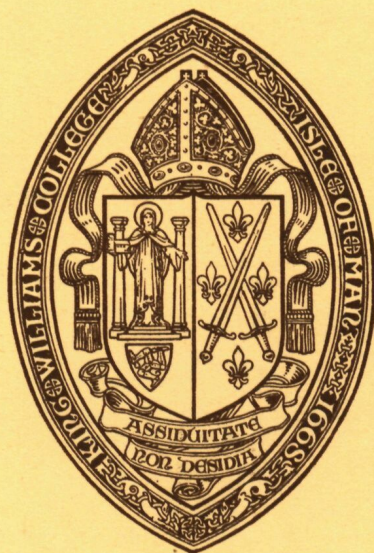


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RANDOM NOTES

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



Mr. J. D. Qualtrough, C.B.E., Speaker of the House of Keys, gave a short talk to the School on December 11th. He spoke about his experiences in London when he was invited to the opening of the New House of Commons, and his anecdotes and impressions were extremely interesting.



Hearty congratulations to T. D. A. Thompson (Walters House) who has been successful in gaining a Royal Navy Cadetship (Special Entry) to Dartmouth College, in an executive capacity.



We also congratulate B. D. Galbraith, the Captain of Athletics, on winning the Class I Steeplechase and the Inter-School Steeplechase for the third year in succession. Reid, G. and Vick also ran particularly well to win Classes II and III respectively.

Two films have been shown so far this term.

They were "Quartet" on Saturday, Jan. 20th.

"Passport to Pimlico" on Saturday, Feb. 10th.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Pritchard and his helpers for operating the projector.



Congratulations to Walters House on winning the Senior Rugger Shield, to Dickson House who gained the Junior Rugger Shield and the Steeplechase Shield and to Hunt House on winning the Knowles Kicking Cup.



One "free-half" has been given this term on Friday, February 27th.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head of School: R. N. Waters.

Head of Hostel: R. N. Waters.

Praepositors: R. N. Waters, T. D. A. Thompson, I. Dunkerley, J.

M. Nelson, F. R. Shimmin, W. S. Clucas, B. D. Galbraith, G. S.

Moore, G. Thorp.

Sub-Praepositors: G. A. Cubbon, G. W. P. Waldron, B. Corrin, L. C.

Cowley, P. W. Dodsworth, M. L. Lay, J. P. Watterson.

Captain of Steeplechasing and Athletics: B. D. Galbraith.

Captain of Rugger and Fives: R. N. Waters.

Captain of Hockey: G. Thorp.

Editor of Barrovian: W. S. Clucas.

Senior Librarian: W. S. Clucas.

Tuckshop Manager: F. R. Shimmin.

SALVETE

JANUARY, 1951

School House: Arthur, J. T. (UIVa).

Colbourne House: Wilkins, D. L. (MIVa).

Junior House: Green, J. R. K. (II).

Hunt House: Arthur, H. C. (LIVa); Crookall, R. E. N. (III); Honey, C. J. (II); Honey, P. J. (MIVb); Wheeler, D. G. C. (II).

VALETE

DECEMBER, 1950

D. S. Bond (1949-50)—Dickson, LVb.

J. Carine (1945-50)—Hunt, LVI.

A. B. Crookall (1943-50)—Junior-School, LVb.

B. A. Ellis (1945-50)—Walters, LVI.

- R. P. Hilditch (1944-50)—Junior-Hunt, LVb.
D. A. Newby (1947-50)—School, LVI.
B. C. Radcliffe (1942-50)—Junior-School, UVI.

JANUARY, 1951

- E. H. Corkill (1948-51)—Hunt, LIVa.

O.K.W. NEWS

Congratulations to:—

- P. S. Nelson (1939-48, Walters) on being appointed a Casberd exhibitor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at St. John's College, Oxford.
J. G. Podmore (1932-35, Walters) on winning 3rd prize in the examinations held in connection with the Gilbert Lectures on Banking, 1950.
R. D. Butler (1941-47, Colbourne) on being awarded a Vacation Research Scholarship in Extraction Metallurgy by the Nuffield Foundation.
J. S. Fitt (1937-40, School) on being awarded a Scholarship at the Imperial College of Science, London.
and to:—
A. Aplin (1925-27) on being awarded the T.D.
J. B. Garside (1913-17) on being elected to the Board of Directors of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. Ltd.

Forthcoming Tournament

The Annual Golf Match of the Liverpool Society for the "Monsarrat" cup will take place on the course of the Leasowe Golf Club, Wallasey, on Friday, 4th May, followed by a dinner and the Annual General Meeting. Full details from the Secretary, G. F. Harnden, 35, Victoria Street, Liverpool, 1.

Mrs. T. A. Quayle has become a Life Member of the "Friends of the College" Association.

Marriages

- W. G. Petty (1933-37) on March 25th, 1950.
A. H. Hack (1936-44) on October 5th, 1950.
W. J. M. Scott (1929-35) on November 4th, 1950.

Births

To R. Burton (1937-41) and Jill, on January 31st, 1951, at "Ronaldsway," Mere, Cheshire, a son.

To C. J. Mitchell (1915-24) on 2nd November, 1950, a daughter.

To A. W. Kerruish (1929-30), a son.

To H. P. Qualtrough (1935-42), a daughter.

O.K.W. NEWS

Old Boys are reminded that the end of term week-end this summer will be July 27th—31st.

There is reason to believe that this year marks the Centenary of College cricket so it is hoped that there will be no difficulty in raising the two Old Boys XIs needed. The dates of the games are July 28th and 30th, and those who can play are requested to send their names in to Mr. S. Boulter at College.

On July 31st there will be the annual Golf Competition for the Old Boys' Cup and a large entry, particularly from Island O.K.Ws., would be very welcome.

On the 30th it is hoped that the Annual General Meeting of the K.W.C. Society will be preceded by the Trustees' Dinner to Old Boys. During this evening it is intended to make a presentation to Major K. S. S. Henderson, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer of the Society for 25 years, on his retirement as Bursar. The Society's fund for this purpose remains open until May 31st, and any donation, up to a maximum of £1, may be sent to R. L. Thomson, Ollerton Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire.

We would like to express our thanks to K. H. Porter (1922-24) who has kindly presented two new College Flags. The flag is always hoisted at the Pavilion flag-staff when matches are being played and Mr. Porter's gift will be very much appreciated because the two original flags, made by his Firm in 1930, have become worn out.

The College Flag was originally designed by W. H. Rylance (1926-29) in the year 1930, and this flag has been flown at the Pavilion ever since.

Manchester O.K.W. Society

The Annual Dinner was held at The Reform Club on Friday, January 5th. The prevailing influenza epidemic and snow in the early part of the week mitigated against a good attendance; in addition a dense fog descended on the outer districts of Manchester on the day itself and this not only deterred members from coming, but unfortunately prevented the Principal and Canon Stenning from making the air journey from the Isle of Man, a fact that was

regretted by all. In the event, 55 turned up under the Chairmanship of the President, E. W. Potterton (1912-20).

The chief guest was Major K. S. S. Henderson, on his retirement from the post of Secretary to the Trustees and Bursar of the College. Other guests were:—S. Boulter, J. B. Nelson, D. W. Usherwood and R. W. Boyns from College, together with G. P. Alder, President of the Barrovian Society, G. F. Thornton, President of the Liverpool Society; and N. G. Thomson, the President of the King William's College Society, who was deputising for W. L. Kelly, President of the London Society, unavoidably prevented from coming. We are very grateful to these gentlemen for travelling long distances and (in the case of the Masters), interrupting their holidays to attend.

The toasts were as follows:—The Loyal Toast (The President); "College" proposed A. Aplin, T.D., response J. B. Nelson, B.A.; K. S. S. Henderson, proposed R. L. Thomson, response K. S. S. Henderson; Our Guests, proposed R. Shillinglaw, response Dr. N. G. Thomson, J.P.

The high quality of the speeches was best exemplified by that of J. B. Nelson, whose quiet, sincere manner made a deep impression on all.

There were present:—

College entry pre 1914:—E. Craven, K. Darwent, J. H. Preston, H. Stonex, W. Stonex, R. Shillinglaw, J. H. Wiles, S. L. Williams, F. Withnall, F. Wood, C. P. Yates.

College entry 1915-30: A. Aplin, W. Ball, J. G. Brown, R. K. Clough, J. Congden, J. M. Cowan, A. N. Dewhurst, H. C. Easton, G. W. Graves, J. F. Hyde, A. H. Jones, R. Kirkpatrick, J. C. A. Ormrod, P. Padfield, N. C. Shillinglaw, R. C. Shepherd, R. Sugden, N. A. Thompson, R. L. Thomson, N. C. Woodhead, R. H. Woods.

College entry 1931-on:—A. B. Acton, F. R. V. Abraham, G. S. Barlow, R. Crellin, J. L. Darwent, E. Lowcock, R. Lowcock, J. D. Lyson, M. W. Machin, J. J. Shepherd, D. J. White.

Liverpool and District Society

The Annual Dinner was held at The Constitutional Club on December 19th. The President, G. F. Thornton (1927-31), was in the Chair.

Major K. S. S. Henderson (1906-09) was the Guest of Honour. Other guests were:—*From College*:—S. Boulter, J. B. Nelson, W. S. Fieldhouse, A. J. Bailey, R. W. H. Boyns and R. G. Dickens. The Barrovian Society was represented by its President, G. P. Alder (1918-20), while J. G. Brown (1917-22) and A. W. Kerruish (1929-30) respectively represented the Manchester and London Societies. A. J. Grant and E. C. Wheeler were other Guests.

Members present were:—

College entry pre 1914:—G. Batcheldor, C. E. L. Locke, R. H. Richardson, J. Watterson and C. P. Yates.

College entry 1915-30:—F. S. Adcock, M. Caldwell, J. Congden, H. W. Corkhill, J. C. Dixon, R. Dutton, R. K. Evans, P. H. Ford, G. G. Foulds, E. G. Fowler, L. E. Gadd, G. A. H. Gamble, F. Griffiths, G. F. Harnden, G. C. Humphreys, A. N. Hydes, C. D. Munro, D. C. Parsons, G. F. Porter, K. H. Porter, A. R. Pruddah, J. G. Pugh, N. D. I. Rycroft, A. J. Scholfield, J. S. Skeaping, J. R. Walker, P. E. Wallis, L. Wiard and W. S. Wicks.

College entry 1931-on:—G. Bussey, D. Clay, F. C. Gaskin, W. Gillberry, A. H. Hack, L. R. Hack, C. Hawkins, P. B. Jones, D. M. Kent, J. C. Lowey, W. C. Lowey, K. J. Meadows, W. G. Petty, D. Phillip, R. Phillip, D. B. Roberts, H. D. Ross, E. A. Smith, J. S. Southward and P. Wilkinson.

Obituary

THE VENERABLE W. A. BAKER (MASTER 1892-96).

The death occurred at his home near Sheffield on December 8th, 1950, of the Venerable William Arthur Baker, Archdeacon Emeritus of Sheffield, at the age of 80. He had been educated at Cheltenham and Cambridge, and came to K.W.C. as a master in 1892. He was ordained deacon in 1893, and priest in 1895, both in the Diocese of Sodor and Man. There were at this time four ordained clergy on the College teaching staff. The College had built the chapel at Derbyhaven and used to provide a clergyman every Sunday to conduct the services there. This in term-time was usually taken by Mr. Baker, who became virtually "Vicar of Derbyhaven" and was much beloved by the inhabitants there and remembered with affection for many years.

He left College in 1896, and after a curacy at Ely held three livings in the Diocese of Sheffield, and was Archdeacon of Sheffield from 1938 to 1943, when he retired as Archdeacon Emeritus. He will be remembered by many Old Boys of his time as a kindly teacher (a not very common species in those days), a good sportsman, and a friendly human being. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter, to whom we extend our sympathy. E.H.S.

MAJOR-GENERAL REGINALD GEORGE BURTON

(1875-79, SCOTT'S NOW WALTERS)

We sincerely regret to record the death of Brigadier-General R. G. Burton at his home, Hambrook House, Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire. He was a member of a famous military family, many members

of which, including his eight brothers, had served with distinction in the Indian Army. He was born at Daventry in 1864. On leaving school he went to "cram" for Sandhurst which he entered in 1885. He served two years in Jamaica and Barbados, but in 1887 transferred to the Indian Army, where his heart had always been set. He was mainly occupied in the Civil Service branch, and in particular in writing up several campaigns for the History of the Indian Army, including the History of the General Staff and the Hyderabad Contingent. At the same time privately he began to write three volumes on the campaigns of Napoleon, one of which, that on the Italian campaign, is still the standard work.

In 1893 he made a special trip to Russia to follow the path of Napoleon's march to Moscow. He was examiner in military history and strategy for the Indian Staff College. In the first world war he was appointed A.A. and Q.M.G. for the 13th Division in Gallipoli and was delighted to find himself being transported thither in the "Mona's Queen" which had carried him to and from school. He was mentioned in dispatches, but had to come home "invalided from the effects of war." He returned in just over a year to take command of Wellington, India, and later to be C-in-C Madras area.

He retired from the Army in 1920, and went to live at Charlton Kings. He was a big game hunter, naturalist, and author of distinction.

He killed many tigers and was an authority on the life-history, habits, and control of tigers. His book "The Tiger Hunters" gives an excellent account of K.W.C., a place which he said he remembered with great affection, but like other boys of his period he found the food insufficient, though he had the greatest praise for the efforts of the tuck-shop! In the country around the College, he determined his one ambition in life was to kill tigers!

On retiring he wrote prolifically, had a bird sanctuary in his garden, collected insects, and studied many hitherto undescribed. At the same time he took an active part in public life and was vice-chairman of the Cheltenham General Hospital. His only son is Vice-Provost of Oriel, to whom we offer our deep sympathy in the loss of a so distinguished and famous father. E.H.S.

BERTRAM JOSEPH COURTNEY (1889-1894)

It is sad to record the death on January 21st of a noted O.K.W., Bertram Courtney the son of the late Mr. J. H. Courtney, the Rookery, Altrincham, who entered Principal's House in September, 1889. He was born in 1876 and was the father of another O.K.W., Capt. M. B. Courtney, 3/16th Punjab Regt. R.I., who was killed in action at Shahr Tangi, N.W.F., India on 9th April, 1937.

He left College in 1894 and after a distinguished medical and athletic career at Owen's College, Manchester, and Edinburgh University, where he obtained a Rugby Blue and graduated as M.B., B.Ch. in 1899 and as M.D. in 1903, he proceeded to West Africa and in 1911 became a Medical Officer in the W.A.M.S., in Nigeria.

Whilst there he saw active service against the Bassa Nomos and in the Idowa Hills and was gazetted Captain in the West African Medical Service in 1914, for service in the Cameroons and the East African Campaign until 1919, being promoted to Major in the field and twice mentioned in despatches. He was also with the B.E.F. in France in 1916, being wounded at Thiepval in the Somme engagement and served in hospital and a nursing home for 6 months before returning to E. Africa.

Later he returned to the Nigerian Medical Service and up to his retirement in 1929 was a well known figure at stations as far apart as Naraguta in Nigeria and Victoria in the Cameroons.

During this latter service he was accompanied by his wife, who survives him, and his only son served with the Nigeria Regiment from 1929 to 1934. Later he retired to Shaftesbury and took up a medical appointment in the R.A.F. after serving as ship's surgeon for Elder Dempster Lines. Upon the death of his son he lived for many years in Castletown and was a constant visitor at College and a friend to many visiting Old Boys, especially of Dickson House. Later he moved to Dublin where he died during an attack of influenza.

Doctor Courtney was of a genial disposition and was well liked by all his friends and acquaintances in West Africa and the Isle of Man and he made many friends on his frequent trips to West Africa whilst serving with Elder Dempster Lines.

He was devoted to the College and the Memorial Window in the Chapel, which was dedicated on the 27th March, 1938, in memory of his son, was an expression of his regard for his old school.

A native of County Mayo, he devoted his life to the service of his country in the Colonial Service, Army, Merchant Navy and R.A.F.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow.

J.F.M.

ARNOLD GAMBLE (1884-5, PLEIGNIER'S)

A very prominent citizen of Sheffield has been removed by death at East Retford in the person of Mr. Arnold Gamble, son of J. S. Gamble, steel manufacturer, of Endcliffe, Sheffield. He was born in 1866, and entered College with his brother Bernard in 1884. Although only at College for five terms (he arrived at the advanced age of 18) he became a praepositor, and on leaving College in July, 1885, he went up to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. While at Cambridge, and subsequently, he played for the Corinthians.

He left Cambridge early, to assist his father at their vast forging works. Eventually he became chairman of Moss & Gamble, Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield. He has been Chairman of the Council of British Engineers. He married in 1895 and had three sons and two daughters.

E.H.S.

THE REVEREND CANON D. W. HOBSON (1888-92)

Douglas Walter Hobson was a son of the Vicar of St. Barnabas, Douglas. He came to College (Colbourne House) in 1888. He was from his earliest years anxious to follow his father's footsteps as a clergyman, and specially to become a missionary to sailors. He was an able scholar, an average player of games, a very tall boy, who did not "fill out" and become really strong till he left school. Then he became a fine example of muscular Christianity, very tall, strongly built and as hard as nails. He was a sound English scholar and went to Trinity College, Dublin, where he carried off the University English Literature Prize and the Downe Prize.

On taking his degree he was ordained and became curate of Penwortham, and in 1902 joined the Staff of the Mersey Mission to Seamen. He asked the College to take a special interest in this mission, and for more than twenty years it was supported as the school mission. In 1906 he was appointed vicar of St. Paul's Church, Valparaiso, the church supported by the Church Missions to Seamen, with duties as chaplain to British sailors visiting Chile, as well as providing for the spiritual needs of the British in that city. During his vicariate one of Chile's worst earthquakes took place, and Hobson earned the highest praise and respect for his strenuous efforts physical and spiritual on that terrible occasion.

In 1906 he was appointed Archdeacon of the Falkland Islands, and spent much of his time visiting ports of Chile, Argentine, Uruguay and the Islands, supervising the Island's Churches and the mission work of the seamen. He returned in 1911 as superintendent of the Mersey Mission, and came over to College regularly to give an account of the work of his mission, and of the doings of his sailors at the many homes for merchant seamen under his care. His talks in Chapel, his lantern lectures, his happy breezy manner, his tall striking figure and his fondness for his sailors were features that will never be forgotten by O.K.W.s of the period.

He left the Mersey Mission for less strenuous work in 1921 and accepted the living of Heswell in Cheshire, while still carrying on a large amount of honorary work for his beloved mission. In 1919 he accepted an honorary canonry of Liverpool Cathedral. He went to the vicarage of Eccleston in 1936, and in 1947 through failing health he retired and lived at Oldham in Hampshire. College has every reason to have a pride in his work. His affection and regard for every man and boy in the merchant navy was a matter of admiration, and his enthusiasm was infectious. He served his generation well, was proud of his great calling, and has left behind a host of men to whom he was an inspiration.

E.H.S.

JAMES KEWLEY (1894-1898, MASTER 1902-06)

By the death of James Kewley, the College has lost one of its most distinguished and faithful sons. Born at Castletown in 1879, the son of another O.K.W., G. A. Kewley, manager of Parr's Bank, he went first to Castletown Grammar School, and then won a scholarship to College. Although a very keen sportsman, very early in his school career he had the misfortune to injure his knee seriously, and for a

long time was unable even to walk. During this period he learned Greek from his namesake Archdeacon Kewley, and he always looked upon the learning of Greek as the best thing he ever did for a scientific career.

During his time at College, Kewley came under the influence of Horace Pyne, the science master, an inspiring teacher. (An obituary of Pyne by James Kewley appeared in our last number). The master and his pupil were years ahead of the times, and carried out in the old laboratory over the laundry (now the swimming bath) many series of experiments in the chemistry of benzene and of the rare metals, quite in the manner of the most famous chemists of the time. Further they made an astonishing wireless telegraph set, and actually in 1895 sent Morse messages as far as Port St. Mary. Kewley was a Day Boy, and in 1896 was made a *praeceptor* and Head of the House. He was granted a Leaving Exhibition in 1898, having won a Scholarship at King's College, Cambridge. He won the Vintner Chemistry Exhibition in 1900 together with a Major Scholarship which enabled him, after taking a First Class in the Natural Science Tripos in 1901 and a second in Part II next year to stay on and do research work in Organic Chemistry for a further year. In 1902 he came back to College as Science Master and stayed until 1906. Under his guidance and largely to his design the present Physics and Chemistry laboratories were built.

In 1906 an important chemical post fell vacant in the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, and he was appointed chief chemist on the recommendation of his Cambridge teachers who knew of his (for those days) astonishing knowledge of paraffins and benzene. It was an age of amalgamation consequent upon the coming of motor traction, and many minor companies were eventually combined into the Asiatic Petroleum Company, a branch of Dutch Shell Limited. His small laboratory grew and grew, and ultimately after controlling the Fulham laboratory he went to the vast works at Shellhaven as chief chemist. The work there was a further increase in the multitudinous interest in such a vast chemical trade, varying from an investigation of pitch as an agent in embalming, right through the economic value of the great pitch lake in Trinidad, the production of petrols and very soon aero-spirit by paraffin chain splitting, compounds of pitch and rubber for roads, supplies, relative values, electric insulation powers, plastics. Every phase he had under his capable eye, and he trained a great staff of chemists for one of the most gigantic petrol organisations in the world. He was sent some years ago to Borneo to report upon the oilwells there, and also to Persia to investigate the Persian oil-fields. He wrote "Petroleum and Allied Industries" as well as countless papers in the technical journals.

He was the first of a long and still running series of old K.W.C. boys who have served the Shell Company so well. He set an example of hard, successful and conscientious work together with very high technical and scientific skill, which so much impressed his company that they accepted his old school as a suitable nursery for men in other departments. He was always very proud and very jealous of the honour of his School in the men who joined the Company. Kewley

always took the greatest interest in the College. For several years he was a Governor. He kept in constant communication with us, sent us quantities of very useful apparatus from his own private laboratory and papers of scientific interest for the VIth form.

His life is an example of what a boy, by his hard work and his honourable conduct, can do for his own school in paving the way for those who follow him.

Kewley retired some years ago, and went to live at Bexhill. Unfortunately he developed heart trouble. He returned to his former home at Cheam a few months ago where he died very suddenly in February. To the end he remained a typical Manxman, full of memories of Castletown and its people, self-effacing, dour, devoid of any sense of humour, dignified, completely oblivious of what anybody thought or said of him, precise and neat and the loyalest of friends. College has every reason to be proud of what he accomplished and what he was.

E.H.S.

THE END OF TERM CONCERT

The concert given in the Gym on Saturday, December 16th, will perhaps be best remembered for some hilarious moments later in the evening, when the end of term spirit caught both audience and performers; but this was only the climax to lively performances given earlier by both the orchestra and soloists.

Led by Miss Rydings and conducted by Mr. Watkins, the orchestra contended ably with an arranged version of Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" in the enforced absence of the soloist, though there was an inevitable lack of bite and balance as a result. Of the soloists, R. E. Grandage and B. van Issum gave carefully studied performances, P. J. Watson played Heykens' "Standchen" with pleasing delicacy and E. H. Corkill sang with self-confidence and purity of tone.

J. R. Skillicorn and W. R. Lightfoot set the mood for the latter part of the programme with their carefree singing of Diack's "Jack and Jill," though to describe thus the mood in which the Vice-Principal "ailed the 'appy morn" in "The Carol Singers" would be an understatement. The roar of encores produced three limericks in which, if one was left in some doubt as to the fate of the old man of Nantucket and the young lady of Ryde, there was none whatever about that of the monk of Siberia. The "Tenor and Baritone" duet which the Vice-Principal sang next with F. R. Shimmin was followed by "The Twins," an encore which finished with him on Shimmin's knee and the audience almost on theirs.

In full accordance with this festive spirit, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Watkins, at two pianos, played as an encore to the "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," Arthur Benjamin's "Jamaican Rumba." The

Choir finished with three light-hearted secular carols, a fitting prelude to the last item of any College concert: "College, three cheers for the Holidays." D.W.U.

PROGRAMME

1. Orchestra—"Trumpet Voluntary" *Purcell*
2. Treble Solo—"The Little Road to Bethlehem" *Head*
E. H. CORKILL
3. Piano Solo—"Passepied" *Bach*
"Andante" *Heller*
R. E. GRANDAGE
4. Bass Solo—"The Road to the Isles" *Hebridean Folk Song*
MR. D. W. USHERWOOD
5. Violin Solo—"Standchen" *Heykens*
P. J. WATSON
6. Part Songs—"Rose of England" *Novello*
"The Gay Highway" *Drummond*
THE CHOIR
7. Piano Solo—Slow movement Sonata in G *Beethoven*
B. VAN ISSUM
8. Orchestra—"Christmas Suite" *Rowley*
Prelude: Minuet: Sarabande: Bourree
9. Duet—"Jack and Jill" *Diack*
J. R. SKILLICORN; W. R. LIGHTFOOT
10. Bass Solo—"The Carol Singers" *Sterndale-Bennett*
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL
11. Two Pianos—"Fantasia on Christmas Carols" *Parke*
Messrs. J. F. C. WHEELER and J. J. F. WATKINS
12. Duet—"Tenor and Baritone" *Wilson*
THE VICE-PRINCIPAL; F. R. SHIMMIN
13. Carols—"The Boar's Head" *Traditional*
"The Christmas Waits" *Pitfield*
"Christmas is Coming" *arr. Walford-Davies*
14. School Song

GOD SAVE THE KING

Concert by Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band

If applause be any guide, the very pleasant evening's entertainment given by the Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band on February 22nd was enjoyed by all present. The band, under its conductor, Mr. T. S. Cubbon, showed itself to be a well disciplined force which had at its command a wide range of tone and expression, and a sense of rhythm and co-ordination which is so vital to concerted music.

It was felt by some members of the audience that, as the band had shown itself so pleasant to listen to, it was regrettable that a few more well-known items were not included in the programme; but though there were for many people few easily recognisable tunes, only the most sceptical critic could find fault with the items played.

Variation in the programme was provided by Mr. J. Corrin, ably accompanied by his wife at the piano, whose four well chosen songs demanded changes of mood from the serious to the humorous. Mr Corrin succeeded in a masterly fashion, and his fine voice gave pleasure to all.

The recitations of Mr. I. Quaggin were well worthy of the good reception they received.

All three performers, Band, Soloist, and Elocutionist were fully alive to the need for change of mood and dynamic expression in their respective items.

There was certainly much of value in this concert. Everyone, from the small boy who was very interested to know how long it took to polish the Bass Tuba (it needs four hours!) to the praepositor who summed up the thoughts of all in his vote of thanks, must have been struck by the lack of unnecessary showmanship. The unpretentious way the items were presented made a happy atmosphere which prevailed the whole audience, and with this spirit so strong, any small individual nervousness or shortcomings were hardly perceptible and gladly excused. J.J.F.W.

THE SOCIETIES

Literary and Debating Society

President: W. L. Handyside, Esq.

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Hon.-Secretary: T. D. A. Thompson.

Hon.-Sgt.-at-Arms: R. N. Waters.

The Society has been considerably active so far this term, our first meeting being the occasion of a visit to the Manx Dilettante Debating Society in Douglas. We heard a very interesting debate, Mr. Eason proposing the motion that "The post-war concept of War guilt was wrong."

Our second meeting took the form of a discussion among the Society of various subjects chosen at random.

On 16th February the Douglas High School Debating Society paid us a visit. The motion before the House was that "The removers of the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey were justified in their action." This turned into one of the liveliest and most enjoyable debates we have had for quite a long time.

After Evening Chapel on Sunday, 18th February, the Society went to Douglas by coach. We visited Dr. Alexander Cannon who had kindly agreed to give us some demonstrations on hypnotism.

As for the remainder of the term we are expecting a visit from a party of Old Boys on 1st March and after that there will be one more meeting, the business of which has not yet been decided.

Music Club

President: The Principal.

Vice-President: J. J. F. Watkins, Esq.

Hon.-Secretary: F. R. Shimmin.

Hon.-Treasurer: T. D. A. Thompson.

Committee Members: G. Thorp, P. J. Watson.

Since our last report, four meetings have been held. The first which took place in the Chapel, was a lecture on "The Organ" by the Vice-President. He first told us how the organ originated, and then went on to explain in detail some of the complicated parts of which the organ consists. The last meeting of the Christmas Term took the form of an illustrated lecture by Mr. Usherwood on Handel's "Messiah," which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and attentive audience.

The first meeting of this term was a lecture by Mr. Watson on "Handel" in which he dealt with the life and main works of this composer. The second meeting consisted of a film in three parts entitled "Science in the Orchestra." It is hoped to be able to show an educational musical film at least once a term.

The last meeting of the term will consist of two short lectures; one by the Hon.-Treasurer on "Tschaikowsky" and the other by the Hon.-Secretary on "Manx Songs."

Scientific Society

President: The Vice-Principal.

Vice-President: S. Boulter, Esq.

Chairman: W. S. Fieldhouse, Esq.

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Hon.-Treasurer: J. Cannell.

Committee Members: A. C. Sayle, B. Corrin, G. S. Moore,
J. M. Nelson, G. Thorp.

The last meeting of the Autumn Term as usual took the form of a film show. This was held in the Gym. on Thursday, 30th November, and was enjoyed by all present. Probably the most interesting film

from a general point of view was an American film entitled "This is Aluminium." The commentary was very instructive if perhaps somewhat dramatic. The film was loaned to us by the Aluminium Development Association, who also sent us a box of samples. There were two other interesting films, for the Biologist especially, "The Amoeba" and "The Life Cycle of the Pin Mould," both of which were quite enjoyable.

The first meeting of this term was held in the Chemistry Lecture room when public business took the form of an inter-house Quiz. Each House sent a team of 4 people, one from LV, one from UV and one from each of the Sixth forms. The questions and answers were both interesting and instructive and Naughton (Dickson) is to be highly commended for his scoring of the highest marks possible. The result of the competition proved Dickson the easy winners, Walters and Hunt tying for second place, with School and Colbourne tying for 'last' place. The Question Master was the President, and the Vice-President, Chairman, Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Mogg constituted the adjudication committee. There were present the committee and 84 members.

Gramophone Society

President: The Principal.

Chairman: D. W. Usherwood, Esq.

Hon.-Secretary: T. D. A. Thompson.

The Society has continued to meet fortnightly this term and the chief works of the three programmes have been Schumann's Piano Concerto, Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Prokoviev's "Peter and the Wolf."

Before the end of the term we are to hear a selection introduced by P. Simpson and an edited version of a Gilbert & Sullivan Opera.

Manx Society

President: The Principal.

Chairman: The Vice-Principal.

Hon.-Secretary: R. N. Waters.

Looking back over the records of the Society's meetings since we last made a report, we find that there has been a tendency to wander over a great number of topics which are hardly connected with the Isle of Man. This always happened in the ensuing discussions and is no adverse reflection on the efforts of those who have read papers this term. J. M. Nelson has spoken on fauna in the Island; Cooper showed his knowledge and faith in the banking system; Dunkerley traced "Waldron's passages" under Rushen Castle and discussed the Castle generally; Keig delved into numismatics; Watterson, J., concerned himself with the Royal Manx Fencibles and Moore broke into the dialect of T. E. Brown's poems with some success. Dods-worth produced a detailed discussion on Hall Caine which Clucas followed by giving a vivid description of the Manx Steam Packet Co's fleet. The Hon. Sec. assures the Society that there is no bribery in the sortitions.

Dramatic Society

President: The Principal.
Chairman & Producer: Mrs. S. E. Wilson.
Vice-Chairman: R. Crabtree, Esq.
Hon.-Secretary: F. R. Shimmin.
Hon.-Treasurer: C. Pritchard, Esq.
Stage Manager: J. H. Mogg, Esq.
House Manager: C. W. Jackson, Esq.
Technical Adviser: W. S. Fieldhouse, Esq.
Committee: P. Simpson, L. C. Cowley, B. Jones, D. Edmonds.

Last term the Society produced "Morning Departure," the stirring and dramatic play about the men of the submarine service by Kenneth Woollard. Right up to the time of the first performance the criticism of our selection of play was quite bitter in many circles, as the general opinion seemed to be that it was much too ambitious a project for our limited capabilities, but sufficient is it to say here that afterwards it was hailed as the most successful production ever performed by the Society. Although a full report of the play can be found elsewhere, a special mention must be made of the untiring and enthusiastic work carried out by Mr. Pritchard and his carpenters in building the stage-setting, which really was a masterpiece of carpentry. The scenery was as usual painted by Mr. Crabtree, and the final result was extremely realistic. This play entailed a large back-stage staff, and their efforts throughout every rehearsal and performance were most commendable, and were very much appreciated by all the actors.

This term the Society is producing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which will be performed during the last week of term.

It is with regret that we must bid farewell this term to Mr. Fieldhouse, who for some years has most willingly taken charge of the electrical side of every production. The magnificent lighting has always been a special feature of College plays, and it is with great sorrow that we must lose so loyal and enthusiastic a helper. We wish him the very best of luck wherever he may go.

Junior Debating Society

President: J. Foston, Esq.
Vice-President: J. K. Maddrell.
Hon.-Secretary: A. J. C. Chantler.
Committee: W. Cannell, P. J. Watson and P. Gillespie.

Weekly meetings have been held this term, and the Society has been very busy. The play reading of Ian Hay's "Middle Watch" took place early in the term, and proved to be very amusing, as did his other play, "The Housemaster," which was read a year ago. The next main item took the form of a cinema show, which Mr. Mogg

very kindly put on for us. The films were "This is Britain, No. 29" illustrating the use of Radar in Douglas Harbour, "Man on the Beat," a police film and lastly "We Live in Two Worlds," which was about Switzerland. The rest of the meetings were taken up by debates and some object story making.

"MORNING DEPARTURE"

When the news leaked out that the Dramatic Society were to present Kenneth Woollard's play of submarine disaster, "Morning Departure," many people who had seen the play or more frequently, the film, were most gloomy in their prophecies that a team of boys could not possibly hope to do justice to a play requiring such tense yet restrained acting, and in fact there were some who felt that to entrust a play which is to the Navy what "Journey's End" was to the Army was almost worse than rash. They were wrong. The play was surely the most successful the Society has produced, and the whole standard was so high that it is difficult to find anything to criticise except a rather Oberammergauish beard or two.

The work of all in the submarine was of such a standard that one could easily forget that they were only boys one had known for years acting in a school play; and could accept it all as fact, which is perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid not only to any actors, but most of all to the director. The most difficult part was of course that of the submarine's captain, which was carried through with the unselfconscious dignity which is so essential in that part. It is needless to mention any of them by name, for one would have to praise them all, and they all fitted their parts and acted as though they really were the characters they had assumed. This, again, must have been greatly helped by the very intelligent casting which gave them roles they could play, and where their faces fitted. A word of praise must be given to the Engineer Officer's Scotch, and the steward's technique with the coffee tray, if not with the brewing thereof.

The performance of the anxious, overwrought Flotilla Commander was outstanding in the telephone scenes, which were effectively worked in, though one wonders if this breach of the classical unities could not be dispensed with, and the play even more effective if shown only from the inside of the sunken boat. Presumably, however, the playwright knew best.

The scenery and the lighting deserves the highest praise, too, and its constructors must have felt that their wrestlings with giant Meccano were well repaid when the curtain went up. The work of those behind the scenes is too often taken for granted, but Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Fieldhouse and their gang made a great contribution to the success of the play. Our warmest congratulations must go to the producer, Mrs. Wilson.

W.K.S.

Members of the Crew of the Submarine S.14

Lt.-Cdr. Stanford, D.S.O., R.N., (Captain of S.14)—F. R. SHIMMIN.
 Lt. Manson, R.N. (1st Officer)—W. YOUNG.
 Lt. Oakley, R.N.V.R. (Navigation Officer)—D. EDMONDS.
 Lt. McFee, R.N.R. (Engineer Officer)—J. D. CARR.
 Petty Officer Barlow—L. C. COWLEY.
 Leading Seaman Hillbrook—R. A. MERRILL.
 Stoker Marks—A. G. BAIRSTOW.
 Stoker Snipe—R. A. HENRY.
 Able Seaman Higgins (Mess Orderly)—B. JONES.

Members of the Shore Staff

Cdr. Gates, R.N. ("N" Submarine Flotilla)—P. B. SHERWOOD.
 Cdr. Whately R.N. (Salvage Depot, Devonport)—R. G. DICKENS.
 Captain Fenton, R.N.R. (Salvage Officer s. & s.e. Areas)—P. SIMPSON.
 Captain Marshall, D.S.O., R.N. (D.D.N.S., Admiralty)—S. E. WILSON.
 Brackley (Civilian Clerk in D.N.S. Office)—P. N. LOWE.
 Telephone Operators (Day)—H. S. CORLETT.
 (Night)—P. K. CONIBEAR.

Stage Staff

Stage Manager and Curtains—P. E. SOWERBUTTS.
 Stage Hands—M. L. MARSHALL, M. E. LOWE.
 Properties—A. C. JONES, P. L. OSBALDESTON, B. KNEEN, B. C. RADCLIFFE.
 Stage Carpenters—C. PRITCHARD, J. E. COUSINS, M. V. WEBSTER,
 J. QUAYLE, A. G. DUNKERLEY.
 Call Boy—J. W. STOTT.
 Electricians—W. S. FIELDHOUSE, C. R. BUCK, W. D. CHRISTIAN.
 Sound Effects—J. J. F. WATKINS.
 Scenery—R. CRABTREE.
 Incidental Music—C. PRITCHARD.
 Producer—B. I. R. WILSON.

LIBRARY NOTES

Our thanks are due to Dr. D. Cowin (O.K.W. 1892-95) who gave a large number of books in memory of S. J. Kaye (O.K.W. 1890-92) to the Walker Library. They consisted mainly of English novels and Classical books. We also wish to thank Mr. W. L. Handyside for "The Story of the Nations—Assyria," and the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., for their book "Animal Nutrition."

The Walker Library has again received many books from the Library Fund and the Music and Art Sections have now been completed, while the History Section is assuming still greater proportions. The Fiction Library has not benefited to the same extent due to

the bad treatment still meted out to books in this Library, but a few books have been added of which the most popular appears to be "Captain Hornblower, R.N."

The History Sixth and a few other studiously-minded people who work in the Walker Library, were particularly glad to see that the number of radiators in the Library have been trebled. We hope that the additional comfort will be reflected in the quality of the work produced.

CHAPEL NOTES

In the second half of the Michaelmas Term we welcomed the Venerable the Archdeacon of Man, as our only special preacher. In the Lent Term so far we have had visits from three outside clergymen, the Rev. G. E. Greswell, Vicar of Kirk Christ, Rushen, the Rev. John Duffield, Vicar of Onchan and the Rev. W. G. S. Duckworth, Vicar of St. Thomas's Douglas.

Special collections in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes taken at the Carol Services amounted to £36 12s. 6d.

The Carol Services were well attended and the Choir gained much by being in the Chancel in close proximity to the organ, though the congregation was obviously ill at ease without the choir to set the tempo in the congregational carols. The services were successful and many favourable criticisms were heard, but it was obvious by the end of the evening service that the voices of the choir were tired due to a heavy programme of rehearsals for the Services and for the Concert which had taken place on the previous evening.

The mid-week Services of Compline have been well attended this Lent and have proved very attractive Services.

Three Organ Recitals have been given and four Anthems have been sung. The latter were a setting of Walford Davies' "Solemn Melody" to the words "Had we but Harkened to Thy Word," Mendelssohn's "Sleepers, Wake!" in the Michaelmas Term and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach and Mozart's "Ave Verum" during Lent.

Some slight improvement in the general singing is noticeable as the repertory of hymns, somewhat reduced by the New Public Schools Hymn Book, is gradually enlarged.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

The prospect of travelling round Scotland is in itself exciting enough, but when I realised I was to go there by ship, with a visit to Ireland and the Outer Hebrides included, my feelings can well be imagined.

We sailed one morning from Liverpool on board a one thousand ton cargo ship. Passing the Isle of Man, College tower was easily discernible in the mist. Sunset saw us approaching the west coast

of Scotland, with Stornoway as our first port of call. Next morning we were entering the Sound of Mull, and one realised then why the Western Isles are of such fame. High hills and deep valleys, cliffs of remarkable splendour rose high on either side, fresh in the early morning sun. Except for an occasional motor-boat, or the sight of a lonely craft (and an occasional porpoise) all was quiet—yet friendly. Ancient castles overlooked the Sound, reminding one of the clans and feuds of long ago. We soon passed Tobermory (but saw no signs of treasure-seekers) then the Isle of Muck and Eigg. We were now in the heart of the setting of Stevenson's "Kidnapped," and were soon sailing along in the Kyle of Lochalsh, which separates Skye from the mainland. The scenery here was wilder than before, the "Misty Isle" gives an awesome impression with its wild mountain surroundings. Eventually we crossed the black swirling waters of the Minch and arrived at Stornoway.

It was Sunday night when we docked and the town was very quiet, everyone being in church. The next morning, however, I saw the town as it normally is, a typical Scottish town. It is though, intensely Hebridean and it was not uncommon to hear Gaelic spoken. Stornoway is the centre of the Outer Hebrides fishing industry, and this was not in doubt judging by the number of fishing boats in the harbour. It is also a centre of the Harris Tweed Industry.

Our ship sailed late in the afternoon and that night we rounded Cape Wrath, and sailed near John o'Groats through the Pentland Firth. It was a wild, stormy night, and an occasional lighthouse was the only reminder of any other life. The next morning we were in the Moray Firth and soon docked at Inverness.

Inverness, because it is at the north-east end of Glen More and because of the beauty of its location and fine buildings is called the "Capital of the Highlands." There was plenty to see, including the Castle, with a statue of Flora MacDonald before it, St. Andrew's Cathedral, the River Ness, with its maze of islands, and the many fine shops. There were many tourists in the town, and all the hotels seemed full. It was little wonder that I left Inverness with happy memories. The next port was Aberdeen. As the ship docked in the middle of the night, I awoke to find myself staring out at busy street scenes, being docked in the utmost limit of the harbour. In two minutes I was in the centre of the "Granite City." The most interesting building was the University. This University, the most northerly in Britain had everything which a good university should have, plus its own atmosphere. I staggered up the Crown Tower to a dizzy height and was rewarded with an all-round view of the town.

It was on our way to the River Tyne that I realised what an empty cargo ship was like. Twelve hundred tons lighter than usual, we sailed southwards like a cork, and I was soon in my bunk. Next day we docked at South Shields, where the dock yards stored thousands of pit-props. I took the opportunity to re-visit Whitley Bay, a small holiday resort a few miles north of Tynemouth. A day later we moved up the River Tyne whose banks were lined with docks

and industrial towns, to Newcastle. The only interesting sight here is the New High Level Bridge—Sydney Harbour Bridge in miniature—which leads the bulk of traffic to the Great North Road.

It took two full days to sail round the North of Scotland to Londonderry in Northern Ireland. We did not sail down the "Narrows" this time but directly southwards, via the Minch and Tiree, and so into Lough Foyle. When in Ireland we had a sudden change from a Scottish to an Irish dialect, though I profess to understand the former the better. Derry is a pleasant town—rather old-fashioned perhaps—and is surrounded by an ancient rampart. The next day I visited Portrush, a well known holiday resort about thirty miles north-east of Derry. I went on to the Giant's Causeway where there are miles (instead of an imagined half-mile) of towering basaltic rocks. I also visited Buncrana, a small town in County Donegal.

The next call was at Belfast. It was here that our ship was told to go back to Newcastle for some more cargo and so all the passengers, four in all, were transferred to another ship, myself included. That night we sailed across the Irish Sea, and when I awoke, we were docked at Liverpool.

Thus ended, after two weeks, much to my disappointment, a cruise which was not only a holiday, but was also something of an education—but then all good things come to an end. D.E.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER

1.
 1. Whose son-in-law kept the family flocks.
 2. Whose step-mother combined stirrup-cup and dagger.
 3. Who was the mother of Gracchi.
 4. Who was the mother of the modern Gracchi.
 5. Whose uncle was coupled with whose prophetic soul.
 6. Who was our cousin of Scotland.
 7. Whose father's wife was old and harsh with years.
 8. Whose grandchild sported with an osseous bowl.
 9. Whose mother-in-law changed her name from Pleasant to Bitter.
 10. Whose grandmother said "William's faults come from conceit."

1, Jethro; 2, Edward the Martyr; 3, Cornelia; 4, Mrs. Hominy (Martin Chuzzlewit); 5, Hamlet; 6, James I; 7, Har Dyal; 8, Caspar; 9, Ruth; 10, The Kaiser, or other grandchildren of Queen Victoria.

2. Fill up the blanks in the following Personal Column:
 1. Wanted urgently, a reliable mount, in exchange for extensive hereditary estate. Apply.....
 2. Lost in the Wash, Jewels of value. Finder to Newark Castle.

3. You want the best poisons. We have them. Apply
A..... B..... Mons Vaticanus.
4. T..... C..... Meet Chertsey 1 a.m. Bring
jemmies. B..... S
5. Italian gentleman, keen on discovery. Go anywhere.
Patronised by Royalty. Apply C..... C.....
Valladolid.
6. Cellar wanted for November. Westminster District.
Large rent guaranteed. Apply
7. Private Detective Agency. Shadowing, Deduction.
Dr. says "My dear you amaze me."
8. Room to let in Scottish Castle, owing to sudden vacancy.
porter kept. Moving view of woods. Apply
9. Executions undertaken. Many unsolicited testimonials.
Apply J..... K....., T..... Tree.
10. Secluded Island residence offered. Off the Orinoco.
Burglar Proof. Devoted domestic staff. Apply
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1, Richard III; 2, King John; 3, Alexander Borgia; 4, Toby Cratchit—Bill Sikes; 5, Christopher Columbus; 6, Guy Fawkes; 7, Dr. Watson, Holmes; 8, Macbeth, or Malcolm; 9, Jack Ketch. Tyburn Tree; 10, Robinson Crusoe.

3.
 1. What race would not be acceptable in Moscow.
 2. What race can no horse win twice.
 3. From where was the race run by a Boomer started.
 4. What racing success cheered a King's deathbed.
 5. Who raced a Berlin to Varennes.
 6. Who was lost in the Race of Gatteville.
 7. Who won the Caucus Race.
 8. Where is the Portland Plate run.
 9. In what race was Mrs. Jarley interested.
 10. To whom is the race not.

1, Cesarewitch; 2, Derby, or others; 3, Warrig-a-borrig arooma; 4, Kempton Park, Edward VIII; 5, Drouet; 6, Prince William in the White Ship; 7, Everybody; 8, Doncaster; 9, Helter-Skelter Plate; 10, To the swift.

4. What is the Land of:
 1. Oc et No.
 2. Handsome women.
 3. Lost content.
 4. The great departed.
 5. Love and land of mirth.
 6. Wandering.
 7. Blue Laws.
 8. The Leal.
 9. Promise.
 10. Always Afternoon.

1, Provence or Troubadours; 2, Dacotahs (Hiawatha); 3, Shropshire (Housman); 4, The Silent Land (Longfellow); 5, Arcady; 6, Land of

Nod (Genesis); 7, Connecticut (Home of rigid Puritanical laws); 8, Heaven; 9, Canaan or play by Somerset Maugham; 10, Lotus Land (Tennyson).

5.
 1. What proportion of the wedding guests was stopped.
 2. How many people went into the Ark.
 3. How many people came out of the Black Hole.
 4. How many little maids "won't have to wait very long they say."
 5. To how many members is the Order of Merit limited.
 6. How many children had Count Abensberg.
 7. How many players are there in a Baseball Team.
 8. This night the Queen will 'hae' how many Mary's.
 9. How many of us in the Church-yard lie.
 10. "With one man of her crew alive
That went to sea with ?

1, One third; 2, eight; 3, twenty-three; 4, two; 5, twenty-four; 6, thirty-two; 7, nine; 8, three; 9, two; 10, seventy-five.

6.
 1. From whose reign does the "Contested Election" date.
 2. Who told a new Parliament that liberty of speech extended no further than 'Aye' or 'No'.
 3. Who was returned for Pocket Breaches.
 4. Who was not returned for Eatanswill.
 5. Who was expelled and returned for Middlesex.
 6. Whose 'Benefit of Clergy' did not prevent his Parliamentary disqualification.
 7. For what seat was Mr. Nearthewinde political agent.
 8. What "grassy mound" returned two members of Parliament.
 9. To what cave were the opponents of Reform in 1866 relegated.
 10. Who was the correspondent of the Red Letter Election.

1, Henry VI; 2, Elizabeth; 3, Veneering; 4, Horatio Fizkin; 5, Wilkes; 6, Mr. MacManaway; 7, Barchester; 8, Old Sarum; 9, Adullam; 10, Zinoviev.

7. Who met in single combat:

1. Paris.
2. Wellington.
3. Castlereagh.
4. Slammer.
5. Robin Hood.
6. Laertes.
7. Lovel.
8. Rustum.
9. Miss Pross.
10. The Red Knight.

1, Menelaus, Romeo; 2, Winchelsea; 3, Canning; 4, Winkle; 5, Little John; 6, Hamlet; 7, McIntyre; 8, Sohrab; 9, Mme. Defarge; 10, The White Knight, or Gareth.

8.
 1. Who escaped with the skin of his teeth.
 2. Whose ultimatum was "your money or your teeth."
 3. Whose tooth did treble duty.
 4. Who extracted a bishop's tooth in what riots.
 5. Where is the Tooth of the South.
 6. Whose councillors offered to have a tooth out as an encouragement.
 7. What dental adornment can architecture boast.
 8. Whose tooth is less noxious than unthankfulness.
 9. What Blue Tooth was father of a Split Beard.
 10. Who, being in liquor, struck out four, two single and two double.

1, Job; 2, Richard I, or John; 3, The Three Grey Sisters of the Gorgons; 4, Simon Tappertit in Gordon Riots; 5, Dent du Midi in Switzerland; 6 Elizabeth; 7, Dog-tooth; 8, The Winter Winds; 9, Harald Blue Tooth, Father of Sweyn Split Beard; 10, Mr. Gamp.

9. Identify the man of:

1. Blood
2. Blood and Iron.
3. Brass.
4. December.
5. Destiny.
6. Straw.
7. Sin.
8. Wrath.
9. Ross.
10. the Hill.

1, Charles I; 2, Bismarck; 3, Talus—a production of Vulcan; 4, Napoleon III; 5, Napoleon I; 6, A man of no substance or means; 7, Antichrist or the Pope or Cromwell; 8, Mr. Weller Senior; 9, John Kyrle—Philanthropist; 10, Character in Tom Jones.

10.
 1. Who was, by implication, half-baptised.
 2. Who resolved to be new-baptised; "henceforth I will never be"
 3. On whom was Alexandrina forced, as a first name.
 4. In confirmation of what name did the dumb speak.
 5. Whose name was Mary too!
 6. Who objected to being called Mary, when her name was Miss
 7. Whose two daughters escaped the name of Grissel.
 8. At what Royal christening was there an unfortunate omission in the invitations.
 9. Who received her name "for she was born at sea."
 10. Whose name stood between Swubble and Unwin.

1, Mr. Pickwick; 2, Romeo; 3, Queen Victoria; 4, John (the Baptist); 5, Mary in "Up from Somerset"; 6, Miss Gibbs; 7, The Vicar of Wakefield's; 8, The Sleeping Beauty's; 9, Marina (Pericles, Prince of Tyre); 10, Oliver Twist.

11. Which Anne:

1. became a Constable.
2. quarrelled with a Freeman.
3. mounted a watch-tower.
4. would not be a Queen for all the mud in Egypt.
5. gave Dumas a heroine.
6. insisted on refreshment before retiring.
7. came from Shottery.
8. came from Maxwellton.
9. came from Nazareth.
10. added lustre to Trafalgar Day.

1. Anne, Duc de Montmorenci became Constable of France; 2. Queen Anne in Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Freeman correspondence; 3. Sister Anne in Bluebeard; 4. Anne Boleyn in Shakespeare's *Henry VIII*; 5. Anne of Austria in the *Three Musketeers*; 6. Greedy Nan; 7. Anne Hathaway; 8. Annie Laurie; 9. St. Anne; 10. Princess Anne.

12. At what execution:

1. did the two Gregories officiate.
2. did the victim squirm and struggle and gurgle and guggle.
3. did the victim rend her clothes, crying "Treason, Treason."
4. was it argued that anything that had a head could be beheaded.
5. had a sea green jaw first to be operated on.
6. did admirers sing "would I might be hanged," "And I would so too."
7. what barbarous innocence affirmed.
8. was the gallows 50 cubits high.
9. may a silken rope be claimed.
10. might the victim have exclaimed "Well I *am* hanged."

1. Charles I's; 2. Nanki Poo's; 3. Athaliah's; 4. Cheshire Cat's; 5. Robespierre's; 6. MacHeath's (*Beggar's Opera*); 7. Thomas More's; 8. Haman's; 9. A Peer's; 10. Dennis (in *Barnaby Rudge*).

13. 1. Who handled his reins molto con fuoco.
2. Whose moral decline occurred poco a poco.
3. What headland faded nobilimente.
4. When did Elijah urge a crescendo.
5. Whom did we lay down from the field of his fame lento e dolente.
6. What rubicund monarch reiterated her injunction *Piu presto.*
7. Whose song of the shirt had a nightly da capo.
8. What wind is desired to blow dolce e piano.
9. Who repeated his intention of living *giocososo giocososo*.
10. In whose garden might the roses entertainment be marked tutti.

1. Jehu; 2. Eric; 3. Cape St. Vincent; 4. To call on Baal; 5. Sir John Moore; 6. Red Queen; 7. Penelope; 8. Wind of the Western Sea; 9. Ariel; 10. Maud's.

14. 1. What is syzygy.
 2. Who composed the Seven Planets in seven movements.
 3. Against whom did the stars in their courses fight.
 4. What Saint wears a star on his forehead.
 5. What star is connected with the Lady of Eleven o'clock.
 6. What is the distinction between Stars and Stripes.
 7. To what star did Tannhäuser sing.
 8. What Arch stands in the Starry Place.
 9. Of what star had Justice Darling never heard.
 10. What star did Locke give to the world.

1, Conjunction of 2 Heavenly bodies; 2, Holst; 3, Sisera; 4, St. Dominic; 5, Star of Bethlehem. In French. La Dame de onze heures; 6, Stripes represent the original 13 states, Stars those admitted later to the Union; 7, Venus; 8, Arc de Triomphe; 9, Lottie Collins; 10, Stella Maris or The Red Planet.

15. 1. Where is only man vile.
 2. Where do we sing the glorious conquest.
 3. Ah me! that I should stay where.
 4. From where comes the cry of myriads as of one.
 5. Where did the reaper band go forth.
 6. What excels all noble cities.
 7. Where rushed down the fires in sudden torrents.
 8. Whose days are long forgiven, unforgotten is the pain.
 9. What rolled between the Jews and the sweet fields.
 10. Whose daughter shall be there with a gift.

1, Ceylon; 2, Damascus; 3, Kedar's tents; 4, Macedon; 5, Canaan; 6, Bethlehem; 7, Sinai; 8, Tyburn's; 9, Jordon; 10, Tyre's.

16. 1. Who painted the Light of the World.
 2. Who wrote the Light of Asia.
 3. Who claims the Lord's Illumination.
 4. What is the Ville Lumière.
 5. Who was the Light of the Age.
 6. What was the Light that failed.
 7. How long is a Light-Year.
 8. What legally is Light and Air.
 9. Who died desiring more light.
 10. Who died with the question "Is the light a-comin'?"

1, Holman Hunt; 2, Edwin Arnold; 3, Oxford; 4, Paris; 5, Rabbi Moses ben Maimon of Cordova; 6, the eyesight of Dick Helder (Kipling), or Maisie; 7, 5,876,068,880,000 miles; 8, A claim made in connection with Ancient Lights; 9, Goethe; 10, Jo in Bleak House.

17. Who wrote of whom in the following lines:

1. The shrieks of death through Berkeley's roof that ring,
 Shrieks of an agonising king.

2. His form was of the manliest beauty,
His heart was kind and soft.
3. O Mary, at thy window be,
It is the wished, the trysted hour.
4. He spurred to the fort of the proud Castle rock
And with the gay Gordon he gallantly spoke.
5. By each gun the lighted brand.
In a bold determined hand,
And the Prince of all the land
Led them on.
6. The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold.
7. And straight against that great array
Forth went the dauntless three.
8. These to His Memory—since he held them dear,
Perchance as finding them unconsciously
Some image of himself—I dedicate—
9. He long lived the pride of that countryside,
And at last in the odour of sanctity died.
10. Then he flung away his sail, and oars, and rudder,
And he took her in his arms so tenderly,
And they drifted on amain, and the bells may call in vain.

1, Grey of Edward II; 2, Dibdin of Tom Bowling; 3, Burns of Mary Morison; 4, Scott of Bonny Dundee (Claverhouse); 5, Campbell of Prince Christian (VIII) of Denmark; 6, Byron of Sennacherib; 7, Macaulay of Horatius, Spurious Lartius and Herminius; 8, Tennyson of the Prince Consort; 9, Ingoldsby (Barham) of Jim Crow, Jackjaw of Rheims; 10, F. E. Weatherly of Douglas Gordon.

18. In 1950:

1. Whose Pro-fumosity has created whom Lord Festival.
2. What has brought the orbs to the urbs.
3. What immortal has shewn her mortality.
4. Who has outrivalled Prince Housain and Axminster.
5. Who have prayed, face to the wall.
6. What bereavement has occurred in the House of Pontecorvo.
7. Who has ceased to roam by the bonnie banks of Clyde.
8. Who found that the Ayes had it, but inadequately.
9. Whose after-dinner speech sped the parting guest.
10. Who was told to chuck it.

1, Mr. Profumo—Mr. Morrison; 2, Holy Year; 3, Nina Boucicault; 4, Queen Mary's Carpet; 5, Strangers at Prayers in new House of Commons; 6, Death of Gustavus V; 7, Harry Lauder; 8, King Leopold; 9 Dewey—offence taken by Vishynsky; 10, Priestley.

HOUSE NOTES

School House

Head of House: G. S. Moore.

Praepositor: G. S. Moore.

House Praepositors: J. C. Cannell, R. W. Esson, C. B. G. Wood, M. L. Marshall, M. E. Lowe.

This term we welcome Mr. Dickens to the post of assistant House-master, and hope that his fate will be less lethal than that of his predecessor. We also welcome J. T. Arthur, R. D. Woods and M. D. Robinson to the prep room.

Although we have not distinguished ourselves of recent months, we have not been disgraced. In the Steeplechase, had it not been for our poor Class II, we would have undoubtedly come higher than third. Both Junior and Senior House XVs were extremely young and we look forward to ten of each side performing again next year.

Our thanks are once again due to Miss Carless and Mrs Rhodes for all they did to make the house concert a success, at the end of last term.

Congratulations to J. C. Cannell on gaining entrance to Oxford and to G. S. Moore, C. B. G. Wood and M. L. Marshall on obtaining 1st XV Colours.

Colbourne House

Head of House: R. N. Waters.

Praepositors: I. Dunkerley.

Sub- Praepositors: G. W. P. Waldron, J. P. Watterson.

House-Praepositors: P. J. Whitehead, S. P. T. Keig, P. J. Watson, A. M. Watterson, J. S. Lightfoot.

We fielded the weakest Junior Rugger XV for some years. The steeplechase was well contested, our teams in Classes I and III gained first place, but the feebleness of Class II pulled us down to 2nd place. The senior rugger we lost to Walters in an even game, both teams being below full power.

The following School Colours have been gained:—

1st XV—Waters, J. Watterson, A. Watterson, Condra, Lightfoot.

2nd XV—I. Dunkerley, Whitehead, Watson.

Colts XV—S. Keig, J. Lace, Lee, Fick.

House Crests for rugger:—

Reawarded—Watterson, J., Watson.

Awarded—Watterson, A., Condra, Lightfoot, Keig, Watson.

House Crests for steeplechasing:—

Reawarded—Watterson, J., Watson.

Awarded—Dunkerley, A., Watterson, A.

Dickson House

Head of House: G. A. Cubbon.

Sub-Praepositors: G. A. Cubbon, L. C. Cowley.

House Praepositors: T. J. Corkill, G. K. Cooper, W. Young.
R. A. Merrill.

This year is the most successful we have had for a long time.

We won the Junior Rugger Shield last term after a very close game with Hunt House in the last round. The team must be congratulated on a fine performance. It was very well led by Merrill, R. S., and other outstanding players were Mills and Watterson. This is in contrast to the Senior matches which were played with spirit but little success. Cousins and Merrill were awarded House Crests for Rugger.

This term we unexpectedly won the Steeplechase Shield. No doubt this is due to the hard training that was done in the Barrovian Hall. It was largely due to the upper half of the House, especially Class II. The best efforts were by Cousins and Corlett in Class I, Mills, Merrill, R. S., and Jenkins, who also ran in the inter-schools cross-country, in Class II; and Vick is to be congratulated on winning Class III Steeplechase for the second year in succession.

However, to make up for these successes we lost the kicking cup, which we have held for two years, being one point behind Hunt House.

At this time we are about to settle down for our favourite sport—athletics, so our special training will once more be necessary.

This term we say goodbye to Cottier; we wish him good luck in the future.

Walters House

Head of House: T. D. A. Thompson.

Praepositors: F. R. Shimmin, W. S. Clucas, G. Thorp.

Sub-Praepositors: P. W. Dodsworth, B. Corrin.

House-Praepositors: A. C. Sayle, P. K. Conibear.

Owing to the early date at which the House notes had to be written last term, we now offer our congratulations to the following:— B. Corrin and C. B. Corden on their 1st XV Caps and R. White, W. D.

Christian, D. P. Brown and W. M. Furness on their Colts Caps. We were well beaten by both Hunt and Dickson in the Junior House Matches and eventually we were third in the results table.

This term we have been successful in winning the Senior Rugger Shield. We enjoyed a very good game with Colbourne in the virtual final of this competition.

We congratulate the following on their House Crests for Rugger:—C. B. Corden, W. D. Christian, R. O. White, D. P. Brown, P. E. Sowerbutts, D. Moyers and R. Quance.

Apart from a few outstanding members our Steeplechasing attained its usual standard. We congratulate R. Quance on his 2nd Athletics Colours and his House Crest and also congratulate F. R. Shimmin on his House Crest for Steeplechasing.

The Juniors started off the Knowles Cup Competition well by gaining a 4 pt. lead but our Seniors rapidly put paid to any hopes that had been fostered by scoring only 6 points, and we finished in 3rd place.

At the time of going to press Dodsworth has just returned from his Sandhurst exam. We wish him the best of luck.

We welcome M. J. Kelly and J. D. Gibb from Junior and Hunt Houses respectively.

We wish the following leavers good fortune in the future:—Thompson, Dodsworth, Simpson, Jones and Corden.

Hunt House

Head of House: J. M. Nelson.
Praepositor: B. D. Galbraith,
Sub-Praepositor: M. H. Lay.
House Praepositor: M. S. Perry.

Too late to record last term, we are delighted to learn that Carine had been successful in gaining admission to Dartmouth. We congratulate him most heartily and wish him continued success. Heartiest congratulations to Underhill too, who has just passed out from Sandhurst.

Last term we were unfortunate in being beaten in the Junior Rugger competition by Dickson House. The team nevertheless played well; but for several forwards who gave away numerous penalty kicks we might quite easily have won.

This term we had hopes of winning the steeplechase; but these were dashed when several runners caught 'flu and were unable to run. B. D. Galbraith and Reid, G., proved what we were capable

of by winning Classes I and II respectively. Our teams for the Senior House Matches were likewise depleted and much heavy scoring against us resulted. We surprised ourselves however by winning the Kicking Competition.

We have had welcome visits from R. D. Nelson and J. H. Watter-son this term.

Junior House

January and February have given us a mixture much the same as usual, but not too many of us have had holidays in the sun. The luxuries of leave off have been enjoyed by a larger number and gallons of medicine have been consumed, most of it very nice. In this connection we welcome Miss Parsons, who has come to be assistant matron this term; also Miss Palmer who is our new cook. The importance of cook is Colossal, of course. That reminds me of Cooke. He is not such a nuisance this term.

We have been getting quite good at running this term. Thomp. gets round big square in an hour and a half. He beats Easterbrook easily. We have not lost any rugger matches this term either, but Corran bumped into the ground, and with him crocked, it is just as well we did not play any. Now the sports are starting and McHarrie is practising hard for the hurdles. Thomp. ought to, but he doesn't. I think I have mentioned everything important except the Tuck Shop. Yes, that is all.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

We have started this term with the knowledge that, more than ever, a very high standard of training and discipline is expected of all pre service training units. This is due of course to the International situation and to the rearmament commitments of the British nation. At the recent Contingent Commanders Conference in London it was again stressed by high ranking Officers of all three Services, how great a part C.C.F. units play in the supply of future leaders.

There are now many opportunities for ex-C.C.F. National Service men to obtain Commissions and to be placed in positions of responsibility. A good deal of information regarding these schemes may be obtained at any time from the Contingent Commander. Cadets are urged to find out all they can about these opportunities before they are called up for National Service.

This term has been started by most Cadets realising their responsibilities and thus a very definite improvement in general turn-out has been observed . . . well done . . . keep it up!

Army and Basic Section

A Field Day is to be held again this term on similar lines to that of last term. A tactical exercise is an excellent way of ensuring that class room work has been absorbed.

On Tuesday, February 27th, we were visited by No. 2 Travelling Wing who came over to help in general revision of Cert. 'A' work.

An examination for both parts of Certificate 'A' will be held on March 19th and 20th. We hope for very good results.

The Annual Camp this year will be held at Bourley, near Aldershot, and this move to the South will be a welcome change from Poulton.

Royal Naval Section

Congratulations are due to Thompson and Whitehead for being rated Leading Seamen, and to all those who have passed for Able Seamen. We would like to say how proud we are of Carine and Thompson, both of whom have gained admission to Dartmouth. We wish them the very best of good fortune and feel confident of distinguished service from them both. We feel that two such successes justify the existence of this Section, and hope for many more Royal Naval and Merchant Naval Cadetships in the future.

Royal Air Force Section

We are hoping that a very full programme arranged for us on our Field Day, to be held at R.A.F. Jurby, will enable us again to utilise to the full the excellent facilities afforded at Jurby. We hope to have flying and gliding this time.

Congratulations are due to those Cadets who passed their Higher Proficiency Examination.

Cadets in this Section are reminded that there are at the moment many excellent opportunities in the Royal Air Force for National Service men to obtain commissions in the Flying Branch. Cadets should ask for information either from Mr. Watkins or the Contingent Commander.

We wish to thank all those who help to make the C.C.F. an efficient and ever improving Unit.

The Contingent would wish to say how deeply sorry we were to hear of the death of Mr. Harrison. Mr. Harrison came to the Annual Camp with this Contingent for many years. He was a great help in many ways and his cheerful manner was such that we shall miss him very much indeed. We offer our sincere condolences to his widow and family.

R.C.

SCOUT NOTES

We have, we hope, survived the worst of the period of hibernation. Troops have been getting the foundations of their badge work from which they should profit in the coming season, and in Scouters' Councils and Group committee plans are taking shape for camps, rallies and competitions. But the story of these belongs to our next two reports, and it would be rash to anticipate or prophesy. In fact, Tuesday afternoons have been very occupied with routine training, and it is impossible to single out any particular events. Next week we start more noteworthy fixtures with a field day, and may it be as fine as it was last term.

STEEPLECHASE 1951

Ideal conditions for Steeplechasing rarely occur during the early months of the Lent term, and this year was no exception. The weather was reasonably good during the practice weeks, but the courses were extremely wet and heavy, making running more difficult than usual. Nevertheless there was no serious interruption in the practice programme, and most House teams were ready and fit in time for the Final races. Hunt House was unfortunate in that both Nelson J. M. and Lay M., who ran so well last year, were unable to compete owing to illness.

Finals Day, Saturday 10th February, was fine, and this compensated to some extent for the heavy going. In Class III there was no doubt about the supremacy of Vick (Dickson), the winner of both the Inter-House and Inter-Schools Class III events last year. Vick led from the start and completed the course in 26 min. 44 sec., a full two minutes ahead of Bairstow D. (School), who gained second place. Considering the lack of serious opposition, Vick's pace judgement was excellent. The most satisfactory feature of the Class III race, however, was the general improvement in aggressive spirit; Bairstow D., ran admirably but he was always being challenged by Bell (Colbourne), Robinson (School) and Lace R. (Colbourne), and it was much to his credit that he ultimately beat them by a matter of seconds. Colbourne House won the Class III team race with School House as runners up.

The Class II race was characterised by the excellent grouping of the Dickson House team. Mills, Merrill, R.S., and Jenkins gained the second, third and fourth places for Dickson House, and this excellent group ensured a decisive win for the team, despite determined opposition from the Hunt House team which gained second place. The individual winner of the event was Reid, G. (Hunt), who ran very well indeed to complete the course in 29 min. 55 sec.

Galbraith, B. D. (Hunt), Captain of Athletics and Steeplechasing, gained another well deserved win in the Class I race in 40 min. 20 sec. Galbraith has now won six races over the Senior Course and he is

undoubtedly one of the most promising Steeplechasers the College has produced; it would be interesting if he could compete in the A.A.A. Junior Championships in order to gain a true estimate of his potentialities. Quance, R (Walters), ran with the utmost determination to gain second place in 41 min. 46 sec. Quance is a much improved runner, and in the early stages of the race he forced Galbraith to work hard for his lead. Colbourne House won the Class I team race mainly because of the fine grouping of Watterson, J. P., Dunkerley, A. and Watterson, A. M.; these three boys gained third, fourth and fifth places. The School House team gained second place, beating the Dickson House team by one point.

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

1. Dickson House	...	236 points
2. Colbourne "	...	244 points
3. School "	...	277 points
4. Hunt "	...	302 points
5. Walters "	...	335 points

On Saturday, 17th February, the third annual Inter-Schools Steeplechase competition was run over the College Courses. The races were more interesting than in previous years as five teams competed in the Senior event, although for Castle Rushen Sec. School to field a complete team every boy over sixteen years of age had to run. This most commendable spirit of the Castletown boys is typical of the co-operative attitude of all the competing schools; it makes the task of organisation a real pleasure.

Teams for all three age classes were entered by Douglas High School, Ramsey Grammar School, Castle Rushen Secondary School and the College, whilst the Manx A.A.A. entered a team in the Senior Class.

The courses were in better condition than for the Inter-House finals, but a cold and strong wind did little to help the competitors. Galbraith, B. D. (K.W.C.), again won the Class I event in most convincing style, his time being 39 min. 52 sec. Reid (Castletown) gained a well deserved second place in 40 min. 34 sec.; this boy won the Class II event in 1950, and there is no doubt that he is developing into a first-rate steeplechaser. The College Senior team ran extremely well, gaining five out of the first seven places, so winning the team event by a handsome margin.

Class I results	1. K.W.C.	...	31 points
	2. Manx A.A.A.	...	86 points
	3. Douglas High S.	...	104 points
	4. Castle Rushen S.S.	...	118 points
	5. Ramsey G.S.	...	125 points

Randle (Douglas) proved a worthy winner of the Class II event in 30 min. 50 sec. Only eight seconds separated the next four boys home led by Smith (Castletown) with Mills (K.W.C.) and

Merrill, R. S. (K.W.C.) close behind. It was an exciting race, and again College team grouped efficiently, and were able to win the team event.

Class II results:

1. K. W. C.	43 points
2. Castle Rushen S.S.	74 points
3. Douglas High S..	75 points
4. Ramsey G.S. ...	108 points

Another Douglas High School Boy, Gledhill, was the winner in the Class III event. Gledhill ran excellently to beat Vick (K.W.C.) over his own course by 10 secs. in 26 min. 32 sec. These two boys fought out a most gruelling race well ahead of the rest of the field and Gledhill, a strongly-built boy, had just that extra stamina to give him the lead at the finish. The competition was most keen, and the College team did well to win the team race—again it was good grouping which proved to be the decisive factor.

Class III results:

1. K.W.C.	54 points
2. Douglas High S.	67 points
3. Castle Rushen S.S.	87 points
4. Ramsey G. S. ...	92 points

Reference has already been made to the spirit of co-operation among those responsible for the organisation of the Steeplechase programme, and it is a pleasure to thank most sincerely all the Masters in the various Schools and Clubs in the Island, and in the College, for their willing assistance at all times. Among the boys, the inspiring example of Galbraith, as Steeplechase Captain, has been most marked, and the conscientious work of Mylchreest and his assistants, who marshalled the courses deserves commendation.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Review of the Season 1950-51

Played 12; Won 5; Lost 7; Drawn 0.

Points:—For 110, Against 143.

SCHOOL MATCHES

Matches at College—

Sat., Oct. 28th—Stonyhurst	Lost 3—16
Sat., Nov. 11th—Wallasey G.S.	Won 6—3
Sat., Nov. 18th—Ellesmere College	Won 22—0
Sat., Dec. 2nd—Liverpool College	Won 39—0

Away Matches—(day-trips by air)—

Sat., Oct. 7th—Rossall School	Lost 0—20
Tuesday, Oct. 17th—St. Bees School	Lost 0—27

Christmas Tour—

Wed., Dec. 20th—Merchant Taylors' School ...	Lost 0—20
Fri., Dec. 22nd—Birkenhead School	Won 17—3

CLUB MATCHES

Sat., Sept. 30th—I.O.M. 1st XV	Won 9—8
Sat., Oct. 14th—Chester "A"	Lost 8—21
Sat., Oct. 21st—Waterloo "A"	Lost 0—17
Sat., Nov. 25th—Old Boys' XV	Lost 6—8

The XV was fortunate to have R. N. Waters, last year's Captain again in residence, who by his enthusiasm and experience helped to build a XV which by the end of the season played good football and tackled magnificently. He had four old Colours to assist him but of these only J. P. Watterson and Thompson survived, Cubbon spending the term in hospital and J. M. Nelson did not find his old form.

The problem was to find a pair of halves and an entirely new three-quarter line for the Rossall game, barely three weeks from the beginning of the term. There were a number of promising players from last year's 2nd XV and Colts XV's, but all lacked 1st XV match practice and experience. A moderate Island side was narrowly defeated the second Saturday of the term and the following week an experimental XV crossed by air with the Colts to play Rossall; Thompson was absent owing to injury. Only J. P. Watterson and Condra were playing in the positions in the backs which the line subsequently took at the end of the season. Two rather green sides had a hard and friendly battle; the same could be said of the Colts match, the College Colts doing very well to hold bigger and heavier opponents to 14-6 points. The Chester side brought over their 1st XV fly-half who proved difficult to hold and the whole side was much superior to anything they had brought over before; the first half was well worth watching, the second half was scrappy and rather reminiscent of club football.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining an aircraft to fly the last XV and the Colts together, the St. Bees game as well as the Rossall game, had to be played very early in the season. A good flight across to Silloth and an hour's bus ride somewhat handicapped both the 1st and the Colts. The 1st XV were bewildered for the first half of the game, most of the side not having met before the robust tactics of a pack which had been brought up against tough Cumberland Club sides; only in the second half did they show that they had learnt a few lessons which were to stand them in good stead for the rest of the season. The backs clearly showed their inexperience but Thompson and Condra tackled their men with vigour; Watterson, J. P., was unfortunately absent through injury. The St. Bees forwards were a fine eight and they played the College pack to a standstill, but their backs were flattered by the fact that St. Bees forwards obtained the ball almost every set and loose scrum. The Colts XV did very well in losing by only 3 pts. to 9 pts., having led at half-time. We were grateful to St. Bees for their excellent hospitality.

Waterloo "A" brought over a good side which combined well and played good open Rugby to beat us by 17 pts., their pack being very heavy and winning most scrums. Stonyhurst had another good side; the teams were introduced to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor before the game. At half-time Stonyhurst were leading by three points to nil and soon afterwards College equalised with a penalty. After that Stonyhurst pressed hard and their greater experience enabled them to win fairly comfortably, though the score might have been greater had not the College defence been dour. J. P. Watterson was outstanding in the College back-division. The XV was not yet near the final side.

Several changes were made for the Wallasey game; Thompson was at full-back, Watterson A. was out on the wing with Conibear as his centre; the other

centre was Thorp to Condra, Corden being fly-half to Watterson J. Conditions were appalling but both sides had decided to play open football and a delightful display was given. Wallasey looked more dangerous than they actually were, though it became apparent that a very good College defence was largely responsible for keeping their backs so subdued. Ellesmere were defeated by a College XV which was growing in confidence and experience and the win was decisive. In this game, too, His Excellency was good enough to come down to College and have the teams introduced to him. The Old Boys owed their win to the ubiquity of George, a County Trialist. Against Liverpool College the XV brought out all its experience and combined well to win a decisive victory. Unfortunately the match against R.A.F. Jurby had to be cancelled owing to frost, and the XV fretted for eighteen days without a match,

The last day of the Christmas Tour was something of a problem with Corden crooked, Watson was introduced at fly-half with some trepidation, but he rose to the occasion and fully justified his inclusion, showing promise for next year. Marshall, having "boot" trouble, probably learnt the most valuable lesson in his Rugby career, even if Waters had to take the kicks with a strained thigh muscle. The whole side combined well and since quite a number of them will be back next year we may reasonably have hopes of a good season.

Waldron captained the 2nd XV very well, and his side can be pleased with their record against bigger and heavier opponents. The Colts XV ably captained by S. T. P. Keig, broke new ground and for the first time in the history of College Rugby tackled the Colts XV of Rossall and St. Bees. It is a pity that our Colts, owing to our geographical position, cannot take on all the prominent schools of the North, for it is only by the experience of meeting such sides that confidence for the future can be engendered. It was unfortunate that Ellesmere College Colts could not make the trip to College with the 1st XV.

R. N. Waters was selected as a reserve forward for England v Scotland in the Public Schools match in London; he had 'flu and could not play, but the match was cancelled owing to frost. Several other boys played in representative holiday school games in the North.

Thanks to the generosity of London O.K.Ws we hope to bring to London in April a Seven which will not disgrace them.

It remains now only to thank all those Masters who have so generously given of their spare time to refereeing and coaching, and to Copley and Eagleton for providing us with such excellently prepared grounds.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

K.W.C. v. Ellesmere College (Won 22-0)

Played on Big Side, Saturday, November 18th.

The teams were presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor before the kick-off. Ellesmere started with a strong blustery wind blowing across the field, in their favour.

College scored early after quick passing; Conibear cut through well before giving to Watterson A., who went over in the corner for a very good try. Waters had no chance with the kick, owing to the strength of the wind. College continued to press and Watterson J., worked the blind side and Watterson A., ran strongly to score an unconverted try in the corner. The College forwards were then prominent, Dodsworth making a long dribble with Watterson A. getting the touch down near the corner-flag for another unconverted try.

Half-time : K.W.C. 9 points.
Ellesmere College Nil.

After 10 minutes play in the second half, College further increased their lead when Watterson J., sent Corden over the line for a good unconverted try. Following this, Marshall made a good attempt at a long penalty kick but was

just wide. Then Corrin ran 25 yards to score a good opportunist try, which Marshall converted. Shortly afterwards, Watterson A., scored the best try of the match. Watterson J. broke away on the half-way line and passed to Corden who timed his pass very well to Watterson A., the latter running strongly to score; Marshall converted.

Final Score : K.W.C. 2 goals, 4 tries—22 points.
Ellesmere College Nil.

College played a far more confident game than before this season, throwing the ball about with vigour, and with Watterson J., and Corden full of ideas at half-back, and Watterson A., and Condra always dangerous on the wings, and also with Waters, Corrin and Wood prominent in the pack, the side looked quite promising.

Team : Thompson; Watterson A., Conibear, Thorp, Condra;
Corden, Watterson J.; Cousins, Dodsworth, Corrin, Corkill,
Moore, Wood, Waters, Marshall.

K.W.C. v. Old Boys (Lost 6-8)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Nov. 25th, in ideal conditions, College playing against the sun in the first half.

College attacked strongly but failed to score and Marshall missed an easy penalty. The Old Boys then pressed but it was College, who, after a good three-quarter movement, sent Condra over for an unconverted try. Condra was almost over again but was injured and went off, Wood reverting to the wing. On his return Condra went to full-back and Thompson moved to the wing. College attacked and Thompson had bad luck after Conibear had cut through.

Half-time : K.W.C. 3 points
Old Boys Nil.

College attacked strongly in the second-half and nearly scored; Conibear just failed to get over after a good cut-through. Then George with a fine kick, put the Old Boys on the attack but College fought back and a good movement which Watterson A. finished with a strong run, was stopped by a fine tackle by Pickering. The Old Boys then pressed strongly and their scrum-half Clay scored a good try from a loose scrum on the line, Machin converting with a splendid kick. College then attacked for a long period, and on one occasion Corden cut through beautifully, only to have his pass intercepted. Both sides were resolute in defence. Then Watterson J. broke away from the scrum on his own to score a lovely try near the posts, Marshall missing an easy kick after a no-charge. The Old Boys replied with a swerving run down the wing by Quirk, College defence being out of position; not converted.

College made a big effort to win the match in the last moments of the game, Corden hitting the corner-flag when tackled with the ball in his possession, after a good blind-side movement.

Final Score : K.W.C. 2 tries—6 points.
Old Boys 1 goal, 1 try—8 points.

It was an exciting match to watch. Both packs were good, with College superior in gaining the ball from the loose rucks, Waters and Marshall being outstanding for College, and Hemingway, Qualtrough and White for the Old Boys.

College backs combined well but the injury to Condra was a handicap. Watterson J. and Corden were an outstanding pair for the College as were Clay and George for the Old Boys. The match was lost by bad goal-kicking by Marshall who had an off-day.

Team : Thompson; Watterson A., Conibear, Thorp, Condra;
Corden, Watterson J.; Cousins, Dodsworth, Wood, Corkill,
Moore, Lightfoot, Waters, Marshall.

K.W.C. v. Liverpool College (Won 39-0)

Played on Big Side, Sat., Dec. 2nd, in beautiful weather. A good deal of College passing was spoilt by hanging on in the centre. Both Thorp and Corden kicked when Condra was the man over. Liverpool attacked strongly but the College defence was excellent. A swift College heel and "chain-passing" by the backs, enabled Watterson A. to round the full-back and score under the posts.

Another very good College movement in which Corden cut-through and the forwards interpassed before handing on to Condra, was spoilt by the latter knocking-on. Then Thompson came up and just missed a drop at goal. A long tough struggle ensued until the forwards gained a mastery of the scrums when "chain-passing" enabled Condra to round the full-back near the corner-flag and score under the posts. Watterson A. made a strong burst down the right-wing, passing inside to the backs who sent Condra over on the far wing. Before half-time Watterson A. M., added another try after a long run. Waters converted all four tries this half.

Half-time : K.W.C. 20 points.
Liverpool College Nil.

Soon after half-time another excellent try was scored when Corden broke through to be checked; from the ensuing loose scrum Watterson J. reverse-passed to Conibear in the opposite direction, the latter cutting through to send Thorp over, Waters converting. Another good bout of passing and a dangerous run by Condra down the left-wing was stopped near the line by a fine tackle by the Liverpool left-wing who had come across. Liverpool took the ball back to the half-way line but Thorp enabled Conibear to cut-through to make an opening for Watterson A. who scored, Waters converting. Waters made a long high kick to the fullback and followed up sufficiently fast to tackle him in possession, the ball bouncing loose; Moore followed up fast, gathered and made a good run to score an unconverted try. Then the threes handled well and Thompson, coming up from full-back to take the ball from Condra on the outside, scored after a good run. The last try came when Watterson J. broke away to score an unconverted try.

Final Score : K.W.C. 39 points.
Liverpool College Nil.

The game was not nearly so one-sided as the score would suggest. The College XV for the first time was complete except that Marshall was absent, Cousins deputising. The back division combined very well, the halves being much superior and giving excellent service. The forwards played one of their best games. The Liverpool defence was full of courage but nearly all the tries came from excellent combined movements in which the opposition was out-maneuvred.

Team : Thompson; Watterson A, Conibear, Thorp, Condra;
Corden, Watterson J.; Cousins, Dodsworth, Corrin, Corkill,
Moore, Lightfoot, Wood, Waters.

K.W.C. v. Merchant Taylors (Lost 0-20)

Played at Crosby, Wednesday, December 20th.

College kicked-off against a cold and strong wind. W. B. Croxford wrote in the "Liverpool Post" :-

"Accurate kicking by Edwards, who converted all the tries scored emphasised the difference between the teams in the Rugby match at Crosby yesterday, where King William's in the first game of their holiday tour, were beaten by 4 goals to nothing.

Merchants, who have had a successful term, were much the stronger forwards. Their best, Howard, Wilson, Porritt and Goodman were not better individually than Corrin, Waters and Moore for the losers, but as an eight they were on

top in the tight, of more help in handling movements, and more certain in getting the man down. Only in the line-out and with the ball at their feet did the King William's forwards compare favourably.

Behind the winning pack, Goater, very determined, and Mottershead, clever and elusive, played well to a match-winning pair of centres—Watson and Hanson—who were both over 13 stone and who handled surely, using their heads as well as their weight. When any centres did go for gaps they went very hard and only the sound tackling of the visiting backs kept them from doing still more damage.

With few chances from the King William's halves, Corden and J. Watterson, made good efforts to open out the game, but passes were dropped in the middle and A. Watterson, the pick of the wings, saw little of the ball.

Three of the winner's tries came in the first half when with the wind at their backs they pressed continuously. A pass flashed out by Goater from a maul near the touch line and a strong break through by Watson did the work for the first, for Hanson to come up and complete the move.

Watson got the next for which part credit went to Mottershead, who drew the man. Hanson went over again, when Watson was checked, but managed to get the ball away.

Pressure was not so sustained in the second half, but King William's who made indifferent use of the wind, were generally in their own half and never in a scoring position. They dealt more satisfactorily with three-quarter attacks, but could not prevent the persistent Goater diving over in a good position."

There is little to add to this report except that after the first ten minutes Corden was injured and went to full-back. Thorp went to fly-half and Thompson came up to the centre where his good tackling was most valuable.

Final score : K.W.C. Nil.

Merchant Taylors 4 goals—20 points.

Team : Thompson; Watterson A., Conibear, Thorp, Condra;
Watterson J.; Corrin, Dodsworth, Wood, Moore, Corkill,
Lightfoot, Marshall, Waters.

K.W.C. v. Birkenhead School (Won 17-3)

Played on the Old Birkonians' ground at Nocturnum, Monday, Decembr 22nd.

Watson P. took Corden's place at fly-half and Cousins deputised for Marshall.

Birkenhead attacked with the wind behind them and looked dangerous. College replied and Watterson A. was very well tackled after a good run. After ten minutes Watson passed back in his own "25" when held, and Birkenhead dribbled through to score.

The XV was now playing good football and Waters was in tremendous form as was Watterson J. Then came a lovely College move in which Watterson A. ran well before passing inside to Waters, the ball subsequently being handled by Watterson J., Watson, Condra, Thorp and Condra again. Only a fine tackle prevented a score.

College continued to press, Watterson J. scoring a fine try after dribbling through Birkenhead from the half-way line and Waters hit the post with his kick. More good passing enabled Watterson A. to make a good run before being tackled on the line by the left wing. Watterson J. broke away from a scrum near the half-way line and scored after a splendid run, Waters converting.

Early in the second-half Waters made a good run and subsequently seven players handled but Birkenhead brought off a fine tackle to save. "Chain-passing" following a scrum gave Condra the chance to score, far out, an unconverted try. Birkenhead attacked but Thompson cleared well. Watson picked up very well at top speed and sent Thompson over. Watson then made a splendid dribble and scored the last try of the game.

Final score : K.W.C. 1 goal, 4 tries—17 points.

Birkenhead—3 points.

Team : Thompson; Watterson A., Conibear, Thorp, Condra;
Watson, Watterson J.; Corrin, Dodsworth, Cousins, Moore,
Corkill, Wood, Lightfoot, Waters.

The game was by no means as one-sided as the score indicated. Birkenhead tackled hard but the College XV combined well Watson making a commendable first appearance at fly-half. All the forwards played well, Waters being in great form in this his last and 48th consecutive match for the 1st XV—probably a record.

Colts XV v. Liverpool College Colts XV (away) Saturday, Dec. 2nd

The team flew over to Liverpool by the normal service and were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wallis during the morning.

The conditions for the game were ideal and the Colts played open and often attractive football. Mills was back at fly-half after a long period of injury and Collister I., who had proved a determined runner, was playing on the wing. The early stages of the game saw some sparkling passing among the forwards and soon Stott cut through well for Lee to score and Mills to convert. Mills again converted after Collister had run strongly from thirty yards. Shortly before half-time the Liverpool scrum-half scored one of the blind side tries to which the side appear to have been particularly vulnerable throughout the season. During the second half, tries were scored by Christian, Fick, Watterson J. S., Mills and Collister, the last one from the College half when at least seven players handled the ball. The place-kicking was less successful and not one of these tries was converted. Stott was responsible for many of the openings and had his best game of the season.

K.W.C.—25 points.

Liverpool College—3 points.

FINAL TEAMS

1st XV	2nd XV	Colts XV
R. N. Waters	P. Simpson*	W. M. Furness†
J. P. Watterson	—	—
T. D. A. Thompson	R. Quance*	H. S. Corlett
P. W. Dodsworth	P. J. Whitehead*	R. T. D. Stott†
G. Thorp	G. W. P. Waldron	D. C. W. Lee†
A. M. Watterson	F. R. Shimmin*	A. C. A. Fick†
G. S. Moore	—	—
C. B. G. Wood	P. J. Watson*	T. B. Mills†
J. T. Condra	L. C. Cowley	J. S. Watterson†
P. K. Conibear	—	—
T. J. Corkill	W. S. Clucas*	P. E. Sowerbutts*
B. Corrin	J. M. Nelson	R. O. White†
C. B. Corden	D. Edmonds*	R. S. Merrill†
M. L. Marshall	—	—
J. S. Lightfoot	I. Dunkerley*	W. D. Christian†
	M. S. Perry	D. P. Brown†
	—	—
	C. R. Buck	J. H. Lace†
	J. E. Cousins*	S. P. T. Keig†
	B. D. Galbraith*	D. G. Shackleton†
		I. Collister also played

* 2nd Colours

† Colts Colours

XL COLOURS

Cannell, R.
Donaldson

Gallagher
George

Quirk, S.
Weston

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Almost all the games this year have been played in bad weather and on heavy grounds. If the rain held off, the wind became stronger and vice-versa. Injuries and illness affected most Houses, and particularly Hunt House who were hard pressed to raise a side.

Walters and Colbourne were the outstanding teams, being much older than the other houses.

The winners of this game were recognised to be the winners of the shield. In the first half Colbourne had the wind in their favour and scored a penalty later on. This was soon followed by a drop goal by Watson from a good heel. Walters retaliated and Moyers scored from a dribble.

Half Time: Colbourne 6; Walters 3.

After this Walters did most of the pressing, though the game was in the balance to the last minute. Christian scored from some passing among the forwards, but neither this nor the ensuing tries were converted. Shimmin scored from a quick heel in the loose, and this was soon followed, after a brief attack by Colbourne, by the final try by Clucas.

Final Score: Walters 4 tries—12 points.

Colbourne 1 penalty, 1 drop goal—6 points.

There was a keen game between School and Dickson, in which the latter won by 1 goal and 1 drop goal to 2 penalties.

	Walters	Colbourne	Dickson	School	Hunt	Total
Walters		W	W	W	W	8
Colbourne	L		W	W	W	6
Dickson	L	L		W	W	4
School	L	L	L		W	2
Hunt	L	L	L	L		0

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

It was pleasant to see Dickson coming back into the Rugger picture. They had comfortable wins against Colbourne (44-0), School (48-0) and Walters (26-0) but had to play hard to beat Hunt 8 points to 5. Some of the teams this year were of very poor standard. The final round could not be played because of the weather; this did not affect the result.

KNOWLES' KICKING COMPETITION

	Junior			Senior			Total
	Place	Drop	Punt	Place	Drop	Punt	
Hunt	6	5	1	8	3	1	24
Dickson	7	4	0	5	4	3	23
Walters	9	3	4	3	3	0	22
Colbourne	4	5	2	3	1	7	22
School	4	1	4	4	7	0	20

Considering that the maximum possible score is 80 for a given team, the standard shown this year was extremely poor. The weather was very bad on both Junior and Senior Days, the wind being strong and blustering; cold muscles cannot kick accurately. The test was no indication of the kicking abilities of the contestants. Hunt House are to be congratulated on best adapting themselves to the difficult conditions and were worthy winners.

1st XV Characters

R. N. WATERS (1947, 1948, 1949, 1950) (12st. 3lb.)—Back-row forward. Captain.

Has captained the XV for a second year, and finished the season having played 48 consecutive games for the 1st XV—surely a record. By his interest in the theoretical as well as the practical side of the game, and his enthusiasm on and off the field, he has proved himself to be a most valuable help in moulding a new XV out of inexperienced but keen material. His own game has improved very much; most valuable in the line-outs and an excellent handler in the loose, with a powerful run, he was always a danger to the opposition. An excellent Captain in every way, he should go a long way in good company.

J. P. WATTERSON (1949, 1950) (9st. 6lb.)—scrum-half.

A most courageous player, who took any amount of punishment without complaining. Has improved his passing from the base of the scrum, and has learned to steal away on his own with great effect. His plucky falling on the ball and his splendid covering of the backs in tackling, made him a most valuable member of the side. Should have a very good season next year.

T. D. A. THOMPSON (1949, 1950) (11st. 2lb.)—Full-back.

A most courageous player who could always be relied upon to tackle his man or fall on the ball. As the season advanced he learned to come up to make an extra three-quarter at the right moment and scored some good tries. He should develop his kicking with both feet and should practise the drop-kick. A promising wing as well. Should do well in the Navy.

P. W. DODSWORTH (1950) (10st. 6 lb.)—Hooker.

A enthusiast who could always be relied upon to go all out. As the season advanced he developed rapidly as a hooker and could be relied upon to deal with the tactics of his opponents. A fine tackler, he never spared himself in the loose.

G. THORP (1950) (11st. 11lb.)—Centre-three-quarter.

He began the season better than he finished. He has a natural cut-through but was too inclined to starve his wing. A useful kick but he rarely employed this art. His tackling was always in doubt and he must learn to fall on the ball when necessary. He should do well when he has learned to correct his faults.

A. M. WATTERSON (1950) (10st. 10 lb.)—Right-wing-three-quarter.

Has some splendid natural gifts in physique, and is a powerful runner. A very difficult wing to hold when given a correct opening, an occurrence far too rare. Has improved his tackling but there is still much to be desired in this direction. He must learn the arts of tactical cross-kicking, the swerve and the inside pass. Very promising.

G. S. MOORE (1950) (11st. 5lb.)—2nd row forward.

As the season advanced he improved his handling and his speed and would have done well in the back-row. He has a useful turn of speed and is not afraid to use legitimate vigour in the game. Very promising.

C. B. G. WOOD (1950) (12st. 2lb.)—Front-row-forward.

A converted wing, he rapidly settled down to the forward game and progressed by leaps and bounds. Physically powerful and courageous, he soon developed into a dangerous forward in the lines-out and in the loose. A devastating tackler when in the mood. Very promising.

J. T. CONDRA (1950) (10st. 10lb.)—Wing-three-quarter.

Always a dangerous player, his vigorous tackling upset many opponents. Has great qualities as a wing but must learn to have the ball in his hands before he accelerates. Always falls on the ball, but he must learn to kick.

P. K. CONIBEAR (1950) (10st. 10lb.)—Centre-three-quarter.

Of slight physique, it was always doubtful if he would last the season. A most courageous tackler but the knocks began to tell on

him, and towards the end of the season his hands failed him badly. Is bound to come again, but he must not look at his would-be tackler.

T. J. CORKILL (1950) (12st. 7lb.)—Forward.

A robust forward who could always be relied upon to go his hardest. He must realise that a modern forward has to use his brains as well as vigour. Far too prone to try to take the ball on when stopped in the loose. A useful tackle, he must learn to handle the ball.

B. CORRIN (1950) (12st.)—Forward.

A vigorous forward who has battled successfully with the physical handicap of asthma,* he developed rapidly as the season advanced. Good in the lines-out, he must improve his handling in the loose. Falls on the ball well but must improve his kicking.

C. B. CORDEN (1950) (9st. 7lb.)—Fly-half.

A natural scrum-half, who adapted himself well to the fly-half position. His physique was a handicap, but he had the gift of good hands and set his three-quarters going. A good kick and a fine tackler, he should go a long way in good company.

M. L. MARSHALL (1950) (13st. 11lb.)—Wing forward.

A surprisingly agile forward in the loose, he must learn to play in any position in the scrum. Far too prone to lurk in the back-row, he must learn to use his weight in the tight scrummages. Excellent in the lines-out, he must learn to tackle. Has the gift of an unusual kick at goal, but must learn to be more reliable when the pressure is on. Very promising.

J. S. LIGHTFOOT (1950) (11st.)—Wing forward.

A converted wing, he soon showed his promise as a forward, and as the season advanced proved to be invaluable in the loose skirmishes. A good tackler, and a good handler, he must learn to improve his kicking abilities. Very promising.

2nd XV RESULTS

Played 7. Won 2. Lost 5.
Points for: 41. Points against: 105.

		F	A
14th October v. R.A.F. Jurby 2nd XV	L	3	16
21st October v. R.A.F. Jurby 2nd XV	L	8	19
28th October v. I.O.M. R.F.C. "A" XV	L	0	21
2nd November v. I.O.M. R.F.C. "A" XV	W	16	6
11th November v. R.A.F. Jurby 2nd XV	L	0	27
23rd November v. I.O.M. R.F.C. "A" XV	W	11	8
9th December v. R.A.F. Jurby 2nd XV	L	3	6

For the first time since 1945 the 2nd XV had a fixture list. Owing to calls from the 1st XV and Colts XV due to injuries, the 2nd XV was hardly ever at full strength, and this led to lack of combination in the backs. The results, all against big adult players, were quite satisfactory and the side made considerable progress with the experience gained. Waldron captained the side well and he was well backed-up by Watson P. at fly-half, Whitehead in the centre, and a useful hard-working pack in which Nelson J., Clucas, Edmonds, Dunkerley I. and Cousins were the most prominent. No adequate scrum-half was available as Corden became the 1st XV fly-half.

COLTS XV

Played 4.	Won 2.	Lost 2.
Points for: 87.	Points against: 26.	

		F	A
Saturday, Sept. 30th—Isle of Man (home)	W	53	0
Saturday, Oct. 7th—Rossall (away)	L	6	14
Tuesday, Oct. 17th—St. Bees (away)	L	3	9
Saturday, Dec. 2nd—Liverpool College (away)	W	25	3

Colts "A" XV

Thursday, Oct. 12th—Isle of Man (home)	W	23	0
Thursday, Nov. 9th—Isle of Man (home)	W	42	0

The feature of the season was the introduction of two new fixtures against Rossall and St. Bees Colts XVs and it is hoped that it may be possible to retain these matches which materially strengthen the fixture list and provide the match experience which is all-important to boys of this age. Both games were lost but the margin of defeat was in each case small and it was not until the last match against Liverpool College that it was possible to field a complete team.

The forwards were well led by Keig who captained the side in a militant manner and was to a large extent responsible for the aggressive spirit of the pack. The covering of the forwards in defence was good as were their storming rushes, but the chief weaknesses lay in a reluctance to part with the ball in loose scrums and to hold on to it until tackled in the open. All the forwards had their moments and it would be invidious to select individuals for mention.

The backs had a disappointing start in their games against Rossall and St. Bees. There was little speed and even less thrust in attack while the defence was not above suspicion. However, the return of Mills at fly-half, the all-round improvement of Stott in the centre and the emergence of Collister I. as a hard-running wing meant that a very creditable performance was given at Liverpool College.

OXFORD LETTER

News reaches the Editorial Sanctum like the Oxus—many parcelled and evaporated. We remember that once this was not so; in the virtuous enthusiasms of our first term, we held a meeting to decide who was to edit this broadsheet from the fount of culture. Much enthusiasm and intrigue was necessary for election; the Elected One was persona grata in every assembly of O.K.Ws; humbly and excitedly was news proffered him by each of us in turn. From this first meeting, however, no letter materialized. Preferring action to procedure a small clique of usurpers at St. John's now designate a puppet; the redactor has become a composer; the sinecure a headache, and the news—as we were saying—is given almost condescendingly.

It would seem, however, that we have one sensation, two promotions and several visits to record since our last letter. The booby prize for sensation goes to Paul Piehler who, as the Cherwell put it, "broke the Sunday Morn of Champagne before lunch" and offered a glass of water in Magdalen to all the notoriety of his ken. By all accounts (we must say it) a splash was made, so that the "Isis" refers to water as *the* new drink. Paul used to spend his time in a sordid embroglio with a particular arty Ruskin painter named William Bealby-Wright. This rebel has recently constructed a house-boat in the back reaches of Port Meadow whither at four p.m. may be seen wending their way a long file of tea-bearing coolies—or are they other poets and painters wearing that abortion, the duffle coat? While on the way back from this Tiberian Capri of vice, let us look in on Ian Stewardson. He will talk about Liverpool, logical positivism and temperance over a delicious tea. We may be met on our way down town (why should these convenient things happen only to the Cambridge O.K.W. writer?), by J. D. Costain (promotion No. 1) who will be smartly cycling off to play football for the Centaurs, the Varsity's second XI; or again by Philip Jones (promotion No. 2) whose success in becoming editor of "Oxford Tory" and in making a *Mein Kampf* of it is an answer to the opinion that Keble is the end. We hope to record the further successes of his intrigues. Philip is often to be seen found disturbing the morning lie-in of John Moulton, that other shameless 'arriviste': at the latter's rather smooth 21st party, he entirely omitted to strangle Christopher Wilson. This Rabelaisian personality arrived from Cambridge with Boris 'Dostoevsky' ("call me Kenneth") Wilson, bringing cocktail recipes and news. Other visitors have been few; T. N. Atkinson, his face four-square to meet the weather, hurtles across the steppes on his latest motor-bike now and again. D. J. Cregeen, very much the property of J. D. Costain, one Costain and one Crellin (both St. Mary's, London) have all been reported. Most of our visitors are on a strictly material basis as team-strengtheners when we play Lord William School, Thame. Here Mr. H. G. Mullens entertains us sumptuously with tea and himself (*nec risu inepto res ineptior nullast* cays Catullus, but how we enjoy it).

Let us now consider St. John's. Here is to be found the entrepôt, the Reuter, of all scandal and news; and P. S. Nelson, G. F. Crellin,

A. D. Clague, A. R. Cain, P. Farrar and G. D. Craine. These deities and the brothers Scott move in a mysterious way. Their anonymity, not their obscurity, protects them from the satirist. Nothing positive can be ascertained of them, save that A. R. Cain still adores bows and arrows; one has an overall impression of games of squash, beer, healthy attitudes of life and much solid work being done, in fact all those things which one should be doing instead of enjoying oneself writing and sending the best wishes to College from the

OXONIENSES.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

One day early in February, the Cambridge O.K.Ws forsook their academic pursuits and gathered at the bedside of K. R. R. Wilson, who was suffering from the painful combination of 'flu and a broken jaw. Having commemorated our benefactors (as was our bounden duty) we passed on to the second item on the agenda, which was to have tea. Unfortunately this item occupied so much of the available time that the third item, the discussion of the Cambridge letter, had to be shelved. Perhaps you will forgive us if the letter takes the somewhat stereotyped form of an account of the activities of each individual. We hasten to add that this will take all too short a time, since there are only seven of us.

P. S. Gelling remains dedicated to the task of discovering better and deadlier languages. K. Wilson seems to have developed a calcium deficiency, for as well as breaking his jaw, last term he broke a bone in his foot "falling upstairs on a Sunday morning." We wonder whether this "Sunday morning" might be more accurately described as "Saturday night." P. W. Heald, having abandoned Economics, is giving full play to his penchant for fascinating little books, in reading English. To M. F. Hosking goes the honour of having discovered D. M. Andrews, who has been here a whole year undetected. We trust that there are no more O.K.Ws up here who have escaped our notice. J. M. A. Connal also breaks bones with monotonous regularity. We have acquired the habit of looking for the latest plaster, when we meet him. He and Hosking are both Midshipmen in the Royal Navy, doing a three-year Engineering Course here. M. W. S. Barlow is in great form, takes his hockey very seriously, and gives the members of St. John's many opportunities to savour his stinging wit, in their suggestion book. C. A. R. Wilson, who has had to give up rugger, now rows with more brute force than skill. He has so far broken three oars for Pembroke, thus becoming somewhat unpopular with the treasurer of the Boat Club.

It is odd to record that the most momentous recent event took place in Oxford. J. L. Moulton's 21st birthday party, which two of us attended, was indeed on a large scale. We were staggered; in fact we staggered. Many O.K.Ws were there, and we gave a melodious rendering of "Ellan Vannin" to the awe-struck mainland

audience. An evening of "hilarious dissipation" was held by all. Next morning, returning to Cambridge in the train (not feeling quite so hilarious) we decided that Oxford is just the place for anyone who doesn't mind getting cirrhosis of the liver instead of a B.A.

We have had many visitors from the other Place, and we flatter ourselves that we entertained them adequately though, of course, after the bright lights and the hurly-burly of the great industrial town from which they come, Cambridge steeped in intellectual peace and calm as it is, must seem very rural.

CANTABRIGIENSES.

LONDON LETTER

A year ago we were in happy mood. This year we have lost two from our ranks, namely Ferguson and Chapman, who have sacrificed the pursuit of knowledge for the more lucrative prospects of industry. But it may be an unlucky year, for the last count showed us to be thirteen in number, and further additions to our ranks will be welcomed.

Looking across the green sward of Hyde park, our view obstructed by the noble pile of dear Albert's Memorial, we sense the presence of shadowy figures in the Paddington murk—the O.K.W's of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.

We have little first-hand information of their activities, their attention being too completely engrossed in the pursuit of the nursing profession to spare time or thought to the hard-working compilers of this letter.

We do know, however, that Coles has made not infrequent appearances behind the Sailing Club and Operatic Society bar, and so he should be in the best position to describe and report on our medical contemporaries' activities.

The Imperial College contingent is going from strength to strength, both in numbers and distinction. Chester, from the Metallurgy Department, spent the New Year in Paris with the I.C. 1st XV, and has only been seen in fleeting intervals since; he can testify with expert knowledge that travel does indeed broaden the outlook.

Turner, who plays for the I.C. "A" team, has just returned from Oxford after "playing" in last week's cancelled match at St. John's. That is his story, and he has witnesses.

Tireless energy is displayed in Hyde Park by Ron Butler, our cross-country runner and French film fancier. Ten miles of staggering gradients are the lot of the brothers Fitt on their daily cycle ride from the heights of Hampstead to their mysterious activities in the R.C.S. Chemistry Department, and they claim to have had NOTHING to do with the fireworks display last November.

When a play is being put on, and the dance band and squash courts are being played in, Greenfield is there. He is living in the new hostel for Colonial Students in Knightsbridge, and consequently finds life so absorbingly interesting that he does his Electrical Engineering on Wednesday afternoons.

Apart from St. Mary's and Imperial College, there are no substantial nuclei of O.K.Ws in London University, but only a few outriders. Among these is Airey, who has abandoned truth and honour for the pursuit of fortune; he is a dental student.

Future O.K.W. applicants to London University will unfortunately miss the valuable support and advice for which most of us are indebted to "Toddley." We anticipate that the accents of the far North-East will be heard increasingly often in our circles in future years.

That appears to be the sum total of our activities of the recent past, and we close another letter from

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