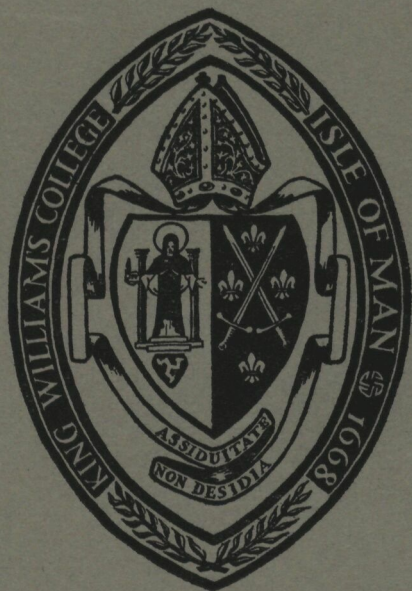


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## RANDOM NOTES

The Barrovian's new cover has been designed by Mr. Glover. We trust that you will not be misled by its apparent simplicity into thinking that it was produced without effort. The lettering and the fresh, but entirely valid, version of the college crest are the result of many hours' patient and skilful draughtsmanship. We thank Mr. Glover for all his hard work, and hope confidently that you will not think it misdirected.



We congratulate P. N. Skrine, who has won a Major Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.



We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Roche on the birth of a daughter, Alison.



The free half asked for by the Governor on Founder's Day was given on February 1st, and half term began at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18th. One day in January (we forget exactly which) evening school was abandoned, when a gale disrupted the Castletown electricity system and left us darkling.



At the end of last term we said a regretful farewell to Miss I. Dooley, who had been Hostel Matron since 1948. Miss Dooley is now

at a girls school near Johannesburg. We hope she will be very happy in South Africa, and that her successor, Miss Jelfs, will be as happy here.

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On January 29th a lecture was given by Miss K. Tansey of Massachusetts University on the work of John James Audubon, the American ornithologist. This lecture was illustrated by an excellent technicolour film made by the Audubon Society to commemorate the centenary of this great American naturalist.

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On Wednesday, 10th February, Mr. Ernest Sewell gave us yet another demonstration of his skill as a conjurer. As usual his tricks, old and new, were a source of amusement, astonishment, and even despair.

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### SCHOOL OFFICERS

*Head of School* : R. T. D. Stott

*Head of Hostel* : J. D. Carr

*Praepositors* : R. T. D. Stott, R. G. Harper, J. D. Carr,  
D. J. Cowley, P. W. White, P. K. Bregazzi, J. S. Gillespie,  
S. G. S. Scott.

*Sub-Praepositors* : B. K. Colvin, A. G. Dunkerley, D. Griffin,  
T. W. Shillinglaw, M. H. Turner

*C.S.M.* : R. T. D. Stott

*Senior Scout* : R. G. Harper

*Captain of Rugby* : R. T. D. Stott

*Captain of Athletics* : R. T. D. Stott

*Captain of Hockey* : J. D. Carr

*Captain of Swimming* : A. G. Dunkerley

*Captain of Fives* : R. T. D. Stott

*Captain of Shooting* : P. K. Bregazzi

*Assistant Editor of the Barrovian* : J. D. Carr

*Senior Librarian* : T. W. Shillinglaw

*Tuckshop Manager* : J. S. Gillespie

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### SALVETE

JANUARY, 1954

DICKSON HOUSE : Bray, J. C. D. (UIVa).

JUNIOR HOUSE : Webb, D. H. (LIVb).

## VALETE

DECEMBER, 1953

- J. M. CORLETT (1948-53). Hunt House LVI. 2nd XV Colours 1953. Colts Colours Athletics 1953. House Crest Athletics 1953. Senior House Cricket 1952, 1953. G.C.E. "O" Level, 8 passes. Cert. "A" Part I A.B. in C.C.F.  
Gone to Merchant Navy.  
Home address : 31 Sunningdale Drive, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- E. R. KELLY (1951-53). Hunt House. UVB. G.T. 1953. Cert. "A" Part I. 1st class shot.  
Gone to business.  
Home address : Brookmoar, Union Mills, Isle of Man.
- M. R. KNIVETON (1946-53). Hunt House. UVB. House Steeplechase VIII 1953. Senior House Cricket 1953. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 4 passes. Cert. "A" Part I.  
Gone to business.  
Home address : Cultraugh House, The Promenade, Castletown, Isle of Man.
- S. T. NIXON (1948-53). Hunt House. LVI. House Steeplechase Team 1952, 1953. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 5 passes.  
Home address : The Darragh, Port Erin, Isle of Man.
- P. N. SKRINE (1949-53). Hunt House. UVI. House Praepositor. 3rd Senior Edgar Heald Prize for General Knowledge 1953. French Prose Prize 1952, 1953. G.C.E. at "A" and "S" Levels 1952, 1953. Open Scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Queen's Scout.  
Going to Cambridge after National Service.  
Home address : Springfield, Atholl Park, Port Erin, Isle of Man.
- J. B. BLACK (1947-53). Hunt-Junior-Walters. LVI. 1st XI Cap 1953. House Fives IV. School Steeplechasing VIII 1950 and 1953. House Crests for Cricket and Steeplechasing. Member of Chess Club Committee. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 5 passes. Cert. "A"  
Gone to business.  
Home address : Bridgemount, Glencrutchery Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- J. R. SKILLICORN (1947-53). Colbourne House. UVB. 1st XV Colours 1953. Colts Athletics Colours 1952-53. 2nd Swimming Colours 1953. House Crests for Rugger and Swimming. G.T. 1951-53. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 3 passes.  
Gone to business.  
Home address : Kenwyn, Summerhill Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.

J. P. MARSHALL (1946-53). Colbourne House. UVB. 1st XI Cap. 1953. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 4 passes. Cert. "A". Part I. Gone to Rhodesian Police.

Home address : 70 Faraday Avenue, Sidcup, Kent.

R. D. COWIN (1948-53). Dickson House. LVI. G.C.E. at "O" Level, 6 passes. Cert. "A" Part II.

Home address : 6 Salisbury Terrace, Laureston Road. Douglas, Isle of Man.

### CAPTAIN F. B. PHILLIPS, O.B.E., J.P., R.I.N.

By the death of Captain Phillips the College has lost a devoted friend. In 1910 he married Miss Gelling whose parents lived in Castletown. In 1934, soon after his retirement to the Isle of Man, he was appointed by the Council of Education to be one of our four Governors of the College, which was then a "direct grant" school. He was elected by the Trustees to be a member of their Executive Committee, and he served on that Committee for twenty years, from 1934 until his death. He rendered great service to the College during the whole of this long period.

Except very occasionally, when off the Isle of Man, he never missed a meeting of the Executive Committee or of the Trustees. When the College in 1948 again became an Independent School, he was appointed a trustee. As governor, trustee and member of the Executive Committee he displayed two striking qualities; complete loyalty and complete unselfishness. We have lost a very valuable trustee and a much valued friend, who will be greatly missed.

All who knew him would wish to offer sincere sympathy to his wife and daughter.

H.G.W.H-G.

### CHAPEL NOTES

#### *Organ Recitals*

Jan. 24. Works by Corelli, Cocker, Elgar, Rowley.

Feb. 7. Works by Waters. Ireland Krebs.

J. D. Carr sang "Lord God of Abraham" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

#### *Special Collections*

Nov. 8. Poppy Fund £9 16 7

Dec. 13. Dr. Barnado's 42 10 1

Feb. 21. St. Dunstons' 13 17 9

#### *Preachers*

Nov. 15. W. E. J. Cringle.

Nov. 22. F. J. Glendenning.

Nov. 29. R. H. Freak.

Jan. 31. G. G. Greswell.

### WALKER LIBRARY NOTES

During the last two terms many new books have been added to both the English and Classical Sections of the Library.

Of the remainder presented by the Library Fund perhaps the most interesting have been two mountaineering books — "The Ascent of Everest" and "Annapurna" by Maurice Herzog. In recognition of College's donation to the Westminster Abbey Appeal the Dean and Chapter of the Abbey have kindly sent "The Story of Westminster Abbey."

### CORRESPONDENCE

26th February, 1954.

Dear Editor,

It was not a very happy thought on the part of J. G. Bird in your last issue of the "Barrovian" to suggest that Scarf's quarter-mile record should be consigned to the limbo of forgotten things. Mounting years must have blurred Bird's memory. T. M. Mylchreest was the runner-up, and speedy though he was, he was by no means a close second, and Bird himself blushfully confesses (and he was an excellent sprinter) that he was a bad third, in which fact his memory does not play him false. The time-keepers were, I believe, O. W. Mitchell and L. H. Scott, both, like Bird himself, now headmasters, and therefore presumably quite above reproach. The watches and the length of the track were as carefully vouched for as they always have been. No other time of any event run on the same day (for in those days all events were run on the same day) suggests anything out of the normal. Facts seem completely on the side of Scarf. Why suggest that the time was in any way suspect? Why not accept it as just one of those things that just happen, like shall we say Schubert or Shakespeare; unaccountable but verifiable? It has been a happy experience during recent years to see the records of the giants of former days being broken one after the other by rising generations, and it seems but fair to wait for somebody to beat Scarf's record on the track, rather than have it smashed from the comfortable depths of a study chair.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. STENNING.

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"Melrose," 33, Manor Drive,  
Upton, Wirral, Cheshire.  
16th February, 1954.

To the Editor of "The Barrovian,"

Sir,

My dictionary defines "Sovereign" as a supreme ruler, king or monarch (not a word about his wife).

One of the groups of questions in the general knowledge paper of last Christmas asks "What English Sovereign had . . ." and among

the official answers published in the Press appear the names of Katharine Parr and Queen Mary. It is true that both these ladies were Queens of England, but they were Queens Consort, not Queens Regnant and therefore not English Sovereigns. (One can imagine Henry VIII's reaction if Katharine had started any "supreme ruler" nonsense).

It would seem, sir, that the compiler of this particular question and answers (name unknown, but may I call him Homer?) has nodded, and in view of the publicity which the paper receives in the Press, Homer would be wise to be more careful in future, or he will get a warm reception when he eventually arrives in the Elysian fields. One can visualise the grey shade of W. G. Wilson hurling its pince-nez on the desk (if they have desks in Elysium), flapping its elbow and twitching the tip of its outraged nose, and saying "Bunch the brute," or more probably, administering a facial shampoo to ensure Homer's future wakefulness.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

S. M. CALDWELL.

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#### CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sir,

Poor Cambridge! That is the impression we receive when we momentarily transfer our attentions from our own battles with the weather, to that of the City. The long-awaited thaw has turned all into a sea of mud and grime. The coffee houses are even more popular than usual, because the steamed-up windows screen the dismal streets outside. Out of the damp mist six O.K.W.'s converged on Henry Corlett's room, and were able to forget the weather under the influence of more urgent matters. These termly gatherings would be a severe test for Stephen Potter, as most advanced lifemanship is essential in avoiding the appointment of scribe. However, Corlett was not at a loss, and, writing the names on slips of paper, he offered them to Juan Kelly so that he might select the unfortunate. With true British spirit he picked out his own name, and all was settled. After two minutes of hard thought, he decided to look at the remaining slips. Unfortunately some mistake had been made, as they all bore the words JUAN KELLY. A further sortition decided the unhappy issue, and the lot fell to one who:

Renouncing every pleasing page  
From authors of historic use,  
Prefereth to the letter'd sage  
The square on the hypotenuse.

Firstly, congratulations to Bill Young, who has gained his Blue for boxing. This is a particularly meritorious achievement, as boxing has not been taken as a full sport at College recently. It is the result of a determination to train and practise hard, with many hours at Fenners' Gymnasium culminating in fruitful appearances at the Corn Exchange. There are constant reports in "Varsity" of spirited and able boxing by W. Young. Perhaps

the records experts can tell us whether this is the first K.W.C. boxing Blue.

"Jit" Turner is at a R.A.F. Station called Waterbeach—a contradiction in terms if ever there was—and visits us with pleasant frequency. He has offered to motor Kelly, Moore and Waters over to Thame where we will be joining Oxford and London O.K.W.'s to play rugby against Mr. Mullen's School.

Henry Corlett claims to be doing many sums, but, in view of the fine spread he gave us, to which we did ample justice, we think that there must be some truth in the rumour that he runs a Dancing Academy. He devotes a good deal of time to the furtherance of Methodism and the University Mission. Alan Smith has been rowing in among the ice, but so far has avoided the chilling experience of the Clare boat who did some involuntary research into Arctic survival. Gordon Moore has abandoned his Cricket Blue chances in favour of the more lucrative post of Emma. Med. Soc. Sec. He finds that a good substitute for climbing in is to stay out the whole night: in London for preference. Kelly says that he is considering work, which, on the whole, we find an interesting occupation, although the next step is difficult. He runs a quarter for Emma., whilst claiming it to be two fur and long. The solution is a good correspondence course in spelling. Waters claims to have suffered from Bornholme's disease; he has been awarded colours for fives, and impatiently awaits the first round of the Cuppers.

There are three regular visitors to Cambridge whom we never see—David Clague, Chris. Wilson and "Spud" Barlow. We understand that they believe there are too many women students in Cambridge, and plan to remove three of them.

G.K.P. for the University consists of two questions: how to light King's Parade, and what to name The Third Foundation for Women, which has now come into operation. There is no correct answer so far.

As the "Sunday Times" states, "For the rest, Cambridge seems to have lapsed into its customary mid-year doldrums."

CANTABRIGIENSES.



## OXFORD LETTER

Dear Sir,

Our numbers appear to have diminished even more this term, as the impending shadow of Schools has driven four out of the seven into the libraries and laboratories of the University, from whence they emerge but to eat and sleep.

Ian Scott, who has Schools behind him, is wandering around with the rather superior look which those who have taken Schools affect in the presence of those who have not. He is to be found on the towpath during the afternoon, coaching one of his innumerable crews. He did a little rowing himself at the beginning of term. Ian has a wonderful collection of home-made glass animals, and



visitors to Oxford are well advised to see them, if only to partake of the vast tea which accompanies such visits.

John Cannell brings a refreshing smell of Castrol among the musty tomes, and he is generally to be found with the University Motor-Cycle Club, discoursing learnedly on the relative merits of Norton and Gilera, and the correct line on Quarter Bridge. If you can interrupt him for a few moments, he will admit to having rowed a little, and playing chess occasionally. John is not interested in the gentle sex, since he believes that they would interrupt his work. He is more interested in motor-cycles anyway.

Noel Turner does not subscribe to this view, and he has been seen out with a delightful young French lady. Rumour has it that he eats his tea in St. Hilda's, but the connection between these facts is uncertain. He helped St. Peter's Hall to defeat Merton in the rugger cuppers, and as a result of his efforts, has been leaning heavily on his famous walking-stick. He also finds time to do some work.

The other O.K.W. at St. Peter's Hall, Charles Caine, has eluded us completely this term. It is believed that he is taking his work very seriously, and that there are other reasons. . . .

Ron Shimmin is also very reticent about his activities. He claims to be absorbed in his work, but it is known that he plays soccer, both for and against his College, and he has been seen watching the Headington-Bolton Cup-tie, Pegasus in the Amateur Cup, and French films at the Scala. He is arranging a tour in the Island for the Worcester Soccer XI at Easter.

Brian Stoner also claims to be working hard, but is frequently seen mounted on a motor-cycle. He also committed the unforgivable sin of entering the Cambridge Rally with a member of the crew of one of the Cambridge team. Such an ill-starred partnership came to an untimely, but well-deserved, end against a wall in North Lancashire.

The other O.K.W. from Keble, Wesley Stevens, is extremely elusive, and even when he was finally run to earth, denied everything. We must, therefore, be content with merely recording his existence.

Thus this chronicle must close, as the Press cannot wait, and the eagerly awaited result of our Rugger match against Lord William's must be held over until the next issue. Until then, we remain, Sir, yours sincerely,

OXONIENSES.

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## THE CAROL SERVICE

Four weeks before the end of the Christmas term Mr. Watkins was taken ill with appendicitis, and had to go to Douglas for an operation. His work was gallantly taken over by Mr. Pritchard, who played the organ in chapel at our ordinary services and trained

the choir for the carol service. Mr. Watkins' first public appearance after his illness was as a member of the congregation at the carols and he records his impressions below.—Editor.

It is no easy thing to take over the production of a creative work, be it painting, building, music or any other form of expression, from somebody else when production is partly complete. To do so with an imposed time limit is even more difficult, for one has to mould what has already been done to one's own ideas. Everyone has different ideas on how a certain piece of music should be interpreted; if one is putting one's own ideas into it from its earliest rehearsals the task is considerably lighter than if one is picking up the threads of someone else's work. It was, therefore, all the more creditable that Mr. Pritchard produced such a high standard of music at the Carol Service. It cannot be disputed that the standard was high or that it compared very favourably with any singing that has been produced at College. From the body of the Chapel the choir sounds different than it does from the organ stool, and it was an unique and happy experience for one whose attention on these occasions is occupied with latent possibilities to be able to sit and enjoy such beautiful singing with the rest of the congregation.

J. J. F. W.

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### SPRING TERM CONCERT

The concert this term was held in the Gymnasium on Wednesday, February 17th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Watkins took us straight into the Palm Court of Grand Hotel with Herman Finck's "In the Shadows," which introduced a pleasant and tuneful programme of light music, both well-arranged and well-performed.

Nervousness seemed to prevent some of the soloists, particularly the singers, from giving such good performances as they obviously could. Hardy, making his first appearance, is a most promising treble, but he needs to relax if he is to avoid giving the impression that singing is hard work. J. A. Wallis, later in the evening, seemed to be bottling up his voice in a similar way. Carr, who was much the easiest of the singers, chose "Revenge, Timotheus Cries" by Handel, a piece of musical festival standard. He negotiated its tricky passages with commendable skill, though without striking fear into the hearts of his audience as this piece supposedly should. His encore, "Capt. Stratton's Fancy" by Peter Warlock, seemed to suit his genial temperament better, and was consequently much more lively.

Wallis made his second solo appearance as a pianist, and was evidently more at home at the keyboard. His playing was full of that musical emotion which escaped him as a singer. The Armstrong Gibbs piece demands a plangent and emotive interpretation, a mood which Wallis caught completely. Paul-Jones did not perhaps convey the feeling of Chopin's waltz to the same extent, yet his performance was accurate and musically accomplished. Callister, as yet very young, already has a sound technique, and showed signs of real musical imagination.

The violin playing was competent if not inspired. Scott seemed at times a little out of his depth, but he played rhythmically and pleasantly in tune. Green and Norris, with easier pieces but the added difficulty of synchronisation, managed to keep most creditably in phase.

The choir's first contribution to the concert, three part-songs sung with real vigour and musicianship, seemed to me the best performance of the evening. Their last song of this group, Mr. Watkins' own arrangement of "Carrión Crow," was delightfully spirited and well-phrased. The arranger might well feel pleased. After this extremely good performance the fantasy on sea shanties which provided the climax of the evening was something of a disappointment. I suspect the blame for this rests with Alec Rowley, who arranged them. He has done little more than string together nine songs rather sketchily and jumble them up at the end in a not very convincing way. At any rate, for whatever reason, the choir did not produce on this occasion the precision and attack which had earlier been so much to their credit and that of their conductor.

I should mention that an interlude was provided by that popular close harmony group, "The Praepositors," who sang, in a highly professional manner, an appealing ditty called "Some Folks Do," and the well-known and poignant ballad about my grandfather's clock which stopped dead never to go again when the old man died. If excellence is to be measured, as in a Carroll Levis programme, by the volume of audience applause, this was the best item in the programme.

R.H.T.

#### PROGRAMME

In the Shadows		Finck
	(The Orchestra)	
Fairest Isle		Purcell
Lullaby		Brahms
	(R. Hardy)	
Song without Words		Mendelssohn
Musical Sketch		Mendelssohn
	(C. W. Callister)	
Linden Lea		Vaughan Williams
Bobby Shaftoe		Traditional
The Carrión Crow		Traditional
	(The Choir)	
Minuet for Two Violins		Haydn
Rondo		Mozart
	(C. Norris; G. E. Green)	
Two Songs of the Fair		Martin
	(J. A. Wallis)	
Melody		Rubinstein
Entr'acte (Rosamunde)		Schubert
	(The Orchestra)	
Now on Land and Sea Descending		Handel
	(H. D. Cowin; I. F. Skidmore)	

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Waltz in A flat	(D. Paul-Jones)	Chopin
Revenge, Timotheus Cries	(Alexander's Feast)	Handel
	(J. D. Carr)	
Introduction and Gigue	(S. G. S. Scott)	Senaille
Dusk	(J. Wallis)	Armstrong Gibbs
Two Items	(The Præpositors)	
Fantasia on Sea Shanties	"By the Deep: Nine"	Rowley
	(The Choir)	
College Songs.		

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### 'CELLO RECITAL

On February 28th Miss Florence Hooton gave a 'cello recital to the whole school. The audience was perhaps a little apprehensive. but Miss Hooton by her charming manner put them at their ease, and with her ready wit created a happy atmosphere.

The first pieces, Sonata in G by Sammartini and Adagio and Rondo by Haydn, demonstrated the effectiveness of the 'cello in quick movements, but in the slow movements and in the Cyril Scott Lullaby which followed, the depth and richness of tone in slow passages, which is the distinctive characteristic of the instrument, was not fully brought out. This was the fault of the pieces. In the Sicilienne and her encore "Le Cygne," on the other hand, Miss Hooton ably demonstrated this quality. Of the other pieces the unaccompanied march, the Tarantella, and the French Dance, which was the second encore, were tuneful and pleasant, but, at the same time, in a much lighter strain; they needed little concentration to be enjoyed. "The Piper" and "Captain Cockchafer" were show pieces.

Miss Hooton was a bit hesitant about playing the Delius Sonata. She said that it might be too difficult for some to understand, and, in fact, it was. It was one of those pieces which, because of its length and apparent lack of tune cannot be fully appreciated at the first hearing, even by those who are accustomed to listen to such music. Most of us will never hear this sonata again, so obviously much of its meaning has been lost to us. However, something is gained from hearing any piece well played, and Miss Hooton's interpretation since she obviously enjoyed the music herself, was brilliant.

By her natural ease on the stage, apart from her purely technical ability, Miss Hooton showed herself to be a true artist, and an artist's performance is always appreciated.

S. G. S. SCOTT.

## HOUSE PLAYS

### SCHOOL, DICKSON AND HUNT

The first group of House plays was presented on Tuesday, 17th November.

The School House play, "A Collection Will be Made" (produced by Mr. Whittaker) told the story of a bewildered little country parson spending the holiday his parish had arranged for him on the Riviera. In the course of his few days he is mistaken by a couple of petty crooks for an outstanding detective, is consulted by one of the customers whether or not she should leave her husband and elope, and asked to leave the establishment by the "patron" on the grounds that he is disturbing the guests. Before the curtain falls, all three, the crooks, the middle-aged lover and the patron bribe the poor man not to mention his experiences. Gillespie got all the fun he could out of the parson, but was at times apt to strain it a little, making the parson too fussy to be credible. Corran's podge and his amusing manner made him an ideal would-be criminal, and his attempt at wooing Mrs. Anstruther provided the play's funniest moment. His beard was crooked, but that rather added to the effect.

Dickson chose a poor play, "The Traveller Returns" (produced by Mr. Kelly). Its plot consisted of a ghost's return to frighten his murderer into confession. There are many such plays, and one knows exactly what is going to happen the moment the curtain rises. But one expects a little subtlety on the ghost's part to keep the audience interested. Not so here. The climax is as cold as a military interrogation. The set is darkened, and the defendant is left alone with his blind, old father. Enter ghost. Ghost: "Who killed me, Simon?" Simon: "I did . . ." (stabs himself). Whereupon a policeman who has conveniently been hiding in the shadows ends the play by declaring that "this man has cheated the gallows." In spite of all this, the Dickson troupe was the best of the evening. Their performance was such that many weak points in the plot escaped one's notice. De Villiers gave all he could to the part of Simon, and his suicide, in spite of its weak excuse and the audience's laughter, proved quite dramatic. The small part players, notably Vick and Watson P. J. as the servant and village constable, backed him up admirably. Good production more than made up for the poor choice.

Hunt House came last with Ian Hay's "The Crimson Coconut" (produced by Mr. Tucker), a perennially funny piece of slap-stick. Such a play cannot fail to be funny, even if badly presented. But Hunt House, and especially Honey, so far from doing badly, succeeded in making us laugh with them, not at them. Honey superimposed his own sense of humour on to Mr. Hay's play, a combination which produced a hilarious and unstrained success. Nitro Gliserinski's outfit and such sights as piles of *real* plates being smashed on the stage gave the performance the necessarily absurd background. But there was one snag; the players must learn to play to the audience more. Often during the play jokes

and pieces of the dialogue were lost because the performers would not wait for the audience to stop laughing. The result was that the audience became afraid of laughing for fear of missing anything, and really funny jokes met a weak reception.

All three plays showed that a great deal of enthusiastic work had been put into them, and proved how successful house plays can be. We very much hope that they will become an annual feature in College life.

J. C. CHANTLER.

#### COLBOURNE, WALTERS AND THE "UNDERSTUDIES"

The remainder of the House plays took place on Tuesday, 8th December, when the high standard achieved three weeks previously was maintained.

Colbourne House put on "The Flow of Fortune" (produced by Mr. Mogg), and scored a great success, all the more laudable for the fact that the play was written by a boy still at College—P. K. Bregazzi. With delightfully easy dialogue, and a well-polished prologue, "The Flow of Fortune" might well have been written by a much more experienced playwright. But in spite of spoiling a good joke—we will remember that "d-d-damn Arsenal" for a long while—I think the play should have ended with the fulfilment of the plot; the extra five minutes of rather self-conscious jollity were unnecessary. The set and the lighting were good—I liked the ingenious method of broadcasting "Sports Report" with a tape-recorder—and the only blunder made was when the final blackout came a few seconds too soon. Bregazzi himself took the part of Joe Hawkins, whose wife Molly wins the £75,000 he had hoped for. It was a pleasure to see a rôle acted so naturally and so well. Fred, the family friend (McDonald), and Molly (Lightfoot) merit praise although rather overshadowed by Joe. Special mention must also be made of George, the simple friend (Dunkerley), who won over the audience right from his first entry.

Walters did very well in spite of a poor choice of play. "The Seventh Man" by Michael Redgrave (produced by Mr. Tucker) is obviously written by an actor—it is full of climaxes and pseudo-emotional speeches which produce an artificial effect. The plot is not at once obvious, and the denouement is confusing, but, nevertheless, the audience gradually became taken up with the train of events. As Gaffer, Carr had a difficult part. The man appears to be a very religious and God-fearing fellow, but if we are to take Snipe's evaluation of his character, he is an ambitious hypocrite. Certainly it is not possible to come down on either side of the fence, although the final scene shows Gaffer as a decent, compassionate old seaman. Carr got to grips with the difficulties and gave a very good performance—he dominated this play as Bregazzi did the previous one. My only complaint is that his Scots accent tended to fade at times. Scott's part was that of mediator between Gaffer and the rest—his performance gave the impression that he had actually "thought" himself into the part, a thing which certain people in the other plays could easily have tried to do.

Long Ede (J. Wallis) was rather calm and untroubled—not very convincing considering that he was going blind; but he gave the impression of a young, better-educated sailor, and so balanced the roughness of Cooney and Tom. The set was good, although one could not see very much of it—intentionally. With the gloom, the singing of the spiritual, and the clinking of various door-chains, the atmosphere created was of a sufficiently high standard to go well with the acting.

The "Understudies" gave an excellent performance, especially as it was the first appearance on the stage for most of them. "Thirty Minutes in a Street" (produced by Mr. Kelly) was chosen with the express purpose of giving as many budding actors a chance as possible, and the labours of the producer were more than justified by the good result. None of the parts was very long or required real acting ability, but, nonetheless, several people left indelible impressions — what an unforgettable pair of charwomen Cretney N. and Lambert made. The young man, the little girl, the old lady — everybody in the whole cast acted with charming abandon, and Cowin R. D. showed by his clear diction and polished performance that he was no novice. Perhaps if others had spoken as clearly the play would have been more coherent. Lighting and scenery were easily as good as in the previous plays, and though various sceptics had predicted a flop, I am glad to say that the production was a great success.

A. de VILLIERS.

## LITERARY SECTION

### SONNET TO THE NIGHT

The day has passed and peaceful night draws on.

The sky turns dark, while evening stars awake;

Then up above from where the sun has gone

The moon climbs high, reflected in the lake.

A wisp of cloud o'ershadows her pale face,

Hiding the silver beauty of her light,

And down on earth the veiling of her face

Endarkens earth into the shades of night.

Serene and lovely breaks the light again,

And moonbeams cast their shadows 'neath the bough.

This wonderland, however, soon must wane

E'er comes the light of morning, o'er the brow

Of yonder hill, with glory then to reign,

A light which wakens eastward even now.

C. NORRIS.

### SALMON RUN

*She and I love all Anglers, they be such honest,  
civil, quiet men*—ISAAC WALTON

Joe, the local policeman, had said that we were in for a drop of rain, and how right he was! Lightning flashed across the

heavens and rain came down in a torrential downpour. The cows in the fields around bellowed loudly as they sought the sanctuary of their stables. The swollen river gave cause for concern as the banks were near to flooding.

By dawn the rain had ceased and the morning sun shone through a bank of fleecy cloud. The weir was the main centre of attraction, as many of the townsfolk had gathered on the little stone bridge that crossed the river just above the fall. According to the customary rumours of the villagers there were salmon collecting in the weir pool preparing to make the ascent of that wall of water. From that time on, all eyes were focussed on the cascading fall. Suddenly a cry from old Tom startled us. He spluttered something and then jabbed a bony old finger in the direction of the weir pool. All eyes followed his finger as the people tried to make out what he had seen. Sure enough the black fin and tail of a salmon were seen to appear above the water as the fish swam against the terrific pressure of the fall. Then the fish leapt gracefully out of the water in a superb attempt to clear the fall. Its belly glistened in the sunlight reflecting the bluish pink colour that is characteristic of all fresh run salmon. Just failing to make the crest of the weir the fish fell back into the foaming river, and was swept downstream. After this début many more fish followed.

By now word had got round that salmon were running, and several members of the populace had rushed home for their fishing rods. Soon they returned, set up their tackle, and began to fish. Irvin, the local chemist, had secured the best spot on the bank. After some twenty minutes, Irvin's line tightened, and in doing so stimulated the old man into action. He uttered a hoarse cry and began his battle with Salar.

His slender split-cane rod bent into a graceful curve as it took the strain of the fighting fish. It was some time before the fish actually showed itself. Up it leapt, arching its muscular body as it did so, but soon to fall back into the swirling waters. Several willing helpers had now come down to the water's edge armed with gaffs and landing nets, ready to secure the fish when it was exhausted. Irvin held the fish superbly, and showed his angling skill, but Salar had one trick left in the bag yet. The fish turned downstream and swam hard with the quickest part of the current. Old Irvin didn't stand a chance once the current seized the fish. The line snapped just above the minnow. Irvin knew he had lost his fish and wearily wound in his line. He was not annoyed though; he knew it had been a battle between them both, and the fish had won; after all, he could tell them at the local how it got away.

Meanwhile, Salar was free to move, and began to breathe freely, gulping in the oxygenated water which invigorated him throughout. With a flick of his muscular tail he leapt for joy. The villagers saw him leap and watched him with awe and wonder as he leapt and leapt again that leap for immortality.

FISHLORE.



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### THE ADDICT

We strive,  
And failure's sorrow.

I sought my truth  
In pleasure, beauty, love,  
In grief and music.  
I sought pleasure  
And found it in the seeking.  
I found a way to joy  
Intricate, fine, rewarding;  
But on acquaintance worn  
It sought no longer seeking.  
And habit came  
And boredom to my pleasure,  
Pleasure in the seeking,  
In the hope,  
But in the finding—hate.

J.C.

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### CAREERS

Mr. Richardson, the Northern Secretary of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, paid us a visit shortly before half-term, during which he saw 15 boys and one Old Boy recently demobilised, all of whom must have been impressed by his friendly and understanding wisdom. For some he was able to promise action; to others he was only able to give advice, while those who are heading for the University will pass out of the hands of the Bureau into those of their University Appointments Board. Of course, the interview often does not bear fruit next week: there is the two years gap of National Service, and the people who are actually going into the jobs to-day are in the distant past to the present 17-year-old !

Mr. Richardson is very definite that industry to-day is looking for those who are willing to accept responsibility, and have shown, in such measure as they have been able, that they have some idea of handling men. Industry looks to the Public Schools for their leaders in the next generation, and is not prepared to waste time and money training those who do not show some sign of becoming leaders, and of being accepted as leaders by men alongside whom they have worked during their preliminary years of working at the bench. Industry is coming to believe that a young man's Service record is of great value in helping them judge this quality, and often is not very interested in an applicant who has chosen the easy way and refused during his Service to accept any responsibility for which his Public School years ought to have fitted him. Although a second-lieutenant is not a very exalted person in the scheme of Army life, he has "shown willing" and done what he

could; moreover, many Personnel Managers to-day have served in the Forces, and realise that an acting-unpaid lance-corporal must have had something pretty sound in him if he managed to hold that most difficult of all ranks !

Study of the above paragraph should show you that it is a good idea to join that branch of the Services in which there is most hope of promotion, and not those which you think may be less strenuous and more glamorous.

The Careers Master has applied for a vacancy on a week's convention at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to see among others, a shipbuilding firm, a tobacco firm, and a well-advertised firm producing soapless soap powders and detergents. If he looks particularly well-washed next term you will know why.

W.K.S.

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## THE HOUSES

### SCHOOL HOUSE

*House Master* : R. W. H. Boyns, Esq.

*Head of House* : R. T. D. Stott.

*Praepositor* : J. S. Gillespie

*House Praepositors* : J. Corran, D. F. Paul-Jones, D. B. George,  
R. Q. Cannell.

In the Junior Rugger last term our team did not live up to expectations. We lost to Colbourne and Walters, beating Dickson and Hunt. Howarth was once again the mainstay of the side and led them capably.

We congratulate Stott on a third year in the 1st XV, and Donaldson on being awarded his 2nd XV colours. Gillespie was once again in the 2nd together with Cullen and George. Howarth was re-awarded his Colts colours and Robinson awarded his. Padfield was our only XL colour.

Our House play, the first to take place, was entitled "A Collection Will be Made," a comedy which provided very enjoyable light-hearted entertainment.

Once again we were pleased to see Mr. D. Thompson at our concert, which was most successful, at the end of last term. One of the high-lights of the evening was the performance of Mr. Read, an old boy of this House, but perhaps the most amusing item was the Front Studies' sketch "Speech Day at Queen Wilhelmina's."

The cross-country this year was run in far from ideal conditions, especially for the heavier members of the House. Once again we finished third. Bairstow and Cannell ran well in Class I to finish fourth and fifth respectively. We congratulate Robinson on being awarded his 2nd colours for winning Class II, and Howarth on being runner-up. Gell, our best runner in Class III, finished second which was a good effort. Thus we were well represented in the

Inter-Schools Cross-Country. In this Robinson again ran well to win Class II.

Now for our *pièce de résistance*: the Senior Rugger Shield hangs on our walls. In the second round we beat Dickson in a hard game 5-0. In the final we managed to beat Colbourne 13-11 in what proved to be a most exciting and memorable game.

### WALTERS HOUSE

*Housemaster*: S. Boulter, Esq.

*Head of House*: J. D. Carr.

*Praepositor*: S. G. S. Scott

*House Praepositors*: J. R. Howarth, B. C. Kneen, J. A. Wallis  
G. K. Maddrell

Firstly, congratulations are due to our Junior XV on gaining the Junior Rugger Shield; they played with vigour and keenness throughout the competition and undoubtedly earned their reward at a well-known eating establishment.

With five 1st colours—Scott, Carr, Kneen, Howarth and Gibb, all forwards — we were not despondent about the senior rugger; however, we did not do as well as we had hoped, for with serious lack of strength in the backs we lost to Colbourne House after a clean, hard-fought game which was thoroughly enjoyed by both sides.

As usual, the steeplechase has occupied our thoughts and our time during the first few weeks of this term, but has not been viewed with the same lethargic attitude as of yore. Despite this, however, we managed to improve only slightly on our usual position, but were pleased to see Kneen, Howarth and Gibb running so well in the inter-schools event.

The House play, "The Seventh Man," went off successfully, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who had anything to do with it.

We have had only one visitor this term in the somewhat diminished person of W. D. Christian, who is stationed at Jurby. He arrived, surprisingly enough, with the R.A.F. cross-country team, although to our disappointment it was not to run. News of others lately departed trickles in, and apparently they are almost as busy as when they were here with us. They have our good wishes wherever they may be.

### COLBOURNE HOUSE.

*Housemaster*: A. J. Bailey, Esq.

*Head of House*: P. W. White

*Praepositor*: P. K. Bregazzi

*Sub-Praepositors*: A. G. Dunkerley, D. Griffin, B. K. Colvin

*House Praepositors*: P. A. Crowe, J. D. Wightman, I. M. Walker

We must first take the opportunity of thanking C. M. Watterson, Esq., for his most generous gift of a billiard table which now stands in the centre of the House-room. We all appreciate this very kind gesture.

Our hopes of winning the Junior Rugger Shield were rudely dashed by losing 0-33 to Walters and 5-6 to Dickson; we managed to beat Hunt. The House had three 1st XV colours, three 2nd XV, five Colts XV and two XL colours, whose names are recorded elsewhere.

The long-awaited House play was produced on Tuesday, December 8th, in the Gymnasium, and was well received and apparently enjoyed by all, particularly the actors. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Mogg for its production.

The end of last term was an end-of-term with a difference—it was celebrated by a party held in the House-room, for which Mr. Bailey very kindly supplied the essentials, which were excellently prepared by Miss Heaslett. As well as the members of the House, Miss Dooley, Mr. and Mrs. Mogg, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Cash were present, and a good time was had by all. To Miss Dooley, we bid farewell and "bon voyage" to South Africa.

This term, as usual, has been a busy one up to now, with rugger, cross-country and kicking soon to be joined by athletics and swimming. We have, unfortunately, not won a shield, but can obtain some consolation from the fact that we were runners-up in all three. After beating Walters 21-11 and Hunt 102-0, we lost the Senior House Rugger final 11-13 to School House in a clean, hard game, for which we congratulate our team, while thanking and congratulating our opponents in this splendid match. In the Steeplechase we came second to Dickson by a mere 13 points, while the same thing happened in the Knowles Cup by a slightly greater margin.

In conclusion, we have seen S. P. T. Keig, P. J. Watson, and J. P. Marshall, who have paid us welcome visits as Old Boys; the first two are in the R.A. and the latter is off to Rhodesia in the near future.

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### DICKSON HOUSE

*Housemaster:* D. W. Usherwood, Esq.

*Head of House:* D. J. Cowley

*Sub-Praepositors:* T. W. Shillinglaw, M. H. Turner

*House Praepositors:* F. Cowin, M. Faruque

There was only one change in the membership of the House this term, Cowin R. left at the end of last term and has been replaced by Bray, whose family are at present living in Nigeria.

Our high hopes of winning the Senior Rugger Shield this term were not fulfilled. In spite of the fact that our team consisted entirely of members of the 1st, 2nd and Colts XV's we were well beaten by the surprising School House team in the first round.

Dickson House was well represented on the various teams this season; Cowin F., Quirk, Kneen W., and Taggart gained their 1st XV colours Cowley D., Caveen and Watson P. J. were awarded

their 2nd XV colours, and five others also played for this team on various occasions. Colts colours were awarded to Allen, Bull, Cannell, Galbraith, Hartley, Kissack and Ward.

We retained the Steeplechase Shield this term, and, as this is the fourth successive year in which we have won the trophy, it seems to be becoming a Dickson House institution. Vick is to be congratulated on his fine performance in winning the Class I event, especially as it is his first year in that class.

We also won the Kicking Cup, the competition for which was held just before half-term; both our seniors and juniors won their respective sections by a fairly large margin.

The House play, staged in November, was a great success, and provided much (unintended) amusement for the audience. Needless to say, all those taking part enjoyed themselves, especially the stage hands when it came to sampling the alcoholic properties of the following House's play.

Three of our members—Cowley D., de Villiers and Barwell—were members of the College Shooting VIII which actually won a school match in the early part of this term; it is to be hoped that we can supply a few more members of the team this year.

Now to turn to the recent achievements of two Dickson House Old Boys; first we would like to congratulate W. Young on the award of his Blue for Boxing at Cambridge. Several of us are glad that he did not enter wholeheartedly into this sport while at College and that he left no trade-marks behind him.

Secondly, we must congratulate N. R. Watson on his marriage in the icy blast of Canada where he is working at present.

We were visited by four Old Boys in the first half of the term—T. J. Corkill and J.S. Watterson who are at present in the Fleet Air Arm, V. R. Cove from Athol Street, and J. D. Burn, who has since left for the Canal—one of Egypt.

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## HUNT HOUSE

*Housemaster* : J. B. Nelson, Esq.

*Head of House* : R. G. Harper

*House Praepositors* : I. O. Skillicorn, B. D. Kaneen, T. A. J. E. Connor, E. Q. Bashforth

We concluded last term with a 1st XV, a Colts and two XL colours, whose names are recorded elsewhere.

In the Junior House matches we had a rather young side, and were unlucky to lose the captain after the first game, but the team, we think, did not disgrace itself. Also a game was arranged between the under-13½'s and Junior House. In this we were beaten 20 nil, and there was no doubt whatever which was the superior side

The Hunt House play—"The Crimson Coconut"—which was presented last term, was a great success, mainly owing to the enthusiasm and team-spirit of all concerned and the invaluable help given by Mr. Tucker, to whom we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks.

This term in the Senior House matches we had a bye in the first round, and played Colbourne House in the second, by whom we were overwhelmed. This was not surprising.

Although we did not excel ourselves in the Inter-House Steeplechase we provided Grimshaw M. F., Carter W. I., and Williams D. A. M. to run in the Inter-Schools race.

We wish the best of luck to all those who left us last term and we congratulate Skrine P. N., who gained an Open Scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

Finally, we were visited by Captain H. P. Qualtrough, R.E., a former member of Hunt House, who has just returned from service in Malaya.

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### JUNIOR HOUSE

The period since the previous half-term seems in retrospect somewhat uneventful. This is probably a satisfactory state of affairs, and may be said to denote steady progress, for nothing upsets our equilibrium more than excitements or unusual events. Very few days have been missed from illness; work has proceeded neither too well nor too badly; rows have been less frequent, probably because we have had a much better lead from the older boys than for several years. Another good sign, or result, is that our rugby and running have enjoyed something of a revival. As no one has scored more than a single try against us, the tackling has clearly stiffened, though there is room for improvement in this, and more obviously in falling on the ball. An innovation was made in entering a Junior House team for the Class III (under 14) cross-country. Superficially, this appears successful, for though giving away nearly two years each, all our eight were in the first 17. Only two, however, were in the first eight, and in the inter-schools competition they were clearly out-classed. The experiment shows only the present weakness of Class III. In fairness, we must remember that Junior House were able to run the best eight out of fifty, whereas the Senior houses would be unlikely to have more than eight under 14's available.

A change that should be chronicled is the passing, for the present at any rate, of the separate Junior House Scout Troop. We still go Scouting as members of one of the School Troops, but the former S.M. is now on the retired list. Briefly, he finds it better to play "Ko-Ko" than "Pooh-Bah."

So far no names, but there are several to whom congratulations are due.

Junior rugby colours have been won by Vaughan, Cringle, Midgley and Slack. Cannell M. won the Class III cross-country,

and Midgley was third. These two ran with the school team in the inter-schools race.

The rest of the Junior House team were Watts, Crook, Vernon, Jones J., Parkes and Maddrell R. Still more we are indebted to these boys who, as heads of dormitories or sections, have been giving the right sort of lead. After all, it is not the number of wins, but the quality of the effort that really matters.—B.C.A.H.

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## MUSIC CLUB

*President :* The Principal  
*Vice-President :* J. J. F. Watkins, Esq.  
*Hon. Secretary :* J. A. Wallis  
*Hon. Treasurer:* J. D. Carr.

At the first meeting this term the club made an experiment which proved to be a great success. It was suggested by a member of the committee that an evening should be based on the radio programme "Any Questions." The idea was approved and preparations went ahead, the school being asked to provide questions on music and its irregularities. By January 30th there was a comprehensive list, all of which contained plenty of controversial matter. The panel consisted of the committee and the Vice-President, and the President officiated as question master. The evening opened with the views of the team on a piece of music played on the gramophone, and owing to some light-hearted back-chat, a good atmosphere was at once created, which was to last throughout the evening. The team on the whole were outspoken and intelligent, and at times even unruly. Opinions were extremely varied and they provided some fresh ideas for those present. The evening was clearly enjoyed by all concerned.

There are two meetings still to be held, the first of which will be a talk on Mendelssohn by Paul-Jones, and the second a programme of music of the two Elizabethan eras.

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## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*President:* The Principal.  
*Chairman and Producer:* G. C. Kelly, Esq.  
*Hon. Secretary:* J. D. Carr.

Last term saw the production of House plays for the first time at College; they were a great success. There are many people whom we must thank for this enjoyable festival: firstly, Mr. Kelly for the idea itself; then Mr. Mogg and Mr. Honey for their willing and able co-operation; Mrs. Mogg and Mrs. Whittaker for helping us with the costumes; Mr. Glover for designing two original and amusing programme covers; and lastly Miss Heaslett, who is mentioned all too little in this magazine, for providing the food at the party afterwards.

This term we are producing "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure" by Walter Hackett, and rehearsals are now occupying a great deal of the time. The production is in the hands of Mr. Kelly. Rehearsals will be starting soon for the junior part of the Society—the play chosen is "Androcles and the Lion," which will be produced by Mr. Tucker.

We have also discussed the production of a film in the summer which is generally thought to be an excellent idea.

Sic floret societas.

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## THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

*President:* D. W. Usherwood, Esq.

*Vice-President:* R. H. Tucker, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary:* M. Faruque

*Hon. Sgt.-at-Arms:* R. T. D. Stott

Since the last issue of the "Barrovian" the Society has held five meetings, consisting of two debates, a discussion, a paper by Mr. P. Bregazzi on "Flying Saucers are a Myth," and a Quiz with the Junior Debating Society.

The first debate was with Castle Rushen High School; the motion being "That this House would have preferred to live in the reign of Elizabeth I." This was proposed by Mr. J. S. Gillespie (K.W.C.), seconded by Miss Anne Carter (C.R.), and opposed by Mr. Cottier (C.R.), supported by the hon. secretary. Although Mr. Gillespie gave a most eloquent account of the lives that people led and the vast quantity of food eaten by the common people in the first Elizabethan age, the House did not wish to be transferred back into the 16th century and miss Mr. Bregazzi's "Flying Saucers" the following term. The second debate was with the Manx Dilettanti Society, the College acting as hosts. Mr. Davidson, of the Dilettanti, proposed that "Public schools breed sheep and not shepherds," and was strongly opposed by Mr. J. D. Carr (K.W.C.) who upheld the public school and its products successfully.

Mr. Fred Hoyle's book, "A Decade of Decision," was the topic of the discussion, and most of the members had very decided views about the subject, but, as usual in a discussion of this type, the speakers very often wandered from the subject, and no conclusion could be reached, as no two seemed to think alike.

Mr. P. Bregazzi's very illuminating paper on flying saucers appears to have raised a great interest in the subject, and many people seem to look upwards expecting to see one hovering overhead at any moment, but none have been sighted yet—probably because Mr. Adamski's telescope is not available to these budding astrologers and future Dan Dares.

On the 21st November the Society attended a showing of "The Conquest of Everest" at the Regal Cinema, Douglas. This was much appreciated by all, and we hope the Society will be able to



attend more films of this type. On the 12th February the Society held the now annual quiz with the Junior Debating Society, wherein we were able to impart some of our knowledge to the Juniors, and won by a comfortable majority. It was surprising to see that the highest scorers were a mathematician and a biologist, Mr. P. White and Mr. D. Cowley.

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## THE KNIGHTS

The Knights is a group which has been formed for the purpose of discussing, debating, talking about or listening to any topic directly or obliquely connected with the classics.

At our first meeting, in Mr. Usherwood's study, we read Aristophanes' "The Knights" in translation, and Mr. Whittaker gave us the necessary background to the play. This was extremely successful, and convinced some doubting members of the classical Sixth that Aristophanes *can* be funny when heard as he should be heard. It was from this meeting that we took our name.

After a long interval, we met again to read the Penguin translation of the Symposium, which was both interesting and entertaining, and led to a discussion on Greek morals and their relation to those of to-day.

Our next meeting, the last this term, will be held on the Ides of March, when we will read, not "Julius Caesar" for we hope to see the film version shortly, but Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion."

We hope to continue meeting during the summer term, and invite all members of the Sixth Forms to attend.

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## MANX SOCIETY

*President :* The Principal  
*Chairman :* S. Boulter, Esq.  
*Hon. Secretary :* R. T. D. Stott

Since our last report three meetings have taken place. The first took the form of a Quiz, and in the other two we listened to lectures. In the Twenty Questions Quiz the chairman acted as Question Master, and the competitors were the Hostel Præs versus the Rest. This proved to be a most entertaining evening with the subjects ranging from the "Castletown Candlestick" to the "Plains of Heaven"; we thank Mr. Boulter for compiling the questions.

The first lectures heard by this year's Manx Society were delivered by Messrs. Kneen and Cowin. The former spoke on Car Racing in the Island and many amusing and thrilling events were described by him. The latter talked about Manx Keills, and illustrated his topic with excellent drawings and plans sketched by himself.

At the last meeting Mr. George told us about the life on a light-house, with special reference to Chicken Rock. He explained

many matters about this subject, including, rather whimsically we thought, how rabbits amongst other things are caught with a kite by the light-house keepers. The other speaker, Mr. Gillespie, lectured on life at College one hundred years ago. This was most interesting, especially when the meals (a piece of buttered bread for breakfast) were compared with those of to-day.

We are looking forward to another meeting soon, but more so to the excursions of next term.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*President* : C. Pritchard, Esq.  
*Chairman* : J. J. F. Watkins, Esq.  
*Hon. Secretary* : M. H. Turner.

Owing to the unfortunate illness of our Chairman, the second half of last term's programme was abandoned. He has now completely recovered, and the Society has returned to normal. This term, two meetings have so far been held.

On February 5th the Society welcomed Mr. G. A. Glover, who talked about the composition of photographs. Photographs were enlarged on a screen, and he remarked in what ways they could be improved. Several good photos were shown, and much interesting knowledge acquired.

On February 11th a combined meeting of the Photographic and Scientific Societies was held, when Mr. M. H. Turner gave an illustrated lecture entitled "The History and Principles of Colour Photography." He was aided in this by a colour slide lecture lent to him by Messrs. Kodak Limited. To finish off the lecture he displayed some of his own Kodachrome Transparencies.

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## GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

*President* : The Principal.  
*Chairman* : D. W. Usherwood, Esq  
*Hon. Secretary* : P. W. White

Since our last report, we have heard two selections of records presented by the Chairman, and illustrated talks by J. A. Wallis and P. Zatz. In addition to his general selections, the Chairman also introduced the popular Christmas meeting, when carols and the Christmas music from "The Messiah" were played. At the second meeting this term most of the records played were those newly acquired by the Society with the subscriptions paid by our increased number of members. The new records range from works by Bach to William Walton.

Wallis called his talk "Musical Portraits" and gave us the stories behind such pieces as the "Romeo and Juliet Overture" and "Danse Macabre" (played according to Gramophone Society

tradition with the lights out). Equally enjoyable was Zatz's talk on Italian Opera, with its lucid descriptions of the context of each record. Many members, however, who are staunch admirers of Rossini, did not like hearing that fine musician accused of laziness.

We are to hear programmes selected by J. D. Carr and the hon. secretary later in the term. The membership is about thirty-five, and once again we thank the Chairman for the comfort of his study.

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### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

*President* : S. Boulter, Esq.

*Chairman* : C. Attwood, Esq.

*Hon. Secretary* : P. K. Bregazzi

*Hon. Treasurer* : M. H. Turner

At the final meeting of the winter term, Mr. F. Cowin entertained all with a lecture on the Aircraft Industry. The speaker, who illustrated his interesting talk with a film, had collected most of his information when he attended a short works course at the Handley Page factory in the summer.

On the 28th January, another Society member, Mr. K. Lang, took the stand, and, with films to help, gave a very knowledgeable lecture on the Coal Mining Industry. Mr. Lang, who intends to follow coal mining as a career, spoke of a course he attended in the Warwickshire coalfield.

A meeting was held in conjunction with the Photographic Society on 11th February, when the hon. treasurer spoke about colour photography. The illuminating talk was illustrated with colour slides borrowed from Messrs. Kodak, and some taken by the speaker himself were especially good.

A Field Section of the Society has been formed in order to conduct nature study and geological observations. Membership has been limited to 20 with three members of the committee, and several outings are forthcoming.

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### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

*President* : J. Foston, Esq.

*Vice-President* : D. M. Johnson

*Hon. Secretary* : J. A. Caine

*Committee Members* : D. R. Meadows, C. A. Griffin, M. S. Oddsson

These last two terms, the meetings have been fortnightly and so we have not been as busy as usual. This term the main item on our calendar was a Quiz against the Literary and Debating Society. However, in spite of a very gallant effort by our team, I regret to say that we were defeated, although two of our team did well in having the second highest individual scores.

During the remainder of the term we have had a debate, a film show, and a talk by Oddsson on his trip to Iceland. Later this term we hope to have a meeting with the Douglas High School.

## CHESS CLUB

*President:* Mr. Parkinson.*Vice-President:* Mr. Kelly.*Secretary:* D. Paul-Jones      *Treasurer:* W. R. Kneen.*Committee:* S. R. Donaldson, J. C. Street, E. E. Wood.

Three league matches have been played since the last report of our activities appeared. The first, against Douglas "A" was played on the 25th October, at Douglas Chess Club headquarters. College were beaten  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ . Scores:—

1	Mr. Kelly	B. W. Cannell	0
0	Mr. Parkinson	R. L. Lamming	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Paul-Jones	E. Ennett	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	M. S. Oddsson	L. Cunliffe	1
0	E. E. Wood	P. G. Best	1
1	J. C. Street	J. W. Clague	0
0	W. R. Kneen	D. Lankester	1
1	I. M. Walker	J. K. Hinds	0
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$3\frac{1}{2}$		$4\frac{1}{2}$	

The two matches played this term have both been more successful for College. The first was at home, against Douglas "B" on 29th January, and resulted in a win for College,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Scores:

1	Mr. Kelly	G. Gray	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. Parkinson	B. Cannell	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	D. F. Paul-Jones	R. Lamming	1
1	M. S. Oddson	E. Ennett	0
0	J. C. Street	R. Lloyd	1
0	E. E. Wood	J. Hinds	1
1	W. R. Kneen	P. Best	0
1	S. R. Donaldson	K. Brown	0
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$4\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	

On the 2nd February, the College team travelled to Ramsey to play the first match against the Ramsey Club. The result was a draw, after Mr. Parkinson's game had been sent away for adjudication. Scores:—

1	Mr. Kelly	R. C. Turner	0
0	Mr. Parkinson	H. Stewart	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Paul-Jones	E. Callow	$\frac{1}{2}$
1	M. S. Oddsson	J. H. Flower	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	J. C. Street	R. Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	E. E. Wood	J. Brew	1
0	W. R. Kneen	J. E. Boyde	1
1	S. R. Donaldson	R. Bruce	0
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Club nights have largely been devoted to the two leagues, which were started at the beginning of the term. The Senior League contains eight players, and the games are played using a chess clock, which Mr. Kelly has very generously supplied. The time limit is twenty moves per hour. At present, Odsson is leading the contest with three points out of four.

The Junior League contains the remaining 27 members of the club, and so there are plenty of games available to all. Kneen R. is leading, with eight points out of eight. There remain four league matches and a junior match against Douglas High School, all of which will be played later this term.

### CHARACTERS OF THE TEAM

The team has steadily improved in playing strength during the course of the season. Paul-Jones, the keen and competent secretary, has not appeared on paper to be very successful, but playing on board three he has met pretty strong opposition and done by no means badly. Oddsson, on board four, has continued to show high promise for a fourteen-year-old, and some of his performances would compare favourably with all but the very best among English players of his age. Street, a sturdy fighter, has had some good wins, but Ward is still far too liable to blunder to do justice to his potential skill. Kneen has performed capably, if not very consistently, and Donaldson, after a mediocre start, has become one of the school's most improved players. The strength of the team is shown by the fact that Walker, who has played once as a substitute and won, has not been able to gain a permanent place; and Frost, a promising if erratic performer, has not yet been chosen to represent the College.

G.C.K.

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### SHOOTING

All connected with shooting are very grateful to Mr. M. W. Bond, an O.K.W., at present in Bangkok, for a most generous gift of 20 guineas to the Shooting Club. Mr. Bond, referring to a letter in the December issue, said he was disappointed to see that school shooting was not as popular as it could be. He concludes: "I am enclosing a cheque for twenty guineas to pay for this year's rifle, and suggest you write a few begging letters to raise the cost of seven more. If you can't, I'll gladly buy you one a year, though I think that's an awfully slow way of accumulating them."

### CHILE CUP, 1953

My apologies to the winner, J. M. Wormald, as the result of the competition was omitted from the last issue of the "Barrovian." Twenty boys qualified by shooting an inch group or obtaining five bulls with five shots, and the competition was shot under Country Life conditions (less landscape). P. J. Watson and Wormald tied for first place, and upon a re-shoot, Wormald won by two points

### SCHOOL SHOOTING

Scores indicate a steady improvement, but our standard is still not anything like that of some of our contemporaries on the mainland. All matches have been shot under Country Life conditions, but some Ashburton and N.S.R.A. fixtures have been arranged for next term. Results to-date:—

	For	Against
21st Nov.—Elizabeth College .....	511 .....	652
28th Nov.—Kelly College .....	560 .....	640
5th Dec.—King's, Taunton .....	537 .....	636
12th Dec.—Campbell College .....	537 .....	623
8th Feb.—Ellesmere College .....	566 .....	512

Leading Averages:—

Barwell .....	76.00
Stott .....	73.34
Bashforth .....	71.40
Bregazzi .....	71.20
Frost .....	70.40
de Villiers .....	67.00

P. K. BREGAZZI

### BOXING CLUB

*Committee:* G. C. Kelly, Esq., D. Cash, Esq., A. de Villiers, W. N. Ward, W. R. Kneen.

The Boxing Club was re-formed this term under the auspices of Mr. Kelly, who looks after the administrative side, and Mr. Cash, who concerns himself with all the gore. Mr. Roche has kindly offered to help us with the coaching, and we are gradually accumulating a sizeable stock of gloves, but with a membership of over 40 the present number is not quite sufficient. We hope to have a ring in the near future, and to hold a competition at the end of term. The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and any new members would be welcome

### HOCKEY, 1954

Many years have elapsed since any outside hockey fixtures were arranged. The reason is that the Spring term is full enough already. However, with the willing co-operation of the masters concerned with athletics, two fixtures have been arranged this term—the first a 1st XI fixture with the Barrovians and the second an under-16 fixture with Castle Rushen. In a letter received from Castle Rushen School, who have just started the game, they ask that this may become an annual fixture; let us hope that it will be possible, for it is one of the many ways by which we can foster friendly relations with other schools on the island.

I would like also to thank the masters for entering so nobly into a hockey match with us; I hope that such games, and others, may now be a feature of College hockey for many years to come.

J. D. CARR.

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## COMBINED CADET FORCE

### R.N. SECTION

There seems little fresh to report this time. We have been working mainly for our Proficiency Tests Parts I and II, in which we hope to produce improved results.

We offer a hearty welcome to Lieut. Ridge, R.N.V.R., who has kindly offered to place his considerable experience at our disposal.

The numbers of the Section are disappointing—11 is at present our total muster—but we will continue to operate as long as some boys desire an introduction to naval training.

A.J.B.

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### ARMY AND BASIC SECTION

The Section has at last acquired the services of an Infantry Officer, Lieutenant D. R. Cash, who has served with the Green Howards and Rajputana Rifles. He will greatly help the training of Part II candidates, while Mr. Kelly and Mr. Tucker (both Royal Signals officers) have received the blessing of Western Command for the formation of a Signals Section. We can report the arrival of a blowlamp, six knives clasp and a soldering iron, but no doubt some wireless sets will come in due course to enliven our Field Days. Other cadets with Certificate "A" are training at Tromode Drill Hall on the Bofors gun.

In the Certificate "A" examinations at the end of last term 43 cadets gained Part I and 23 cadets Part II.

Cadets Casement, Devereau, Gallagher and Thomas attended R.E.M.E. and R.A. training courses in the Christmas holidays, and are all to be congratulated on the good reports received.

D.W.U.

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### R.A.F. SECTION

The retirement of Lieut. R. W. H. Boyns, R.N.V.R., from the C.C.F., has left a void in its ranks. We regret that the familiar figure is no longer with us, but congratulate him on his past achievements and offer him our grateful thanks and best wishes for many happy Tuesday afternoons.

The routine has conformed well to pattern of late, and the usual Tuesdays have come and gone with surprising regularity.

The examination results were indicative of the meaning of the "Per Ardua" in the R.A.F. motto. We had a feeling it must mean something and now we know. However, congratulations to those who passed Advanced Proficiency, especially to Cannell R. Q., whose mark was a very good one, and to Arthur who is now "a proficient cadet." We hope he justifies this grandiose title.

J.J.F.W.

## 1st K.W.C. SCOUT GROUP

G.S.M. — H. T. N. Christal, Esq.

### GROUP NOTES

A Camp Fire was held at the end of last term in the headquarters. The items were too many to enumerate, but perhaps the most melodious and colourful was a duet by the G.S.M. and the S.M.(S). Our thanks are due to all those who contributed and it is to be hoped that this will become an annual event.

The Group is deeply indebted to Miss Clague, who spent much of her last holiday making numerous semaphore flags.

The Group has acquired three more Icelandic tents and ground-sheets which have been kindly given by an old boy (E. H. Taylor Esq., Dickson 1917-1921). The Group has also been given a very generous gift of several yards of material for making bandages and tents by J. G. Brown, Esq (School 1917-22).

We must also heartily congratulate B. C. A. Hartley, Esq. on his award by the Chief Scout of the "Medal of Merit" for his many years' valuable service to the movement.

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## SENIOR SCOUT TROOP NOTES

S.M. (S) — J. H. Mogg, Esq.

T.L's. — P. J. Watson and D. M. Taggart.

Part of the end of last term was occupied in training ourselves in the art of wrestling for the "Assault at Arms" held in Douglas last holidays. This aimed at providing funds for Cunningham House, but was a financial loss owing to the lack of public support, although the performers gave an excellent display. We also practised signalling with lamp, flag and morse-buzzer. The only notable achievement was the Queen's Scout Badge won by P. L. Skrine.

This term we have concentrated on Public Health, and have paid two interesting visits to the slaughter-house and gasworks. Preparations for Summer Camp are well advanced, and we hope to include rock-climbing amongst other activities during our visit to Llanberis North Wales.

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## SCOUT TROOP NOTES

### Blue Section

S.M.—Rev. G. R. Parkinson.

A.S.M.—R. G. Harper.

The troop has generally been active learning morse code, but owing to the influx of recruits we have also been tied up with tenderfoot work. This term we have had two outside programmes; the first was a wide game, and the second was devoted to pioneering. The troop was divided into two halves and each half had to build a bridge across the Silverburn. One half succeeded, but the other half got very wet. The section also decided to go to Athlone in the Republic of Ireland for its annual camp this year.



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### Green Section

S.M. — H. T. N. Christal, Esq.

A.S.M's. — F. Cowin and G. K. Maddrell.

On New Year's Eve some hardy members of the section hiked from Douglas to Castletown along the coast. This proved to be an extremely arduous tramp, especially for the younger members, who are to be congratulated on their spirit. New lockers have been fitted in the Den by Skip aided by a handful of assistants. To the former we extend our thanks for all the holiday time he has spent on our behalf. The prevalence of the usual January weather has kept us indoors except for one wide game, in which the aim was to acquire certain information about Castletown and its precincts, keeping out of sight as much as possible. This proved a success, except for those Scouts who didn't know what "keeping out of sight" meant. Shackleton has been promoted to T.L., and Skidmore has taken his place as P.L. of the Peewits.

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### Red Section

S.M. — J. P. Honey, Esq.

A.S.M's. — J. S. Gillespie and K. Lang

In September we were all thrown together as a new troop, or rather, section, and we are just about settling down—only to learn that our section is once again to be disbanded to form a Sea Scout Section at the end of the year. "C'est la vie."

But, in spite of our short life, we are trying to do as much as possible to make it a bright and progressive one. Owing to the increase in the number of boys wanting to join the Scouts we have, this term, increased our complement to 28. Last term the Kangaroos won the inter-patrol competition with Ravens a close second. However, that is of the past; we are now looking towards the summer and camp. It is to be hoped that all the members of the troop will attend summer camp, and at least one or two training camps—as yet we have no deviationists on this point. Camp will, we hope, be held in the Yorkshire Dales or else in mid-Wales.

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### CUB PACK NOTES

C.M. — Miss N. K. Clague.

The Pack is going strong with the new chums of last term now fully invested Cubs. We have five one-star men, and five Cubs are trailing them with only one or two tests still to pass. Sixer de Figueireda is almost a two-star man with one test—handicraft—preventing him from having both eyes open.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### K.W.C. v. R.A.F. (Jurby) 1st XV (Won 31-3)

Played on Big Side, Saturday, 7th November, in ideal weather. Stott opened the scoring and Colvin converted the try, while B. Kneen scored after a break by Colvin in the centre; the latter converted and further increased College's lead with a penalty goal from the half-way line. The College backs had plenty of the ball from a lively pack of forwards and further tries were scored by Stott (2) and Kelly (2), while Colvin converted three of them to make the half-time score 31-0. After this the R.A.F. settled down, and used their extra weight and height in the forwards to keep the ball close, thus depriving the faster College backs of the ball and arresting the rate of scoring. The game became dull to watch and the only second-half try was scored by Royle, the R.A.F. wing forward, following a line-out near the College line.

Final Score: K.W.C., 5 goals, 1 penalty goal, 1 try — 31 points.

R.A.F. (Jurby) 1st XV: 1 try — 3 points.

Referee: A. J. Bailey, Esq.

Colvin took over the fly-half position from Quirk; Taggart played in the centre, and Corlett on the wing. In the first half, when the backs had plenty of the ball, College were far superior to an R.A.F. side with marked mid-field defensive weaknesses. Unfortunately the College forwards attempted to beat the R.A.F. pack at their own type of play with no success whatsoever. Colvin kicked well and Stott ran hard in the centre while Taggart was not a success at centre. The forwards fell away in the second half and were a tired lot by the end of the game.

1st XV Colours were re-awarded to R. T. D. Stott and S. G. S. Scott, while J. D. Carr and B. K. Colvin were awarded their 1st XV Colours.

### K.W.C. v. WALLASEY G.S. (Lost 0-3).

Played on Big Side, Saturday, 14th November, in chronic, torrential rain that did not give the players a moment's respite. For quite a time the game was a series of loose mauls, set scrums and line-outs, but eventually the elements were partially overcome, by Wallasey in particular. Attempts were made to introduce some open football, but this proved fatal as the painfully slow heeling resulted in an attacking player receiving the ball and tackler simultaneously. During the second half Wallasey eventually won the forward tussle and scored a try following a line-out near the College line.

Final Score: K.W.C., Nil.

Wallasey G.S.: 1 try — 3 points.

Referee: D. R. Cash, Esq.

Of the final team Taggart and Scott were injured; they were replaced by Corlett and Harper, while Quirk returned at fly-half. There was a tendency for players to leave falling on the ball to the next man, and in such conditions this was dangerous. Territorially, Wallasey had the better of the game, and their superior forwards brought them a deserved win. Only B. Kneen revelled in the conditions, and W. Kneen tackled soundly at full-back.

1st XV Colours were awarded to B. C. Kneen.

### K.W.C. v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL (Won 18-6)

Played on Big Side, Saturday, 21st November, in good conditions with a strong S.E. breeze. Play swept from end to end with bewildering speed until Quirk followed up his own kick ahead and beat the full-back to score a try, which Colvin converted. Colvin also converted a try by Carr, and Kelly scored a try following good work by Stott. Birkenhead launched a series of attacks but were thwarted by the fine tackling of Kneen at full-back. With a strong breeze in their favour, Birkenhead were determined to get on level terms and attacked via their forwards, but the College eight were more than a match for them, and started a passing movement on their own line which resulted in Taggart's scoring under the posts for Colvin to convert.

The pace never slackened; both sides passed freely and accurately, but defences were sound and the only scoring came from two penalty goals kicked by Ithall for Birkenhead.

Final Score: K.W.C., 3 goals, 1 try — 18 points.  
Birkenhead School, 2 penalty goals — 6 points.

Referee: A. J. Bailey, Esq.

The final team played in this game and the side played well against formidable opposition, especially the forwards, who were well led by Carr. The loose heeling was better than of late, but the scoring power behind the scrum was hampered by lack of speed on the wings. The handling was greatly improved. Outstanding for College were Kneen at full-back and Wightman in the line-out.

1st XV Colours were awarded to W. R. Kneen, J. D. Wightman and D. M. Taggart.

#### K.W.C. v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' (Lost 11-19)

Played on Big Side, Saturday, 28th November, in good conditions. College repeatedly attacked in the first quarter of an hour, but bad handling prevented certain scores. Quirk then wisely neglected his threequarters and dropped a goal, while Colvin converted a try by Carr following some good handling in the forwards. Merchant Taylors' took advantage of College mistakes to draw level with a goal and a try before Stott scored to make it 11-8 at half-time. The game was played at a cracking pace, and although the College backs got a liberal share of the ball from a hard-working pack they made little headway against a resolute Merchant Taylors' defence. Atrocious handling by the College backs allowed the faster Merchant Taylors' threequarters to score three tries from well within their own twenty-five; one of which was converted.

Final Score: K.W.C., 1 dropped goal, 1 goal, 1 try — 11 points.  
Merchant Taylors', 2 goals, 3 tries — 19 points.

Referee: D. R. Cash, Esq.

The final team played unchanged and territorially had the better of the game, but the College backs, although getting most of the ball, persisted in a shallow echelon and, therefore, lacked thrust. The only exceptions were the half-backs, who combined well in attack, but Quirk occasionally lapsed in defence. The Merchant Taylors' backs were fast, and Kneen, at full-back, could not be blamed for the tries scored against College. The redeeming feature was the fine performance of the College forwards who had the better of exchanges in all but the line-out.

1st XV Colours were awarded to R. T. Foulds and L. P. Kelly.

#### K.W.C. v. OLD BOYS' XV (Won 20-11)

Played on Big Side, Saturday, 5th December, in good playing conditions. College had a seventeen point lead in as many minutes through tries by Kelly (2), Corlett, Stott and Skillicorn while Kelly made one conversion, and it seemed that a mammoth score was inevitable. This was not so, as the Old Boys settled down after the interval and their bigger, heavier forwards began winning line-outs and set scrums; while J. P. Watterson was a constant threat to College at the base of the scrum. During a period of continual pressure Acton scored a try, Waters kicked a penalty goal and later converted a fine try by Watterson, and it looked as though a rejuvenated Old Boys' side would snatch a victory and thus make Stuart Adeock sublimely happy. However, College rallied, and Stott concluded the scoring with a try.

Final Score: K.W.C., 1 goal, 5 tries — 20 points.  
Old Boys' XV: 1 goal, 1 try, 1 penalty goal — 11 points.

Referee: C. W. Jackson, Esq.

J. M. Corlett and P. K. Bregazzi took the places of Colvin and Cowin who were away taking examinations.

Old Boys: T. G. Dutton; W. M. Machin (captain); W. Clay; J. L. Crighton; J. Reevey; P. G. Black; J. P. Watterson; A. B. Acton; J. Read; H. Corlett; J. L. Moulton; B. Wilson; J. H. Kelly; R. N. Waters and M. Connal.

We offer our thanks to a fit, lively Old Boys' XV for coming to the island and making the game such an even one. College were lulled into a feeling of false security after a promising start and fell away badly in the second half. Machin, the Old Boys' genial captain, set his side a fine example and kept them hard at it until the final whistle, and we suspect it was College who were glad when the final blast came.

1st XV Colours were awarded to J. D. Gibb, J. R. Skillicorn, F. Cowin, J. R. Howarth and S. Quirk.

### CHRISTMAS TOUR

After a pleasant crossing we arrived at our new headquarters, The Hightown Hotel, Hightown. Both games were played in Liverpool and we are grateful for the exceptional kindness showed by people wherever we went. In particular we thank firstly the Waterloo R.F.C. for allowing the Stonyhurst match to be played at Blundellsands, and also for the tea which followed; secondly the Hightown R.F.C. for the invitation to use their ground and facilities for training purposes; thirdly the Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' for a delightful lunch prior to the Stonyhurst game; and finally we thank the manager and staff of our hotel for the excellent food and accommodation. College played the best football of the season on this tour, beating Stonyhurst 5-0, and only losing 13-15 to Liverpool College in the Jubilee match. A memorable dinner followed the latter game and a report of the evening appears in the Liverpool O.K.W. Society's Notes.

#### K.W.C. v. STONYHURST (Won 5-0)

Played at Blundellsands, Wednesday, 16th December, in good playing conditions. Both sides took a long time to settle down and little of note took place during the first half. College looked the more dangerous behind the scrum, but many mistakes occurred and the standard of play was not in keeping with the usual style of football associated with matches between the two schools. Then the tempo of the game changed and the second half was to prove as good as its predecessor had been bad. Both packs came to life, defences tightened and backs ran with greater determination. The only score came when the College forwards took play close to the Stonyhurst line and from a set scrum Skillicorn's reverse pass found Colvin, he passed to Gibb who scored under the posts for Colvin to convert. Although Stonyhurst made every effort to equalise College looked the more likely to score, and only an off-side by an over-keen forward deprived College of another score.

Final Score: K.W.C., 1 goal — 5 points.  
Stonyhurst: Nil.

The team played unchanged, and the forwards deserve special mention as they proved themselves the faster pack in the loose and won a fair share of the ball in the set scrums and lines-out; the loose heeling was the best of the season. Stott played well, as did the half-backs, while full-back W. Kneen tackled and fielded splendidly.

#### K.W.C. v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (Lost 13-15)

##### JUBILEE MATCH

The following is a report on the game from "The Times" of Saturday 19th December, 1953, written by Cedric Venables.

"A Jubilee match is always a notable event. Yesterday's game at Liverpool between Liverpool College and King William's College, Isle of Man, was the fiftieth between the two schools and it was a game which was worthy of the occasion.

That the majority of Liverpool's score came from penalty goals was perhaps a little hard on King William's, but in fact Liverpool had quite as much of the game. Liverpool got their first penalty goal after only two minutes, and by the same means they were soon six points up, both goals being kicked by Percy. So far quite apart from the actual scoring Liverpool had held the initiative. But a change came and King William's, mainly through their forwards, gradually took control. A fine cut through by Quirk and a perfectly timed long pass to Stott brought King William's first try in the corner. A brilliant ten minutes gave ten more points to King William's. Fine passing sent the ball to Stott and there was still a man over. Stott was obviously expected to pass but seeing a gap he went straight through to score a try. Colvin converted and the score stood at eight to six. Almost at once King William's were in again. From a kick ahead the ball bounced away from the Liverpool full-back and Gibb, following up fast, was able to gather and run clear for a try. Colvin again kicked the goal, so half-time came with King William's already leading by 13 points to six and liable to score two or three more tries. But again there came a change. The light, but lively, King William's forwards lost some of their life, and Liverpool began to put on heavy pressure. From a line-out on the King William's line Gregory got a try for Liverpool and a few minutes later Percy kicked a penalty goal from far out. Only one point now separated the sides. Again King William's were penalised for foot-up and Samuel kicked the goal to put Liverpool in front for the final victory."

Final Score: K.W.C., 2 goals, 1 try — 13 points.

Liverpool College, 4 penalty goals, 1 try — 15 points.

Referee: H. L. Fry, Esq. (England and Waterloo).

#### REVIEW OF SEASON 1953-4

Played 13; won 7; lost 5; drawn 1. Points: For, 179; against, 129.

#### SCHOOL MATCHES

Saturday, 10th October — Rossall (Home) .....	Lost 3-15
Wednesday, 21st October — St. Bees (at Waterloo) .....	Lost 0-26
Saturday, 31st October — Ellesmere (Away) .....	Drawn 6-6
Saturday, 14th November—Wallasey G.S. (Home) .....	Lost 0-3
Saturday, 21st November — Birkenhead School (Home) .....	Won 18-6
Saturday, 28th November—Merchant Taylors' School (H.) .....	Lost 11-19

#### CHRISTMAS TOUR

Wednesday, 16th December—Stonyhurst (at Waterloo)...	Won 5-0
Friday, 18th December—Liverpool College (Away) .....	Lost 13-15

#### CLUB MATCHES (All Matches Played at College)

Saturday, 2nd October — Chester R.F.C. ....	Won 21-14
Saturday, 17th October — Waterloo P.S. XV .....	Won 19-8
Saturday, 24th October — I.O.M. 1st XV .....	Won 32-3
Saturday, 7th November — R.A.F. (Jurby) 1st XV .....	Won 31-3
Saturday, 5th December — Old Boys' XV .....	Won 20-11

The sober statistics do not make an impressive record, yet only the Rossall and St. Bees defeats were decisive, as the Wallasey game could easily have been drawn, while Merchant Taylors' scored three of their five tries from interceptions. The defeat by Liverpool College only emphasised the team's lack of experience, as four penalties were kicked against College. On the credit side meritorious wins were gained over Birkenhead and Stonyhurst, and these wins did much to atone for other narrow defeats. All club games were won; the Waterloo P.S. XV game again being a keenly and evenly contested match, while a surprisingly fit Old Boys' XV almost upset the usual result. W. Kneen, at full-back, was the most promising back, and only his kicking needs lengthening to turn him into a good player. Stott was an improved player and the only back with sufficient speed for effective attacking and defensive play. We paid dearly for these shortcomings as 31 tries were scored against College,

but on the other hand the young backs were not completely devoid of ideas and they scored 28 tries. Colvin's kicking was a great asset and by the end of the season the three-quarters handled confidently. Skillcorn, at scrum-half, was the steadier of the half-backs, while his partner, Quirk, was capable enough, indeed he occasionally showed flashes of brilliance, but his covering in defence left a lot to be desired.

The forwards were capable of good play, but it was not until the Christmas Tour that they played consistently well; prior to that they failed to maintain the essential qualities of solid, hard scrummaging, controlled dribbles and cohesion in the lines-out. There was also a tendency to leave falling on the ball to the next man and thus, especially in bad weather, they gave a poor account of themselves. The old colours Scott and Cowin came into form late in the season, while several young players, notably Gibb, Foulds and Wightman, made marked improvement. Carr eventually became a good pack-leader, while B. Kneen was the most improved player on the XV. Stott was an excellent captain who got the best out of the side, and he can look back with satisfaction upon his year of captaincy. College is grateful to him and the Hon. Secretary (Scott) for the work they have done to foster College football.

#### FIRST XV CHARACTERS

R. T. D. Stott, Captain (1951-2-3) (6ft. 0½ins; 12st. 12lbs.)—left centre. He captained a young side extremely well. This year he used his physique to good effect and most of the 14 tries he scored were of his own making. Few, if any, opposing centres got the better of him and he must be considered unlucky not to have played for Lancashire Schoolboys. One fault he needs to eradicate is the poor timing of a pass.

S. G. S. Scott, hon. secretary (1952-53) (5ft. 11½ins.; 11st. 7lbs.)—back-row forward.—His tackling is still of the highest calibre while there have been improvements in his scrummaging and line-out play. Despite a lack of speed he did effective work in defence and should now strive to improve his dribbling. He proved an efficient hon. secretary.

J. D. Carr (1953) (5ft. 9ins.; 11st. 6lbs.)—Pack-leader and prop forward.—He finally got the pack working well together and improved his own standard at the same time. Line-out work was good, but his passing was faulty and he would do well to attempt to increase his speed.

B. K. Colvin (1953) (5ft. 11ins.; 12st. 5lbs. — Right centre.—Here is a much improved player possessing a natural ability. He scored 66 points as the side-kicker and showed occasionally a fine burst of speed, but he has a poor defence and will have to remedy this fault.

B. C. Kneen (1953) (5ft. 8½ins.; 10st. 11lb.)—Wing-forward. — One of the most improved players in the XV. He has a fine sense of anticipation, dribbles and falls well, but his line-out play is ragged. He took a pride in his fitness.

W. R. Kneen (1953) (5ft. 6½ins.; 10st. 1 lb.)—Full-back. — Fielding and tackling are good while his kicking, although safe, could be lengthened. Positional play also is good while pre-season sprinting will remedy a lack of speed.

J. D. Wightman (1953) (5ft. 11ins.; 11st. 5lbs.)—2nd row forward.—Line-out play is his forte and he is a good scrummager, but although his handling of a ball is good for a forward he lacks real devil in the loose mauls.

R. T. Foulds (1953) (5ft. 10½ins.; 10st. 11lbs.)—Wing-forward.—A promising forward with a sound tackle and handling ability. He has a keen sense of anticipation, dribbles well but often fails to time a pass correctly.

L. P. Kelly (1953) (5ft. 6½ins.; 11st. 5lbs.)—Left wing.—His reactions are quick and he has a fine kick. Although lacking real pace he is a determined runner and tackles well. Still has a lot to learn, and practice in the art of passing would eliminate a major fault.

D. M. Taggart (1953) (5ft 9½ins; 11st 12lbs)—Right wing. A chronic leg injury arrested progress after a promising start, yet he proved a difficult man to stop when under way. Over-anxiety often resulted in poor handling—practice is the only remedy.

F. Cowin (1952-53) (5ft. 11ins.; 11st. 12lbs.)—2nd row forward.—An excellent forward in the loose, but only a mediocre scrummager. He has a fine turn of speed, has improved in his line-out play, and dribbles well. His handling of a ball still leaves a lot to be desired.

J. R. Skillicorn (1953) (5ft. 8½ins.; 10st. 11lbs.)—Scrum-half.—He was always dangerous near the opponents' line, and possesses a long, accurate pass and fine defensive kick from the base of the scrum and lines-out. He was sometimes hesitant in falling on the ball and should strive to use his feet correctly.

J. D. Gibb (1953) (5ft. 7½ins.; 10st. 13lbs.)—Prop forward. — A young, energetic forward who tackles well, is a solid scrummager and fast in the open. Line-out work still lacks polish, but he has had a good season.

S. Quirk (1953) (5ft. 8½ins.; 10st. 10lbs.)—Fly-half.—He handles well and kicks equally well with either foot. He is mainly an attacking player and will have to tighten up a poor defence if he is to become a complete footballer.

J. R. Howarth (1953) (5ft. 5½ins.; 10st. 5lbs.)—Hooker.—An inconspicuous and therefore a hard-working forward. His hooking improved and he dribbled skilfully, but his handling was poor.

A.G.R.

## SECOND XV

Games played, 9; Won 3; Lost 6; Drawn 0. Points for, 68; against, 109.

	F.	A.
Saturday, 10th October—R.A.F., Jurby, 2nd XV (H.)	8	21
Saturday, 17th October—L.O.M. R.F.C. 1st XV (H.)	11	9
Saturday, 24th October—R.A.F., Jurby, 2nd XV (H.)	0	22
Saturday, 7th November—L.O.M. R.F.C. 1st XV (A.)	8	9
Saturday, 14th November—R.A.F., Jurby, 2nd XV (H.)	14	9
Saturday, 21st November—L.O.M. R.F.C. 1st XV (H.)	15	3
Saturday, 28th November—R.A.F., Jurby, 2nd XV (H.)	0	12
Saturday, 5th December—L.O.M. R.F.C. 1st XV (H.)	9	12
Saturday, 12th December—R.A.F., Jurby, 2nd XV (H.)	3	12

The Second XV had a much fuller season this year, playing a game every Saturday of the Christmas term, other than the first and half-term. The season was also more successful, wins being recorded against both our regular opponents, R.A.F., Jurby, and the L.O.M. R.F.C.

The R.A.F. provided the usual strong opposition in all the games played, and their defeat by College on the 14th November was a considerable achievement. All the forwards played well in this game, giving the backs many opportunities, Crowe scoring two tries. Perhaps the best game of the season was the last, when College lost to R.A.F., Jurby, after being a player short after the first minute and having another player off injured during most of the second half. Of the forwards, Cowley, Caveen and Bregazzi played outstandingly well, and the tackling and falling of the three-quarters and full-back Woods when under pressure was good to watch.

College defeated the L.O.M. R.F.C. 1st XV in two of their four matches and lost the other two by only narrow margins. In the game on the 5th December the side was weakened by having to find two replacements for the 1st XV. Both Wallace and Dunkerley made their best scoring runs against the L.O.M. XV, and in the away game Turner was injured while playing well both in loose and as hooker in the tight scrums.

In addition to the final team printed at the end of the Rugby report, the following also played for the 2nd XV at times during the season: A. de Villiers, D. C. Foulds, J. E. Goldsmith, J. R. Kinley, G. K. Maddrell, M. H. Turner, and T. W. Shillinglaw.

C.A.

## COLTS XV

Played, 5; Won 4; Lost 1. Points: For 50; Against 23.

Sat., Oct. 24th—Wallasey Grammar School Colts (H.)	Won 11-3
Sat., Nov. 28th—Merchant Taylors' Colts (A.)	Won 6-0
Sat., Dec. 5th—Rossall Colts (A.)	Lost 3-14

## CHRISTMAS TOUR

Wed., Dec. 16th—Birkenhead Colts (A.)	Won 14-0
Fri., Dec. 18th—Wallasey Grammar School Colts (A.)	Won 25-6

The side had quite a successful season, and on occasions played some good football. The main weakness has been a tendency to reserve the best efforts for the closing period of the game or, alternatively, to size up the opposition in the early stages as a spectator rather than as a player. On the credit side the pack developed into a mobile and effective combination which could not only provide an adequate supply of the ball but could also indulge in that most dangerous of all forward manoeuvres, inter-passing. Unfortunately this was usually regarded as cake for special occasions. Walker and Kissack were outstanding in line-out work, Hartley and Barr-Hamilton D. were formidable near the opponents' line, while Cannell M., Galbraith and Robinson featured in the open movements.

The line showed itself capable of scoring attractive tries, and, in general, displayed initiative and determination. Crowe W. and Froggatt were a useful pair of halves, and the latter's jink outside the opposing fly-half was often profitable. Ward, in the centre, proved an intelligent general, and with Howarth provided an admirable mid-field defence. Allen and Bull on the wings were thrustful runners and improved during the season. Walker was an efficient and conscientious captain.

#### **v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' COLTS XV (Away) Saturday, October 24th**

The conditions were such that the game promised to be bright and open, but in fact the strong mid-field defence of Merchant Taylors' negated the attempts of the Colts to open up the game, and College superiority lay largely in the scrummaging of the forwards. During the early exchanges Froggatt, at fly-half, delayed his passes to the embarrassment of the centres who simultaneously received the ball, their opposite numbers and the ubiquitous wing forwards. Tension was relieved shortly before half-time when Galbraith kicked a neat penalty goal.

The second half consisted of a series of four forward exchanges and occasional bursts by Howarth and Froggatt. Ward was responsible for the only further score when he sensibly kicked ahead, gathered the bouncing ball and showed clean heels to all. At this stage the forwards decided to keep the ball to themselves and were entirely successful.

K.W.C., 6 points; Merchant Taylors', 0 points.

#### **v. ROSSALL COLTS XV (Away), Saturday, December 5th.**

It is to be hoped that the members of this side who remain to play in more exalted company will remember this lesson regarding slow starting. The match was lost in the first twenty minutes when three tries were scored against us. Thereafter the forwards followed the excellent example of heeling from the loose which Rossall had provided and try was scored for try.

The Rossall tries resulted from a speedy and effective use of the loose ball, and the whole side gave the appearance of being yards faster. This later proved to be an illusion and shortly after half-time Galbraith went over in the corner after a forward rush. A lazy, looped pass by College presented an opportunity to Rossall which was taken to the tune of five points. The game ended with College looking at least as likely to score as the opposition.

K.W.C., 3 points; Rossall, 14 points.

### **CHRISTMAS TOUR**

A number of parents living in the Liverpool area provided accommodation and made possible a successful tour--our grateful thanks are due to them.

#### **v. BIRKENHEAD COLTS XV (Away), Wednesday, December 16th**

This performance was undoubtedly the best put up by the College Colts during the season. The forwards met an even bigger pack than their own, and yet were able to supply the ball to the backs from both tight and loose. These chances were well taken and much open and incisive running gave the Birkenhead backs a busy, defensive afternoon. Howarth made the breaks for the first two tries scored by Allen and Ward, while Froggatt put in some effective tackling of a powerful fly-half. The forwards asserted themselves during the second half, and Robinson got the touch-down from a push-over try, and Hartley forced his way over from a line-out.

K.W.C., 14 points; Birkenhead, 0 points.



**Versus WALLASEY G.S. COLTS XV (Away), Friday, December 18th**

Wallasey fielded a weaker side than the one met previously in the season and was unable to hold the Colts, even although the latter were playing below their form of the Birkenhead game. Froggatt made a number of successful breaks and from the first Allen, on the wing, ran 40 yards for a good try. Ward converted and then kicked a penalty goal. Further tries were scored by Robinson, Howarth, Bull and Allen, while Walker kicked a penalty goal. Wallasey replied with a penalty goal and a try.

The forwards played well together under forceful directions from Cannell M., but the three-quarters were temperamental—sparkling movements were too often followed by elementary errors of technique and judgement. Bashfortin played his best game at full-back with some long and powerful kicks to touch.  
R.W.H.B.

**JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES**

The state of a school's Rugby is often judged by the success or failure of the premier side, but one should go further than that and the type of rugby played in the Junior House matches is an important part of the overall picture. This year some good Rugby was played, and Walters House came through the competition, which was run on the league system, undefeated. So even were School, Colbourne and Dickson that they tied for second place while Hunt House was handicapped by injuries to key players early in the tournament.

1st Round, Monday, 2nd November—School v. Colbourne (6-14).  
Walters v. Hunt (18-5).

2nd Round, Monday, 9th November—Walters v. Dickson (6-0).  
School v. Hunt (47-0).

3rd Round, Monday, 16th November—Dickson v. Hunt (16-0).  
Walters v. Colbourne (31-0).

4th Round, Monday, 23rd November—School v. Walters (0-14).  
Colbourne v. Dickson (5-6).

5th Round, Monday 30th November—Hunt v. Colbourne (3-24).  
School v. Dickson (14-11).

Final placings: 1st Walters; 2nd (tie) School, Colbourne, Dickson; 5th Hunt.

**SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES**

With the exception of the Colbourne v. Hunt game, this year's Senior Competition provided us with evenly contested games of an encouragingly high standard. Common to all was the determination to play hard until the final whistle and in three of the four matches played in this knock-out competition the result was always an exciting uncertainty. Some of the younger players taking part showed promise, while 1st XV members seemed to have benefited from last term's School games. In a brief synopsis one could safely say that tackling was sound, handling good, team spirit excellent, but kicking (particularly goal-kicking) only mediocre. The final between School and Colbourne was fittingly the best of a good series.

1st Round, Monday 1st February—Walters v. Colbourne (11-21).

2nd Round, Monday, 8th February—Dickson v. School (0-5).  
Colbourne v. Hunt (100-0).

3rd Round, Thursday, 11th February—School v. Colbourne (13-11).

**KNOWLES KICKING COMPETITION**

	SENIOR				JUNIOR			Total
	Place	Drop	Punt		Place	Drop	Punt	
Dickson	7	3	6	.....	7	3	5	31
Colbourne	5	3	6	.....	4	4	1	23
Hunt	4	1	7	.....	7	2	0	21
School	5	2	2	.....	5	2	2	18
Walters	0	1	5	.....	4	4	2	16

Bad weather kept the scoring low in the Senior competition, but the standard was higher than last year. This year the punt was attempted from the field of play towards the touch lines and most contestants preferred this method.

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Boyns for his good work with the Colts' XV, and to Mr. Attwood for his continued interest in the 2nd XV. Messrs. Jackson, Bailey and Cash are thanked for their refereeing of matches, and we welcome Messrs. Cash, Beveridge, Tucker and Whittaker to the coaching strength of College—all are doing valuable work on the lower grounds, while Mr. Parkinson can still be located most afternoons on Bantams B. Copley and his staff are once more to be congratulated for the way they have kept the grounds in splendid condition, while Miss Heaslett and her staff are also thanked for their continued good service.

Finally, our entry has been accepted for the Public Schools Sevens in April; we have been drawn against our time-honoured rivals Stonyhurst, and are looking forward to the trip which has again been made possible by the generosity of the London and Liverpool O.K.W. Society.

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**FINAL TEAMS 1953**

1st XV	2nd XV	COLTS XV
W. R. Kneen	W. A. Woods	E. Q. Bashforth
D. M. Taggart	P. A. Crowe *	R. D. Bull
B. K. Colvin	S. R. Donaldson * †	W. N. Ward
R. T. D. Stott (Capt.)	J. M. Corlett * †	N. J. Q. Howarth
L. P. Kelly		D. A. Allen
S. Quirk		J. D. Froggatt
J. R. Skillicorn	J. P. Cullen	W. N. Crowe
J. D. Carr	J. S. Gillespie * †	C. T. M. Hartley
J. R. Howarth	D. B. George	H. A. Galbraith
J. D. Gibb	P. J. Watson *	J. A. Duncan
F. Cowin	D. Cowley *	D. J. Barr-Hamilton
J. D. Wightman	P. K. Bregazzi * †	P. R. Kissack
B. C. Kneen	W. J. Caveen *	M. H. Cannell
S. G. S. Scott	R. G. Harper*† (Capt.)	I. M. Walker (Capt.)
R. T. Foulds	D. Griffin *	M. D. Robinson

**XL COLOURS**

T. J. Brennan  
M. H. Castle  
M. F. Grimshaw  
P. Y. Holloway  
C. S. James  
M. J. H. Manning  
D. R. Meadows  
J. P. Padfield  
G. R. Preston

**JUNIOR COLOUR AWARDS**

A. Q. Bashforth  
M. J. S. Vaughan  
R. K. Cringle  
A. P. Midgley  
R. Q. Slack  
W. I. Carter  
R. Price

\* Indicates 2nd XV Colours.

† Indicates played for 1st XV.

**CROSS-COUNTRY 1954**

While avalanches were descending from Continental mountains and villages were being isolated in England, it was at least possible to run over the College cross-country course. Snow and ice were the earlier obstacles, but the thaw later provided a variation in the form of quagmires and deeper rivers. In fact, the weather was inclement.

The races were started this year in College grounds so as to relieve still further the rubbing of shoulders which had been an anti-social feature of the Silverburn bottleneck. As a result of this change, and the weather conditions, it is impossible to compare the times with those of previous years. Another innovation lay in each House entering 12 competitors in Classes I and II with 10 scoring, and eight with six scoring in Class III. With 32 from each House competing, the Shield was thus more representative of the running strengths of the various Houses.

The inter-House competition took place on Saturday, February 6th. Junior House were represented in the Class III event and did well to provide the winner in Cannell M. C., with a time of 28 mins. 3 secs. His performance was encouraging, as he has two further years in the class. Gell (School) was second, and Midgley A. (Junior) third. Junior House were the unofficial winners of the class while in the scoring for the Shield, Colbourne were first with Hunt runners-up.

In Class II, Robinson (School) was over two minutes ahead of the second competitor in a time of 34 mins. 10 secs. He arrived apparently unruffled and should certainly give a good account of himself next year in Class I. Howarth N. (School) was second with Gibb (Walters) third. School won the team race with Dickson second.

A keen struggle was anticipated in Class I between Kneen B. (Walters) and Vick (Dickson), the respective winners of Classes I and II last year. On the day Vick showed extremely good form and beat Kneen by over a minute in 43 mins. 54 secs. Dunkerley (Colbourne) was third. Dickson won the team race with Colbourne runners-up.

Dickson House are to be congratulated on winning the Shield for the fourth consecutive year. The results were as follows:—

1—Dickson House .....	468 points
2—Colbourne House .....	481 points
3—School House .....	493 points
4—Walters House .....	715 points
5—Hunt House .....	1047 points

It was interesting to note that it was the placings of the last few runners that made the difference between the first three Houses.

On Saturday, February 13th, a day memorable for its penetrating rain, the annual cross-country match was held with teams representing the Manx A.A.A., R.A.F., Jurby, Douglas High School, Ramsey Grammar School, Castle Rushen School and College. Douglas High School and College were the only schools to enter teams in the Class I event this year.

From a College point of view, the only comment that can be made regarding the Class III event is that five of the eight will be young enough to run in the same class next year. It is to be hoped that they will run a little faster. By a strange coincidence Douglas High School and Castle Rushen School again tied for first place.

The results were as follows:—

1—Douglas High School .....	58 points
Castle Rushen School .....	„ „
3—Ramsey Grammar School .....	68 points
4—King William's College .....	134 points

In Class II Robinson repeated his win of the previous week in 35 mins. 24 secs., but was given some keen competition by Christian and Kelly of Ramsey Grammar School, who were second and third respectively. Packing was not a feature of the College running and the result was as follows:—

1—King William's College .....	57 points
Ramsey Grammar School .....	„ „
3—Douglas High School .....	66 points
4—Castle Rushen School .....	140 points

In the Class I event, the Manx A.A.A. are to be congratulated on their achievement of placing eight runners in the first ten. Dawson, Byrne and Kelly, all of this club, were the first three to finish. Dawson's time was 44 mins. 10 secs. Vick ran well in this company to be placed seventh. The result was as follows:—

1—Manx A.A.A. ....	25 points
2—King William's College .....	79 points
3—R.A.F., Jurby .....	103 points
4—Douglas High School .....	140 points

Kinley G. and his course marshals were given two free days and well deserved them in view of the vagaries of the weather and their own efficiency.

The following represented College in cross-country running:—

Class I — B. B. Vick, B. C. Kneen, A. G. Dunkerley, D. L. Bairstow,  
R. Q. Cannell, W. R. Kneen, I. M. Walker, J. R. Howarth.

Class II — M. D. Robinson, N. J. Q. Howarth, J. D. Gibb, M. G. Hunter, J. A. Duncan, M. F. Grimshaw, G. D. Wilson,  
J. M. James.

Class III — M. C. Cannell, G. R. Gell, A. P. Midgley, W. I. Carter,  
D. A. M. Williams, C. J. Mallard, G. R. Preston, M. Hanson.

R.W.H.B.

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## O.K.W. SECTION

### NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

J. F. CRELLIN, M.C., M.L.C., J.P., C.P. (1903-07) was awarded the O.B.E.

G. C. MADOC (1922-30)—a Senr. Assistant Commissioner of Police in Malaya—was awarded The King's Police and Fire Services Medal (for distinguished service).

R. W. MADOC, O.B.E. (1916-26) was promoted from Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel in the Royal Marines.

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### ENGAGEMENTS

WILSON—K. R. R. Wilson (1935-43) to Miss Margaret Eleanor Kay, of Blackburn.

WILSON—C. A. R. Wilson (1935-47), to Miss Mary Denton, of Barnsley.

RATCLIFFE—J. A. Ratcliffe (1941-47) to Miss Joyce M. Timson, of Birstall, Leicestershire.

BARLOW—M. W. S. Barlow (1942-48) to Miss Margaret Legge, of Cambridge.

JONES—P. B. Jones (1941-47) to Miss Elizabeth Hanchett, of Liverpool.

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### MARRIAGES

MATTHEWS—P. F. Matthews (1933-41) on December 22nd, 1953, to Miss Merle Elizabeth Amos.

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### BIRTHS

POOLE—to N. B. S. Poole (1934-38) on January 13th, 1954—a daughter.

BROWNSDON—to T. E. Brownsdon, M.H.K. (1923-27) on December 8th, 1953—a daughter.

CHAMBERS—to J. L. Chambers (1926-35) on November 28th, 1953—a daughter.

KELLY—to W. C. Kelly, O.B.E., J.P. (1924-30) on December 22nd, 1953—a son.

DONALDSON—to A. N. Donaldson (1932-38) on January 22nd, 1954—a daughter.

PADFIELD—to R. Padfield (1926-29) on February 11th, 1954—a son.

### O.K.W. NEWS

H. PROCTER GREGG (1907-14), the composer of the College Song, has been appointed the first Professor of Music at Manchester University. As senior lecturer and later Reader in Music at Manchester he has entirely remodelled the courses for degrees, and has been responsible for the introduction of a course which combined music with subjects in the Faculty of Arts. He has directed the University chorus, madrigal choir, and orchestra, and was largely responsible for the conception and design of the Arthur Worthington Hall as a centre for musical and dramatic activities. He has written a large number of compositions of various kinds, and has produced new translations of thirteen operas, all of which have been performed and several already published.

L. D. VULLIAMY (1892-94) has retired from the Board of Lloyd's Packing Warehouses (Holdings) after 47 years' service with the company—for the last 23 years as a director.

J. H. FULLER (1931-33), who has been deputy secretary of the Hotel and Catering Institute since July, 1950, has been appointed head of the hotel and institutional management department of Battersea Polytechnic.

M. W. S. BARLOW (1942-48), is now with Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Development Division at Chelmsford.

S. GOVIND SWAMINADHAN, M.A., LL.B. (1924-28), is State Prosecutor in Madras.

THE REV. T. R. TAGGART (1917-22) has accepted the living of St. John's in West Worthing, Sussex.

W. YOUNG (1945-52) has been awarded his blue for boxing at Cambridge.

A. R. MUIR (1938-43) is now a lecturer in Anatomy at Edinburgh University.

P. S. FITT (1947-50) has gained a B.Sc. Special and A.R.C.S. (Associate of the Royal College of Science), with First Class Honours in Chemistry, at the Imperial College of Science, London.

P. K. CONIBEAR (1947-52) has just passed out at Sandhurst, 8th out of 53 who were appointed to the Royal Artillery.

D. G. MUIR (1940-45), who recently graduated from Manchester College of Technology with the Degree of B.Sig. (Tech.) A.M.C.T., has gone to Malaya as a Distribution Engineer with the Central Electricity Board.

## THE NEW SECOND DEEMSTER

JAMES ARTHUR CAIN, M.A. (Walters, 1920-25)

We congratulate Deemster Cain on his appointment; he is one of the youngest Manx High Court Judges ever appointed. Arthur Cain entered College in 1920 after winning a Henry Bloom Noble Scholarship. He left in 1925 as a Præpositor, having gained distinction at cross-country, athletics, swimming and shooting. He was C.Q.M.S. in the O.T.C. (now C.C.F.), and set the seal on his scholastic career by winning a History Exhibition to Worcester College, Oxford. The College Trustees awarded him a Clucas Exhibition. In 1928 he got his B.A. degree with first class honours and was awarded the Henriques prize for the best degree that year. He was admitted to the Manx Bar in 1931, joining his father, the late T. W. Cain (K.W.C. 1891-93), in the family firm. He married in 1934 and went to live at Peel, being soon elected to the Town Commissioners, on which Board he served for ten years, during three of which he was Chairman. During the war, in which he served from 1940-45 in the R.A.F., he became a Squadron-Leader and latterly was a Staff Officer in the Directorate of Movements at the Air Ministry. He has retained his keen interest in sporting activities, and has been prominently identified with island cricket, shooting, fishing and amateur dramatics. We wish him well in his new office, and are particularly glad to have one of our Old Boys once again occupying one of the senior positions in the island legal profession.

## LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

The 32nd Annual Dinner of the Liverpool and District O.K.W. Society was held at the Constitutional Club, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 15th December, 1953. Presiding was our President, H. W. Corkill (1926-31) and the following were our guests for the evening:—

P. E. Wallis (1919-22) — President of the King William's College Society;

J. B. Garside (1913-17)—President of the Barrovian Society;

A. Aplin (1924-27)—President of the Manchester Society;

together with four masters who are at present still at College, namely S. Boulter, C. W. Jackson, A. J. Bailey and D. W. Usherwood. Our Guest of Honour for the evening was the Rev. Canon E. H. Stenning, who as you all know has just retired from College after forty-four years. An apology was received from the President of the London Society who was unable to make the journey. Other members of the Liverpool Society present, together with one or two from Manchester, were as follows:—

C. E. L. Locke (1896-1903); R. H. Richardson (1901-1905);  
J. G. Brown (1917-1922); R. Dutton (1918-1921); E. L.

Wiard (1919-1923); F. S. Eaton (1919-1922); A. N. Hydes (1919-1924); L. E. Gadd (1920-1926); G. G. Foulds (1920-1924); J. Winn (1920-1922); R. Mellor (1921-1923); C. D. Munro (1921-1923); F. S. Adcock (1922-1930); F. M. Caldwell (1922-1924); J. Congdon (1922-1927); J. S. Skeaping (1922-1929); K. H. Porter (1922-1925); R. H. Woods (1923-1928); E. G. Fowler (1923-1927); F. Griffiths (1923-1927); C. J. Wright (1926-1930); V. T. L. Pritchard (1924-1933); G. F. Harnden (1928-1931); J. G. Pugh (1928-1933); C. A. Strange (1929-1932); R. S. Platt (1929-1931); D. C. Parsons (1930-1933); G. F. Porter (1930-1933); P. H. Ford (1930-1934); G. H. Imlach (1932-1939); L. R. Hack (1934-1941); W. H. Davidson (1935-1938); S. L. McCabe (1935-1939); R. Humphrey Jones (1936-1938); D. M. Kent (1937-1940); M. E. C. Bemrose (1938-1944); K. J. Meadows (1938-1945); A. E. Christian (1938-1945); K. R. Imlach (1939-1944); I. J. Stewardson (1939-1947); D. Clay (1939-1944); D. Dixon-Phillip (1940-1944); R. Dixon-Phillip (1941-1945); T. B. Jones (1941-1947); R. T. G. Dutton (1942-1948); S. Wilkinson (1942-1945); J. A. Reevey (1942-1945); G. Bussey (1943-1948); J. V. Meadows (1945-1953); P. Lowe (1945-1951); J. M. Kniveton (1946-1949); W. A. M. Brown (1948-1953).

The speech proposing the toast of "College" was given by our President, and the reply, in the absence of the Principal, who was unable to be present, was given by Mr. C. W. Jackson. The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. P. E. Wallis, a past president of the Liverpool Society, and during the course of his speech, he presented to our Guest of Honour, Canon Stenning, on behalf of the King William's College Society, a bound volume of the names of all those Old Boys and friends of College who had subscribed to the testimonial fund. Canon Stenning in reply, on behalf of all the guests and himself, thanked the Liverpool Society for inviting him to be their Guest of Honour and also wished to thank, once again the many hundreds of Old Boys who had been so generous in subscribing to the testimonial fund.

Before the dinner concluded, the President of King William's College Society gave a short speech regarding the activities of King William's College in sport, and stressed the necessity of the College's taking part in as many sports against other schools as was possible. College have for many years sent a seven-a-side team to London and this has been partly financed by the London O.K.W. Society, and this year all the other societies were approached to see if they could help. In an endeavour to raise a quarter of the sum required a collection was made at the dinner and a cheque for the amount of £12 10s. was sent to the secretary of the London Society as Liverpool's contribution.

The dinner finished at approximately 11 o'clock, after a very enjoyable evening.



### JUBILEE DINNER

On Friday, the 18th December, 1953, College played their annual match against Liverpool College, it being 50 years since they first played against each other in 1903. During that time the two schools had at times played against each other twice in a season, and there were, of course, times, especially during the two World Wars, when they did not meet. This match was the fifty-first meeting of the two schools, resulting in a win for Liverpool College by 15 points to 13, and for the information of all concerned we give you below a resumé of matches played—

Matches played — Fifty-one.

K.W.C. won forty. Liverpool College won ten. Drawn, one.

Points for — 1,188. Against — 267.

During the evening a dinner had been arranged to celebrate fifty years of Rugby, and was held at the University Club, Liverpool, a total of eighty people being present, forty of them connected with Liverpool College and forty with King William's College. Those present from King William's College included the eighteen members of the team on tour, the Principal, Canon Stenning, S. Boulter, C. W. Jackson, A. G. Roche, A. J. Bailey and one of the original members of 1903 team, namely, J. D. Qualtrough, the Speaker of the House of Keys. Other people present, mostly from Liverpool, were P. E. Wallis, President of the King William's Society, H. W. Corkhill, President of the Liverpool Society, G. F. Harndon, secretary of the Liverpool Society, J. G. Brown representing Manchester and the following members of the Liverpool Society—

F. S. Adcock, W. S. Wicks, D. Clay, G. G. Foulds, C. A. Strange, C. E. L. Locke, J. G. Pugh, C. A. Manning,  
R. T. G. Dutton and R. H. Richardson.

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### MANCHESTER O.K.W. SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: G. Aplin. c/o E.I.A., Liners House, St. Ann's Sq., M/c

#### ANNUAL DINNER — 8th JANUARY, 1954

The 1954 annual dinner of the Society took place at the Old Rectory Club, Deansgate, Manchester, on Friday, 8th January. The guests who had been able to accept the Society's invitation to be present were Mr. S. E. Wilson, Canon E. H. Stenning, Mr. S. Boulter, Mr. P. E. Wallis (1919-22—President, K.W.C. Society), and Mr. H. W. Corkhill (1926-31—President, Liverpool Society).

After dinner the Loyal Toast was proposed by the President, A. Aplin (1924-27) after which he gave a brief resumé of the Society's activities during the past twelve months. In this he told those present that the Society had 25 new members, that the Chandler

Golf Cup had been won by the Liverpool Society, and that an addendum to the classified list of members had been circulated, the cost of which had been borne by certain members of the Society.

The toast of "College" was proposed by G. Aplin (1928-30), Mr. S. Boulter responding. The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by A. E. White (1935-41), the response being by Canon Stenning. In addition, the Principal also spoke for a few minutes.

All those present enjoyed themselves and there was ample time for Old Boys to get together and reminisce amongst themselves. In addition to those mentioned above the following were also present:

A. B. Acton (1943-49); J. G. Brown (1917-22); H. J. Buckley (1940-43); G. S. Barlow (1942-47); W. A. M. Brown (1949-53), H. C. N. Brown (1926-34); D. C. Bardsley (1943-49); J. G. Bird (1923-28); R. E. Cooper (1944-52); A. H. Cunliffe (1915-19); J. M. Clivery (1948-53); S. M. Caldwell (1922-24); J. Congden (1922-27); R. Crelling (1944-46); R. K. Clough (1923-27); W. R. Cubbon (1916-26); A. N. Dewhurst (1920-22); D. Edmonds (1945-52); H. C. Easton (1917-22); R. L. Ellis (1929-31); R. W. Esson (1948-52); W. M. Furness (1945-51); G. W. Graves (1919-20); W. A. Gilberry (1943-50); J. F. Hyde (1923-27); F. Y. Holloway (1911-20); G. H. Hudson (1907-10); J. H. Hudson (1930-35); A. H. Jones (1925-28); R. B. Kelly (1926-29); C. S. Kirkham (1937-41); D. C. W. Lee (1946-52); M. W. Machin (1939-43); H. V. Middleton (1919-24); F. C. L. Noar (1923-24); P. E. Pym (1913-17); D. Pownall (1945-53); P. Padfield (1926-29); J. C. A. Osmrod (1928-31); J. H. Preston (1913-17); R. A. R. Quine (1938-44); R. B. Ryland (1926-30); H. Stonex (1909-11); W. Stonex (1908-10); R. Shillinglaw (1913-17); N. S. Smith (1913-18); R. Sugden (1919-23); R. C. Shepherd (1918-21); J. U. Shepherd (1943-46); J. R. Tweedale (1924-25); R. H. Woods (1923-28); R. O. White (1946-53); S. F. White (1927-32); V. N. White (1935-39); N. S. Worthington (1916-20); N. C. Woodhead (1918-27); A. Woodhead (1921-26); F. Withnall (1909-16); K. R. R. Wilson (1935-43); J. H. Wiles (1901-05).

#### THE CANON E. H. STENNING FUND

Acknowledged in December Barrovian 562 subscribers	£936	0	6
Less Expenses .....	36	0	6
Handed to Canon Stenning .....	£900	0	0
Received since November 1st 1953—11 subscribers ...	£35	8	0
Less gratuity to typist preparing the Presentation Volume .....	4	3	0
Handed to Canon Stenning .....	£31	5	0

R. L. THOMSON,  
Hon. Organiser.

February 14th, 1954.

## CRICKET

The Old Boys' match against K.W.C. will take place on Saturday and Monday, July 24th and 26th. Will any Old Boy who would like to play in this match please send his name to A. J. Bailey, Esq., c/o College.

## KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE SOCIETY

### King William's College War Memorial Fund, 1939-1945

The President and members of the King William's College Society acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations to the fund during the period 1st November, 1953, to 28th February, 1954—

#### NOVEMBER

1953	£	s.	d.
J. H. Sherwen .....	5	0	0
N. L. B. Crofts .....	2	0	0
G. P. Bridge .....	3	3	0

#### DECEMBER

H. S. Cain .....	1	0	0
J. S. Fraser .....	1	0	0
R. G. Gibson .....	10	10	0
R. L. Thomson .....	2	0	0
C. J. Mitchell .....	1	0	0
D. Crookall .....	2	0	0
R. R. A. Coles .....	1	0	0

#### JANUARY

1954	£	s.	d.
D. R. Cringle .....	1	0	0
D. M. Thompson ...	1	0	0
G. Enticknap .....	1	0	0
E. G. Frost .....	5	0	0
R. A. Ferguson .....	2	2	0
S. K. Creer .....	2	0	0
E. E. Kermode .....	1	0	0
W. T. Quayle .....	2	0	0
T. E. Brownsdon ...	1	0	0
P. J. Greenwood .....	1	1	0
G. D. Hanson .....	3	0	0
W. K. C. Watkins ...	1	0	0
W. H. Sleigh .....	1	0	0
G. M. Heap .....	1	0	0
H. Burgess .....	1	0	0
G. A. Higham .....	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
M. G. K. Lund .....	1	0	0
J. G. Brown .....	2	10	0
H. W. Corkill .....	5	0	0
J. L. Chambers .....	2	0	0
J. Congdon .....	5	0	0
H. Ritchie .....	10	0	0
D. C. White .....	1	0	0
F. E. Nangle .....	1	0	0
A. D. Williamson ..	1	0	0
E. H. Taylor .....	1	0	0
A. Child .....	1	1	0
R. H. Cain .....	2	2	0
A. Storey .....	10	0	0
A. W. Kerruish .....	2	2	0
T. Child .....	1	0	0
C. J. W. Bell .....	1	0	0

#### FEBRUARY

J. F. Southward ...	2	2	0
R. W. Frost .....	5	5	0
C. H. Symons .....	1	0	0
F. J. Empson .....	1	0	0
J. C. Heywood .....	1	1	0
J. V. Lewis .....	2	2	0

Donations previously  
received ..... £3,669 14 9

Total Donations 3,782 15 0  
(to 28th Feb., 1954)

The Chairman and members of the War Memorial Fund Management Committee are grateful for the continued support of subscribers and, in the interest of economy, trust they will accept this as sufficient acknowledgment.

## Obituaries

### ERRATA

In the last Barrovian, there appeared an obituary over my initials of H. S. Stringer (1924-27). It is good to know that he is alive and in the best of health. The obituary should have been that of his brother R. S. (1926-28). The obituary contained personal memories of H.S., but the post-School information concerned R.S. I offer my sincere apologies to H.S. not because I was able to revive only the pleasantest memories of his personality and school career, but because it was mainly my fault that I mistook the information he supplied about his brother. Our deep sympathy is transferred to his brother's widow, and we trust that H.S. will be long spared to continue his work in health and prosperity.

In the Barrovian of March, 1942, there appeared the obituary notice of Robert Carlyle Lamb (Hunt's 1915-17). This name had been confused with the notice in a newspaper recording the death of Ralph Carlyle Lamb. We are glad to state that the report of the death of the former was grossly exaggerated, and his contemporaries in Hunt's will rejoice to know he is in good health. His son J. R. Q. Lamb left K.W.C. in 1952.

E.H.S.

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LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR JOHN DIXON MAYHEW, D.L., J.P.  
(1899-1903)---Died January 27th, 1954.

John Dixon Mayhew was born October 2nd, 1884. He was son of an O.K.W., H. Mayhew (1858-61), Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of Cheshire and High Sheriff. He entered Principal's, May, 1899. He was a praepositor; and a member of the XV 1900-03.

On leaving school he was given a commission in the Denbigh Hussars and was promoted Major 1912. He transferred to the infantry at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War, and was wounded 1917. He was promoted Lieutenant-colonel in 1918. After the war he bought an estate in Sussex and took a great interest in farming. He unsuccessfully contested the Harwich parliamentary division in 1929, but was successful in the North Division of East Ham in 1931, and held the seat till 1945. He was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1934 as a member of the Pattenmakers' Company. In 1937 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace (Essex).

At the outbreak of the 1939-45 War he volunteered for work as welfare officer. He was a leading spirit in the Essex T.A. and R.A.F. Associations. He was knighted in the Dissolution Honours of 1945, and in the same year lost his seat to Labour. His wife was Miss L. K. G. Gurney, of Blaenau, Merionethshire. He was typically a fine example of the landed Englishman of the period—tall, straight and handsome.

Sir Patrick Hannon, writing in the "Times," said "Those of us who sat with Sir John Mayhew in the House will deeply deplore the sudden and unexpected passing of a genial and kindly friend. In the absence of the Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, I presided at the Court and luncheon on January 14th, and John Mayhew sat next to me. He seemed full of vitality. He was a keen sportsman, good shot, and golfer. He was a man with a great sense of public service, and will be mourned by a wide circle of friends."

Lady Graham Little writes "He upheld all that was best in our traditions of Army, Parliament, and sport. Sir John with his beautiful wife were the handsomest and most attractive couple to be seen about the House of Commons. In character and bearing he embodied the ideal of an Englishman and soldier." He is survived by two sons to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

E.H.S.

COLONEL CHARLES JOHN LLOYD-CARSON, C.B.E. (1878-81)

Died November 26th, 1953.

C. J. Lloyd-Carson (born October, 1866) entered K.W.C. (Trafford's) October, 1878. He was the son of J. Lloyd-Carson of Egryn Abbey, Merionethshire. He went directly into the Army and served with the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment throughout the South African War (Queen's medal and three clasps, King's medal and two clasps). He stayed in South Africa at the end of the war as Commissioner of the Railway Police. He returned to England for the 1914-18 War, and commanded the Third Battalion of his former regiment in France. In the last months he served on the staff and retired in 1919 with the rank of Colonel, C.B.E. 1919. His wife died in 1925, and he is survived by two daughters and a son to whom in the loss of so gallant a father we offer our sincere sympathy

E.H.S.

ANDREW BERTRAM BRAMHALL (1900-03) Died Dec. 31st, 1953.

A. B. Bramhall entered K.W.C. May, 1900 (Dickson's), son of G. J. S. Bramhall, of Liverpool. He was a member of the College Gym IV. He left to become an engineer, but at the outbreak of the 1914-18 War enlisted in the Liverpool Scottish with which regiment he served from October, 1914, to April, 1919, seeing much service in France. He came back to join his father's firm which ran the journal "Milling." He was head of the advertising department. Eventually he became joint manager of the company, which took over the paper "Corn Trade," and became the "Northern Publishing Company." He was a keen Churchman and a staunch supporter of Mossley Hill Church. He was further a very keen motorist, and member of the Liverpool Athenæum Club.

E.H.S.

CANON REGINALD JEFFCOTT DICKSON, M.A. (1887-1896)

Died January 12th, 1954

R. J. Dickson was the eighth of nine day-boy sons of Major-Gen. E. J. Dickson who were at K.W.C. continuously from 1870 to 1896. He was a præpositor and member of the XV 1896, and on leaving school went up to Queen's College, Cambridge, and took his degree in 1900. He was ordained in 1901 as curate of Broughton-in-Furness. He went to curacies in Carlisle and Penrith (where he also taught in Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School). From 1915-19 he was Temporary Chaplain of the Forces. He was vicar successively of Crosscrake, Ivegill and Brigham, which last vicarage he retired from in 1946. He went to live at Ulverstone, but completely lost his sight, and suffered from heart trouble. He was a typical example of the well-loved country parson, who kept in touch with all his folk, and earned their trust and affection. Even in his last year he received and entertained over a hundred of his former congregation. Mrs. Dickson writes: "The island was always in his thoughts, and any radio programme concerning the island made for him a red-letter day. He always had the 'Barrovian' read to him and particularly he loved the 'Chapel Notes' and 'Carol Service' accounts."

His funeral was conducted by the Bishop of Penrith, and was attended by a large number of clergy, and of his innumerable friends. As a country clergyman, he lived a very valuable life, and his influence for good has been wonderful. He did yeoman service for his diocese, and his goodness, high ideals, friendliness, and wisdom will remain ever pleasant memories in the hearts and lives of his parishioners. Especially we would send our sympathy to Mrs. Dickson, who will always have the happiest memories of her great-hearted husband, memories also shared by their surviving son. The other son was lost in the late war.

E.H.S.

GEORGE BATCHELDOR (1902-07) Died March 3rd, 1954

When he left College just after his sixteenth birthday, he had been in the XI for two years and had been second in both the batting and bowling averages for 1907. He took away from College an abiding love for the Island and cricket, and never lost it. He played in many Old Boy games—the last being in 1947, forty years after he had left. A fine club player, he played with the Northern C.C. in Liverpool Association games for many years.

He was on the Liverpool Cotton Market up to the last war and was one of the many members who found their livelihood lost when the market was closed down at the outbreak. During the war he worked for one of the Ministries, afterwards courageously starting up in business in an entirely new line for him—the manufacture of school furniture. He made a great success of it and only recently supplied College with new desks for the Junior School.

He spent a holiday in, or around, Castletown every year, and his many friends will miss his visits. He so obviously enjoyed every minute of his stay. He was unmarried and we offer our sincere sympathy to his sister who survives him.

E.H.S.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER 1953—1954

*" Scire ubi aliquid invenire possis ea  
demum maxima pars eruditionis est."*

### 1.—At the Coronation

1. Who disappeared.
2. Who averted a traffic jam.
3. What ecclesiast made his début.
4. What ancillaries diversified the waiting
5. Who played the organ.
6. What did Parry provide.
7. What sword was pointless.
8. What hill was sanded.
9. Who sent the Armills.
10. Who brought a Friendly greeting.

1.—1, Prince Charles. 2, the Prime Minister. 3, the Moderator of Scotland.  
4, Sweepers of the aisle. 5, Drs. Ley, Peasgood and Gabb. 6, setting of  
Psalm 122 ("I was glad"). 7, Curtana. 8, St. James' Street. 9,  
Australia. 10, Queen Salote of Tonga.

### 2.—What English Sovereign had

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the longest reign.      | 6. the most children.    |
| 2. the shortest reign.     | 7. the most stepmothers. |
| 3. the earliest accession. | 8. the youngest wife.    |
| 4. the latest accession.   | 9. the shortest life.    |
| 5. the most husbands.      | 10. the longest life.    |

2.—1, Victoria. 2, Lady Jane Grey. 3, Henry VI. 4, William IV. 5, Katharine  
Parr. 6, Anne. 7, Mary I. 8, Richard II. 9, Edward V. 10, Queen Mary.

### 3.—1. Who was the widow of Prasutagus.

2. Whose widow was Penelophon.
3. Who married the widow of the dead and gone Mr. Clarke.
4. What widow was the daughter of Phaniel.
5. Whose widow did Mr. Hoggins degrade from the Peerage.
6. What widow is a weaver.
7. Who married the Warden's widowed daughter.
8. To whom was the widow's hospitality inexhaustible.
9. Who married Harry of Monmouth's widow.
10. What widow does Kipling place where.

3.—1, Boadicea. 2, Cophetua. 3, Tony Weller. 4, Anna in the Temple  
5, Lord Glenmire. 6, the Widow bird. 7, Dean Arabin. 8, Elijah (Widow  
of Zarephath). 9, Owen Tudor. 10, Victoria—the Widow of Windsor.

### 4.—What beverage or beverages

1. is dedicated to "God most good and great."
2. hails from the Venezuelan Coast.
3. is greenery-yallery.
4. could have been manufactured in the environs of Camelot.
5. may have beguiled the crossing to Skye.

6. was the widows' consolation.
  7. would have been repudiated by the home of Calvinism.
  8. is consumed by means of an egg-spoon.
  9. could have been used as mutual olive branches between the Armagnacs and their opponents.
  10. is of three-fold dryness.
- 4.—1, Benedictine (Deo Optimo Maximo). 2, Curacao. 3, Chartreuse. 4, Beer and Whisky. 5, Drambuie. 6, Champagne (Veuve Cliquot). 7, Gin (Geneva). 8, Advocaat. 9, Brandy—Burgundy. 10, Cointreau Triple-Sec.
- 5.—1. What is the earliest daily office.
  2. What time is Prime.
  3. Who must be careful about Canonical Hours.
  4. What do you associate with Martinmas.
  5. Who performed the Abodah.
  6. What is Carling Sunday.
  7. What does a Carene impose.
  8. When is Latter Lammas.
  9. Who was never out at Matins or Vespers.
  10. What use is the foundation of the English Liturgy.
- 5.—1, Lauds. 2, 6 a.m. 3, Wedding Couples. 4, Slaughtering of Cattle (or Armistice). 5, Hebrew Priests. 6, 5th Sunday in Lent. 7, 40 days' fast. 8, Never. 9, the Jackdaw of Rheims. 10, Sarum Use.
- 6.—1. Who encountered opposition on the beach.
  2. Who clawed up what beach.
  3. Who poured water on a sand-removal scheme.
  4. What shall we do on these yellow sands.
  5. Who was welcomed ashore by a serpent.
  6. What beach did Farmer George popularize.
  7. Who was begged to land in Devon and not in Dorset.
  8. On what beach does Heber locate a cry for deliverance.
  9. From what littoral does Aibion derive her name.
  10. What Beaches should be for ever England.
- 6.—1, Canute. 2, William I. Pevensy. 3, the Carpenter (Alice). 4, Take hands. 5, St. Paul. 6, Weymouth. 7, Monmouth. 8, India's Coral Strand. 9, Beachy Head. 10, Normandy or Gallipoli.
- 7.—1. What garden saw the allocation of the pale and purple rose.
  2. Of what garden was Ladon and Cerberus.
  3. What garden evokes manual pallor.
  4. Who was invited to the garden gate.
  5. What was the first English Garden City.
  6. What gardens were erected for Amytis.
  7. What garden was more fatal to a King than gunpowder.
  8. Whose reluctance to surrender his garden gained him whose reprimand "Proud Prelate!"
  9. Where does who locate Allah's Garden.
  10. Who hath a garden.
- 7.—1, the Temple. 2, Hesperides. 3, Shalimar. 4, Maud. 5, Letchworth. 6, Hanging Gardens of Babylon. 7, Kirk O' Fields (Darnley). 8, Bishop of Ely—Elizabeth I's. 9, Hitchens—The Desert. 10, Dan Cupid.



- 8.—1. What is the Printer's Bible.
  2. What is the Printer's Devil.
  3. What is the Printer's "Coin."
  4. Who disputes the claims of Gutenberg.
  5. What revolutionary instrument trims heads and tails.
  6. Where should type not be heated.
  7. Who was Caxton's foreman.
  8. What Press was founded by William Morris.
  9. Where should Printer's Pie be concocted.
  10. How is a faulty character affectionately indicated.
- 8.—1, that containing the misprint "Printers have persecuted me without a cause." 2, Printer's assistant. 3, the Quoin (pronounced Coin) a wedge to fix type. 4, the Dutchman Coster. 5, the Guillotine. 6, in the chase (frame for type). 7, Wynkyn de Worde. 8, the Kelmscott. 9, in the galley. 10, X.
- 9.—1. What is the record for the encircling of the world
  2. Who encircled it in 80 days.
  3. Who in 2 years and 10 months.
  4. What was Christopher Jones' Atlantic timing.
  5. To whom would what Hero worshipper have had to yield what palm.
  6. Who walked to London at the rate of 25 miles a day—and a bittock.
  7. Who walked to London from the Undertaker's in 7 days.
  8. How long was the Dardanelles—Ithaki trip.
  9. What journey was accomplished between the ark and the camp boundary.
  10. What limit was set to the journeyings of Kartaphilos.
- 9.—1, 40 minutes (by Puck). 2, Phineas Fogg. 3, Drake. 4, 3½ months
- 5, Leander to Miss Chadwick for double crossing of Hellespont. 6, Jeanie Deans. 7, Oliver Twist. 8, 10 years (Ulysses). 9, A Sabbath day's journey
- 10, the end of the world.
- 10.—1. Who cured her cold by sitting with her head in boiling water for 20 minutes.
  2. What medicine was labelled "Drink me."
  3. For what was septenary immersion prescribed.
  4. Who had more need of spiritual than of medical attention.
  5. Who recommended a little gruel as an after-journey freshener.
  6. Who drew forth the poison with her balmy breath.
  7. What was the best cure for headache and prevented the hair from turning grey.
  8. Who prescribed wine in moderation for stomachic reasons.
  9. What disease was pronounced incurable as the doctors received payment.
  10. What result attends diurnal pomaceous treatment.
- 10.—1, Mrs. Nickleby. 2, Alice's. 3, Naaman's leprosy. 4, Lady Macbeth.
- 5, Mr. Woodhouse (in Emma). 6, Eleanor (wife of Edward I). 7, the Guillotine. 8, St. Paul. 9, effects of eating string (Henry King). 10, it keeps the Doctor away.
- 11.—1. Who disavowed her laugh.
  2. What does the loud laugh speak.
  3. Who laughed scornfully.
  4. What is promised to those who laugh.
  5. To what does the East liken Western mirth.

6. Whose laughter recalls spinal crepitation.
  7. Who laughs at the Wallace Collection.
  8. How does the Settler's Clock exhibit mirth.
  9. Who quaff's nectar as he laughs.
  10. Who is urged to follow golden laughter with golden tears.
- 11.—1. Sarah (Abraham's wife). 2. the vacant mind. 3. the Skipper of the Hesperus. 4. fatness. 5. the Hyena. 6. the Fool's. 7. the Cavalier (Franz Hals). 8. as the laughing Jackass. 9. "Happy undeserving A" (Mikado). 10. April.
- 12.—1. Of what ship was John Macpherson Captain.  
 2. Ahead of what saucy ship did the Belle Poule lie.  
 3. What ship sprang no fatal leak.  
 4. What ship was likened to a lame duck.  
 5. What liners ply to Brazil ad lib.  
 6. Who wrote her own name "round about the prow"  
 7. What ship "bethought herself and went."  
 8. What Northern ship feared capture by the Porte.  
 9. Of what ship was the Captain punctilious in matinal greetings.  
 10. "For the bread that you eat and the biscuits you nibble,  
 They are brought to you daily by all us ————?"
- 12.—1. the schooner Ben-my-Chree. 2. Arethusa. 3. Royal George. 4. Old Superb. 5. Don and Magdalena. 6. Lady of Shalott. 7. San Philip. 8. Golden Vanity. 9. Pinafore. 10. "Big Steamers" (Kipling).
- 13.—Who was the Prisoner of
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| 1. Chillon.   | 6. Woodstock.    |
| 2. Dürnstein. | 7. Château d'If. |
| 3. Chartley.  | 8. Carisbrooke.  |
| 4. Machaerus. | 9. Zenda.        |
| 5. Ahlden.    | 10. Peel.        |
- 13.—1. Bonivard. 2. Richard I. 3. Mary Queen of Scots. 4. John the Baptist. 5. Sophia (wife of George I). 6. Elizabeth I. 7. Monte Cristo. 8. Charles I. 9. King Rudolph. 10. Duchess of Gloucester.
- 14.—1. Over what canals did who make and break his fame.  
 2. What canal flows through the Tongue of Yes.  
 3. What canal ends at the Y's mouth.  
 4. What canal contains Neptune's Staircase.  
 5. What canal shares its name with the Brick Lane Temperance Association.  
 6. Who painted the Grand Canal.  
 7. What canal was opened with an international naval procession.  
 8. How do we name canal excavators.  
 9. What canal suffered aerial vacuation.  
 10. Who lived "by the side of the sleepy canal."
- 14.—1. Suez and Panama Canals—De Lesseps. 2. Languedoc. 3. North Sea. 4. Caledonian. 5. Grand Junction. 6. Canaletto. 7. Kiel. 8. Navvies. 9. Dortmund-Ems. 10. Miss Hook of Holland.

- 15.—With whom or what do you connect these repetitions
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| 1. Give, give      | 6. Osnabrück, Osnabrück. |
| 2. Speak, speak.   | 7. Hark, hark.           |
| 3. Blow, blow.     | 8. Rapture, rapture.     |
| 4. Faster, faster. | 9. Thalassa, Thalassa.   |
| 5. Nobly, nobly.   | 10. The Sea, The Sea.    |
- 15.—1, the daughters of the Horse-leech. 2, the Skeleton in Armour (Longfellow). 3, Amiens' Song (As You Like It). 4, the Red Queen. 5, Cape St. Vincent (Browning). 6, George I. 7, the lark (Cymbeline). 8, Dame Carruthers (Yeomen of the Guard). 9, Xenophon. 10, Poem by Proctor.
- 16.—Whose foreign servant.
1. bowled his master for 570 runs.
  2. took his name from the Mahomedan Sabbath.
  3. was admitted by his master to be his superior.
  4. Declared his isle to be full of noises, sounds and sweet airs.
  5. presumed spontaneous development.
  6. recommended the man of God.
  7. reiterated "All you want, you shall have."
  8. died from 56 wounds.
  9. went to bed with the crown jewels.
  10. shot the family lawyer.
- 16.—Col. Blazo's or Alfred Jingle's. 2, Robinson Crusoe's. 3, Sahib's (in Kipling's "Gunga Din"). 4, Prospero's. 5, Eva's (in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"). 6, Naaman's wife's. 7, Bella Donna's. 8, Mary Queen of Scots' (Rizzio). 9, Marie de Medicis'. 10, Lady Dedlock's.
- 17.—To what Queens does Shakespeare allude in the following:—
1. Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale  
Her infinite variety.
  2. Never harm.  
Nor spell nor charm  
Come our lovely lady nigh:  
So, good-night, with lullaby.
  3. The rude sea grew civil at her song,  
And certain stars shot madly from their spheres,  
To hear the sea-maid's music.
  4. Take her, fair son; and from her blood raise up  
Issue to me; that the contending Kingdoms  
Of France and England . . . . .  
May cease their hatred.
  5. She should have died hereafter;  
There would have been a time for such a word,  
To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow—
  6. Clarence and Gloster, love my lovely queen;  
And kiss your princely nephew, brothers both.
  7. That man i' the world who shall report he has  
A better wife, let him in naught be trusted,  
For speaking false in that.

8. You are the queen, your husband's brother's wife;  
And—would it were not so!—  
You are my mother.
  9. Do, child, go to it' grandam, child,  
Give grandam kingdom, and it grandam will  
Give it a plum, a cherry and a fig.
  10. She shall be, to the happiness of England,  
An aged princess; many days shall see her,  
And yet no day without a deed to crown it.
- 17.—1, Cleopatra. 2, Titania, Queen of the Fairies. 3, Mary Queen of Scots  
4, Katharine of Valois (wife of Henry V). 5, Lady Macbeth. 6, Elizabeth  
Woodville (wife of Edward IV. 7, Katharine of Aragon. 8, Gertrude,  
Queen of Denmark. 9, Elinor of Aquitaine (wife of Henry II). 10,  
Elizabeth I.

18.—In 1953

1. Whose Anchor stroke was stilled.
  2. Whose ratification was doubly biblicized.
  3. Whom did liquid History flow to meet.
  4. What islands would have preferred oblivion.
  5. Whose auto-epitaph was recalled:— "His sins were scarlet but his  
books were read."
  6. On whom may the crimson and white petals sleep.
  7. Whose Peace Victory is "no less renowned" than his war's.
  8. Of what fraternity of 26 is Snow Hill a member.
  9. What meadow has become doubly sacred.
  10. What Hunt was up.
- 18.—1, Death of Reece (Billiards Champion). 2, Eisenhower's. 3, Tito. 4, the  
Scillies (Budget omission). 5, Hilaire Belloc. 6, Roger Quilter. 7, Churchill's  
Nobel Prize. 8, 26 top-hatted station-masters. 9, Runnymede. 10, Ascent  
of Everest.

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