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#### EDITORIAL

The Clerk of the Weather is a non-cricketer: this was our inevitable and indignant conclusion after the first weeks of the present term, during days that would have disgraced darkest December.

No Summer-term Editorial is really complete without some reference to the merry noise of bat clouting ball or the fevered brow of examination candidates. Certainly when the better weather arrived bat clouted ball as merrily as ever, and more successfully than in many other more sun-blessed years: at the time of writing the First Eleven is developing into a finely balanced side.

We question, on the other hand, whether brows are quite so fevered under our new examination conditions. For "School Cert." and "Higher" have retired gracefully, and have given way to the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary, Alternative Ordinary, Advanced and Scholarship Levels. Surely no boy can get really worked up when he knows that a Pass in Needlework will see him safely through, although we feel that his future wife will be delighted with his Cookery (at Advanced and Scholarship Level).

We wonder ourselves what on earth employers will make of it when interviewing their future managers, and consider that to qualify for Accountancy with five or six "Passes," in other words "Credits" under the old regulations, may be beyond several otherwise very

charming potential accountants. We hope that the Levels mentioned will not be too ordinary, or even too advanced.

Bureaucratic changes, however, do not fundamentally change our life here at College. Boys still learn, in the healthiest and happiest way, to live and let live, to apply themselves to the job in hand "de toutes leurs forces," whether in the classroom or on the sports field; and they are encouraged to take an interest in many and varied activities, from Molière to motor-cycles, from Solomon in Kings to Solomon on gramophone records, and from cinema and stage to swimming bath, General Knowledge and cricket nets. All these and the boys' resultant outlook will be of tremendous value in the world afterwards. What more could any boy want?

P.B.S.

#### RANDOM NOTES

A "Vale" to Major Henderson will be found further on in this Barrovian; we wish him and Mrs. Henderson every happiness in their retirement.

A "Vale" to Mr. Fieldhouse also appears on a later page; we add our good wishes to him and his family for their happiness in Edinburgh.

We extend a hearty welcome to the new Bursar, Mr. J. P. Honey, who arrived early last term, and to Mr. C. Attwood, who arrived this term. Major Henderson remained last term to show Mr. Honey "how it works." Mr. Honey, who was previously on the Bursar's Staff at Trinity College, Oxford, has brought with him his wife and family and they have made their home in Fildraw, just north of Ballasalla. Mr. Attwood was on the staff of Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, Essex, which he joined after going down from St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1949. He and his wife are making their home in Castletown.

We offer both our newcomers and their families our sincere good wishes for their happiness, and we hope that their connection with College will be long and successful.

We congratulate Humphrey Procter-Gregg, Reader in Music at the University of Manchester (O.K.W. 1907-1914) on the first broadcast performance of his new Sonata for Violin and Piano.

We are grateful to W. T. Anderson (1885-88) for writing to point out an error in the details which appear below the picture of H. S. Pyne's chemistry laboratory in *The Barrovian* of December, 1950. There it states that the sketch was made about 1886, and Mr. Anderson points out that the swimming bath was not then in existence. He is, of course, quite right. The K.W.C. register records that the swimming bath was finished and opened in May 1888, and the sketch cannot therefore have been made until after that date.

A free-half was given on Friday, 25th May, in response to Brigadier Goldie's request after his inspection of the C.C.F. on 22nd May.

The Choir and Orchestra free-half was on 20th June.

O.K.W's to visit College this term have been the Johnston brothers, Alan and Barry, from Belfast, and N. A. Shah.

Last term The Liverpool Daily Post "did" us and we were featured in their series "Public Schools of the North."

It is realised that The Barrovian can be a really valuable link between College and those who have left, and from now on, all O.K.W. matters will appear in their own special section in the Magazine.

The Editor would like to thank all contributors and co-operators, invites all O.K.W's to send him their news, and requests that letters (legible please) may reach him not less than six weeks before the end of each term. He would also like to record here his appreciation of the work of Miss Garlick and Miss Milne Smith on their typewriters in getting The Barrovian to press in good time.

P.B.S.

#### SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head of School and Hostel: R. N. Waters.

Praepositors: R. N. Waters, W. S. Clucas, I. Dunkerley, B. D. Galbraith, G. S. Moore, J. M. Nelson, F. R. Shimmin, G. Thorp.

Sub-Praepositors: B. Corrin, L. C. Cowley, G. A. Cubbon, M. H. Lay, G. W. P. Waldron, J. P. Watterson, P. J. Whitehead.

Captain of Cricket: R. N. Waters.

Captain of Swimming: I. Dunkerley.
Captain of Shooting: W. S. Clucas.
Assistant Editor of "The Barrovian": W. S. Clucas.
Chief Librarian: W. S. Clucas.

Tuckshop Manager: F. R. Shimmin.

#### VALETE

April, 1951.

T. D. A. THOMPSON (1944-51). Walters. U.VI. Praepositor. Head of House. 1st XV Colours 1949, 1950. XL 1946. 2nd XI Colours 1950. 2nd Athletic Colours 1950-51. Member of Rugger Sub-Committee. Captain of House Rugger and Fives. House crests for Rugger and Athletics. House open XI 1949-50. G.T. 1949-50. Hon. Sec. Gramophone Society and Literary and Debating Society. Hon. Treasurer Music Club. School Cert. 1949. Leading

Seaman in R.N. Section of C.C.F. 1st Class shot.

Gone to R.N.C. Dartmouth.

Home address: 'Ingledene,' Royal Avenue, Onchan, I.O.M.

- P. W. DODSWORTH (1946-51). Walters. U.VI. Sub-Praepositor. 1st XV Colours 1950. Seven-a-Side Team 1951. House Crests for Rugger and Athletics. School Cert. 1948. Sergeant in C.C.F. (Army Section) Cert. "A" 1949.
   Gone to Army.—Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Home address: 11, Metropole Mansions, Douglas, I.O.M.
- B. JONES (1945-51). Walters. L.VI. House Cricket XI, 1950. House Hockey XI, 1949-50-51. Committee Member of Dramatic Society. Sir Frederick Clucas Choir Prize, 1949. English Reading Prize—Middle School, 1949. School Cert. 1950. Leading Cadet in R.A.F. Section C.C.F. Proficiency Cert. 1950. Gone to Business.

Home address: The Vicarage, Kirk Santan, I.O.M.

#### SALVETE

May, 1951.

WALTERS HOUSE: Caine, J. A.; Carter, M. H.; Watts, B.

HUNT HOUSE: Brennan, F. S.; Foster, C. J.; Foster, R. G.

(Re-entered); Kelly, E. R.; Phoenix, D. C.; Watts, J.

JUNIOR HOUSE: Burnell, K.

#### MAJOR K. S. S. HENDERSON

In 1925 Major K. S. S. Henderson, O.K.W., arrived in the Island to take up his duties as Secretary to the Trustees and Bursar of the College. In 1914 he had gone to France with his Regiment, the Duke of Wellingtons, but had the bad luck to be captured at Mons, and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner in one or other of those notoriously evil camps.

At the end of the war he resumed his active soldiering in the Royal Tank Corps, but after a time, he found that the privations of the prison camps had left their mark, and he retired from the Army and so he came back to his old School as Major, Secretary and Bursar. Soon the rubber stamp imprinting this legend on all sorts of books and documents, became as well known about College as that other one "Return to Mr. Paul please." Naturally, it became inevitable that the irreverent should refer to him as "the Trinity," to be followed, as soon as he acquired a yacht in Derbyhaven Bay, as Admiral, Pilot and Purser.

In those days he still played cricket and golf, and was a wild hitter in both games, besides being a bowler of pace, even if his directions and length were not always mathematically precise. He and his vivacious and attractive wife used to entertain a good deal at their house in Derbyhaven, which in the last war was swept away to make room for the present aerodrome. Mrs. Henderson was a marvellous cook and knew exactly how to run a dinner party. Writing of dinner parties, I must recall an incident that surely is unique, though I am well aware that I leave myself open to considerable misconstruction. It was indeed after a dinner party that the writer was driving back with Kenneth Henderson in a considerable gale, when suddenly, on nearing his house, K.S.S.H., shouted "Look out! there's an aeroplane on the wrong side of the road!" It was true, but we could get nobody to believe us (until daylight appeared), not even the pilot, whom we roused from his bed. There, on the wrong side of the road, lay a D.H. Dragon, which had been lifted by the gale right over the wall of the aerodrome.

That was one side of K.S.S.H. On the other was all the wonderful work that he has done for the King William's College Society, and the labour entailed in the compilation of the College Register, and his researches into the names of the Old Boys fallen in the Great War, and in the last one. He likewise was so very largely responsible for the organisation of the Centenary celebrations, and after that, of the building scheme. For all these things we owe him a deep debt of gratitude, and we hope that he will be long spared to give College the benefit of his ripe experience as a Trustee. Now he has retired to his gardening and his wireless, and our very best wishes go to him, and to Mrs. Henderson, for their future happiness. We shall look forward to seeing a great deal of K.S.S.H. about the College for many years to come.

#### W. S. FIELDHOUSE

Often it falls to my lot, as an ancient "link with the past" to write obituaries for *The Barrovian*. But that august journal, of recent years at least, has adopted a system whereby it gives masters and officials who have served K.W.C., a chance of reading, while they still breathe, the high esteem in which they are held by their fellow masters, and (we hope) the generation of the school which they taught. So in this instance at least, I feel like a young surgeon (young did I say?) who has been permitted to leave the cadaver and deal with living flesh and blood.

What an opportunity! But alas I have only been let loose on one for whom everybody who came in contact with him had nothing but happy memories and high praise, and here am I with no chance of being critical, able only to write pleasant things about a pleasant person which everybody who reads will say are not nearly good enough, and which if they were written as I would like them to be written would cause their subject and his equally much-missed "better half" to blush to know how much they were respected and loved.

Moreover I have to be brief. What then can I write that will not sound fulsome and yet will voice the opinion of the teaching staff, the boys and old boys, adequately? Standing out of course in everything he did and said was absolute sincerity and genuineness. The fabric of a school is built by its members, and stands or falls by the sincerity and soundness of that building. Fieldhouse's work will show up for all time as a grand piece of sound architecture. He came in

January 1943 at a time when chemists were rare, when chemists who knew anything about chemistry were rarer, and chemists who could teach chemistry were feared to be temporarily extinct. We were prepared to welcome any master who was approximately human! As a matter of fact we found him from the start of his all too short stay here, one of ourselves, understanding completely the ideals of K.W.C., that to enjoy life to the full needs a tremendous effort from its masters. He fitted in perfectly. He took no part in petty squabbles, he was never perturbed or ruffled, he had a bonny sense of humour, and when things got overwhelming he laughed, and let life amuse him. He never could suffer fools gladly but the biggest fool never realised it. As befitted the fine scientist he is, he was broad-minded and could always see both sides of a problem.

His work and with it his advice and his interest in his pupils were completely genuine. He had an excellent appreciation of character, he had no favourites and his opinions unlike those of many pedagogues had no bitterness. He was always at the service of those who genuinely needed his help. University dons had great reliance in his judgment of character, though one of his few peccadilloes lay in the fact that he sent more scientists to Oxford than Cambridge. We miss him sorely, in the laboratory and the class-room where his teaching was so crisp and clear . . . in the athletic sports where his genius for arranging was as outstanding as his skill in coaching . . . as secretary of the sports committee in which he organised, revised, codified and arranged the rules amassed in a century . . . in the Scientific Society where he always talked delightful common sense on every topical subject in the universe . . . behind the scenes in stage plays where his skill in stage lighting added so much to the success of producer and players (and only the noise of one large spanner falling from the "lights cabin" broke a sacred silence . . . for we must find some critical fault if we can!)
. . . as Sixth Form master equally conscious of the needs of classics and mathematics, moderns and scientists . . . in the Common room, always the cheerier for his presence . . . in all these and many other ways we had the happiest of companions.

Now he has gone to be senior science master at Edinburgh Academy. Possibly his presence north of the Tweed, may do something to improve Anglo-Scottish tension . . . it cannot fail indeed! He earned his promotion so well. Good luck go with him and his. May they all make as good and appreciative friends as they made here, and may their lives in days to come be as happy as were the years we all spent together at K.W.C.

#### CHAPEL NOTES

The good attendances throughout Holy Week at the evening services were surpassed at the Three Hours' Service on Good Friday. The Bishop expressed great satisfaction at the excellent attendance at this service. On Good Friday evening a service of Sacred Music appropriate to Passiontide included a Solo by the Vice-Principal, an Organ Solo, an Anthem by the Choir, with Hymns, Readings and Prayers.

On Easter Day a Service of Carols and special Easter Hymns followed a shortened Evensong.

There have been three special Preachers since we last wrote, Mr. Christal who spoke on behalf of St. Dunstan's, The Rev. E. S. Wakefield for the British and Foreign Bible Society, and The Rev. R. McCulloch, Chaplain to the R.A.F., Jurby. The Lord Bishop preached on two occasions, at the Confirmation and at the Three Hours' Service.

Special collections have been made in aid of St. Dunstan's (£11 11s. 8d.) and The Cancer Research Fund and Cancer Relief Society (£7 15s. 11d.).

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting was held on Whit-Sunday.

Three Anthems have been sung: Brother James' Air; Lord for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake (Farrant); Non Nobis Domini (Quilter). Two organ recitals have been given.

#### RECITAL OF ORIGINAL WORKS FOR PIANO DUET

(PAUL HAMBURGER and HELEN PYKE)

The infrequency of concerts at College by professional artists of the first rank is due to our geographical position. Many schools are more fortunately placed and accept visits by professional musicians as fairly normal events in school life. It was therefore with great interest that we looked forward to this concert and our hopes that the quality of such an event would compensate for quantity were fully justified.

In a well balanced programme which included Classical, Romantic, and Modern works written for this unusual combination, the duettists displayed versatility of mood and presentation, showed themselves to be the possessors of a sound and at times brilliant technique, which was heard to advantage in the charming melody of the Berceuse in Fauré's "Dolly Suite" and in contrast, in the vivacious Sonata of Pauline and the brilliant "Slavonic Dance" of Dvorák.

Despite the long journey which the artists had made earlier in the day, the playing was fresh and full of life. The highly specialised technique of four hands on one piano demands a well developed natural understanding which is denied so many instrument artists. That Miss Pyke and Mr. Hamburger had cultivated this understanding to a fine degree was obvious from the first bars of the Bach Sonata which opened the programme, through the hour and a half of Schubert, Brahms, Beethoven, Fauré, and Dvorák to the "Spanish Dance" of Moszkowski which closed it. We were somewhat disappointed by the substitution of a Beethoven March for Rawsthorne's "Creel" which has gained fame for these artists in other recitals, but there were so many good and interesting items that one could not but feel satisfied.

Most of the works were new to us, but despite the unfamiliarity of so many items, the concert was interesting, mainly on account of its freshness and vitality. It has been said that as long as a concert is lively any small shortcomings may be forgiven. Here there was nothing to forgive, for we were alternatively charmed and inspired by the apparent ease with which these two clever and versatile artists presented a highly exacting programme.

J.J.F.W.

#### THE SERVICE PLAYERS

We were paid another welcome visit by the Service Players this term on Tuesday 15th May. They presented two one-act plays, "The Foolishness of God" and "Jubilee Concert," the latter being the winning play at the Manx Guild.

The former play was set in a mission station in China during the civil war of 1927 and was the story of the bravery and loyalty of the Christian womenfolk regardless of their race or their respective religious beliefs. The players captured the correct atmosphere of tension which is oessential to a play of this kind and on which the success of the play largely depends. The play was much appreciated as was shown by the prolonged applause at the end.

The second play "Jubilee Concert" was in a much lighter vein. The attempts of members of a Welsh village choir to hint tactfully to their oldest member that his voice is not as mellow as it was fifty years before, are most amusing. The play was extremely well-acted, the performances of Mr. Ronald Bott and Mr. D. Talavera being particularly good. The cast are to be complimented on their very realistic Welsh accents. In addition to the play itself, the singing of the Douglas Male Choristers as the Welsh choir was extremely good and was very much enjoyed by all.

During the interval we were entertained by Miss Eileen Peters and Mr. Nicholson who sang two duets which were very much enjoyed by the College. The boys were given an opportunity to perform themselves when the pianist played a selection of popular songs during the interval. They seized it with both hands, causing the Principal to remark later that it was reminiscent of Walters House at its worst!

Finally we must thank Mrs. Wilson and the stage hands of the College Dramatic Society who helped to prepare the stage, and we hope that it will not be very long before we are visited by the Service Players again.

W.S.C.

#### "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

The Easter Term play, produced by Mrs. Wilson and the Dramatic Society on March 29th and 30th, was Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Although not the best of plays for boys it was competently acted and provided two evenings of pleasant entertainment.

The atmosphere of the play, one of sylvan fantasy, was admirably maintained and was helped in no small way by the sets of Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Crabtree, and the lighting of Mr. Fieldhouse. We should like to record here our appreciation of Mr. Fieldhouse's fine contributions to the electrical side of the Dramatic Society's work during the last few years: our loss is Edinburgh's gain and our very best wishes go with him and his family.

The standard of acting was most satisfactory and in some cases high. The performances of Carr as Quince, Jones as Bottom, Clucas as Hermia, Zatz as Oberon, Wood as Titania and Cretney as Puck were

all praiseworthy; in the last scene of the play the clowning was very cleverly done and earned well-merited applause; Lowe and Spencer in particular clowned most capably, and Young gave well-balanced support.

Simpson was good, if at times inaudible; Whitehead and Cowley were good too, but occasionally were rather inclined to look and sound disinterested and bored with the whole thing. Taylor spoke quite well but once or twice could not be heard because he turned his face away from the audience; Lightfoot was good too, but spoke a little too quickly.

Most lines of the play were clearly spoken but boys should remember that looking half towards the back of the stage is less acceptable to an audience than a full face delivery directed at the back of the hall, and strangely enough seems more unnatural. An audience is prepared to accept stage conventions but is embarrassed at shyness and loathes mumbling.

Again Mrs. Wilson got the best out of her cast in the limited time available. Mr. Mogg and his team stage-managed efficiently and noiselessly, while piano music from Mr. Watkins and Mr. Wheeler helped to build up and sustain the atmosphere of the play.

P.B.S.

#### Persons represented

Fairies: W. J. Caveen, J. C. Creer, C. S. Holmes.

Elves: C. Weston, J. B. Black, D. L. Bairstow, J. M. Kelly, J. D. Gibb, B. B. Vick.

Amazons: T. E. Gallagher, G. K. Maddrell, J. V. Meadows.

Soldiers: P. J. Watson, P. C. H. Newbold, J. M. Clivery, J. A. Wallis, R. D. Cowin.

Court Ladies: D. B. George, J. D. Riding, J. Corran.

Scenes

PART I

A room in the palace of Theseus. Quince's house. A forest near Athens.

Interval of ten minutes

PART II

A forest near Athens. Quince's house. A hall in the palace of Theseus.

Stage Staff

Properties: A. C. L. Jones, P. L. Osbaldeston, B. C. Kneen.

Curatin: P. E. Sowerbutts.

Stage hands and carpenters: A. G. Dunkerley, B. E. Van Issum, M.

V. Webster, J. W. L. Stott, M. E. Lowe, D. G. Shackleton. Lighting: W. S. Fieldhouse, J. P. Honey, C. R. Buck, W. D. Christian, A. G. Bairstow.

Scenery erected by C. Pritchard and painted by R. Crabtree.

At the piano: J. J. F. Watkins and F. Wheeler. Costumes: B. I. R. Wilson and L. Bairstow. Producer: B. I. R. Wilson.

Stage Manager: J. H. Mogg.

#### COLLEGE PARTY IN SWITZERLAND AUGUST - SEPTEMBER, 1950

This account was regrettably omitted from the last two editions of The Barrovian.

The party set out from Liverpool on 28th August, and consisted of the following boys, with Mr. Sherwood and his family:—C. R. Buck, D. Christian, R. Dawson, R. W. Esson, W. Furness, G. Gaskell, D. Griffin, R. Henry, P. Hilditch, I. Horrox, J. Lace, D. Moyers and M. Wood.

Plans for the holiday suffered many setbacks and when it was learnt at the last moment that the French coach company wanted to charge far more to take us across France than the amount originally quoted it was thought the holiday might not take place at all. Rising costs on the Continent caused further anxieties and added difficulties to the task of keeping the overall cost down. Fortunately we just managed to effect railway bookings at the last moment and set off to time.

We travelled as follows:— Coach from Liverpool to London and from London to Folkestone; cross-channel steamer from Folkestone to Calais; train from Calais to Basel and from Basel to Spiez; coach from Spiez to Aeschi.

In Switzerland we stayed at Aeschi, and then at Weissenburg at a hotel visited by the Queen of Holland before the war; the weather was not much kinder than in England but we managed to see a lot of the neighbouring country. We visited Interlaken by steamer, Lake Thun, the old and very charming town of Thun and its museum, Kandersteg, where we ascended a mountain by chair-lift to see Oeschinen Lake; we climbed Niesen mountain by its special railway; and saw the astonishingly blue waters of Blausee, with its teeming trout hatchery. We spent a never-to-be-forgotten day in Italy, passing through the Loetschberg and Simplon tunnels and the towns of Brig and Domodossola, to reach Stresa on the shores of the lovely Lake Maggiore. Here some of us visited the famous three islands and bought valuable souvenirs and presents. Stresa station was a most colourful scene on the way back, with many boys wearing enormous straw hats and speaking fluent Italian to the porters.

All things considered, the holiday was a great success. Thanks to the courtesy of Swiss Railways we were able to see all we did see, as a party, at about half the usual cost, and the holiday was a very good introduction to Europe to those who were visiting it for the first time.

P.B.S.

#### THE SOCIETIES

#### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

President: The PRINCIPAL.
Chairman: Mrs. S. E. WILSON.
Hon. Secretary: F. R. SHIMMIN.
Stage Manager: Mr. J. H. MOGG.
Committee: D. EDMONDS, L. C. COWLEY.

Last term the Society produced "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by W. Shakespeare. Although by no means the best play we have done, it was on the whole quite successful. A report on this will be found elsewhere.

This term we were visited by the Service Players who presented to us their plays that they had entered for the Manx Music and Drama Festival. They had been successful in winning the Open Class with the second play they performed for us—" Jubilee Concert." A report on these can also be found elsewhere.

#### GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President: The PRINCIPAL.

Chairman: D. W. USHERWOOD, Esq.

Hon. Secretary: P. W. WHITE.

At the final meeting of last term we heard an edited version of "The Pirates of Penzance." Following last year's precedent, a list of all the works played during the winter sessions was distributed to members, and they made their choice for two meetings to be held this term. The two programmes prepared from the results of this poll reflect an interesting and wide variety of tastes: the first three choices, in order of popularity, were Tschaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite," "The English Rose" from "Merrie England" and the Crimond setting of the 23rd Psalm.

1st Programme:

Overture "Silken Ladder" ..... Rossini Tales from the Vienna Woods..... I. Strauss Trumpet Tune ..... Purcell 23rd Psalm ..... (Crimond) Nutcracker Suite ..... Tschaikowsky 2ND PROGRAMME: Prelude to Act III "Lohengrin' ..... Wagner Ave Verum ....... Mozart "The English Rose" (Merrie England) ...... German Weber Invitation to the Dance ..... Excerpts from "Carnival of Animals" Saint-Sa Rhapsody "Espana" Chabrier Saint-Saens Judge's Song and Finale (Trial by Jury) ...... Sullivan
4th Movement of 5th Symphony ...... Beethoven

#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President: W. L. HANDYSIDE, Esq. Vice-President: D. W. USHERWOOD, Esq. Hon. Secretary: D. EDMONDS. Hon. Sergeant-at-Arms: R. N. WATERS.

We have had five meetings since the last edition of *The Barrovian*. Last term we were visited by a party of Old Boys and had an interesting discussion with them; the topic being, "That Great Britain is becoming too subservient to the U.S.A." We had a meeting with the Junior Debating Society and a debate was held. The motion was, "That the United Nations should not hesitate to make immediate use of the atom bomb in the event of general war." That the result was a draw does not indicate any partisan feeling. On 21st March, Mr. Eason, O.K.W., and lawyer, gave us an interesting paper on

"The Law." He explained the various types of law, and talked about the British courts, finishing with the possibilities of law as a career.

The remaining two meetings took place this term. The 300th meeting took the form of a discussion on "American foreign policy and General MacArthur." The last meeting was held on 15th June and a quiz with the Junior Debating Society was held. We were forced to lower our flag, losing by one point.

Summer activities and examinations prevent us from having any more meetings this term. It only remains to have our annual "teaparty" to close yet another successful year for the Society.

#### MUSIC CLUB

President: The PRINCIPAL.

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

Hon. Secretary: F. R. SHIMMIN.

Committee Members: G. THORP, P. J. WATSON.

Only one meeting has been held since our last report; this was the last meeting of the Easter Term. The evening's Public Business consisted of two short lectures. The first by the Hon. Treasurer—T. D. A. Thompson, who has now left us—dealt with "Tschaikowsky his life and works." The lecturer illustrated his talk with a number of gramophone records.

The second lecture was a selection of Manx Songs and Ballads presented by the Hon. Secretary, all of which were played or sung by various performers including Canon Stenning and Mr. Usherwood. There have been no meetings this term, as is usual in the summer.

#### 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.

No brilliant success has come our way since the last edition of House Notes—a familiar introduction. We were very comfortably last in the Relays Competition and our grand total in the Athletics is nobody's business. Nevertheless, some of our members are making strides in the direction in which they are inclined, by acting as cavemen in the pageant.

We are glad to see that the standard of cricket is improving throughout the rest of the School: until this season, only once since 1947 have we beaten our opponents in the Open House Matches with less than five wickets in hand. Congratulations to Wood who has again been awarded his cricket cap: Stott and Marshall also play regularly for the 1st XI and Esson, Bairstow and Buck for the 2nd XI.

In the Fives we were beaten by Colbourne in the final, but all hope of winning something, before the end of the year, has not yet left us, as we are in the running for the Open Cricket Shield.

Our best wishes for the future go with Lowe, M., who left us last term and with Cannell, Coates, Jones, Jepson, Bairstow, Buck, Lowe, P., and Norfolk, who will be leaving at the end of this term.

#### COLBOURNE HOUSE

Head of House: R. N. WATERS.

Praepositor: I. DUNKERLEY.

Sub-Praepositors: G. W. P. WALDRON, J. P. WATTERSON, P. J. WHITEHEAD.

House-Praepositors: S. P. T. KEIG, P. J. WATSON, A. M. WATTERSON, J. S. LIGHTFOOT.

It has been our misfortune to loose Mr. Fieldhouse, our Assistant House-master, at the end of last term. In his quiet effective way, he has done a great deal for the House and leaves with our admiration and affection. Mr. Pritchard has kindly consented to take his place once again.

The brothers Johnston visited us this term, from Ireland. The elder is on leave from Bayroot. N. Shah has also paid us a flying visit. He is with the British American Tobacco Co. and it was interesting to see his friends HINTING for the export products of his renowned firm.

In sport we have had a successful period. We have won the Athletics Shield for the fifth consecutive year, and the Relays Shield is still on the wall. The Fives Shield has returned after long absence and we hope it will stay for a while.

The following colours were gained in Athletics:-

1st: J. P. Watterson, A. M. Watterson, R. N. Waters.

2nd: G. W. P. Waldron, A. G. Dunkerley, J. T. Condra, J. S. Lightfoot.

House Crests: The Colours and P. J. Whitehead, P. J. Watson, A. C. A. Fick, D. C. W. Lee.

House Crests for Fives: R. N. Waters, G. W. P. Waldron, B. K. Colvin.

#### **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.

After our successes in the first half of last term, the House kept up a high standard in athletics being second to Colbourne House. It was the highest place we have had in athletics for many years.

The following are to be congratulated on receiving Colours for athletics:—Young; 2nd Colours: Cowin, F., Jenkins and Mills, Colts Colours.

We also did quite well in the Relay Shield, being second.

The senior cricket started very well as we won our first two matches against Colbourne and Hunt, but unfortunately we were narrowly beaten by Walters in a close finish. We have been fairly well represented on the various School teams.

Congratulations to Cowley, L., on being re-awarded his 1st Cap, Cubbon on his Second, Mills, Lamb and Quirk on their Colts.

The term on the whole has been very quiet. Some people seem to have taken up hiking because a number of them were seen vanishing into the early morning mist on one occasion.

There will be hardly any changes in the House next term as only Cubbon, Cousins and Gaskell are leaving, the House wishes them good luck in the future. Thank goodness Higher Certs. are over.

#### WALTERS HOUSE

Head of House: F. R. SHIMMIN.
Praepositors: W. S. CLUCAS, G. THORP.
Sub-Praepositor: B. CORRIN.

House Praepositors: A. C. SAYLE, P. K. CONIBEAR, D. EDMONDS.

We finished up last term in 4th position in the Athletics Shield, and this term in the same position in the Relays Shield. The following gained Athletics Colours:—Shimmin (1st Colours), Thompson, Simpson, Corden, Edmonds, Sowerbutts and Quance, R. (2nd Colours), and Shackleton and Cregeen (Colts Colours).

This term has so far not been extremely exciting but at the time of writing exams have just begun and the usual active spirits are somewhat curbed. We promise ourselves much sport, however, when this enforced period of labour has ended.

We have three of the School's Tennis Team—that is only because they are no good at cricket and dislike gardening, so they have to do something. Cricket flourishes both on the field and in the locker-room, but there is more enthusiasm than actual talent in the House. To date we have won one Open House Match—thanks to the kindness of our opponents in dropping catches, in addition to a great deal of luck—and have lost two. We have also played (and lost) one Junior Match.

Swimming is, as always, very popular and most of the House turn up regularly to morning dip—at least twice a week. A great many people have entered for a large number of standards, but this year we do not feel quite so confident as regards our chances in the House Shield. However, we can always rely upon our captain, Thorp, who—so he tells us—is much faster this year and will probably obtain a few points. One of our senior members in a rather "headstrong" moment gained quite a good G.T. and it is rumoured that he will be entered for the Half-mile.

Leavers last term were: Thompson, who has gone to be an Admiral, Quirk, about whom we know nothing, Corden, who is somewhere in Athol Street, Dodsworth, Jones and Simpson. These three are all working on the Manx Electric Railway, and are we fear, disrupting the time-table of that otherwise excellent and well-run Company!

This term's new boys are: Dodsworth, J. and Caffrey, from Junior House, and Caine, Carter and Watts.

Leavers this term are: Shimmin, Clucas, Thorp, Corrin, Furness, Quance, J., Quance, R. We wish them good luck and remind them that wherever they go they carry the good name of Walters House.

In conclusion we would say that we are still, as always, a jolly good House, and our Old Boys may rest assured that that particular spirit which exists only in Walters House still remains within our walls.

#### HUNT HOUSE

Head of House: J. M. NELSON.
Praepositor: B. D. GALBRAITH.
Sub-Praepositor: M. H. LAY.
House Praepositor: M. S. PERRY.

The end of last term was devoted to Athletics in which we did better than for several years, finishing third in the competition. Congratulations to B. D. Galbraith and J. M. Nelson; I. W. Collister and R. G. Reid; R. Collister, R. G. Harper and D. Miller on gaining their First, Second and Colts Colours respectively. There was a marked improvement in the standard of Class III competitors which was gratifying to see.

The Relay Competition was completed this term and again we finished third; but very few points separated us from the winners.

The weather, up to the time of writing these notes, has not been good for cricket and only part of the senior competition has been finished. We have not yet won any matches but against School House we were unlucky to be beaten. We congratulate B. D. Galbraith on being awarded his cricket colours for the third year.

Every good wish to the following who are leaving at the end of term: Nelson, J. M., Galbraith, B. D., Lay, M. H., Mylchreest, J. L. H., Kinvig, J. A., Hawksworth, K. M. and Reid, G.

#### JUNIOR HOUSE

It seems that we are approaching the end of another year, and it cannot be claimed that it has been a very distinguished one. The highest standard attained has probably been in the cricket of a few of the best boys, where Turner in particular has batted with admirable concentration. In fact we were only able to get him out once before half term at the cost of about 160 runs. Kerr and Corran have been backing him up well in this department. The bowling is improving, Wilde being sometimes quite deadly with fast stuff, and Kerr bowling accurate left hand slows.

The weather in March was not very helpful to the sports, and our performances were mediocre, except that Wilson produced a record for the Under 10 Long Jump. In the Relay Races we ran a Medley Mile Relay against Hunt House. The team was Corran, Huntley, Wilde, and Bowman. They turned out in a do-or-die spirit, but found that the opposition had key men away so won comfortably.

Corran ran a particularly good half mile in a very strong wind.

McHarrie, Caffrey and Dodsworth went up at the end of term, and Cannell, J. M. is now Head of the House, with Turner Captain of Cricket. Two Patrols expect to go to camp at the end of the term at Sulby.

#### COMBINED CADET FORCE

The Annual Inspection of the Contingent took place on Tuesday, May 22nd. The Inspecting Officer was Brigadier R. M. J. Goldie' C.B.E., Deputy Comd' North West District, and with him as Staff Officers were Commander A. M. McKillop, D.S.C., R.N., Major F. M. Benito and Squadron Leader G. Vivian, R.A.F.

Once again the weather was kind to us and the parade and inspection took place in sunshine.

After the inspection, march past and final advance in review order, Brigadier Goldie and his Staff Officers saw the Contingent at work in its many aspects of training.

Brigadier Goldie declared himself, both at the time of the inspection and in his report, very satisfied with the high standard maintained in all respects by the Contingent. He very kindly asked for a "free half" for the C.C.F. which we had on the following Friday afternoon.

A Combined Guard of Honour will again be mounted at the Tynwald Ceremony, which falls on Thursday, July 5th, this year.

#### ARMY and BASIC SECTION

In the Certificate "A" Examination held at the end of last term the results in the Part 2 were particularly encouraging. Out of 31 candidates entered, 22 passed. We are now in a position to form, and have already formed, a Post Certificate "A" Training Platoon. This means that ample time can be given to training instructors and potential N.C.Os. We also hope to be able, in time, to form a Signals Section for advanced training.

Congratulations are due to all those Cadets who passed Certificate  $\lq\lq$  A  $\lq\lq$  examinations last term.

We have suffered a disappointment this term regarding our Annual Camp. Instead of going to Aldershot as we had hoped, owing to War Office committeents, we will not now be going South but will be again camping in our old "haunt"—Poulton. We have again been assured that this is the last time we will go to Poulton, and that next year we will be given an alternative.

#### ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

At the end of last term we were able to borrow the whaler belonging to the Port St. Mary S.C.C., and we brought her over to Derbyhaven. We are to have the loan of her until such time as the Port St. Mary S.C.C. is in being again. Much time has been spent so far in overhauling gear and rigging for sailing. We are hoping to get some sailing this term if possible.

Our annual "Week Before the Mast" this year is to be spent on board H.M.S. Corunna, a "Battle" class destroyer, at Chatham.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Some training time has been lost this term owing to requirements for the Annual Inspection and Tynwald. However, we are to have a Proficiency Examination towards the end of term and hope for good results.

It is possible that we may get some flying this term; but have no definite date as yet.

Annual Camp this year is to be at the R.A.F. College at Cranwell. We are looking forward to a very interesting week.

We wish to thank all those who have helped us this term. Mr. Foston has been extremely helpful in running the Long Range so efficiently.

#### SCOUTS

Congratulations to four Senior Scouts who have won the King's Scout badge. They are Watson, P., Merrill, R. A., Corkill, T., and Keig, S.

The first part of this term was occupied with preparations for the Island Rally at Ballakermeen School, Douglas. This was planned on a larger scale than usual to mark the Festival of Britain year, and all units of the College group contributed to the demonstrations.

The Group again raised over £50 during Bob-a-Job Week, a very good effort.

Preparations for three different camps are now in full swing. The Seniors are hoping to visit Connemara with the aid of bicycles. "A" Troop will camp at Powerscourt in the Wicklow mountains. "B" and Juniors will hold a camp at Sulby. In this way about 65 will be camping which may well be a record number.

#### RUGBY

#### ISLE OF MAN SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

On Easter Saturday the I.O.M. Rugby Club held the first Annual Seven-a-Side Competition at College which proved to be a great success

There were A and B Teams from the mainland clubs of Old Parkonians, Old Instonians (Birkenhead), Oldershaw Old Boys and from the Isle of Man Rugby Club and K.W.C.

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THE DRAW
                                     WINNERS:
      Winners of
     First Round
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    K.W.C. " B "
      3.30 p.m.
(3-0)
                                                 K.W.C. " B "
                                                     (5-0)
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        (21-0)
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      3.30 p.m.
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Isle of Man "A" v. Old Parkonians "B" 2.30 p.m. Old Instonians "A" v. K.W.C. "B" Oldershaw O.B. "A" v. Isle of Man "B" 2.50 p.m. Old Parkonians "A" v. Old Instonians "B" 3.10 p.m. K.W.C. "A" v. Oldershaw O.B. "B" 3.0 p.m.

Isle of Man Juniors v. King William's College Colts K.W.C. Colts won

K.W.C. "B" Team did extremely well to win the competition. In Round 1 K.W.C. "B" only defeated Old Instonians "A" Team by a try after extra time. In the Final K.W.C. "B" had the handicap of losing their captain, Whitehead, who dislocated his shoulder in the first half.

K.W.C. "A Team lost Waters in Round 1 and Marshall took his place in Round 2, Corrin taking the latter's place.

K.W.C. "B" Team: P. J. Whitehead (Capt.), P. Watson, J. T. Condra, T. Mill, G. A. Cubbon, T. A. Corkill, B. Corrin.

The Rev. F. M. Cubbon, who kindly gave a shield for annual competition, presented his own shield to the K.W.C. Team after the game. The Principal thanked all the players, officials and all who had worked so hard to make it a successful afternoon.

We should like to thank Miss Carless and Miss Heaslett who worked so hard to provide teas on the Pavilion.

J.L.R.

#### **LONDON SEVENS 1951**

Once again the generosity of the London O.K.W. Society, who put the team up in Richmond, made it possible for us to compete in the London P.S. Sevens Competition. Unfortunately we met R.N.C. Dartmouth in the First Round and lost 14-nil.

College attacked strongly on the Dartmouth line in the first minute of the game and a score seemed certain but Dartmouth saved. Before half-time a dropped pass in the centre let Dartmouth in with a dribble, the try not being converted. In the second half Dartmouth played with the strong wind and added three further tries, one being converted.

The Seven: A. M. Watterson, C. B. Corden, J. T. Condra, J. P. Watterson, C. B. Wood, P. W. Dodsworth, R. N. Waters (Capt.). Reserves: M. L. Marshall, B. Mills, G. A. Cubbon.

We are most grateful to the London O.K.W's for their hospitality and the delightful Dinner which they gave to the team in Richmond on the last night.

J. L. R.

#### CRICKET

At the time of going to press the Eleven has won 6 matches, lost 1, and drawn 3. Unfortunately, on account of the early Whitsuntide, we had to play Birkenhead School before we had even had a practice game. Indeed we had only one net and that was on a bitterly cold

day. This was the only match to be lost up to date. Of the other school matches we flew away on two occasions to Merchant Taylor's, whom we defeated by 5 runs, and to Liverpool College, whom we defeated by 7 runs.

Cronkbourne made 103 and College 94 for 6.

R.A.F. Jurby made 117 and College 126.

Castletown made 75 and College 137 for 4.
Barrovian Society made 109 for 8 and College 113 for 5 (declared).
Masters XI made 76 and College 118.

Mr. James Green's XI (1st match) made 114 for 9 (declared) and College 115 for 5.

Mr. James Green's XI (2nd match) made 122 for 4 and College 153.

#### K.W.C. 1st XI v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL (12th May, Home) K.W.C. lost by 43 runs

BIRKENHEAD		K.W.C.	
L. I. Rimmer lbw, b Wood C. T. Heppard lbw, b Galbraith	18	R. D. Stott c Thorburn b Robinson J. P. Watterson c Mitchell b Robin-	9
D. E. Hope c Cowley b Wood	ŏ	son	9
I. C. Thorburn lbw, b Wood	3	R. N. Waters c Rimmer b Ward	4
T. R. Ward b Galbraith	0	L. C. Cowley c Mitchell b Ward	2
K. N. Pyke Ibw, b Waldron	14	G. W. P. Waldron c Clancy b Ward	2
I. W. Mitchell b Waldron	0	D. C. Lee lbw, b Ward	4
B. B. Clancy st Cowley b Lee	26	R. W. Esson c Mitchell b Ward	5
B. N. Williams lbw, b Waldron	9	G. A. Cubbon c Thorburn b Mitchell	1
J. F. Boggie lbw, b Galbraith	6	M. L. Marshall not out	0
C. A. Robinson not out	2	C. B. Wood b Mitchell	0
Extras (b 2, lb 2, wb1)	5	B. D. Galbraith b Mitchell	0
-		Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total	83		
•		Total	40
Bowling: Galbraith 3 for 14, Wald 3 for 16, Wood 3 for 26.	ron	Bowling: Ward 5 for 14.	

#### K.W.C. 1st XI v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' 1st XI (2nd June, Away) K.W.C. won by 5 runs

MERCHANT TAYLORS'		K.W.C.	
D. A. Thomas lbw, b Galbraith	2	R. D. Stott c Searle b Hanson	7
C. J. Crisall run out	8	D. P. Brown b Hanson	28
J. G. Searle b Wood	0	L. C. Cowley b Hanson	3
L. B. Boothby lbw, b Wood	1	D. C. Lee st Lewis b Searle	0
L. J. Hanson c Stott b Wood	17	G. W. P. Waldron b Hanson	1
J. H. Murray c Lee b Lightfoot	8	R. N. Waters c Porritt b Hanson	29
G. O. Porritt b Galbraith	14	J. P. Watterson c Searle b Hanson	0
J. Howard lbw, b Galbraith	8	C. Wood c Hanson b Searle	0
R. H. Lewis b Lightfoot	0	J. Lightfoot c Hanson b Searle	1
R. M. Burley lbw, b Lightfoot	9	M. L. Marshall c Searle b Hanson	12
H. T. Dean not out	1	B. Galbraith not out	4
Extras (b 14, lb 2)	16	Extras (b 3, wb 1)	4
Total	84	Total	89

Bowling: Lightfoot 3 for 12, Galbraith 3 for 19, Wood 3 for 29.

Bowling: Hanson 7 for 32.

K.W.C. 1st XI v. LIVERPOOL (	COLLEGE 1st XI (23rd June, Away)			
K.W.C. won by 7 runs				

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K.W.C.	LIVERPOOL COLLEGE   J. A. D. Hobbs c Cowley b Wood 11   C. A. Sowerby c Wood b Galbraith 29   J. D. Atherton b Galbraith 1   J. W. M. Fitz-Patrick lbw, b Galbraith 0   N. H. Cooke lbw, b Galbraith 0   N. H. Cooke lbw, b Galbraith 0   D. E. G. Pope c Waldron b Wood 6   D. E. G. Pope c Waldron b Wood 6   D. A. Morris c Waters b Lightfoot 2   J. D. Robertson c Brown b Galbraith   J. S. Robinson b Wood 12   R. B. Kitchen lbw, b Waldron 18   R. J. Digman not out 1   Extras (b 5, lb 1, wb 1) 7   Total 93   Bowling: Galbraith 5 for 25, Wood 3 for 41.		
K.W.C. 1st XI v. Mr. JAMES GREEN'S XI (26th June, Home) 1st Match—K.W.C. won by 5 wickets			
AND TARRES CIDERAGE	T W C		
MR. JAMES GREEN'S  C. R. Davies c Watterson b Wood. 5 J. H. Toulmin b Wood 0 J. B. Hide lbw, b Wood 26 G. P. Nightingale b Galbraith. 5 A. E. Shaw c Cowley b Marshall. 18 P. S. Nelson lbw, b Lightfoot. 9 A. Marsden b Wood 19 R. W. Barton, lbw, b Galbraith. 10 W. R. Southworth not out 14 R. C. Watkin b Wood 4 W. Hide not out 0 Extras (b 1, lb 2, wb 1) 4 Total 114  Bowling: Wood 5 for 45, Galbraith	R. D. Stott c Southworth b W. Hide   D. P. Brown b Watkin   3   3   3   3   3   4   5   5   5   5   5   5   5   5   5		
3 for 55.  K.W.C. 1st XI v. Mr. JAMES GREEN'S XI (28th June, Home)			
2nd Match-	—Match drawn		
K.W.C.	MR. JAMES GREEN'S		
L. C. Cowley c Southworth b Davies 23 D. P. Brown b W. Hide	C. R. Davies lbw, b Marshall 18 J. H. Toulmin b Wood 3 J. B. Hide b Wood 77 G. P. Nightingale not out 53 A. E. Shaw c Cowley b Brown 8 W. Southworth not out 78 Extras (b 3, wb 2) 55 Total (for 4 wkts.) 122 Bowling: Wood 2 for 41.		

Bowling: W. Hide 5 for 29.

#### ATHLETICS

#### (1) ATHLETIC SPORTS

The following Colours were awarded for Athletics:-

1st Colours: B. D. Galbraith, J. P. Watterson, R. N. Waters, A. M. Watterson, F. R. Shimmin, J. M. Nelson, M. L. Marshall.

2nd Colours: T. D. A. Thompson, G. W. P. Waldron, R. A. Quance, P. Simpson, A. G. Dunkerley, D. Edmonds, C. B. Corden, C. B. Wood, J. T. Condra, W. Young, G. S. Moore, R. T. D. Stott, J. S. Lightfoot, C. R. Buck, I. W. Collister, P. E. Sowerbutts, G. Reid.

Colts: T. B. Mills, W. A. Jenkins, F. Cowin, C. J. Burnley, D. G. Shackleton, R. Collister, D. C. Miller, M. E. Cregeen, R. G. Harper.

The weather during the Sports period was even worse than usual and the majority of finals took place on a heavy track with an icy and penetrating wind. It was not therefore surprising that the only new records should have been in Class V where the High Jump and Long Jump records were broken by W. I. Carter and R. C. Wilson respectively. However, the general level of Athletics throughout the School showed a general improvement in standard and in Class 1 more "A" standards and more total standards were gained in every single event. It appears that it may be necessary to raise the standards again in several events and this must surely be the justification for the system employed at College.

Of individual events, the Long Jump showed a welcome improvement but the Hurdling was deplorable. Although the type of Hurdle in use makes disqualification easier than it would be with a standard type, there are few boys who can get in their three steps and few who do not adopt a high jumping style.

In Class 1, the outstanding performance was in the Mile which Galbraith won in 4 mins. 50.4 secs.

The all-round performance of Watterson, J., deserves special mention: he gained first or second place in every track event as well as coming second in the High Jump. In Class 11, Collister, I., ran exceptionally well and in more favourable conditions might well have broken the Half-mile record and come near to it in the Quarter-mile. Barwell, who was bigger and stronger than the rest of the competitors, ran away with the majority of Class III events.

The Sports were yet again run with smooth and clockwork precision and were characteristic of all the meetings which Mr. Fieldhouse has so ably organised. Our thanks are due to him for the very high standard he has set and for all the hard work involved.

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

1.	Colbourne (the holders)	160 points
2.	Dickson	126.5
3.	Hunt	108.6
4.	Walters	102.4
5.	School	62.3

#### RESULTS

Class records are given in brackets after each event. Those marked with an asterisk are also School records and represent the best performances in all events of Class 1 standard.

#### Class 1 (over 16 on 1st April)

100 Yards (10·2 secs., C. W. Peever, 1931; J. K. Hinds, 1934\*).
1. A. M. Watterson (C); 2. J. P. Watterson (C); 3. F. R. Shimmin (W). Time: 11.4 secs.

Watterson, A., was never completely fit during the Sports and this in part accounts for the poor time.

440 Yards (52.4 secs., H. L. Scarf, 1928\*).

1. R. A. Quance (W); 2. J. P. Watterson (C); 3. D. Edmonds (W) Time: 56.5 secs.

Quance is a strong compact runner with plenty of stamina and showed an unexpected turn of speed to win this event from Watterson, J. Edmonds may develop into a useful performer over this distance.

880 Yards (2 mins. 6.2 secs., J. Landon, 1950\*).

1. J. P. Watterson (C); 2. M. L. Marshall (S); 3. D. Edmonds (W). Time: 2 mins. 18 secs.

This race was run in appalling conditions and was certainly no reflection on the ability of Watterson, J. and Marshall, both of whom are capable of times in the region of  $2\ \mathrm{mins.}\ 10\ \mathrm{secs.}$ 

Mile (4 mins. 45.9 secs., J. Landon, 1950). 1. B. D. Galbraith (H); 2. J. P. Watterson (C); 3. R. A. Quance (W). Time: 4 mins. 50.4 secs.

Galbraith ran extremely well and with more even lap times he might well have come close to the record. The efforts of the pace-makers were not particularly successful during the earlier part of the race and as expected Galbraith had no competition during the last lap.

120 Yards Hurdles (3 ft. 3 ins.) (16.8 secs., J. K. Hinds, 1934\*).

1. J. P. Watterson (C); 2. J. M. Nelson (H); 3. A. M. Watterson (C). Time: 17.6 secs.

There had been little practice in this event, and the time although better than last year was mediocre.

Long Jump (19 ft.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ins., A. Watson, 1943\*). 1. A. M. Watterson (C); 2. P. W. Dodsworth (W); 3. D. C. Lee (C). Distance: 18 ft. 6 ins.

A reasonable result.

High Jump (5 ft. 63 ins., D. B. Roberts, 1944\*).

1. A. M. Watterson (C); 2. J. P. Watterson (C); 3. R. N. Waters (C). Height: 5 ft. 3 ins.

Watterson, A., has considerable natural ability in this event and it is a pity that he does not persist in his attempts to master the "Western Roll."

Putting the Weight (12 lbs) (39 ft. 3½ ins., P. W. Long, 1937\*).

1. G. W. P. Waldron (C); 2. J. L. Mylchreest (H); 3. T. D. A. Thompson (W). Distance: 36 ft. 0 ins.

Waldron has practised assiduously but was unable to produce his best in competition. Mylchreest owed his place to strength of arm rather than a mastery of technique.

Throwing the Discus (1.5 kilos) (130 ft. 8 ins., P. W. Long, 1936\*). 1. C. B. Corden (W); 2. G. W. P. Waldron (C); 3. J. T. Condra (C). Distance: 99 ft. 7 ins.

Waldron again could not reproduce his best practice performances and Corden won with a mediocre throw.

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

100 Yards (11.0 secs., P. W. Long, 1935).

1. I. W. Collister (H); 2. T. B. Mills (D); 3. F. Cowin (D). Time: 11.7 secs.

440 Yards (57.2 secs., J. Landon, 1947).

I. I. W. Collister (H);
 2. T. B. Mills (D);
 3. C. J. Burnley (S) and D. G. Shackleton (W). Time:
 59.4 secs.

880 Yards (2 mins. 13.2 secs., M. L. Marshall, 1950).

1. I. W. Collister (H); 2. T. B. Mills (D); 3. C. J. Burnley (S). Time: 2 mins. 13.6 secs.

Conditions were far from ideal and Collister who ran a splendid race can be considered unlucky not to have broken last year's new record.

Mile (4 mins. 45 secs., G. F. White, 1944).

1. I. W. Collister (H); 2. T. B. Mills (D); 3. M. E. Cregeen (W). Time: 5 mins. 31.8 secs.

Conditions were appalling. Mention should be made of Mills who ran well in all his track events but had to be content with second place to Collister.

110 Yards Hurdles (3 ft.) (16 secs., W. N. Hudson, 1946).
1. W. A. Jenkins (D); 2. F. Cowin (D); 3. J. A. Harrison (S). Time: 18·4 secs.

Long Jump (18 ft. 7½ ins., W. N. Hudson, 1945).

1. T. B. Mills (D); 2. I. W. Collister (H); 3. W. A. Jenkins (D). Distance: 18 ft. 0 ins.

Mills shows considerable promise in this event and his winning jump was a good one.

High Jump (5 ft. 1½ ins., A. M. Watterson, 1950). 1. R. G. Harper (H); 2. D. G. Shackleton (W); 3. R. Collister (H). Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.

Putting the Weight (8 lbs.) (42 ft. 4 ins., A. M. Watterson, 1950). 1. D. G. Shackleton (W); 2. J. M. Kelly (H); 3. M. V. Webster (C). Distance: 36 ft. 2½ ins.

Throwing the Discus (1 kilo) (127 ft.  $7\frac{3}{4}$  ins., W. C. Holmes, 1945). 1. M. V. Webster (C); 2. W. A. Jenkins (D); 3. T. B. Mills (D). Distance: 102 ft. 3 ins.

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

100 Yards (11.8 secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938).

1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. J. M. James (C); 3. B. W. Harding (H). Time: 13.2 secs.

220 Yards (28 secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938).

1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. J. M. James (C); 3. W. N. Ward (D). Time: 31 secs.

440 Yards (61.6 secs., A. M. Watterson, 1948).

1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. W. N. Ward (D); 3. J. G. Bell (C). Time: 67.1 secs.

880 Yards (2 mins. 28.8 secs., A. M. Watterson, 1948).

1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. J. G. Bell (C); 3. R. T. Foulds (C). Time: 2 mins. 41.6 secs.

95 Yards Hurdles (2 ft. 6 ins.) (16 secs., J. H. Radcliffe, 1938). 1. M. J. Lord (C); 2. J. D. Wightman (C); 3. T. A. J. E. Connor (H). Time: 16.4 secs.

Long Jump (15 ft. 6 ins., W. N. Hudson, 1944). 1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. J. M. Corlett (H); 3. J. D. Wightman (C). Distance: 14 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump (4 ft. 6 ins., A. M. Watterson, 1948).

1. B. F. Barwell (D); 2. J. D. Wightman (C); 3. N. J. Q. Howarth (H). Height: 4 ft. 4 ins.

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

75 Yards (9.9 secs., P. G. Black, 1940).

1. D. G. Bowman (J); 2. R. H. Corran (J); 3. C. S. James (H). Time: 10.2 secs.

220 Yards (32.2 secs., E. Christian, 1945; C. B. G. Wood, 1946).

1. C. S. James (H); 2. R. H. Corran (J); 3. D. G. Bowman (J). Time: 32.4 secs.

440 Yards (71 secs., J. G. Bell, 1949). 1. R. H. Corran (J); 2. F. N. Huntley (J); 3. I. D., Kerr (J). Time: 79.6 secs.

Long Jump (13 ft., 4½ ins., R. V. Joughlin, 1939).

1. M. C. Higgins (J); 2. C. S. James (H); 3. D. J. Shackleton (J). Distance: 12 ft. 5½ ins.

High Jump (4 ft., N. P. De Morgan, 1948).

1. C. S. James (H); 2. M. C. Higgins (J); 3. A. H. Johnson (J). Height: 3 ft.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

#### Class V (under 10 on 1st April)

60 Yards (9.2 secs., R. G. Robertson, 1945; R. H. Corran, 1949). 1. W. I. Carter (H); 2. C. J. Mallard (J); 3. R. C. Wilson (J). Time: 9.9 secs.

330 Yards (55.4 secs., R. H. Corran, 1949).

1. C. J. Mallard (J); 2. R. C. Wilson (J); 3. W. I. Carter (H). Time:  $57 \cdot 1$  secs.

- Long Jump (10 ft. 11\frac{2}{4} ins., R. F. Robertson, 1945).
- 1. R. C. Wilson (J); 2. W. I. Carter (H); 3. C. J. Honey (H) and B. M. Burton (J). Distance: 11 ft. 5½ ins. (Record).
- High Jump (3 ft. 2 ins., G. H. Rosenberger, 1943; R. F. Robertson, 1945).
- W. I. Carter (H);
   C. J. Mallard (J);
   C. J. Honey (H).
   Height:
   3 ft. 4½ ins. (Record).

R.W.H.B.

#### (2) INTER-HOUSE RELAYS

The Relays were held this year on the afternoon of Whit Monday and with a modified programme which was only partially successful. The events were for Classes I, II and III and consisted of a Hurdles race at the normal class distance, a Medley Relay and a  $4\times110$  yds. Sprint Relay. The Medley Relay proved to be unsatisfactory in that the deciding factor in the race was inevitably the performance of the boy who ran the longest distance. As a result, good individual performances in the shorter distances counted for little or nothing.

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

	Colbourne	
2.	Dickson	76.33
3.	Hunt	69.85
4.	Walters	61 ,,
	School	
		R.W.H.B.

#### (3) WHITE CITY

Only two competitors, B. D. Galbraith and I. W. Collister, were taken to the Schools' Sports at the White City this year. Galbraith competed in the Three-quarter Mile Steeplechase and finished fourth in a heat where three went through to the final. It was some satisfaction for him to see those three gain, first, second and fourth places in the final and his own performance won him a standard medal.

Collister got through to the second round of both the Junior  $100\,\mathrm{Yards}$  and  $250\,\mathrm{Yards}$ .

We were hoping that after running the second fastest heat in the 250 he would win a place in the final but the event took place at 7 p.m. and he was undoubtedly feeling the effect of his earlier races. He was, however, successful in gaining a standard medal.

R.W.H.B.

#### SWIMMING

Two matches have been held this term, both against Douglas High School for Boys.

At Douglas we had to swim some reserves owing to injuries and illness.

We won by  $48\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $41\frac{1}{2}$  points, College gaining 8 firsts and 11 seconds, Douglas gaining 8 firsts and 5 seconds.

In the return match at College we were at full strength, and won by  $55\frac{1}{2}$  points to  $34\frac{1}{2}$ , College gaining 11 firsts and 10 seconds, Douglas gaining 7 firsts and 4 seconds.

R. N. Waters made a new College record with a plunge of 60 ft. 10 ins. Class I was outstanding for College in both matches.

A.L.C.

#### HOCKEY

In the Lent term we had our usual season of Hockey. Games were arranged, on an inter-House basis as far as possible, for the age groups not engaged in Athletics.

Hockey is very popular and the matches were keenly contested.

Thorp (W) Captain of Hockey and the House Captains, Esson (S) Waldron (C), Cooper (D) and Perry (H) deserve commendation for organising their House teams.

We thank all the masters who supervised the matches, and the groundsmen for providing us with four good pitches. C.W.J.

#### GOLFING SOCIETY

President: C. W. JACKSON, Esq. Captain: A. G. BAIRSTOW.
Hon. Secretary: G. B. TRUSTRUM.

This year we held a Junior Championship (boys under 16 on July 31st), as well as the Annual College Championship. A qualifying round (18 holes stroke play) was held, in each Championship, from which the four best boys were chosen to go forward to the match-play (18 holes) stage.

In the Junior semi-finals, Keig, N., beat Arthur, J., 2 and 1, and Wilkins, J., beat Wilkins, D., at the 19th. In the final Keig beat Wilkins 8 and 7.

In the College Championship semi-finals, Waters beat Bairstow 3 and 2 and Keig, N., beat Trustrum 1 hole.

In the final Keig beat Waters 6 and 5. Thus Keig won both Championships, a very commendable achievement.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Ryder for his Challenge Cup, to Mrs. R. Dean for her annual replica and to Mr. Makinson for allowing our members to play on the Castletown Golf Course.

Bairstow, A. G., has entered for the British Boys' Golf Championship to be held at Prestwich.

#### CONTEMPORARIES

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—

The Blundellian, The Brightonian, The Bromsgrovian, The Draconian, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Ellesmerian, The Framlinghamian, The Gresham, The Journal of the Royal Air Force College, The Laxtonian, The Liverpool College Magazine, The Masonian, The Novocastrian, The Rossallian, The Rydalian, The Sedberghian, The Stonyhurst Magazine, The Worksopian, The Edwardian (Malta).

#### O.K.W. SECTION

Hearty congratulations to H. Wilkinson, C.M.G. (1913-21).

The U.S. Secretary of the Air Force, recently presented Mr. Harold Wilkinson, C.M.G., President of the Asiatic Petroleum Corporation, New York, with the Medal of Freedom, with Bronze Palm, for outstanding services during the war. The presentation was made before a distinguished gathering of military, diplomatic and United States Government representatives.

The citation covering the award stated that Mr. Wilkinson "...displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in connection with the Allied war effort from December 1941 to June 1945. As President of the Asiatic Petroleum Corporation Mr. Wilkinson was the official petroleum representative for the British Government in Washington, and served as petroleum adviser to the British Joint Staff Mission. His constructive help and guidance in the formulation of plans and policies involving petroleum refining, supply, transport and distribution, were reflected in the effectiveness of Allied military operations throughout the world. The outstanding executive ability and sincere devotion to the cause of freedom displayed by Mr. Wilkinson reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Commonwealth of Great Britain."

(The above item is taken from the Shell Magazine of May, 1951.)

The following is taken from the Southport Guardian of 9th June 1951:—

- "First curator of the Botanic Gardens' Museum, Mr. John H. Scholes (1929-31) will shortly take up a new position as curator in charge of the British Transport Commission's historical relics.
- "Since February 1948, Mr. Scholes has been curator of the world-famous York Castle Museum, where the annual attendances of visitors have increased by more than 111,000 from 1947 to 1950.
- "He was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, and was responsible for the planning and display of many of the Botanic Gardens' Museum exhibits, notably the Pennington Collection of Birds.
- "Mr. Scholes, who has held various offices in the Southport Scientific Society and was president of the Merseyside Naturalists' Association, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He is a member of several Northern antiquarian societies."
- In *The Times* of 30th March the name of L. A. W. NEW (1943-1950) was in the list of candidates accepted for entry to the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, on March 6th.
- R. H. CAIN, V.C. (1922-27) has been appointed General Manager of The Shell Company of West Africa Ltd.
- R. Q. CRELLIN (1936-45) qualified at St. Mary's Hospital, London University, in March 1950, with M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. He was also awarded his London University "Purple" for Water Polo (1950).

#### BIRTHS

P. N. JONES (1924-27)-a son.

N. D. RYCROFT (1919-22)—a daughter.

#### **MARRIAGES**

- G. A. HIGHAM (1940-45) to Audrey Mary Hill, of London, on April 28th 1951.
- E. REDFEARN SMITH (1929-41) to Joyce Martin, of London, on March 26th 1951.

#### ENGAGEMENT

C. G. St. C. TISDALL (1926-33) to Monica Chalmers, of Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

#### **Obituaries**

#### ARNOLD JAMES DEARDEN (1881-85)

By the death of Dr. A. J. Dearden at the age of 84, College has lost an Old Boy of considerable fame and ability. Son of a doctor, he left school to go to St. Bartholomew's Hospital in 1885. He took his degree of Master of Surgery (London) in 1890 with Honours, and a prize medal. At first he specialised in Eye Surgery, and was appointed House Surgeon to the Eye Department of Edinburgh "Royal." Later he became demonstrator in Pathology to the Edinburgh University Medical School, but his heart was set on general work, and he settled in Southport, and developed a large practice there. During the first World War he was director of the Army Fever and Tuberculosis Hospital in Southport. In 1916 he was appointed Police Surgeon, a post he held till he gave up general practice in 1936. He had a great wealth of patient-friends and was in every way a model of the ideal family doctor. He is deeply missed in Southport. He was a great lover of the Island, was frequently a visitor to Castletown, and to the end took a great interest in the affairs of K.W.C

#### JAMES WILLIAM BURTON HUNT (1902-4)

J W. B. Hunt (Dickson House) was born in 1888. On leaving school in 1904 he went into the timber business of Merseyside, and among many other interests, became an officer in the Liverpool Regt. (T.A.). He went to France as a Captain for the First World War. He was Major in 1915, and Staff Captain in 1917 in which year he won the M.C., was mentioned in dispatches, and wounded.

### ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, O.B.E., J.P. (1880-1881, Trustee 1929-1951)

By his death, the College has lost a dear and loyal friend, and the Trustees of the College a wise counsellor and trusted friend and adviser. This was realised by Old Boys, and he was elected President of both

the King William's College Society and of the Barrovian Society. He served on the Executive Committee of the Trustees from 1935 to the day of his death. Such are the bare facts of his connections with the College, but they do not adequately represent his deep affection for the College, nor his vivid interest in all that appertained to the well-being of all College boys and old boys and of the College itself.

He was one of the best known and most beloved men in the Isle of Man and he was greatly respected by all. He started his work in life in the office of the late Deemster Sherwood, and then entered the old Manx Bank as one of the accountants. In 1890 he was appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Douglas and 1898 Town Clerk of Douglas, an office he held for many years. He was offered more lucrative positions, but his love for Douglas was so great that he refused them all. He witnessed or initiated many reforms, and benefits to the common life of Douglas.

When he retired, he was quickly appointed or elected to many positions in which he could further the interests of the people of this Island. He was made a Director of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company and of the Manx Savings Bank, and later became chairman of both. He served on many Committees; he was chairman of the Isle of Man branch of the Red Cross Society, of the Crookall Maternity Home and of the Ellan Vannin Disaster Fund, while he was also a member of Noble's Hospital Committee and that of the Musical Guild and of various Societies. He never pushed himself and yet men and women instinctively turned to ask him to serve the community in these many ways.

To the very last days of his long life—he had passed the age of 86 at the time of his death—he was never impervious to new ideas. He was a man of vision, and was guided by the wise philosophy that time sets right the many passing troubles and anxieties of life. A quiet but abiding faith was the key-note of his very useful and active life. He loved his fellow-beings, the Island, and the College.

H.G.W.H-G.

#### LONDON O.K.W. SOCIETY

To the Editor of The Barrovian.

Dear Sir.

Our Annual Dinner took place on Friday, 16th March, and was held at the Holborn Restaurant, London W.C.1. The following officers were re-elected for 1951/52 en blos.

President: W. L. Kelly; Vice-President: H. W. P. McMeekin, E. H. Allen, C. J. W. Bell, A. Child, J. B. Cullen, R. T. Foulds, R. M. Glass and D. C. Greenfield.

The toasts were as follows:—"The loyal Toast," President of the Society; "The College," proposed by W. L. Kelly, Esq., O.B.E., and replied to by the Rev. Canon E. H. Stenning, M.A., T.D. "Our

Guests," proposed by R. T. Foulds, Esq., and replied to by Major K. S. S. Henderson, whom we were all particularly pleased to have with us before departing into well-earned retirement.

The following guests and members were present:—

W. L. Kelly (1919-25) President; The Principal, Major K. S. S. Henderson (1906-09 & Hon. Sec. K.W.C. Society 1925-50), Canon E. H. Stenning and W. K. Smeeton from College; N. G. Thomson (1907-14) (President K.W.C. Society); E. W. Potterton (1912-20) Manchester Society; G. F. Thornton (1927-31) Liverpool Society; H. F. Anderson (1922-30); E. H. Allen (1921-25); A. Aplin (1925-27); G. Bowman-Smith (1923-27); G. Brown (1924-34); C. T. Butler (1906-09); H. E. Barlow (1916-20); M. W. S. Barlow (1942-48); C. G. Barnes (1919-24); R. W. Bernes (1920-27); Sir J. H. Barnes (Master); R. C. Berry (1928-31); R. V. Bradshaw (1917-20); W. H. Bell (1880-84); C. J. W. Bell (1936-40); A. Child (1920-25); R. K. Clough (1923-27); J. B. Cullen (1918-24); D. Cooil (1914-25); J. L. Chambers (1926-35); M. S. Close (1924-28); T. F. Dodd (1926-29); J. S. Fitt (1937-40); P. Fitt (1947-50); H. Fergusson-Wood (0000-00); R. W. Frost (1919-24); E. J. F. Sharp (1911-17); R. T. Foulds (1919-22); R. Glass (1925-30); A. J. B. Goldsmith (1918-26); M. E. Goodman (1918-22); F. J. Goodman (1924-27); G. H. Hudson (1907-10); J. H. Hudson (1930-35); R. D. Johnson (1917-21); J. J. Kewley (1924-30); A. W. Kerruish (1929-30); R. C. Kitchin (1925-31); J. H. Kelly (1942-50); J. V. Lewis (1921-26); A. H. Lewis (1915-20); J. Landon (1941-50); H. W. P. McMeekin (1903-10); B. I. D. McMeekin (1928-37); C. K. S. Moore-Browne (1932-38); H. T. Middleton (0000-00); J. Mobbs (1929-31); M. S. New (1943-47); M. H. O'Grady (Master); J. G. Podmore (1932-35); S. L. Quine (1909-11); L. Shingleton (1891-94); C. H. Symons (1902-06); J. Shimmin (1943-50); P. D. Samman (1925-33); R. L. Thomson (1915-19); A. D. Thomson (1905-09); D. Teare (1925-30); A. D. Williamson (1914-19); A. Walton-Smith (1923-28); R. H. Woods (1923-28); W. P. Williams (1931-36); R. S. Wight (1932-35).

Hoping you are all having a jolly good term,

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL BELL.

#### LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT O.K.W. SOCIETY

To the Editor of The Barrovian.

Dear Sir.

The Annual Golf Match for the "Monsarrat Cup" was played over the course of the Leasowe Golf Club on Friday 4th May and resulted as follows:—

Runner-up and the prize presented by Messrs. Derek and Raymond Dixon-Phillip ...... D. P. Turner (1929-32).

The following also won prizes, which were made possible through the generosity of many members—both golfers and non-golfers—who subscribed to a fund organised by the Honorary Secretary.

Best First Half	K. Griffiths (1920-25).
Sealed Five Holes	

After the golf match, those playing golf were joined by more non-golfing members and a very enjoyable dinner was provided. Subsequently the Annual General meeting was held and the following officers were elected for the year:—

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President: C. P. Yates (1895-1902).

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: G. F. Harnden (1928-31).

Committee: F. S. Adcock (1922-30); E. L. Wiard (1919-23);

M. E. C. Bemrose (1938-44); C. A. Strange (1929-32); G. G. Foulds (1920-24); P. E. Wallis (1919-22); N. D. Rycroft (1918-22); D. Dixon Phillip (1940-44).

Ex Officio: A. N. Hydes (1919-24); G. F. Thornton (1927-31).

Hon. Auditor: W. S. Wicks (1920-25).
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In addition to the above, the following members of the Society were present: K. J. Meadows (1938-45); H. W. Corkhill (1928-31); W. J. M. Scott (1929-35); D. Clay (1939-44); D. C. Parsons (1930-33); F. Griffiths (1923-27); R. A. Chandler (1900-04); R. H. Richardson (1901-05); G. F. Porter (1930-33); R. Dixon Phillip (1941-44); C. E. L. Locke (1896-03); R. B. Bragg (1910-20); L. E. Gadd (1920-26); J. C. D. Dixon (1928-33); A. J. Scholfield (1927-36); D. B. Roberts (1940-44); T. G. Dodd (1923-26).

Yours sincerely,

O.K.W's, LIVERPOOL.

#### OXFORD LETTER

You might expect a letter from Oxford during the Festival of Britain to be something rather special—a panegyric perhaps that would present Oxford to the Barrovian world, a rhapsody about punts and summer balls, about sported oaks and dreaming spires (or at least, spires which used to dream until they were floodlit.) But that would be to treat members of the Barrovian world like visitors from the New World and would be irksome to everyone. We're just going to play a variation of the same old self-centred record and say we're sorry for the scratching needle.

Robyn Cain has delighted us by winning his half-blue for water polo and we are wondering whether any other O.K.Ws. have been so lilo-like and determined with such signal results. We also hand it to Neil and Ian Scott who, in Eights' Week, rowed hearty blades for Keble II and Merton II and between them made eleven bumps in six days, which all goes to show that rowing a dinghy in Derbyhaven bay is nearly as good as being a wet-bob at Eton.

John Moulton has been on his travels again and swopped stamps with señoritas in Seville. He came back, unfortunately, with a complaint in the attic of his ear and has undergone two operations during the term. The supervision in his ward was astonishingly lax; some of his visitors smuggled him in a bottle of sherry but John denounced their subterfuge and administered it to them publicly, without fear or favour, like a judge administering justice.

Derek Costain, like the Pimpernel, has been damned elusive this term, partly because he has had Schools but largely because he is constantly seeing a man about a job, not the same man of course, but different men, men who want him to sell ties in Essex, men who want him to look for nickel in Ontario, all sorts and conditions of men. It must be most exhausting interviewing them all but we are sure it's going to prove very rewarding in the end.

Nor are Bill B. Wright and Ian Stewardson seen about much. Bill, we imagine, has been very busy drawling, stretching and fainting in coils in order to have sufficient done by the end of term to get a diploma. Ian, when we see him, reminds us of a man about to publish a little book of meditations, who (for reasons wholly connected with the paper shortage) is lamenting the fact that it has to be little. Philip Jones on the other hand is a prominent figure. He stands on the extreme right of the Conservative and Unionist party, sits on the committee of the Conservative association and dines at the Carlton. If man is a political animal, no one is more human than Philip.

Paul Piehler has spent his term teaching and being taught, rather like a schoolmaster. He has been reading Anglo-Saxon with one of the most intelligent of Magdalen demys and been driving a car with one of the least intelligent employees of the West Anglian driving school. (Paul's first lesson was conducted in the High, where, at all other times, the steady flow of heavy traffic is at its heaviest and steadiest.)

Geoffrey Crellin has been predicting the weather from the weather predictions of *The Times* and spying on nature generally. He has sneaked out of College, over the spikes, as early in the morning as 4.30 just to eavesdrop on a dawn chorus and he has sneaked back into College as late into the night as 11.30 after prying into the sex-life of a badger, of all things.

Peter Farrer is still very much of a militant, though not always triumphant logician; perhaps if anything he is now rather more logical and less militant than when we first came up but this is how we prefer him. Gordon Craine is as clever as ever and so is able to spend most of his time watching cricket in the Parks. He's a sort of lunchtime scoreboard. A cricket match against Lord William's Grammar School was arranged again this year but rain saved us from discomfiture and we had an uproarious tea with the headmaster instead.

Archie Clague always adds spice to our absorbing conversations which are sometimes trivial but never tedious. It is not just a perfunctory tribute to say that, if he goes down, we shall miss his discursive commentaries, especially those on women and affairs, very much.

Finally we would like more people to come to Oxford from College otherwise we will shortly be beset with all the evils of a declining population. Remember that everything is for the best in the best of all possible universities.

OXONIENSES.

#### CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Once again, your correspondent is faced with the task of trying to write something about the activities of our diminutive group, without becoming banal or repetitious in the process. The passage from last term to this seems to have brought no news which might enthral the reader of this page. Perhaps this dearth of suitable material is the direct result of the corresponding shortage of O.K.W. personnel. With envy we thumb the epistles of (numerically) superior bodies of O.K.Ws. in other universities. In them we may find ample evidence of the galaxy of literary talent available. With what a throb of pure intellectual joy do we recognise the aptness of a quotation from our favourite Latin author; how pleasant it is to savour the innuendo and delicate choice of word and phrase in an oblique reference to one of our own number! "What oft was thought, yet ne'er so well expressed."

However, such fire power is not to be found in such a scantily-held position. We still have a bridgehead, but if the golden thread of continuity is not to be broken, we must have reinforcements, before our depleted ranks are wiped out by the ravages of Time and the Tripos.

K. Wilson has again disproved the popularly held theory that it is impossible to do a year's work in a fortnight. Having done this, he went on to condense several years' party-going into the next fortnight and was last seen, a little the worse for wear, heading for Cumberland, where he is going to teach people how to climb. M. Hosking and J. Connal, mindful of their water-going background, have been seen straining at the oars of their respective rugger-boats, in the May bumps. It is hoped that they strained with equal vigour at their engineering studies—the R.N. sets a high standard. C. Wilson, who has gone to Henley to row, reports that he has met the brothers Scott there. He understands that they are giving whole-hearted support to the Oxford Boat Club's researches into the submarine possibilities of a racing eight. M. Barlow is reported to have been trying to win the affections of an elderly portress of a Cambridge ladies' college. We can't imagine why. P. Heald assures us that he has done absolutely nothing; we take this to mean nothing of interest to the reader. At any rate, he has been seen proceeding towards his lodgings with a pile of weighty tomes, with whose contents he has no doubt soon become familiar. Although not officially "on the strength," V. Corkill is in fact residing (we nearly wrote "camping") in the City of Cambridge. We understand that he may be making a definite move toward life in the "Big Hard World" any time in the next ten years. P. Gelling never has a dull moment with his archaeology, and is no doubt anticipating the excavation of some brand-new bones or the acquisition

of a new-found language during the long vacation. We must assume that D. Andrews has been immersed in modern languages this term, but this cannot be proved, as he has only been seen twice; which does little more than establish his existence.

Next term seems a long way away—it is in fact, three-and-a-half months off. During that time nearly all of us intend to do some work, but hardly any of us will do any. Some will have to find jobs to eke out grants and parental generosity. At least one of us (K. Wilson) has gone down for the last time and will shortly be taking up a post at King's College, Taunton. Others will no doubt be hard put to it to convince tutors of the essential nature of their work in Cambridge and the necessity to return thither. But all of those returning will experience a pleasant feeling, half-way between relief and anticipation, for to be an undergraduate at Cambridge is very agreeable, even in the age of oil disputes, futile wars and the all embracing negative from Moscow.

CANTABRIGIENSES.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

c/o 20 Bitham Lane, Stretton, Near Burton-upon-Trent. 4th June, 1951.

To the Editor of The Barrovian.

Dear Sir,

I have met several O.K.W.s in the Midlands and all are unanimous in deploring the lack of an O.K.W. Society in the area. It is thought that there might be sufficient numbers of O.K.W's. interested in establishing a Midlands Society to make the project worthwhile. The centre of the Society would, of course, depend on various fairly obvious factors.

Would any Old Boys—of whatever vintage—who are out of range of the Liverpool, Manchester and London Societies and who would be interested in forming a Midlands Society, please drop me a line at the above address giving their views and suggestions?

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R. O. A. WERTHEIM (1935-40).

#### OLD BOYS' RUGBY MATCH

The Old Boys' Rugby Match is to take place next season on Saturday, 24th November. The team will cross to the Island on Friday, 23rd

November, on the morning boat and will be the guests of the College for the weekend, returning on Monday morning, the 26th.

Anyone wishing to play should communicate as soon as possible with: F. S. Adcock, Barrelwell House, Chester.

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#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' APPOINTMENTS BUREAU

Any old member of the School who is looking for a suitable post in industry or commerce, whether at home or overseas, and who is not yet 24 years of age, is reminded that he may apply to the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, either for advice or for introductions to a prospective employer. The Bureau has at the moment applications for ex-Public School boys from firms of all kinds, and many of the posts offered are very attractive.

Interviews can be arranged (by appointment only) with "The Secretary, Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, 29, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1."

#### NOTICE

During the coming winter months the London O.K.W. Society will again be holding informal get-togethers once a month in the Public Bar of the Garrick, London. Last season they were held on the last Friday of each month but this season it has been decided to have them on the LAST THURSDAY of each month, beginning on the 27th September.

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