G. Dutton (1942-48), A. R. Hack (1934-41), A. H. Hack (1936-44), R. J. Hack (1945-48), C. Hawkins (1942-45), G. Imlach (1933-38), K. Imlach (1939-44), P. B. Jones (1941-47), R. H. Jones (1936-38), D. M. Kent (1937-40), J. M. Kniveton (1946-49), S. L. McCabe (1935-39), A. H. McGregor (1939-48), K. J. Meadows (1938-45), J. L. Moulton (1940-48), D. D. Phillip (1940-44), R. O. Phillip (1941-44), D. B. Roberts (1940-44), E. A. Smith (1941-45), W. B. Stoner (1944-49), P. Wilkinson (1942-45).

MANCHESTER O.K.W. SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at The Reform Club, Manchester, on Friday, January 6th, 1950. The President, E. W. Potterton (1912-20), was in the chair and there were 66 Members and Guests present.

The Guests were—S. E. Wilson (Principal), E. H. Stenning (Vice-Principal), S. Boulter (Master), H. N. Hydes (1919-24), President of the Liverpool Society, and H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-10), President of The London Society.

R. K. Clough (1923-27) proposed the toast of "College" which was replied to by The Principal, and R. H. Woods (1923-28) proposed the toast of "The Guests," to which S. Boulter replied. The President specially welcomed the presence of Canon Stenning after his illness and wished him a speedy and complete recovery. Canon Stenning replied in his inimitable manner.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. H. G. W. Hughes-Games, K. S. S. Henderson, G. J. A. Brown, W. K. Smeeton, L. Dehaene, D. Thompson and O. W. Mitchell; all of whom were invited as Guests.

There were present:

College entry pre 1905—T. A. C. Leete (1901-06), J. H. Wiles (1901-05), C. P. Yates (1895-02), H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-10).

College entry 1906-22—P. L. Arrowsmith (1920-23), H. Burgess (1919-23), J. G. Brown (1917-22), W. Ball (1922-23), W. R. Cubbon (1916-26), J. Congden (1922-27), K. Darwent (1912-19), L. R. Dawson (1914-19), A. N. Dewhurst (1918-20), G. W. Graves (1918-20), N. E. Goodman (1918-22), G. C. Humphreys (1918-24), H. N. Hydes (1919-24), F. Y. Holloway (1911-20), G. H. Hudson (1907-10), R. Kirkpatrick (1919-22), F. C. Noar (1922-24), E. W. Potterton (1912-20), J. H. Preston (1913-18), F. Sleight (1914-16), R. C. Shepherd (1918-21), J. Shillinglaw (1913-19), R. Shillinglaw (1913-17), R. Sugden (1919-23), R. L. Thomson (1915-19), F. Withnall (1909-16), G. White (1919-23), N. C. Woodhead (1918-28).

College entry 1923-32—A. Aplin (1924-27), J. G. Bird (1923-28), R. K. Clough (1923-27), R. L. Ellis (1929-32), A. J. Green (1923-27), E. B. Glass (1928-32), R. N. Holt (1927-35), J. C. Heywood (1924-27), J. F. Hyde (1923-27), J. H. Hudson (1930-35), J. C. A. Ormrod (1928-31), P. Padfield (1926-29), J. Sparkes (1923-31), J. R. Tweedale (1924-25), N. A. Thompson (1926-29), T. C. Thompson (1924-28), R. H. Woods (1923-28).

College entry 1933-1945—A. B. Acton (1943-49), G. S. Barlow (1942-47), R. Crellin (1944-46), N. J. Creighton (1945-49), J. L. Darwent (1939-47), E. Lowcock (1939-41), R. Lowcock (1939-44), M. W. Machin (1939-43), L. G. Slack (1939-41), H. S. Thomas (1941-45), D. G. Teare (1941-45), D. J. White (1935-45), A. E. White (1935-41), D. J. Watson (1937-42).

CHAPEL NOTES

Once again we put on record our regret that Canon Stenning has been unable, through illness, to lead our services in his own inimitable style. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will be with us once more in the near future.



On Friday, March 25th, the Confirmation Service was held when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted 27 candidates to full membership of the Church.



During the term we have been pleased to welcome two outside preachers, the Rev. F. M. Cubbon (O.K.W.) who visited us on three occasions, and the Rev. J. T. Watson, representing the British and Foreign Bible Society.



An omission in the Chapel Notes in our last edition has been pointed out by the former writer of these notes. The present writer humbly bows and gives notice that in the Michaelmas Term, 1949, the Special Collection in Chapel for Dr. Barnardo's Homes amounted to £38 9s. 1d. This term's Special Collections for St. Dunstan's and for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Cancer Relief Society have amounted to £11 16s. 3d. and £13 2s. 9d. respectively.



The Voluntary Wednesday evening services have been well attended as usual.



Three Organ Recitals were given during the term, works played ranging from Handel and Bach to William Walton.



Three anthems were performed during the term—"The Radiant Morn"—Woodward; "Ave Verum"—Elgar; "God so loved the World"—Stainer.



The work of the Choir has been satisfactorily though the absence of a special service, such as the Carol Service in the Michaelmas Term, has permitted certain members to become complacent on occasions. Still more concentration is required and more confidence in attack by all parts, but especially the trebles. Certain individual items have shown considerable merit, but in general great improvement can be made by the observance of loud and quiet signs in the music, and by the holding of notes to their correct length. By observance of these points the whole school might improve its performance. The Chapel lacks a natural resonance which tends to make the singing sound disjointed.

J.J.F.W.

A SIX-DAYS TOUR THROUGH THE ISLE OF MAN

The following are extracts from a "Six Days Tour through the Isle of Man," by A. Stranger in 1836. We reproduce them here and hope that things have changed in the last century!

CASTLETOWN

"Castletown has generally a quiet village-like appearance, the monotony of which is only now and then broken in upon by the law courts and meetings of the Keys; though travellers during the summer season are pretty thick upon the ground, and give a little more animation to the picture. The sombre appearance of the place during three parts of the year (when left to itself), would daily lead one to imagine the inhabitants were called upon to walk after some funeral procession, and were thus habituated, as it were, to melancholy . . . The people want stirring up with a long pole, or shaken in some way like a bottle of physic."

HANGO HILL

"Beneath this precipitous cliff of Hango Hill (the property of James McCrone Esq.), on which stands the grim ruins of the gallows, is a soft sandy beach, resorted to by the inhabitants as a bathing ground. On a fine summer's day, standing here, one might fancy one had stepped back to the time of the Greek Olympiads, when racing naked was considered an edifying amusement; for here the College lads at stated intervals are allowed to exhibit their pranks in and out of the water, in all the gradations of dress, from full garment to *natural buff*."

NEW COLLEGE

"It was carried into execution from funds principally collected in the Island, though no particular benefit (except what the country at large enjoys from such an institution) accrues to the subscribers . . . His present Majesty has condescended to allow his name to be coupled with this establishment (though the purport of such a request has hitherto turned out to be "fishing in shallow streams;") and it now bears the name of King William's College."

LANGNESS POINT

"On which are the remains of an ancient chapel, the precincts of which are still used as a burying place for Roman Catholics and shipwrecked mariners lost on the coast."

CAREERS, APRIL, 1950

One of the difficulties that confront a Careers Master is to answer the question "What actually goes on in the job?" The visits one pays to firms and factories are invaluable from this point of view alone, but one cannot, of course, see half enough, and I should not like to answer the question "Yes, but what does an Actuary really DO?"

Here is where Old Boys, and particularly recent Old Boys, can help. Write to the *Barrovian*, or if you are nervous about appearing in print, to the Careers Master, and give us the inside information on your job—or on the establishment where you are training. Even if it is a warning, "Whatever you do, don't come here," it will be invaluable.

We had back this term two new midshipmen of the Blue Funnel Line, just returned from Japan, and their enthusiasm for the Line was a great advertisement, while the fact that they returned as nice fellows as they went spoke well for the tone of their ship. Our other three recent recruits to the Merchant Navy, though we hear they are enjoying it, were back in the holidays or for other reasons failed to report.

It becomes more and more apparent that, though jobs are becoming harder to get, there are, and will be, vacancies for two types—really well-qualified specialists with first class degrees, and good, reliable, solid, trustworthy types, not necessarily with high academic qualification, provided they have the right character. This type is, under present conditions, in regrettably short supply, and more and more firms seem to be feeling that they must turn to the Public Schools for the people they must have; people who will give service to the firm, because they are members of the team, and will not merely aim at the maximum pay for the minimum work.

Again: do let us know what you are doing, what the daily routine is, what are your prospects, and whether your late fags should follow in your footsteps.

W.K.S.

THE CONCERT

The College concert took place on Saturday night, 1st April, and was well attended. An enjoyable and varied programme showed a definite improvement in standard in all quarters.

Most items were good, some very good. The Orchestra seemed to have most confidence with Purcell's "Trumpet Tune and Air"—this was their best. They had got the evening off to a fair start with Herman's Overture "Diadem." Their least impressive item was Elgar's "Chanson de Nuit," which had no nocturnal suggestion about it whatsoever, and seemed to be much too heavily treated, calling to mind some Wagnerian blood-bath or a storm at sea.

Forms II and III sang "The Three Dragons" and "The Duchess Sons." Their diction was clear and crisp, especially in the first of these. Shimmin gave us "Hey Ho! Come to The Fair," which revealed a true and pleasantly modulating, if not as yet very imposing, voice with good clear diction. He chose "Heidenröslein" as his encore. Grandage showed workmanlike promise in his piano solo; although he has not as yet great fluency he already has a fair idea of light and shade. Fingerhut joined Mr. Watkins and they gave us—on two pianos—Handel's "Bourree: Air," which they played very well. Fingerhut has made rapid strides and has far more confidence and sureness of touch, with increasing fluency. New

too, showed what can be done with continued and persistent practice; he is now a far more confident and polished performer. He and Watson gave us a violin duet—"Serenata" by Toselli; they played it very well, with the right feeling and emphasis. Mr. Usherwood again delighted his audience; he sang the Old Cornish Air "The Floral Dance" and naturally did not escape without an encore. His voice has not much resonance but it is true and has a good range. The duets sung by Lightfoot and Skillicorn pleased us all; Lightfoot especially revealed a very pure and clear voice, with good timing. In the Quartet, New took J. H. Kelly's place and with Shimmin, Simpson, and Thompson gave two very good renderings of well-liked songs.

In conclusion, Mr. Watkins is to be congratulated on a good all-round standard. The Choir sang extremely well, with expert timing and clear diction, and correct light and shade in expression. And we must thank Miss Rydings for many hours' work on the Orchestra, which has certainly produced results; as we said above, the standard has improved in all spheres.

P.B.S.

PROGRAMME

1. OVERTURE—"Diadem"
THE ORCHESTRA *Herman*
2. SONGS—
 "The Three Dragons"
 "The Duchess Song"
 FORMS II AND III *Brown
Field*
3. TENOR SOLO—"Hey Ho! Come to the Fair"
 F. R. SHIMMIN *Martin*
4. PIANO SOLO—
 "National Song"
 "Sweet Dreams"
 R. E. GRANDAGE *Grieg
Tschaikowsky*
5. DUET—"The Three Huntsmen"
 W. R. LIGHTFOOT, J. R. SKILLICORN *Traditional*
6. PART SONGS—
 "Brightly Dawn our Wedding Day" (The Mikado)
 "Regular Royal Queen" (The Gondoliers)
 A SMALL SECTION OF THE CHOIR *Sullivan
Sullivan*
7. VIOLIN DUET—"Serenata"
 L. A. W. NEW, P. J. WATSON *Toselli*
8. BASS SOLO—"The Floral Dance"
 MR. USHERWOOD *Old Cornish Air*

9. ORCHESTRA—
 (a) "Chanson de Nuit" *Elgar*
 (b) "Trumpet Tune and Air" *Purcell*
10. QUARTET—"Four Jolly Sailormen" *German*
 L. A. W. NEW, F. R. SHIMMIN, P. SIMPSON, T. D. A. THOMPSON
11. TWO PIANOS—"Bourree: Air" *Handel*
 R. FINGERHUT, MR. WATKINS
12. PART SONGS—
 " In Praise of Neptune " *German*
 " Soldiers' Chorus " (Faust) *Gounod*

THE CHOIR

GOD SAVE THE KING

THE PLAYS

This term's production by Mrs. Wilson and the College Dramatic Society took place on the 21st March, and consisted of two one-act plays, both "extravanzas" and both of rather flimsy material.

Best in the first of these plays, "Scuttleboom's Treasure," acted by the Junior Section, were Gallagher, Carr and Spencer as pirates, and Cretney, Cullen and Cannell R. Q. These last three had in effect only to look and act on the stage like themselves, which they did quite successfully. The moral of the tale seems to be don't spend seventeen years on a desert island looking for treasure that may not be there.

The second play, "Refund," acted by the Senior Section tells how the old boy Waterhead claims his money back from the Headmaster, maintaining that he has gained nothing from his school career, only to be foiled by a too astute staff. It succeeded where the other failed, chiefly because those acting in it realised they were acting a part, tried to live those parts for the duration of the play and—very important—obviously enjoyed doing so. All were good, but deserving special mention are New, the astounded, rather pompous headmaster, Shimmin, who used his walrus and cigarette to good advantage and dropped his chalk at the right time; and Jones B., who had to, and did, give the impression that he had never been to school. That did not perhaps require so much acting after all.

"Refund" was bound to have a more immediate appeal than "Scuttleboom's Treasure." In both, the sets were very good; we liked the smoke coming out of the chimney in the first play. (So that's where all the cigarettes went!) There were a few cases of forgotten lines. No boy should undertake to act a part in a play unless he can guarantee that he will know his lines so well on "the

night " that he can quite naturally produce the right emphasis on all his words, and speak them clearly and confidently; just as no-one would think of entering for the T.T. without first making sure his petrol tank doesn't leak. The make-up reached a high standard, and the evening was enjoyed by all.

P.B.S.

The Junior Section—

SCUTTLEBOOM'S TREASURE

By RONALD GOW

Black Bill	T. E. Gallagher	3rd Pirate	J. D. Riding
Sharky Joe	J. A. Harrison	Mr. Fish	B. D. A. Dagnall
Look-out Man	J. Corran	Jones	P. R. Cretney
Slimy Pete	J. S. Gillespie	Tompkins	C. R. Casstles
Jamaica Jim	P. J. Watson	Simpson	J. C. Clucas
Rosebud	J. V. Meadows	Johnson	J. C. Creer
Capt. Ebenezer Scuttleboom		Smith	J. P. Cullen
.....	J. D. Carr	Robinson	R. Q. Cannell
Mr. Titterton ...	T. R. Spencer	1st Boy	J. M. Clivery
1st Pirate	D. B. George	2nd Boy	J. E. Corkill
2nd Pirate ...	J. D. Wightman	3rd Boy	D. A. Seaton

Scene A desert island

Time The Present

The Senior Section—

REFUND

By FRITZ KARINTHY AND PERCIVAL WILDE

The Headmaster	L. A. W. New
The Mathematics Master	F. R. Shimmin
The Geography Master	P. Simpson
The History Master	R. A. Henry
The Physics Master	W. P. Corlett
The Secretary	D. Edmonds
Waterhead	B. Jones

Scene The Headmaster's Study

Time The Present

Stage Manager	J. S. Wood
Scenery	R. Crabtree
Producer	B. I. R. Wilson

THE SOCIETIES

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President: W. L. HANDYSIDE ESQ.

Hon. Secretary: J. H. KELLY.

Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: R. N. WATERS.

Despite the heavy pressure of work from which the VIth Form appears to suffer, the Society met at regular intervals throughout the term. Two open Meetings were held; one in which the Lit. and Deb. opposed a motion by Mr. Foston's juniors that "the average K.W.C. boy has too little free time," and the other, a joint Debate with our opposites from Douglas High School for Boys. Supporters of the motion that "compulsory military service is neither necessary nor desirable" were Messrs. Hampson and Clucas; the opposition was provided by Messrs. New and Biggs. At the conclusion of a very interesting debate a vote was taken and the final count announced as 40 votes—40.

At the second Meeting of the term, the President gave a paper on George Bernard Shaw. An avid reader of Shaw's works, the speaker revealed an intimate knowledge of his subject, giving us an entertaining account of the life and works of that enigmatic vegetarian.

"Modern Art" was the subject of a talk given by Mr. Crabtree at the final meeting of the term. A proof of its success was the fact that the lecturer convinced most of the society that modern art is by no means a large-scale sham, but the genuine form of expression of a new School of thought.

A proposed debate with the O.K.W. Dilettanti Society of Douglas has been postponed until a later date.

Again we thank Mr. D. W. Usherwood most sincerely for the use of his study, without whose warmth and comfort our meetings would undoubtedly have been less successful.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

President: The VICE-PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: S. BOULTER ESQ.

Chairman: W. S. FIELDHOUSE ESQ.

Hon. Secretary: I. W. SCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer: J. LANDON.

Committee Members: I. DUNKERLEY, P. S. FITT, A. SAYLE,
J. I. TURNER.

Only two meetings were held during the term, that due for March 2nd being first postponed and finally abandoned on account of the school examinations.

The first meeting was held on February 16th when Mr. G. C. Madoc, an O.K.W., paid a visit to the Society and spoke about Malaya. His talk, illustrated by many excellent lantern slides, gave us an insight

into life in the Malayan jungle, and his descriptions of the animal life encountered were interspersed by numerous amusing anecdotes. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Madoc for giving us such an enjoyable evening.

The last meeting of the term was held on March 23rd when the second half of the film Atomic Physics was shown. This proved to be far more interesting than the first half, shown last term, giving an excellent explanation of the basis of the modern atomic theory and finally a description of the principles of the Atomic bomb. Our thanks are due once again to Mr. Pritchard for all the trouble taken to obtain the films and show them to us.

MANX SOCIETY

President: The PRINCIPAL

Chairman: The VICE-PRINCIPAL

Hon. Secretary: J. H. KELLY.

Only three meetings were held during the past term. Of these the first was devoted to two short papers by Messrs. Crighton and New on "The Herring Industry" and "Hall Caine" respectively. Hall Caine, we learned, although somewhat peculiar in many of his ways, was *inter alia* the most successful writer of his day, even to the extent of receiving favourable reviews in the leading New York newspapers.

The subject of the Herring Industry proved to be of great interest, and we were regaled with many interesting biological facts about the ichthyological frequenters of our coasts.

The second meeting, held on February 23rd, was again devoted to two short papers, given by Messrs. Landon and Waters. The former discoursed on the subject of witches, painting vivid pictures of that barbarous but happily out-moded custom of rolling suspected witches down the precipitous slopes of Slieau Whuallian in spiked barrels. Mr. Waters then strove to outdo his companion with tales of the weird doing of the "little people" in his paper on "Manx roads and road lore."

At the third Meeting Messrs. Scott and Thompson entertained the Society with papers about the Manx Fishing Fleet and the beginning and growth of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.

Unfortunately the Society has been without its Chairman for some time, and the Society without its Chairman is hardly a true success, for none of its members can pretend to possess that vast fund of small talk, of interesting facts and anecdotes about the Island and its people, by means of which Canon Stenning has kept so many Meetings alive. We hope, therefore, in wishing him a speedy return to health, that he will soon be back in our midst.

MUSIC CLUB

President: THE PRINCIPAL.

Vice-President: J. WATKINS ESQ.

Hon. Secretary: L. A. W. NEW

Hon. Treasurer: J. H. KELLY

Committee Members: Mr. SHIMMIN, Mr. THOMPSON,
Mr. THORP.

Contrary to custom the first meeting of term was not a miniature concert. Partly because we must regrettably mark a sad lack of musical talent in the School at the moment, partly because we had a very attractive alternative. Mr. Usherwood guided the Meeting through a recorded version of "H.M.S. Pinafore." He explained the basic structure of the comic opera and punctuated the discs with comments on the songs and overtures. We are indebted to him for "stepping into the breach" so capably.

The second meeting of the term took the form of a lecture on Mendelssohn by the Hon. Treasurer. He traced Mendelssohn's development from his early compositions, in his first seventeen years, past his overture to some of Shakespeare's plays, his songs without words and his organ music, up to his "Italian Symphony," a recording of which closed a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The last meeting of the term and of the season was a Lecture by the Hon. Secretary on "Schubert—His Life and Work." Here again it was pointed out that the Composer began his work at a very early age, in Schubert's case it was at seven years that he composed his first sonatina. Though he was versatile to a degree, the Secretary pointed out that he owed his fame chiefly to his songs, in which field he remains unsurpassed. The audience heard "Hark, hark, the lark," "Heidenröslein," "Serenade" and the "Erl König," all illustrative of his genius in this realm, and the evening was brought to a close with Mr. Watkins' performance of Impromptu in "A" Flat.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President: The PRINCIPAL

Chairman: Mr. USHERWOOD.

Hon. Secretary: L. A. W. NEW.

Throughout the term we have met fortnightly on Wednesday evenings and it is an indication of the steady growth of our collection that we never heard a record twice.

In four out of our five meetings we were led by our Chairman, and in the other Mr. J. J. F. Watkins played us some of his collection of Handel recordings.

Among the most recent of our acquisitions we number Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "H.M.S. Pinafore," a half completed set of

Beethoven's Symphonies, Grieg's and Beethoven's Piano Concerto and varied Handel recordings including the Messiah and the Water Music.

Once more our thanks are expressed to Mr. Usherwood for his guidance and for the use of his comfortable study.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President: The VICE-PRINCIPAL

Chairman: A. L. COOIL ESQ.

Hon. Secretary: J. I. TURNER.

Hon. Treasurer: N. L. LEECE.

This term has once more seen the darkroom put to its full use despite the calls of various other school activities. Turner has been busy with his Leica and has produced some good shots of College, notably the interior of Chapel. Crighton has reverted to the earliest days of photography and has constructed a pin-hole camera with which he has obtained some very good results. The steeplechase meetings both saw more enthusiastic photographers than runners as was illustrated by the large number of photographers at various places on the course.

All members will wish the President a speedy recovery from his illness and may it not be long before he is seen clicking his "shutter" with renewed vigour.

We must again thank Maley's for their prompt service and efficiency together with their kind appreciation of our funds which enables us to pay our debts when in a position to do so.

Finally all photographers are reminded that the Annual Competition and Exhibition will be held as usual in July and that now is the time to start "snapping" if they entertain any hopes of winning a prize.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

President: J. FOSTON ESQ.

Vice-President: R. T. D. STOTT.

Hon. Secretary: J. D. CARR.

The term has been a busy one and meetings have been held weekly. A play "The Housemaster," was read, a debate with the Literary and Debating Society and a "Quiz" were included in the activities. Our own debate was "This House would like to Emigrate," Stott and Chantler speaking for the motion and Dale and Wallis J. against. A film show was also held, and for this we would especially like to thank Mr. Pritchard. Some interesting lecturettes were given by members of the society, and for these we are indebted to Chantler, who spoke on "Hypnotism," Johnston who spoke on "A Visit to India" and Maddrell, who gave a talk on "Trinidad."

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: The PRINCIPAL

Chairman and Producer: Mrs. S. E. WILSON.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. R. CRABTREE.

Hon. Secretary: L. A. W. NEW.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. PRITCHARD.

Stage Manager: J. WOOD.

House Manager: Mr. C. W. JACKSON.

Technical Adviser: Mr. W. S. FIELDHOUSE.

Committee: F. R. SHIMMIN, P. SIMPSON, L. C. COWLEY.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the Flood leads on to Fortune . . ." Never in the history of the Society has the drama complex of the School been so high, and we in our endeavour to take the "High Tide" have spent the term rehearsing two plays, a Junior and a Senior, in order that we may put as many of our seventy members into "Active Service" as possible.

Our "Backstage" headed by Wood J. have had a busy term preparing properties and stage settings for both of our plays and the players, many of whom have not appeared before a College audience, eagerly await their debut, which at the time of writing is still three days off.

We were visited for the first time by "The School of Arts and Crafts" when on the night of January 30th they performed Evan Evan's "Wishing Well." Although the Society was a stranger to the College stage many of the actors were not. "Amos" played by Ronald Bott was one of the many guises in which we have seen him perform, Horace Andrews has produced for the Service Players on previous occasions, and Jack Corrin (O.K.W.) as John Pugh was a leading member of our Society in 1948.

The evening was a great success and we can only hope it will be the first of many.

Report of the plays will be found elsewhere.

HOUSE NOTES

SCHOOL HOUSE

Head of House: J. LANDON.

Praepositors: R. G. KNEALE, P. S. FITT.

House-Praepositor: D. C. LOWEY.

The Easter Term has as usual been eventful, yet through it we have emerged unscathed, which testifies to the considerable skill of Miss

Carless. We appear to be a house of opposites, for while seven of our members were successful in obtaining scholarships, we have many who ensure an equal balance is kept. Similarly Landon broke two class I records, and Marshall a class II record, though again this was equalised by many, who failed to obtain even a single "C" standard.

We have two 1st Athletics colours in Landon and Kneale, while Marshall obtained his 2nd Athletics colours.

At last we have won the Fives Competition after a lapse of twelve years, though we were not so successful in the senior rugger in which we were joint runners up to Colbourne, while in the steeplechase and Athletics we also failed to win.

Our only leaver this term is Davies, to whom we extend our best wishes for the future.

COLBOURNE HOUSE

Head of House: R. N. WATERS.

Sub-Praepositors: J. L. CRIGHTON, I. W. SCOTT.

House-Praepositors: N. A. SHAH, I. DUNKERLEY, G. W. P. WALDRON, J. P. WATTERSON.

As is usual in the Easter term a good many shields have been competed for. Early in the term we won the Senior Rugger by defeating Walters 11-3 in a very good game. For the first time since 1908 we won the Steeplechase shield—a very necessary revival. In the Fives competition we were narrowly defeated by Walters in the first round; not since 1943 have we survived the first round and there was a time when we used to win this shield fairly often. It is a pity we could only be runners-up in the Kicking Cup but we consoled ourselves with the Athletics and Relays.

J. Stoner left us last term and M. D. Ratcliffe leaves us this term. We wish them both the best of luck.

Rugger House Crests.—*Reawarded:* Waters, Crighton, Shah. *Awarded:* Quirk, Watterson J., Scott, Waldron, Whitehead.

Athletics.—*1st Colours:* Waters, Quirk. *2nd Colours:* Dunkerley I., Crighton, Watterson J., Watterson A., Dunkerley A. *Colts:* Fick, Lee, Condra. *House Crests—Reawarded:* Waters, Crighton, Watterson J., Dunkerley I., Watterson A. *Awarded:* Quirk, Scott, Condra.

Steeplechase House Crests.—*Reawarded:* Crighton, Dunkerley I., Watterson J., Quirk. *Awarded:* Scott, Watson P.

Fives House Crests.—*Awarded:* Waters, Crighton.

DICKSON HOUSE

Head of House: K. G. COOPER.

Praepositor: J. I. TURNER.

Sub-Praepositors: N. L. LEECE, L. A. W. NEW.

House Praepositor: G. A. CUBBON.

As these notes are being laboriously compiled we are in the middle of Athletics Standards and Finals, and therefore previous sporting activities of the term are becoming rather hazy memories.

We are forced to fall back on Junior boys for part of the House rugby teams, and without exception these "little chaps" played remarkably well. In the Steeplechase also, our main performers were in the middle of the House, and there we have a most encouraging nucleus of keen athletes.

The Easter term is always a rather quiet one, consequently there is very little to report here, particularly as the House as a whole has behaved itself remarkably well—and this is not a hint for potential malefactors.

At Half-Term we welcomed Kissack into our midst, and our only leaver this term will be Baker, whom we all wish the best of luck in the future.

WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House: J. H. KELLY.

Praepositor: J. H. KELLY.

House Praepositors: F. R. SHIMMIN, T. THOMPSON, W. S. CLUCAS, G. THORP, P. DODSWORTH, B. CORRIN.

The House has been very active this term in all respects. Our assistant housemaster has also been very busy and when he was not trying to rouse us in the middle of the night, with his various sirens and contraptions, he was asking us to push his motor-cycle up and down the Hundred.

We finished runners-up in the Senior Rugby Shield after losing to Colbourne, the winners of the competition. Housecrests were awarded to Clucas, Dodsworth, Edmonds and Conibear.

Steeplechasing must be our unlucky sport, for despite valiant efforts, and a great improvement on last year's standard, we were once again astounded to hear that we had finished up at the wrong end. However, we have some promising runners in the House, and next year we have hopes of relinquishing our usual position.

The standard of our athletics has been quite high on the whole this year. Our under 16's have made a very good effort in the standards, although there are not many prospective final winners among

them. We congratulate Kelly on being reawarded his 1st Athletic colours, Shimmin and Simpson on their 2nd colours, Moyers on his Colts colours.

We arrived in the final of the Fives Shield Competition with our old rivals, School House, but report, with regret, that we were not victorious.

During the term we were visited by P. G. Black and H. J. Cain, who came to play sevens for the newly-formed I.O.M. Rugby Club.

Southerst has joined our ranks from those of Junior House this term.

JUNIOR HOUSE

The term opened with an effort to revive the rugger, which met with some success, and we were able to take on the usual opposition on level terms. The forwards were solid and successful in the tight, but apart from Barr-Hamilton, remained comparatively leaden footed. Corran played with great pluck at scrum-half, but never learnt to pass as a scrum-half must. Hunter and Ward showed great promise and we hope that one day the latter will supply a standing demand in College and become a real centre-three-quarter.

Perhaps we have not so many runners as last year, but Bell has some claim to be our best ever over a long distance and has travelled round Malew Square in under half an hour. Corran, Robinson and Bairstow have been energetic runners-up. With the Sports Finals not yet decided no more can be said. Congratulations, however, to a recent junior, Vick, on his great performance in the Class III Cross Country.

Scouts and Cubs are flourishing as ever. Mr. Bailey has taken over Junior Troup this term, and they are keeping him busy. Cooking seems popular, whatever the weather, and it is remarkable how popular porridge can be at 4.30 p.m., often diluted with rain; and twists often come into tea sometimes "kippered" rather than cooked, with a strong aroma of pinewood and cinders.

Soccer with us takes the place of Hockey, and more skill than usual has been displayed. With improved weather impromptu varieties of cricket have already appeared, so let us hope that we shall be favoured with another real summer term, with just enough rain to keep the grass alive, this time.

HUNT HOUSE

Head of House: H. H. CORLETT.

Sub-Praepositor: R. D. NELSON.

House Praepositor: J. M. NELSON, B. D. GALBRAITH.

This term has been a poor one for the House in and out of school activities due to a preponderance of "leaves-off" and very young people. Although we have three 1st XV colours only ten players in

the house are over sixteen. In the senior rugger house-matches we were well beaten except in the one against Dickson who beat us by a narrow margin.

The Junior section of the house had a good rugger team. Their standard of play was high and last term's newcomers have made considerable progress. The match against Junior House just before half-term was most enjoyable.

In the Inter-House Steeplechase, Class I won their event quite comfortably; but the other classes let them down. As a result we lost the shield. Galbraith and Nelson J. M. are to be congratulated on being awarded their 1st and 2nd Athletic Colours respectively for this run. We provided four members of the Open Team and two of the Class II team in the Inter-Schools Steeplechase.

Since half-term attention has been divided between hockey and athletics. The general standard in the latter has been very mediocre. Nelson R. D. is to be congratulated on gaining his 1st Colours, and Nelson J. M. on gaining his second colours.

During the term we have had welcome visits from Watterson J. H., Sayle D., Chester J. S., Kelly T. J., Qualtrough I. J., Cubbon G., and Scott N.

LIBRARY NOTES

The term has seen the influx of a considerable number of new books into both Libraries, and now the music section in the Walker is assuming considerable proportions. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. L. Dehaene and Mr. Treeby for their gift of books, and the latter for some interesting back numbers of the *National Geographic Magazine*.

A new series of "Biggles" books has been obtained for the Fiction Library and, as a result, the popularity of the Library has increased appreciably.

There has been a recurrence of the litter problem, in addition to a general slackness in returning books punctually. The latter offence has resulted in the reinstitution of the fine system, which has had the desired effect and has also benefited the Chapel collections considerably.

We also thank Mr. Nelson for the pains he has taken to supply certain pamphlets and maps pertaining to the political and economic importance of North Africa and the Near East. These articles have been hung in the Fiction Library and we hope that they have helped to fulfil one of the essential purposes of a library—that of stimulating public interest in current events, and this in a field of no small importance.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

On Shrove Tuesday the Contingent was visited by Brigadier Rhys Price, the Assistant Director of Army Cadets at the War Office. He arrived for the parade at 14.15 and inspected the Contingent. During the afternoon he saw squads at instruction.

We are all of us conscious of the general turn out of the Army and Basic Sectoins was not up to our own high standard. There are still a number of Cadets who are not assuming a sufficiently responsible attitude towards the care and maintenance of their uniforms. Every facility for keeping uniforms smart is provided, even to an electric iron in the Armoury. There can be no excuse for turning out in an un-soldierly manner.

ARMY and BASIC SECTIONS.

At last, after a gap of a year, we were able to proceed with our Whole day Exercise, although, after the morning had promised fair weather, we met with a windy drizzle that kept up until the Cease Fire.

Operation "Cut out," an attempt to stage a Combined Operation using mythical Sea and Air support, did give, in the main, an opportunity for exercising Fieldcraft and Tactics. C.Q.M.S. New was i/c Red Force, the attackers; Sgt. Kneale was i/c White Force. The Operation took place in the vicinity of Scarlet Point.

The Certificate "A" examination was "switched" at very short notice from N.W. District, from 27/28th March to 13/14th. The results of the Examination were more encouraging than last term:—

Part 1	Out of 34 Candidates	28 passed
Part 2	„ „ 28 „	14 „

This means of course that we can now attempt to build up a satisfactory complement of N.C.O.'s.

Remember that—"a keen, smart, energetic N.C.O. is the backbone of any Service organisation."

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION.

This term the Section has been rearranged into three classes:—Drake (P.O.'s Exam.), Anson (Ldg. Sea. Exam.), Benbow (A.B.'s Exam.).

The Whole Day Exercise was spent very profitably in visiting the Lighthouse Control and also the Port Erin Lifeboat.

Rumour has it that we may yet be a seagoing Section . . . a 32 foot Cutter is being discussed.

During the Easter vacation, Ldg. Sea. Waters, A.B. Thompson and O.S. Carine will be going aboard H.M.S. "Duke of York" at Portsmouth for a week's course in General Seamanship. This should be of great value to the Section.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION.

A high standard of work and Drill has again been maintained this term.

An excellent Whole Day Exercise was spent. 63 (W. & W. Res) Group flew over an Anson and every member of the Section was able to have a flight over the Island.

The new Syllabus of Training has arrived this term and this may give more scope for "out of classroom" work.

Sgt. Leece is hoping to attend a Gliding Course during the Easter vacation.

Uniforms should be available for the Section by the beginning of next term.

We would like to thank all those who help to make the C.C.F. an efficient Unit, and particularly Miss Watterson who is always ready to provide haversack rations and meals at odd times.

E.M.T. results at the miniature range during the term have been as follows—*1st Class (minimum score 53/70)*: Wood J. 57; Nelson G. 53. *2nd Class (minimum score 40/70)*: Henry 50; Osbaldeston R. 50; Conibear 47; Fingerhut 47; Stanley 45; Ellis 44; Gaskell 43; Furness 42; Lewin R. E. 40.

SCOUTS.

The Senior Troop lost Stoner at the end of last term, but Sayle A. and Watson J. have won the King's Scout Badge. So they are due to receive their certificates from the Chief Scout and attend St. George's Day service at Windsor in the holidays. Shimmin F. is also going to represent the Isle of Man. The seniors were also reinforced by Cooper R., Harper R. Cowin F., and Carr. They have been building a dam at Mullin-y-Carty to improve the bathing at the training ground. On alternate Tuesdays a senior patrol has helped with the instruction of other troops. The island senior scout competition was again won by a narrow margin over 1st Douglas. The "A" team consisted of Galbraith, Corkill T. and Keig P.

Field Day in February was rather a mixed blessing. Fortunately it was a fairly warm day but it rained all the morning so that the Seniors' mountain hike did not come up to expectations. A. and B. Troop combined for a wide game while a few did some work on the Backwoods man's lodge at Mullin-y-Carty. Junior Troop and the Pack fared best by going out in the afternoon, when the rain had stopped.

This is the term in which the weather is usually very unfavourable to Scouting activities and there is usually most instructional work in preparation for the summer. This has progressed fairly well but it cannot be too strongly stressed that a scout's individual progress depends first of all on his own initiative. The Pack in spite of being 30 in number, has a Two-star and ten One-star cubs; and the Junior

troop, nearly all new recruits in September, have been very active. In A. and B. troops, however, there have not been nearly enough scouts gaining the second-class badge. Many useful afternoons have been spent on patrol activities, but too often scouts have not filled in the details and passed the corresponding tests. Cannell W., troop leader of A. troop is to be congratulated on gaining the Scout Cord, and several Patrol leaders are going well, but too many, who turn up willingly enough, seem only to expect to be entertained.

The summer camp next August is to be held at Brynbach, near Denbigh, and the Seniors are going to Norfolk.

STEEPLECHASE

The final races and preliminary training runs for the House Steeplechase Shield were completed satisfactorily in the allotted period this year despite the discouraging efforts of the weather. It was decided that much of the early training work should be done by road runs, and there is no doubt that the method is a sound one for developing stamina; it had the added advantage that we could to some extent ignore very bad weather when sections of our course become almost impossible. Heavy rain fell incessantly during the week preceding Finals day leaving the course in a deplorable condition, but, despite this, the final races were well run and the times good.

Some good work was done during the training runs, and there was no doubt that House Captains paid more attention to team work than usual. J. Landon, Captain of Steeplechasing, undertook the training of the Class III team with a view to the Inter-School Steeplechase races, and as a result the enthusiasm and competition in this Class was much improved.

A high wind and heavy rain made Finals Day, 11th February, most uncomfortable for runners and spectators alike, but fortunately the rain held off at the start and finishes. B. D. Galbraith (H.), who won the Class I race last year, won again this year in 42 mins. 14 secs.; an excellent time considering the gruelling conditions. Galbraith was not seriously challenged and was home almost 2 mins. ahead of the next boy, J. M. Nelson (H.), who again was well ahead of his closest competitor, J. P. Watterson (C.). The Hunt House team gained a well-deserved win in this class.

The Class II race was very well contested but there was no doubt about the supremacy of A. Dunkerley (C.) who won the event in 32 mins. 5 secs. M. L. Marshall (S.) and A. M. Watterson (C.) ran well to gain second and third places respectively. Colbourné House won the Class II race.

B. B. Vick (D.), in his first year in Class III, won the event in a most convincing manner in 28 mins. 55 secs., and he should develop into a first-rate steeplechaser. C. J. Burnley (S.) and R. Lace (C.) gained the second and third places respectively. The running in this Class was much improved. The Class III race was won by the School House team.

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

1.	Colbourne	...	...	...	197	points
2.	Hunt	...	...	...	249	„
3.	School	...	...	...	283	„
4.	Dickson	...	...	...	320	„
5.	Walters	...	...	...	351	„

As suggested in the last report on Steeplechasing, an Inter-Schools Steeplechase was organised this year and took place on Saturday, 18th February, on the College courses. Teams from Douglas High School, Ramsey Grammar School, Castle Rushen Secondary School, the Manx Amateur Athletic Association, and from College competed. Races were run in the usual three age Classes, but as only Douglas High School and K.W.C. were able to field teams in all Classes, the results of the races were assessed separately.

The courses were in much better condition and the weather far finer than on the previous Saturday and the races were most interesting and were well contested.

In Class I, the Manx A.A.A., Douglas High School and College teams competed, whilst Ramsey Grammar School entered a number of individual competitors. The College team won this event in a most convincing style gaining six of the first seven places. Galbraith again ran a fine race and won comfortably. E. Shimmin (Manx A.A.A.) gained second place, whilst M. H. Lay (K.W.C.) ran very well to take third place.

Teams from all the schools competed in the Class II race and the competition was very keen. Two Castle Rushen boys gained the first and second places in this event with A. Dunkerley (K.W.C.) third. The Castle Rushen Secondary School team well deserved their win in this Class.

B. B. Vick (K.W.C.) again ran remarkably well and was first home in the Class III race, which he completed in record time, but the Douglas High School team gained four of the first six places and thereby gained a well merited win.

The results in the various Classes were:—

CLASS I.—1.						
	K.W.C.	...	...	...	26	points
	2.	Manx A.A.A.	...	...	62	„
	3.	Douglas High School	...	...	83	„
CLASS II.—1.						
	Castle Rushen S. School	...	...	...	34	points
	2.	K.W.C.	...	...	62	„
	3.	Ramsey Grammar School	...	...	97	„
	4.	Douglas High School	...	...	107	„
CLASS III.—1.						
	Douglas High School	...	...	...	40	points
	2.	K.W.C.	...	...	56	„
	3.	Castle Rushen S. School	...	...	102	„
		Ramsey Grammar School	...	...	102	„

We wish to thank the visiting teams for the excellent competition they provided and those in control of the teams for their willing co-operation in the organisation.

Finally our thanks to all the College Masters who have helped in judging and timing the races during the season, to the Course Marshals for the efficient manner in which they carried out their tasks, to Copley and his men for their work in preparing the courses, and last but by no means least to all the farmers who, despite the considerable inconvenience, have once again allowed us to run over their land.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The following Colours were awarded for Athletics:

1st COLOURS—J. Landon, R. D. Nelson, J. H. Kelly, B. D. Galbraith, K. G. Cooper, R. N. Waters, R. G. Kneale, L. S. Quirk, J. P. Watterson.

2nd COLOURS—J. L. Crichton, T. D. Thompson, G. W. P. Waldron, I. Dunkerley, F. R. Shimmin, J. M. Nelson, P. Simpson, H. H. Corlett, M. H. Lay, A. M. Watterson, M. L. Marshall, A. G. Dunkerley.

COLTS—J. T. Condra, A. C. A. Fick, T. B. Mills, D. Moyers.

Once again we can record the completion of the Athletics and Relay Shield Competitions during the Lent Term. The weather was far from perfect, and there were times when it appeared to be impossible to complete the very full programme, but fortunately most of our important occasions coincided with the intervals of fine weather and there was little serious interference. The track continues to improve as a result of careful preparation by Copley and his assistants, and this year, apart from unavoidable softness due to heavy rain, was in first-class condition for the Finals.

A determined effort was made this year to overcome the usual difficulty of providing adequate instruction for large numbers of boys during the practice fortnight, and there is no doubt that it was worth it. Mr. Boyns, Mr. Usherwood, Mr. Sherwood and Sergeant-Major Roberts undertook the coaching for various types of events and our thanks are due to them for the general improvement in the Standards tests which was their reward.

More points were gained in the Standards tests this year than in any previous year on record. In drawing such a comparison it must be remembered that only in recent years have all the Houses had maximum numbers; nevertheless the results for Classes I and II were undoubtedly very good. Class III, apart from a few outstanding boys, again proved to be rather weak. In Class I, J. Landon (S.), Captain of Athletics, gained A Standard in all events scoring the maximum 72 points; J. H. Kelly (W.) with 64 points would no doubt have done the same had he not been prevented by examinations and illness from completing his Standards. R. G. Kneale (S.) gained 63 points, K. G. Cooper (D.) 61 points, whilst R. N. Waters (C.), L. S. Quirk (C.) and R. D. Nelson (H.) each scored 60 points. In Class

II the three outstanding Junior Athletes, A. M. Watterson (C.), M. L. Marshall (S.) and J. T. Condra (C.) each scored the maximum 72 points; a most noteworthy achievement. A. G. Dunkerley (C.), C. B. Wood (S.), D. C. W. Lee (C.), A. C. A. Fick (C.), T. B. Mills (D.), D. Moyers (W.) and D. G. Shackleton (W.) all gained 50 points or more in Class II Standards: Colbourne House gained first place in the Standards tests with 1,014 points whilst Walters House was second with 939 points.

The Finals this year were characterised by the keenest competition, it so happening that we had several boys of first-rate athletic ability competing in Classes I and II. In consequence five new records were established in these Classes, and the general level of results in practically all events was high. J. Landon's achievements served to confirm what was already well known, that he is one of the most talented athletes that the College has produced. His Mile in 4 mins. 45 9/10 secs., when he just beat B. D. Galbraith (H.) by inches, was one of the finest races ever seen at College; both runners beat the previous Class I record made by G. F. White in 1945, of 4 mins. 47½ secs., and the track surface was soft when the race was run and of little assistance to the runners. In fact it was thought necessary to make a careful check of the accuracy of the stop-watches and track dimensions immediately afterwards; that the track circuit was found to measure within one inch of 440 yards was a tribute to Copley's accuracy. J. Landon also established a fine new record in the Half-mile which he won easily in 2 mins. 6½ secs., and narrowly missed a record in the Long Jump with 19ft. 11ins. By winning the Class I 440 yds. in 54½ secs., gaining second place in both the 100 yds., and Hurdles and third place in the Discus event, Landon completed a most noteworthy series of Finals and his achievements will be remembered for a long time. Among the other Class I finalists B. D. Galbraith (H.) is undoubtedly a fine runner but his best distance for Track work will probably prove to be Three-miles; he possesses fine physique and the good compact style suitable for the longer distances but his sprint is not yet fast enough for the middle distances. R. D. Nelson (H.) did very well to win three Class I Finals, the 100 yards, Hurdles and Discus; a fine achievement. J. H. Kelly's (W.) absence on Finals day was unfortunate as he would have been a serious competitor in a number of events; it was a serious blow to Walters House which had done so well in the Standards. One most satisfactory feature of a number of track events in Class I was the unselfishness shown by certain boys who sacrificed their own chances by acting as pacemakers for faster competitors; K. G. Cooper (D.) M. H. Lay (H.) and J. P. Watterson (C.) merit special mention in this connection and it was due in no small measure to them that the new Mile and Half-mile records were made.

In Class II, M. L. Marshall (S.) and A. M. Watterson (C.) shared the honours in most events; their performances were quite outstanding and three new records were made. Marshall's win in the Half-mile in the record time of 2 mins. 13½ secs. was a first-class performance, as were A. M. Watterson's new records in the High Jump, 5ft. 1½ins., and Weight 42ft. 4ins. There is no doubt that both A. M. Watterson and M. L. Marshall are most promising young athletes and we look forward with interest to their exploits at the White City

during the coming years. These two boys tended to overshadow some other very good young athletes in this Class, who have the satisfaction of knowing that it was due to their efforts that no run-away victories were permitted.

The competition in Class III was not strong, and C. J. Burnley (S.) won the Long Jump and all the track events with the exception of the Hurdles, in which he gained second place as he did also in the High Jump and Weight. Burnley's effort was most promising and he should develop into a very good athlete. J. A. Wallis (W.), Burnley's most serious competitor, was unfortunately unable to compete in many finals owing to illness. J. G. Bell (J.), who only just qualified by age for Class III, ran remarkably well in both the 440 yds. and Half-mile; he has a fine natural style and his development as a middle-distance runner will be watched with interest. One new Class IV record was established, a Long Jump of 13ft. 5½ins. by M. Lord (H.).

The weather on Finals day, Thursday, 30th March, was rather dull, and a cold wind made matters uncomfortable for everyone.

Once again we are indebted to the Principal and all of those masters who assisted so readily during the Standards and Finals, and to Copley and his assistants for getting the track and the areas for the various Field events in such excellent condition. Finally a special word of thanks to those boys who worked behind the scenes and upon whose efficiency so much of the success of a Sports meeting depends; if the B.B.C. needs a new announcer P. S. Fitt has our strongest recommendation.

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

1.	Colbourne (the holders) ...	...	160	points
2.	School ...	...	126.4	„
3.	Walters ...	...	99.3	„
4.	Dickson ...	...	76.9	„
5.	Hunt ...	...	73.3	„

RESULTS.

As a matter of general interest the Class records, reckoned from 1920, for each event previous to this year are printed in brackets. Class records marked with an asterisk are also School records and represent the best performances in all events of Class I Standard.

CLASS I (over 16 on 1st April)

MILE (4 min. 47½ secs., G. F. White, 1945)—1, J. Landon (S.); 2, B. D. Galbraith (H.); 3, J. P. Watterson (C.).

Time: 4 mins. 45 9/10 secs.

A magnificent race between two runners of different styles, Galbraith setting out to wear Landon down with steady 70 sec. lap-times throughout, and Landon to allow Galbraith to pace him whilst reserving his strength for the final sprint. Galbraith's first lap was somewhat too fast, consequently he had to slacken and he lost time

in the second lap, but his third and fourth laps were very good. Landon was farther behind than he wished to be at the mid-distance but gradually made headway and challenged strongly on the final bend of the last lap. Landon was surprised at Galbraith's fighting response and a neck-to-neck sprint over the last 100 yards finished with a win by inches for Landon. J. P. Watterson took over third place from M. H. Lay in the last lap; both of these boys ran very well.

880 YARDS (2 mins. 7 secs., G. F. White, 1947*)—1, J. Landon (S.); 2, J. P. Watterson (C.); 3, B. D. Galbraith (H.).

Time: 2 mins. 6½ secs.

Landon was obviously out for a record in this event, which is his best distance, and K. G. Cooper (D.) paced him admirably for the first lap. Landon's new record time was excellent and it was good to see him finish so fresh and full of running. Watterson ran very well to finish second in 2 mins. 12½ secs.

440 YARDS (52½ secs., H. L. Scarf, 1928*)—1, J. Landon (S.); 2, K. G. Cooper (D.); 3, I. Dunkerley (C.).

Time: 54½ secs.

A fine race run on Finals day when conditions were not very good. Cooper and Dunkerley ran very well but had not the pace to hold Landon in the final straight.

100 YARDS (10½ secs., C. W. Peever, 1931; J. K. Hinds, 1934*)—1, R. D. Nelson (H.); 2, J. Landon (S.); 3, K. G. Cooper (D.).

Time: 10½ secs.

A fine sprint by Nelson, but assistance by the wind gave a somewhat flattering time.

120 YARDS HURDLES (3ft. 3ins.) (16½ secs., J. K. Hinds, 1934*)—1, R. D. Nelson (H.); 2, J. Landon (S.); 3, J. Crighton (C.).

Time: 19 secs.

The least said the better.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lbs.) (39ft. 3½ins., P. W. Long, 1937*)—1, G. W. P. Waldron (C.); 2, J. H. Kelly (W.); 3, R. N. Waters (C.).

Distance: 35ft.

A reasonable result. Waldron shows considerable promise and he should practice regularly throughout the year.

HIGH JUMP (5ft. 6½ins., D. B. Roberts, 1944*)—1, J. Crighton (C.); 2, R. N. Waters (C.); 3, K. G. Cooper (D.).

Height: 5ft. 1¾ins.

The competition here was not so strong as it might have been J. H. Kelly being ill and J. Landon having lost form and failed to qualify for the final. Some good jumping was seen and Crighton was most unfortunate in his first attempt at 5ft. 2¾ins. which he cleared quite easily but then knocked off the bar with his hand.

LONG JUMP (19ft. 11½ins., A. Watson, 1943*)—1, J. Landon (S.); 2, R. N. Waters (C.); 3, K. G. Cooper (D.).

Distance: 19ft. 11ins.

A much improved event, and Landon, who had been clearing 20ft. in practices, looked all set for the record when he reached the winning distance on his first jump, but he unfortunately lost his pacing in his subsequent attempts. Waters cleared 18ft. 11ins.; a fine effort.

THROWING THE DISCUS (1.5 kilos.) (130ft. 8ins., P. W. Long, 1936*)—1, R. D. Nelson (H.); 2, G. W. P. Waldron (C.); 3, J. Landon (S.).

Distance: 110ft. 6ins.

A definitely higher standard here with all three leaders throwing 100 feet or more. The winning throw was a fine one and surprised all of us, including Nelson. Waldron did well to gain second place after his long absence.

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

MILE (4 mins. 45 secs., G. F. White, 1944*)—1, M. L. Marshall (S.); 2, A. G. Dunkerley (C.); 3, A. M. Watterson (C.).

Time: 5 mins. 5 9/10 secs.

A fine race run on Finals day when the wind made steady striding difficult. Dunkerley had not enough pace for the final sprint but he is a dour fighter and he forced the best out of Marshall. Marshall's time was well above the average for this event.

880 YARDS (2 mins. 14 secs., G. F. White, 1944)—1, M. L. Marshall (S.); 2, A. M. Watterson (C.); 3, A. G. Dunkerley (C.).

Time: 2 mins. 13 1/2 secs.

In the early stages it appeared that Watterson would maintain a position to be able to challenge strongly in the final sprint, but the Half-mile is just too long for him at present and Marshall took over the lead in the second lap and raced in on his own for a fine win in record time.

440 YARDS (57 1/2 secs., J. Landon, 1947)—1, A. M. Watterson (C.); 2, M. L. Marshall (S.); 3, C. B. Wood (S.).

Time: 57 1/2 secs.

A very good race and only a fraction of a second over record time. This appears to be Watterson's best distance, but he will have to learn to get off the mark more rapidly.

100 YARDS (11.0 secs., P. W. Long, 1935)—1, A. M. Watterson (C.); 2, M. L. Marshall (S.); 3, J. T. Condra (C.).

Time: 11.0 secs.

A good sprint. Watterson again started rather badly but managed to forge ahead at the half-distance. Condra showed a turn of speed. The wind assistance was too great for the time to be recognised as an equal-record for Watterson.

110 YARDS HURDLES (3ft.) (16 secs., W. N. Hudson, 1946)—1, M. L. Marshall (S.); 2, A. M. Watterson (C.); 3, J. T. Condra (C.).

Time: 16 3/4 secs.

Marshall had practised assiduously and his hurdling was quite impressive. The time was below the average for the event.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (8lbs.) (38ft. 10ins., J. H. Radcliffe, 1940)—1, A. M. Watterson (C.); 2, J. T. Condra (C.); 3, M. L. Marshall (S.).

Distance: 40ft. 7ins.

The improvement in this event was quite outstanding although Watterson did not reach his highest standard on Finals day; he established the new Class II record, 42ft. 4ins. during the Relay finals

in the previous week. Condra also exceeded the old record distance. Mr. Boyns must have been well satisfied with the results of his coaching.

HIGH JUMP (5ft., W. R. Williams, 1935)—1, A. M. Watterson (C.); 2, J. T. Condra (C.); 3, M. L. Marshall (S.).

Height: 5ft. 1½ins.

Another fine win by Watterson and a new record which will be most difficult for a Class II boy to beat.

LONG JUMP (18ft. 7½ins., W. N. Hudson, 1945)—1, A. M. Watterson (C.); 2, D. C. Lee (C.); 3, C. B. Wood (S.).

Distance: 17ft. 3ins.

THROWING THE DISCUS (1 kilo.) (127ft. 7½ins., W. C. Holmes, 1945)—1, J. T. Condra (C.); 2, W. Young (D.); 3, W. M. Furness (W.).

Distance: 114ft. 4ins.

All three leaders exceeded 100ft. Young has improved by steady practice and Condra only needs to control his turn to become quite first-class.

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

880 YARDS (2 mins. 28½ secs., A. M. Watterson, 1948)—1, C. J. Burnley (S.); 2, J. G. Bell (J.); 3, B. B. Vick (D.).

Time: 2 mins. 30 9/10 secs.

A fine race with Bell forcing the older and stronger Burnley all the way.

440 YARDS (61½ secs., A. M. Watterson, 1948)—1, C. J. Burnley (S.); 2, J. G. Bell (J.); 3, G. K. Maddrell (W.).

Time: 66 secs.

220 YARDS (28 secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938)—1, C. J. Burnley (S.); 2, B. F. Barwell (D.); 3, B. W. Harding (H.).

Time: 30 7/10 secs.

100 YARDS (11½ secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938)—1, C. J. Burnley (S.); 2, B. F. Barwell (D.); 3, G. K. Maddrell (W.).

Time: 12½ secs.

95 YARDS HURDLES (2ft. 6ins.) (16 secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938)—1, J. A. Wallis (W.); 2, C. J. Burnley (S.); 3, J. D. Wightman (C.).

Time: 17½ secs.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (6 lbs.) (37ft. 3½ins., W. N. Hudson, 1944)—1, D. D. Teare (H.); 2, C. J. Burnley (S.); 3, B. F. Barwell (D.).

Distance: 29ft. 8½ins.

HIGH JUMP (4ft. 6ins., A. M. Watterson, 1948)—1, J. D. Wightman (C.); 2, C. J. Burnley (S.); 3, B. F. Barwell (D.).

Height: 4ft. 3½ins.

LONG JUMP (15ft. 6ins., W. N. Hudson, 1944)—1, C. J. Burnley (S.); 2, J. D. Wightman (C.); 3, J. A. Wallis (W.).

Distance: 14ft. 4½ins.

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

440 YARDS (71 secs., J. G. Bell, 1949)—1, M. Robinson (J.); 2, R. Corran (J.); 3, J. Wilde (J.) and M. Kelly (J.).

Time: 72½ secs.

220 YARDS ($32\frac{1}{8}$ secs., E. Christian, 1945; C. B. Wood, 1946)—1, M. Robinson (J.); 2, N. J. Howarth (H.); 3, K. J. Spurr (H.).

Time: $33\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

75 YARDS ($9\frac{9}{10}$ secs., P. G. Black, 1940)—1, M. Robinson (J.); 2, M. Lord (H.); 3, J. James (H.).

Time: $10\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

HIGH JUMP (4ft., N. P. De Morgan, 1948)—1, N. J. Howarth (H.); 2, J. Wilde (J.); 3, J. Duncan (H.).

Height: 3ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

LONG JUMP (13ft., $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins., R. V. Joughin, 1939)—1, M. Lord (H.); 2, D. R. Woods (J.); 3, M. Boulton (J.).

Distance: 13ft. $5\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (4 lbs.) (29ft. 3 ins., L. N. Treeby, 1949)—1, J. Duncan (H.); 2, J. Wilde (J.); 3, M. Kelly (J.).

Distance: 24ft. 9 ins.

NOTE—There were insufficient boys under 10 years this year to form a Class V.

INTER-HOUSE RELAYS

The Relay Shield competition was organised on the same lines as last year, the Field events being decided during the Finals and Eliminating rounds for the Athletics Shield, and all the track events on Saturday, 1st April.

The results of the Field events in the Senior Class reached only a moderate standard, but in the Junior Class a general improvement was shown. The Colbourne House Junior teams are to be congratulated on winning all of the Field events.

The track relays, coming so soon after the Athletic Finals days, were a somewhat gruelling test. The rule preventing a boy from being entered for both the Mile and Half-mile events is designed to prevent overstrain, and House Captains are advised to use the same principle, as far as possible, in arranging their teams for the shorter distances. Shortage of man-power can make this difficult of course, as Walters House found this year when their Captain, J. H. Kelly, was absent. Considering the miserable weather conditions on Finals days, the races were very well contested, and the times recorded were in most cases better than those of last year.

The Relay Shield was won by Colbourne House, the final House order being:—

1.	Colbourne (the holders)	82 points
2.	School	62 "
3.	Walters	58 "
4.	Hunt	$35\frac{1}{2}$ "
5.	Dickson	$32\frac{1}{2}$ "

Once again our thanks to all Masters who assisted in the organisation and conduct of the meeting and to all those boys who carried out their essential 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, School; 4, Walters; 5, Dickson.Time: 5 mins. 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.*Junior*—1, School; 2, Colbourne; 3, Dickson; 4, Hunt; 5, Walters.

Time: 5 mins. 13 secs.

4 x 880 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Dickson; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Walters.Time: 9 mins. 52 $\frac{7}{10}$ secs.*Junior*—1, Colbourne; 2, Dickson; 3, Walters; 4, Hunt; 5, School.Time: 10 mins. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

4 x 440 YARDS RELAY:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson.

Time: 4 mins. 6 secs.

Junior—1, School; 2, Colbourne; 3, Walters; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt.Time: 4 mins. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

4 x 220 YARDS HURDLES RELAY:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Hunt; 4, Walters; 5, Dickson.

Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, Hunt; 4, School; 5, Dickson.Time: 2 mins 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY:

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

Time: 54 secs.

FIELD EVENTS

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

HIGH JUMP:

Senior—1, Walters; 2, Colbourne; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson.Total Height: 14ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*Junior*—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson.Total Height: 14ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

LONG JUMP:

Senior—1, Walters; 2, Colbourne; 3, School; 4, Dickson & Hunt.Total Distance: 49ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*Junior*—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Hunt; 4, Walters; 5, Dickson.

Total Distance: 50ft. 5ins.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt.(12lb.) Total Distance: 98ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*Junior*—1, Colbourne; 2, School; 3, Walters; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt.

(8lb.) Total Distance: 111ft. 3ins.

THROWING THE DISCUS:

Senior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Hunt; 5, Dickson.

(1.5 kilo.) Total Distance: 273ft. 8ins.

Junior—1, Colbourne; 2, Walters; 3, School; 4, Dickson; 5, Hunt.

(1 kilo.) Total Distance: 292ft. 9ins.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

REVIEW OF SEASON, SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER, 1949

Played 12; Won 5; Drawn 0; Lost 7

Points: For 103; Against 166

SCHOOL MATCHES

Matches at College—

Tues., Oct. 18th—St. Bees School	Lost	3—12
Sat., Oct. 22nd—Rossall School	Lost	3—37
Sat., Oct. 29th—Birkenhead School	Lost	9—14
Sat., Nov. 19th—Merchant Taylors' School		
Crosby	Lost	9—20
Sat., Dec. 3rd—Wallasey Grammar School ...	Lost	6—13

Away Match (day-trip by air)—

Sat., Nov. 5th—Ellesmere College (at		
Ellesmere	Won	21— 6

Christmas Tour—

Sat., Dec. 17th—Stonyhurst College (at		
Stonyhurst)	Lost	0—20
Mon., Dec. 20th—Liverpool College	Won	12— 8

CLUB MATCHES

Sat., Oct. 1st—J. H. Radcliffe's XV (Home)	Won	9— 6
Sat., Oct. 8th—Chester R.F.C. "A" (Home)	Won	18— 3
Sat., Oct. 15th—Waterloo "A" (Home)	Lost	0—19
Sat., Nov. 26th—Old Boys' XV ... (Home)	Won	13— 8

It was a disappointing season. A number of matches were lost by small margins and could easily have been changed into wins but for stupid mistakes. The weaknesses of last year were again apparent. Last year's scrum-half, who ought to have been good this year, left at an early age. This, one of the key positions, proved to be a thorny problem for a long time until out of the three candidates, J. P. Waterson gradually improved. The only possible fly-half, G. Thorp, who was inclined to be slow but had good hands, survived the first few matches and then had to retire from the game with a seriously injured ankle; for the second year in succession J. L. Crighton had to leave his natural position in the centre and fill the fly-half position. The whole back-division lacked thrust and could not drive home its attacks; it lacked too, the necessary Rugby sense for sizing up the opposition, and seizing upon its weaknesses and profiting by opponent's mistakes; in fact the reverse held good, and it was our opponents who underlined our mistakes by scoring from them, notably in the Rossall game, and against Wallasey when the game was in our hands, ten minutes from the end, when the interception of a lobbed-pass and another mistake, saw them run out the eventual winners by 13 pts. to six points. The two glaring faults of the backs this season were the lobbed-pass and the blind-pass, sent over the shoulder without a glance, usually straight into the hands of an intelligent opponent.

Fortunately many learnt much from their mistakes, and those who will be returning next season have improved out of all recognition, and we hope that the Seven which goes to London in April will give a good account of itself. Before leaving the backs it must be added that the Rugby authorities eschewed the temptation to poach the younger backs from the Colts XV who showed promise.

The forwards were nearly as big a problem, for they failed in three vital points: they did not heel the ball cleanly when they did heel; they did not get the ball from the loose scrums—perhaps the most vital of all their functions—and they were beaten in almost every line-out because they would not, or could not, jump for the ball. The old problem of binding the 6ft. forwards and the 5ft. 6ins. forwards into a homogeneous whole was never really solved.

Once again history was made this year when the 1st XV and the Colts XV travelled together at half-term in a 32-seater Dakota on a day-trip to play Ellesmere College in Shropshire. Leaving at 9 a.m. the party flew to Turnberry Aerodrome, near Shrewsbury, and “bussed” to Ellesmere: the 1st XV won by 21 points to six and the Colts after a great struggle won by 6 points to 5: this was a great battle and College led by the winning score during the whole of the second half. The whole party was back in the Island by 5.30 p.m. Ellesmere were excellent hosts and the teams had lunch and tea there; everybody felt that this was a notable experiment. During the flight the boys walked up in pairs to the forward flying compartment where they were initiated into the mysteries of flying by the two pilots and the wireless operator. To any anxious parents we would say that such a trip is far less alarming than the old half-term sea-trips in the good ship “Mona,” when the XV was hurled about in the vortex of a South-Westerly gale in the middle of the Irish Sea—in November!

Further history was made when the Colts XV joined the 1st XV on a Christmas Tour. The Colts were the guests of Liverpool Collegiate School and K.W.C. parents; the 1st XV were the guests of Stonyhurst College and later stayed at the Blossoms Hotel, Chester. The Colts won both their matches against Liverpool Collegiate School and Merchant Taylors Colts, finishing up the season with the good record of five wins out of five; but they did not play the Colts of Stonyhurst, Rossall or St. Bees.

At the end of last season, Mr. Boulter, who had coached the Colts for the last 25 years, except during the war, retired, and Mr. Boyns succeeded him this season. We would like to thank Mr. Boulter for so many years of devoted service to College Rugby. He has now joined the ranks of the critics on the touch-line!

Once again we thank all Masters who have helped to take grounds this season, and especially Mr. Jackson who organised the Knowles Cup Competition and who referees the 1st XV matches so well—a thankless task!

1st XV CHARACTERS

R. N. WATERS (1947, 1948, 1949), (12 st. 2 lbs.)—Back-row Forward, Captain. Has proved himself to be a good Captain on and off the field in a difficult year. The cares of leading a XV, which does a good deal of flying and touring, coupled with the duties of host to

seven visiting sides, all of whom stayed for a "long week-end"—there can be few Schools in the country with such a record of entertaining—did not improve his game; but he has since returned to his old vigour, and has improved his speed, handling, and work in the lines-out. A very useful punter of the ball.

D. C. LOWEY (1948, 1949), (12 st. 2 lbs.)—Hooker. Did some valuable work as Hon. Sec. He is a vigorous player and a splendid hooker, but he has not eradicated his old fault of handling in the scrum. He has increased his speed and improved his handling; has played some fine games and was invaluable in the loose mauls and the bad weather. May go a long way.

J. L. CRIGHTON (1948, 1949), (11 st. 6 lbs.)—Fly-half. For yet another year he was forced to fill this position, this time through the injury to Thorp. He is too slow off the mark for a fly-half, but his good passing, kicking, and courageous tackling and falling, proved invaluable. Is a powerful drop-kicker but does not use it enough. He is a natural centre with a fine physique who may do well in Australia.

R. D. NELSON (1949), (11 st. 2 lbs.)—Left-wing three-quarter. Unlucky not to get his Cap through injury last year, he quickly showed that he could be a match-winner with his speed; unfortunately the machinery which should have given him the ball did not begin to work until the end of the season, when he was again injured. Has overcome his two great faults, his tendency to over-run the pass, and his weakness in tackling. Must now learn to kick with both feet and to play on either wing. Must stick to the game after leaving. A good place-kicker. Promising.

J. LANDON (1948, 1949), (11 st. 10 lbs.)—Full back. This is not really his position but towards the end of the season he played some excellent games, his great speed surprising his opponents; his old fault of weak tackling was never really conquered. He should be a wing, but he slows up when about to be tackled and thus loses what would be certain tries. He is an excellent goal-kicker but a poor touch-finder. May do very well with his splendid physique and speed if he tackles his faults and finds his right place.

D. C. BARDSLEY (1949), (11 st. 10 lbs.)—Forward. A powerfully built forward who could always be relied upon to go all out. He played in the front row or the second row. Good in the loose, he improved his dribbling and tackled well, but he must improve his handling and kicking. Promising.

J. P. WATTERSON (1949), (8 st. 8 lbs.)—Scrum-half. He made up for his lack of physique by his courage. It took him a long time to settle down and improve his game, and he has not yet learnt that most valuable of all scrum-half's attainments—the sending out of long and accurate passes direct from the base of the scrummage; he must practise this before next season begins. Is learning to use the blind-side and the tactical and defensive kick. A useful tackle who falls on the ball well.

L. S. QUIRK (1949), (10 st. 5 lbs.)—Forward. He is a glutton for hard work and has a useful turn of speed; no opponent could injure him. A good dribbler but more often than not he kicked the ball

dead into touch-in-goal; he must learn the science of the game. Much of his fast running with the ball came to nothing because he will hang on to the ball too long. A good tackle.

J. M. NELSON (1949), (10 st. 0 lbs.)—Forward. A much improved player who has a useful turn of speed and much courage. A good tackle, he did invaluable work in the loose mauls, but he must learn to improve his taking and giving of a pass, and his kicking. Though a good dribbler, he must learn to control the ball near the opponents' line. Promising.

K. G. COOPER (1949), (9 st. 12 lbs.)—Centre-three-quarter. His real place is on the wing where his good tackling was invaluable, but he filled a vacancy in the centre satisfactorily. His passing has improved, but he must learn to make openings for his wing and to take a pass safely. His tactical and defensive kicking must be improved.

N. A. SHAH (1949), (9 st. 10 lbs.)—Forward. Though rather small for a forward, he has a useful turn of speed, good hands and goes all-out throughout the game. Must learn to improve his dribbling and his jumping in the line-out. A good tackler and faller on the ball.

R. G. KNEALE (1949), (12 st. 2 lbs.)—Centre-threequarter. He filled the position satisfactorily towards the end of the season, but he is too prone to injury with his weak knee. He has good hands but does not make enough openings for his wing, preferring to go on his own; might make a good forward. A good kick, he uses it too much, frequently sending the ball into the opposition's hands. Tackling variable.

G. A. CUBBON (1949), (11 st. 10 lbs.)—Forward. His chief value to the side was his good scrummaging. He must speed up his game in the loose, his handling of the ball, and his touch-kicking. A useful tackle and dribbler. A good place-kick.

T. D. A. THOMPSON (1949), 10 st. 6 lbs.)—Wing-three-quarter. A most unlucky player with regard to injuries. He has a useful turn of speed and abounding energy and courage; a fine tackle. He should now improve his handling of the ball and his kicking.

H. H. CORLETT (1949), (11 st. 0 lbs.)—Forward. Though rather slow in the loose, he is a good scrummager. Could be relied upon to go hard throughout a game and improved a good deal during the term. Must now learn to handle the ball and to kick.

COLTS XV

Played 5; Won 5

Points for: 77; Points against: 16

Sat., Nov. 5th—Ellesmere	(Away)	Won	6—5
Sat., Nov. 12th—Liverpool College	(Home)	Won	17—3
Sat., Dec. 10th—Liv'pool Collegiate	(Away)	Won	25—5
Sat., Dec. 17th—Liv'pool Collegiate	(Away)	Won	18—0
Mon., Dec. 19th—Merchant Taylors'	(Away)	Won	11—3

For the first time since the end of the war it has been possible to provide 5 matches for the Colts XV. It is essential for the success of future 1st XV's that the Colts should be given as much match practice as possible. Lessons learned in the heat of battle, with

mistakes made, and corrected after the game are the things which help to build future good XV's.

Though praise must be given for good work done, the Colts must not be complacent with their five wins. It must be remembered that they did not meet the Colts of Rossall, St. Bees or Stoneyhurst, always our most difficult 1st XV fixtures. Although much was learnt the defence was weak and few of the backs knew how to give or take a pass correctly and they all tended to crowd each other towards the touchline. The forwards improved towards the end of the season, but they failed in two of their most important duties; getting the ball from the loose scrum and from the lines-out.

The enthusiasm shown by the Colts was encouraging and they made rapid strides as the term advanced. Next year they will add St. Bees and Rossall to their Fixture List.

Whitehead was a sound Captain and Graham was a helpful and efficient "ground-captain."

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Senior House Matches were again run on the league system as the table below shows. This year there were some hard games in which good, clean football was played, a change after last year's over-robust and even rough play.

In the first round Dickson beat a weak and small Hunt House XV by 21 points to 18, and School and Colbourne had a good battle, the evenly-balanced Colbourne backs being able to control the play and win by 8 pts to nil, Watterson J. P. scoring a good try which Waldron converted, and Crighton dropping a goal.

In the second round School House defeated Dickson by 44 points to nil and Walters beat Hunt 33—3. In the third round Walters easily defeated Dickson 29-8 and Colbourne beat Hunt 31-5. In the fourth round Colbourne overwhelmed Dickson, scoring 69 points to 6 points but Walters and School had a dour battle which ended in a 3—3 draw. Kelly J. H. scored a good try for Walters and Landon did likewise for School.

The fifth round proved to be virtually a final between Walters and Colbourne: at this stage Colbourne only needed a draw whereas Walters could still win the shield by an outright victory. The other Houses were out of the running. The game between Walters and Colbourne proved to be the best House Match for some seasons, good football being played by both sides and an admirable spirit being shown. The tackling was always hard and Thompson on the Walters side was unlucky to be injured early on and had to retire from the game before half-time. Walters scored after a good run by Shimmin F., the try not being converted. There was no further score before half-time but Colbourne changed over to have the advantage of a strong wind behind them. Crighton made a long touch near the corner-flag and from the line-out the backs gained possession, the ball passing along the line, and Waldron cut-through to score an unconverted try. Soon afterwards the move was repeated, Waldron again scoring a good try which he converted; he later added a penalty goal. In the same round School House gained a moderate win 18-9 over Hunt House.

	School	Colbourne	Dickson	Walters	Hunt
School		Lost 0-8	Won 44-0	Drawn 3-3	Won 18-9
Colbourne	Won 8-0		Won 69-8	Won 11-3	Won 31-5
Dickson	Lost 0-44	Lost 8-69		Lost 8-29	Won 21-18
Walters	Drawn 3-3	Lost 3-11	Won 29-8		Won 33-3
Hunt	Lost 9-18	Lost 5-31	Lost 18-21	Lost 3-33	

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Junior House Matches were again played on the league system. Colbourne were clearly the best side defeating School House 45 pts. to nil, Walters 35 pts. to 9 pts., Hunt 81 pts. to nil, and Dickson 15 pts. to 5 pts. Walters and Dickson drew 6-6, and both Walters and Dickson beat School and Hunt.

	School	Colbourne	Dickson	Walters	Hunt
School		Lost 0-45	Lost 0-36	Lost 0-25	Won 37-3
Colbourne	Won 45-0		Won 15-5	Won 35-9	Won 81-0
Dickson	Won 36-0	Lost 5-15		Drawn 6-6	Won 56-0
Walters	Won 25-0	Lost 9-35	Drawn 6-6		Lost 23-0
Hunt	Lost 3-37	Lost 0-81	Lost 0-56	Lost 0-23	

THE J. M. KNOWLES CUP

The standard of kicking was of a generally low level probably due to some extent to a strong cross-wind. The present test demands very great accuracy and takes little account of power or style but a change of the rules may remedy this.

Results:—

Senior:		Junior:	
Dickson	25 pts.	Colbourne	12 pts.
Colbourne	16 pts.	Walters	11 pts.
Hunt	16 pts.	Dickson	10 pts.
Walters	9 pts.	School	7 pts.
School	7 pts.	Hunt	6 pts.

Taking an aggregate of points the final order was Dickson, Colbourne, Hunt, Walters, School. Cubbon G. A. kicked well for the Dickson Senior team scoring 16 pts.

J.L.R.

HOCKEY

In the Lent term we had our usual brief season of Hockey. We had five pitches this year. Games were arranged, on an inter-House basis as far as possible, for the age groups not engaged in Athletics or "Sevens." Hockey is immensely popular, and the matches were contested with great keenness.

Kelly J. H. (W.), Captain of Hockey, and the House Captains, Fitt (S.), Scott I. (C.), Turner J. (D.) and Corlett H. H. (H.), deserve commendation for the great amount of work they put in on behalf of their House teams.

We thank Mr. Boulter, Mr. Bowsher, Mr. Foston, Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Watkins for supervising and umpiring, and the groundsmen for their efforts to keep the pitches and equipment in good condition.

FIVES—1950

Captain: J. Landon.

Now that Fives balls and gloves are again plentiful the courts have been in much use, and it is gratifying to see the number of younger boys who play. The main event of the term was the Fives Competition, where School, Colbourne and Walters all had strong teams. In the first round, Walters beat Colbourne by 9 points in a close match, School getting a bye. In the second round, School and Walters beat Dickson and Hunt respectively. In the final, School beat Walters by a handsome margin, mainly due to their excellent Juniors.

Walters Colbourne	}	Walters Hunt	}	Walters	}	School
		School Dickson	}	School		

Fives is a shield that is won by the House which does the most practice, and thus School House, who practised throughout the year deserve their success.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Looking through *ISIS*, an undergraduate magazine published weekly in Oxford, we were delighted to find mentioned among the (necessarily?) brief accounts of O.U. Sporting activities the name of an O.K.W. Robin Cain, it seems, has taken up Archery. This is, no doubt, in itself praiseworthy, but one sentence, though casually descriptive, strikes an alarming note. The arrows, we are told, that were used in this particular contest, were tipped with corks. The Oxford scene, then, is easy to conjure up. Modern metal bottle tops are obviously unsuitable as arrow-heads, and corks must be collected for these new yeomen. Other bottles have to be emptied, bottles containing stronger, headier brews than the simple yeoman's ale.

Now we do not mention this in any attempt at levity, nor are we trying by underhand methods to smirch reputations. We do not even suggest that it in any way adumbrates or partly explains a startling athletic tribute paid by Oxford to a Cambridge O.K.W.—P. W. Heald—who was awarded last term his Hertford College 1st XV Rugger colours.

Recalling, though, the uncertain aura of righteousness gained by writing a letter last term, we must explain further if we are to escape the epithet "ungracious" for this our welcome to a sister University at last resuming its ingenue role as correspondent in these pages. Hertford, though two men short when they came to play a return fixture against Downing, won comfortably — with the aid of two Downing men, Heald and another.

A meeting was held this term when a quorum of the Society took coffee in Heald's room. Aptly enough a jorum was also provided. Next term a larger attendance is expected—members in search of a magnum. Heron is now master of his umbrella and Gelling has taken to an entrenching tool. We trust that he carries this in connection with archaeology and not for corrective purposes in his supervisions. But whatever our idiosyncrasies, May, which will embrace us all equally with the cold arms of the Tripos, draws inevitably nearer. So with unfading memories of the joys of College cricket, or non-cricket, to prop us in this misfortune we must try to do some work. It must be started some time. We really must do some this Vac.

CANTABRIGIENSES.

OXFORD LETTER

We must apologise for the delay in writing. This year our Family is indeed large enough to make a letter worth while, though perhaps we shall succeed in making you doubt it. Joint activities of different kinds have been more interesting than our individual efforts and if this is only to be expected, it is also in at least one way a pity.

St. Mary's Hospital "A" XV has provided a welcome and frequent stimulus, never mind to what. Robin Crellin and Eric Chapman come to support and Roy Costain plays, but in the evening the rôles are reversed and it becomes obvious that a rugger tie is not the only one that can be well earned, that pink elephants are not imaginary animals. As one of our better known P.P.E. lecturers might say "What else do you suppose those peculiar creatures could be?"

If that is a remark only a John's man would understand, no matter for most of us are at St. John's; Cain A. R., Craine, Clague, Nelson, Crellin—not Robin—and Farrer. Farrer you may have forgotten; here he is better known than any of us. At the breakfast table he can be heard thus addressing a Socialist student of Divinity who has been reading the DAILY HERALD aloud; "Utterly fantastic and ridiculous . . . !" Pete's voice is the opposite of inaudible; his appearance remains as striking as his elbows on the rugger field.

Outside John's there is David White at Merton and the other Costain at Corpus. An announcement in the last BARROVIAN will tell you how the former passes his time. Costain, meanwhile, bangs them in unerringly from the right wing; he has had a soccer trial and ensured attention by concussing himself. Piehler is at Magdalen and Bealby-Wright at the Ruskin School of Art; each could say plenty about the other, but there is no place for scandal in an Oxford letter; enough to mention that the unbalance between the sexes troubles them less than it does you and me. We have Stewardson at Exeter and Moulton at St. Peter's Hall. Moulton had a birthday last term which his scout, certainly, will not have forgotten. This term he was heard in the Town Hall heckling Keeling (Keeling by the way is one of Joe's boys). Jones P. B. has also been publicly active, in the Union and at O.U.C.A., where, we learn, his North Country accent has deeply impressed the more convenient Conservative types. With him at Keble, living one above the other, are Neil Scott and Corkill J. E. M. Neil becomes readily convulsed when describing how he stroked Keble's 2nd Torpid into the back of Teddy's Hall II and sent them to the bottom with all hands; "bump," of course, does not usually mean "sink."

There have been visitors during the term from the Fens and elsewhere. Leslie Smith joined a Sabbath-breaking expedition to Thame for a game of rugger against Mr. Mullen's House. Horowitz, Cregeen and Vondy Corkill called at different times; Crellin M. has discovered that the "Lamb and Flag" is something more substantial than the emblem of our favourite College, but this we will gladly prove to anyone.

OXONIENSIS.

LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY

In response to a request from the Principal, and also we hope to a long felt want, we have collected together, from out of the approximate twelve mile square of greater London, students of London University who are O.K.W.'s. This letter, like those of our provincial friends, undertakes the task of informing you, the readers, who these students are and also in what manner they spend their time. This, may we say, is no easy task.

We shall first turn to the member whom we believe has passed the most student years in London. R. Q. Crellin is a "medical" at St. Mary's Hospital where he may be seen partaking of coffee twice per morning between brief moments spent in the library. He plays rugger, water polo, and is a fine swimmer. March is the month when he sets out to combat the examiners for the final time. W. R. Costain and R. R. A. Coles also attend the same medical school. The former plays rugger, is a welter weight boxer, and is a member of the dramatic society. He has still many years to pass in London before he may write those magical letters after his name. The latter came up to London only a short time ago but has already distinguished himself by being a member of the Leander Club and winning the open sculls for the United Hospitals. He is now fully occupied by the sailing club and with a young lady, whose name we are afraid we do not know, with whom he was seen walking from Paddington station on a Monday mid-day laden with suitcases, and to whom he has subsequently become engaged. On this latter issue may we offer him our heartiest congratulations.

Still keeping to medical students P. G. M. Gaffikin has been attending Westminster Hospital medical school perhaps for no better reason than that institution lacked a cox for their rowing club. Our last medical breaks out into another sphere. W. F. Airey is at Guy's Hospital studying to become a dentist, one of those who are a terror to most citizens and the object of much criticism in the national press.

We must now turn to applied scientists. There are four of this species at the Imperial College of Science and Technology. At the City and Guilds branch we find A. E. Chapman, who has graduated once already, and is now studying chemical engineering from a vantage point, conveniently overlooking, and not so conveniently overhearing, the Royal College of Music. He plays rugger now and then but more fully occupies his time rowing. Also at the same branch is D. C. Greenfield, a prominent member of the dramatic society, a player of considerable amount of squash and hockey, and, it has been whispered, a reader of electrical engineering when the opportunity offers. At a second branch, the Royal School of Mines is R. D. Butler, who according to the most reliable, and only, source of information "takes an active interest in union functions." This we may inform readers is a full day's and night's work. At yet a third branch, the Imperial College of Science, hangs J. S. Fitt. He is a chemist and would not, perhaps, classify himself as an applied scientist, although we feel he would not deny chemistry is applied. He will be playing cricket next term, and, we most sincerely hope enjoying better health than he did last year, when he was, unfortunately, indisposed for a period. Another applied scientist, E.

R. W. Ferguson, arrives at Battersea Polytechnic each day for the purpose of increasing considerably the average height of the students, and to work for a degree in civil engineering at all available opportunities.

Our final member is a cross between an artist and an applied scientist. S. Redmayne is reading architecture at the Regent Street Polytechnic. We know little about him in the London sphere, except that he appears to be arriving at an extremely late hour in the morning to study that most important of Mr. Bevan's projects!

Who's Who must now close. We know it is incomplete, and even as this goes to press, another edition will be pending. Time, like the waters of the river, where in a few days some of our fellow letter writers will be striving against each other, flows swiftly past. We can wait no longer. We also must pass, pass on through the door of the tavern into the evening-mist and grime of a London street.

LONDIVITATES.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *The Barrovian*.

Sir,

Once again, I was delighted to receive the first 1950 issue of the K.W.C. magazine, especially as it contains the G.K. paper.

But for me, as for Hamlet, there's a "rub." On reading through the G.K. questions my delight was transmuted in quick stages to puzzlement, brain-fever, disillusionment, disappointment, and finally exasperation.

Reason: every bloomin' question was a literary or historical obscurity veiled in indirect allusion and misleading verbosity. I thought these questions were intended for young boys from twelve to eighteen years old, but apparently the "BARROVIAN" has a wider and rather more erudite public than it had some years ago, when I and many others used to derive keen pleasure from pitting our mental resources against the compilers in what was then a genuine "general knowledge" paper.

Do the modern Barrovians have no knowledge of affairs outside their own little sphere? Apparently they are not even expected to know anything about their own school or its island home. It would seem that they move about in a narrow circle inhabited by Copperfields, and Queens, witticisms in Punch and "Alice in Wonderland," "Bubbles" and Bibles. Untouched and unmoved by the great mass of events, affairs, facts, circumstances, traditions, and situations which form the past and present of this very interesting (though slightly tragic) world, they appear to be a smug, complacent lot who can tell you without thinking "of what fault in the comparison of adjectives Alice was guilty"; or "what swindle led to a suicide in a hot bath." But could they tell us the weaknesses in the present juvenile reform system, or what the modern German thinks of Britain; could they describe America's part in the hydrogen-bomb armaments race, or forecast the result of the 1950 General Election?

Judging by the questions, they couldn't. And I am sorry for that.

I would like you (if only for sheer devilment) to print this letter. I realise that I am liable to the quite legitimate charge that I am grumbling merely because I was able to answer only a few of the 180 or so questions. I risk that.

Yours sincerely,

F. B. SEWARD (O.K.W. 1926-30).

[The compiler of the G.K.P. will, we are sure, be grateful for these useful suggestions. The experiments of the LIV in juvenile delinquency, and the attempts of the Chemistry VIth at a Hydrogen Bomb race would certainly shake the "smug lot" out of their complacency (to say nothing of their parents), and would infinitely transcend the "little sphere" of the Bible, the Literature of our country, and the History of the World—ED.]

O.K.W. SEVENS FUND

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