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## CRICKET

The Old Boys' Match against K.W.C. will take place on SATURDAY and MONDAY, JULY 23rd and 25th. Will any Old Boy who would like to play in this match please send his name to A. J. Bailey, Esq., c/o College ?

In view of last year's disappointing response, it is hoped that cricketing Old Boys will make a special effort to play.

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## RANDOM NOTES

We would like to thank a generous parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the gift of a Television Set which has been set up in the Physics lecture room to enable scientists to watch science broadcasts. It will also be available on suitable occasions for programmes of general interest, plays and important sporting events.

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A photographer from *The Illustrated London News* was our guest for three days in the middle of February. He took photos of most of our normal activities, ranging from the Junior House bed time story to the Fire Brigade's practice. Some at least of these photos will appear with an article on the school probably sometime in April.

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The Whole Day Exercise planned for February 16th had to be cancelled owing to bad weather. Snow ploughs were out on the Mountain Road in the area in which the main C.C.F. exercise was to have taken place.

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The Buchan School Dance, which was cancelled at the end of last term because we had a mumps epidemic, was held on Friday, January 22nd, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it. The band gave spirited renderings of many old favourites, and the M.C., Mr. Humphries, maintained a nice balance between the wilder and more energetic Gaelic dances and the sedate foxtrots that enabled members of the older generation to regain their breath.

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We read in the "Daily Telegraph" of February 22nd that G. K. Maddrell is one of a party of seven undergraduates who will leave England in June on an Oxford and Cambridge expedition to Mali and Mauretania in West Africa.

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We enjoyed a free half on Friday, 12th February.

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Mr. Tucker, who is still enjoying life in the Indian sun, has yet to bag his first tiger, although he recently had a Tom Lehrer type adventure with a cow. His school year ends on April 23rd, after which he plans to spend three or four months travelling home via Kashmir, Afghanistan, Baluchistan, South Africa and other such primitive countries.

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We congratulate P. G. Adcock on becoming Chairman of the B.S.A. Apprentices' Association Committee for 1959-60.

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A large party of fifth and sixth formers enjoyed a schools' matinee performance of the film of the Bolshoi Ballet Company in Douglas on Monday, February 8th. We get lamentably few opportunities here of broadening the cultural front by visits to live ballet, opera or theatre, and expeditions such as this are of great value.

An athletics film, "Olympic Prospects 1959" was shown on February 8th and 9th to mark the start of Athletics practice. It contained many excellent slow motion sequences of champions in action, and, it is hoped, gave added incentive to those field event specialists who are beginning to adapt themselves to the more modern techniques.

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On Thursday, February 25th we enjoyed a programme of most accomplished piano duets by Bernice Lehmann and Kinlock Anderson.

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A syndicate of business minded Praepositors is considering the possibility of installing an automatic cough-sweet vendor outside the gymnasium.

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Films shown this term included "Carry on Sergeant," and "Appointment with Venus." The star of the latter was, apparently, a cow.

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Last summer boys began receiving free golf instruction through the Golf Foundation. R. Alan Chandler (1900-1903), has now most generously presented a fine Cup for the Inter-house Foursomes to encourage the game further. He believes that one can only acquire a really grooved swing by starting the game young and wishes he had been encouraged to take the game up as a boy himself.

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On Friday, February 26th, a group of historians and potential university scholars attended a Conference of the Commonwealth Institute at Douglas High School. They heard a lecture by the President of the Institute, Sir James Harford, K.B.E., C.M.G., and saw a film on Nigeria, a country of vital importance in Africa that will gain its independence and join the Commonwealth on October 1st this year.

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G.K.P. enthusiasts will be very sorry to hear that Mr. Denis Thompson has decided to retire this year from setting the paper. (In 1960 what Dickensian Bibliophile retired undefeated for 5,040 ?) We would like to convey the sincere admiration and congratulations of all members of College, past and present, on this continued achievement of 28 years which has given both entertainment and instruction to so many boys, parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents and officials of the country's leading Reference Libraries, all of whom will be relieved to hear that the G.K.P. will continue.

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We congratulate R. E. MacLachlan on helping Lancashire to win the Junior section of the all-England inter-counties schoolboy cross-country championships at Speke on March 19th, by coming 6th in a field of over 200.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

*Head of School:* A. Q. Bashforth.

*Praepositors:* A. Q. Bashforth, E. C. Christian, M. Dixon,  
P. N. Corlett, M. G. Walker, T. M. C. Moore,  
J. B. Atkinson, K. F. Lofthouse, R. J. P.  
Bird.

*Sub-Praepositors:* C. J. Kegg, I. S. Fraser, A. P. Midgley,  
M. J. S. Vaughan, R. J. Maddrell.

*Captain of Football:* A. Q. Bashforth.

*Captain of Cross-Country Running:* A. P. Midgley.

*Captain of Athletics:* A. P. Midgley.

*Captain of Swimming:* I. S. Fraser.

*Captain of Fives:* M. J. S. Vaughan.

*Captain of Shooting:* T. G. Sayle.

*Assistant Editor of the Barrovian:* M. Dixon.

*Senior Librarian:* R. J. P. Bird.

## VALETE

December, 1959

**J. C. BEATY-POWNALL** (1955-59) School. MVI. Praepositor. Head of House. Captain of Shooting. 1st Colours Rugger 1959. Shooting VIII 1955-56-57-58-59. 1st Hockey XI 1959. House Captain Shooting and Hockey. House Crests for Rugger and Shooting. House Team Senior Cricket. G.T. 1958. G.C.E. 'O' level in 1958 with 8 passes. Corporal in C.C.F. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. Marksman.

Occupation in future: Hotel and Catering.

Home Address: The Dales, Ballanard Road, Douglas.

**G. A. BEST** (1954-59) Colbourne. UVI. Sub. Praepositor. House Crest for Cross-country 1959. G.T. 1956-57-58-59. Committee Member of Scientific Society. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 8 passes in 1957, 1 subject in July 1958. G.C.E. at 'A' level in Physics and Chemistry 1959. Lance/Corporal in C.C.F. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. Signals Course 1958, Artillery Course 1958. Medical Course 1959.

Occupation in the immediate future: Industrial Chemistry.

Home Address: Brookfield, Fairy Cottage, Laxey, Isle of Man.

**J. A. CLAGUE** (1953-59) Hunt. UIVb.

Home Address: Kionslieu, Howe Hill, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man.

**D. A. COOKSON** (1954-59) Colbourne. UVb. House Crest for Cross-country 1959. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 1 pass 1959. Able-Seaman in C.C.F. R.N. Section. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. 1st Class Shot.

Going into business.

Home Address: Wistaston House, Wistaston, Nantwich, Cheshire.

**G. S. COWLEY** (1951-59) Junior-Dickson. MVI. House Praepositor. 1st Colours for Rugger 1959. 1st Colours for Swimming 1958-59. House Crest for Swimming and Rugger. G.T. 1954-55-56-57-58-59. 1st place 100 yds. Swimming. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 4 passes in 1958. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. R.A.F. Proficiency Certificate. Marksman.

Occupation in the immediate future: Surveying.

Home Address: 6 Saddle Road, Braddan, Isle of Man.

- G. DARRICOTTE** (1955-59) Walters. LVI. House Praepositor. House Team Senior XL 1959. G.T. 1957-58-59. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 3 passes July 1959, 1 pass Dec. 1959. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. Marksman.  
Occupation in immediate future: Engineer Apprentice.  
Home Address: Park Moor Cottage, Pott Shrigley, Nr. Macclesfield.
- M. A. DIXON** (1956-59) Dickson. UVb. 1st Swimming Colours 1959. 2nd Rugby Colours 1959. House Crests for Swimming, Rugger and Steeplechase. G.T. 1956-57-58-59. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 3 passes in 1959. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. Marksman.  
Going into business.  
Home Address: 8 Badminton Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21.
- S. GREEN** (1953-59) Hunt-School. MVI. House Praepositor. House Team Senior Rugger. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 6 passes in 1958. Cert. A Parts 1 and 2. Occupation in immediate future: Tutorial College.  
Home Address: 8 The Crescent, Derbyhaven, Isle of Man.
- V. R. McDONALD** (1955-59) Walters. UVb. 1st Colours Athletics 1959; 1st Colours Swimming 1959; 2nd Colours Rugger 1959. House Crests for Swimming, Athletics, Steeplechase and Cricket. House Team Senior Rugger. G.T. 1956-57-58-59. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 5 passes 1959. Queen's Scout. A.S.M.  
Going into business.  
Home Address: 2 Uppingham Road, Stoneycroft, Liverpool 13.
- P. D. J. WHITTLE** (1953-59) Hunt. UVb. Colts Colours for Athletics 1958. House Crest for Athletics. House Teams Junior and Senior Rugger and Cricket. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 4 passes in 1959. Assistant Scout Master.  
Occupation in the immediate future: Junior Laboratory Technician.  
Home Address: Sandalwood, 19 High View Road, Douglas.
- P. S. WILKINSON** (1956-59) Dickson. UVb. House Team Shooting 1959. G.T. 1959. G.C.E. at 'O' level with 4 passes 1959. Lance/Corporal in C.C.F. Cert. A. Parts 1 and 2. Marksman.  
Occupation in immediate future: Engineering (Plastics).  
Home Address: 38 Elton Drive, Dean Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.
- R. N. MARTIN** (1958-59) School UVb.  
Home Address: 19 Westfield Court, Catherine Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

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- R. M. GARFIELD** (1958-60) Colbourne. UVb.  
Home Address: 2 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham 23.

## SALVETE

January, 1960

**SCHOOL HOUSE**: Bohan, T.W. (MIVb); Hoyle, S.G. (MIVa).

**COLBOURNE HOUSE**: Radford, J.L. (UIVb).

**DICKSON HOUSE**: Lloyd-Jones, J.M. (UIVa); Morrey, J. (MIVa); Smith, P.H.J. (UIVb).

**WALTERS HOUSE**: Smyth, H.A. (UIVa).

**JUNIOR HOUSE**: Hoyle, R.G. (II).

**HUNT HOUSE**: Chambers C.J.R.S. (II); Watterson, W.P. (III).



## CHAPEL NOTES

Since the last issue of the Barrovian we have welcomed the following outside preachers :

Nov. 22nd—G. D. Hooper of C.M.S.

Nov. 29—The Archdeacon.

Dec. 6th—Rev. F. M. Cubben.

Jan. 31st—Rev. T. B. Jenkins, Vicar of Malew.

Feb. 7th—J. R. Smith, Esq., Headmaster of Castle Rushen.

Feb. 14th—Rev. E. B. Glass, Vicar of Castletown.

### Special Collections :

Carol Services, Dr. Barnado's Homes .....	£37 16 0
Envelopes for the London Society for the Blind	£5 10 0

## LIBRARY NOTES

Since the last issue of the Barrovian we have obtained the following books :

Bernard Shaw —	A. C. Ward.
A Chaucer Handbook —	R. D. French
Milton —	D. Daiches.
British Drama —	Allardyce Nicoll
The Songs and Sonnets of John Donne—	Theodore Redpath.
The Allegory of Love —	C. S. Lewis.
English Literature in the Early Eighteenth Century —	Bonamy Dobree.
Invisible Cargo —	L. Walmsley.
Aspects of Science Fiction —	Doherty (Fiction).

These, particularly those of English criticism, will be extremely valuable and make this section one of the best equipped in the Library.

R. J. P. Bird, Senior Librarian

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

Previous policy has dictated that the two organisations, the C.C.F. and the Scouts, should be mutually exclusive, and a school career involving both has been severely discouraged, except in exceptional cases. Recent evidence indicates that they are both integral parts of a boy's education. Their aims are similar, but both have inherent faults which prevent these aims from being fully attained.

Scouting at College generally fails to produce any kind of leadership, or power to command, instruct or discipline.



The C.C.F. supposedly attains these ends, but it does so much to the detriment of the independence of the individual.

Neither can keep the average boy interested for more than four years. Moreover in an age when it is an advantage for a boy to have taken part in as many out of school activities as possible, should he not spend a period in both organisations?

Consider a compulsory period in the C.C.F. for all boys from 14-16½, in which time they would have to pass the Army Proficiency exam, attend a camp and a course, and do two terms leadership training. They would then have the choice of a further period in the Army section, or of joining the R.A.F. or R.N. sections, or of joining the Senior Scouts.

We suggest that the results would be:

1. To encourage young boys to join the Scouts by fixing a higher age limit for the C.C.F. A keen boy could perhaps continue scouting in his spare time whilst in the C.C.F., as two boys do at the moment.
2. To encourage healthy competition between senior branches of the C.C.F. and Scouts.
3. To enable a boy to become a Queen's Scout and hold a rank in the C.C.F.
4. To stop the present tendency for the slack type staying in the Scouts as a soft option to the C.C.F.
5. To discontinue the practice of the very slack type being discarded from the Scouts and having to join the C.C.F. at an age too old for discipline to have much effect (even Baden-Powell did not intend scouting to be only for good boys).

If these suggestions were followed, there would be a higher standard in both C.C.F. and Scouts, and the latter would become a truly voluntary organisation.

Yours etc.,

E. Christian (Under Officer)  
 T. M. C. Moore (C.S.M.)  
 M. Dixon (Colour Sergeant)  
 K. F. R. Lofthouse (Sgt. R.A.F.)  
 M. G. Walker (Petty Officer, R.N.)  
 J. B. Atkinson (A.S.M.)  
 P. N. Corlett (A.T.L.)

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the correspondence published in the last issue of the "Barrovian" regarding the School songs. Does the writer, in referring to Professor Proctor-Gregg's "improved" version of the song, have in mind a completely different and rather less melodious setting which I inherited on my arrival here with a copy of a copy of the M.S. of the one we sing? If so, is he really willing for the School to learn yet a third melody; as they already sing two songs

at concerts? It may of course be that the Professor has a third setting himself, but surely K.W.C. should hold a copy of it, and we certainly do not. However, I will write and ascertain.

As for Mr. Thompson's song being "too fast," I can only say that on my arrival here I consulted the composer, who played me a recording he made of his song, with express instructions to speed it up, as it was always sung too slowly. Mr. Bird must therefore make this particular complaint to the composer.

Yours etc,

P. H. Matthews.

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## SECOND HOUSE PLAYS

24th November, 1959

### WALTERS HOUSE

#### THE ASS AND THE PHILOSOPHERS

by Gwenyth Jones

A play with a dubious classical flavour — we wondered for example, just where, and when, Vestal Virgins actually originated — this was presented on a set classically simple, and symmetrical, and unfortunately divided from left to right halfway down the stage, with the unfortunate effect of halving the available acting space.

In putting this play on, Walters were taking a calculated risk, for they were compelled to find a large number of competent female actors, three of them capable of acting oldish women, a notoriously difficult thing to do. As a result though they most certainly discovered some obvious talent. The older women appeared too young, and largely, owing to the comparative inexperience of the actors, their individual characteristics were not really thought out. However, all looked and moved like women, and they filled their parts more than adequately. Indeed the real reason why these very minor imperfections were noticed was that the performance was generally of so high a standard that the would-be critic, seeking faults was reduced to looking at points which would be regarded as extremely minor in a normal production.

The young girls were delightful in every way. Clytie (Killip), though outshone, was much more than competent, and impressed, although the roguish element in her character which could make her run away with a sailor was not emphasised quite enough. Chloe (Hawkins) proved to be admirably cast and trained, and as the young woman in search of a mate was extremely attractive in every sense. Darricotte, was unfortunately slightly inaudible on occasions, but was delightfully scatterbrained and obsequious.

The brothers Weale, as the two philosophers, one the apostate to hedonism from the pursuit of wisdom, showing brilliance as a wicked old man with an eye for the girls and a taste for the wine, the

other, with a devastating sniff, proving himself a stern misogynist, might have been playing these parts all their lives.

In conclusion, the whole cast showed competence, and the production a surprising maturity, the lessons of last year have obviously been digested, and one must congratulate the producer, however much his adviser, Mr. Jarman, assisted him.

R. J. P. Bird.

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## DICKSON HOUSE

### THICKER THAN WATER

by Wilson Barnes

The Dickson House play was characteristically good. Its gripping plot dealt with a social problem, the presence in a small Lancashire town of a sex maniac. It was a well chosen play, for casting had clearly presented no problem.

The setting, although intensely realistic, was rather too symmetrical, and the stage hands might have made a better job of securing the door.

The mood, which recovered miraculously after the disastrous embrace in which the heroine lost her wig, was tense throughout. It is clear, however, that the senior school audience has less capacity for appreciating drama than its younger brethren. The recovery in this case was due to the skill of the actors, the most outstanding of whom was Dixon, who produced a superb performance. He was ably backed up by two typical Lancashire ladies, the senile grandmother (Isherwood), and the most realistic town gossip (Griffiths F.), who gave his finest performance to date. The brothers (Wyton and Batty), whose parts required considerable interpretation, were more than competent. The remainder of the cast supported them with skill and understanding.

Our congratulations are due to the producer (Mr. Kelly) for producing the play so admirably and with so much feeling.

P. G. Gilling.

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## UNDERSTUDIES

### THE LIFT THAT FAILED

by Percival Wilde

In a set that gave little scope for real acting, and at times effectively muffled some of the speakers, the understudies on the whole gave a reasonable performance. A patiently coached young cast gave an amusing if remarkably brief insight into the reactions of a group of ordinary people trapped in a jammed lift. Hood, as the book canvasser, Harrop as the cheeky lift-boy, and Okell were perhaps the more accomplished actors, with Maddrell and Maxwell

giving a most amusing if somewhat laboured lovers' quarrel in the middle of everything.

The understudies tried very hard, but found the play rather unsuitable, and difficult to make very effective.

G. Scott-Forrest.

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## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

We completed the Winter Term's programme with a quietly entertaining literary meeting built around the subject of "Autumn," with poetry and prose varying from the morbid, melancholy and mysterious to the witty, frivolous and flippant. Our thanks for the enjoyment were largely due to Mr. Kegg who undertook the monumental task of arranging it and to the President for the use of his study and gramophone.

A delightful balloon debate was the public business of the next meeting, the various unfortunates, the figures from the arts, entertainment, the theatre and the ranks of statesmen, diverted us greatly by their efforts to make the others appear both ridiculous and unnecessary. Dr. Albert Schweitzer was deservedly victorious.

It was decided that the subject of the last debate of the term should be changed from television to the Public School system, and it was abundantly clear that though frivolity was popular, on a serious topic, the Society could debate seriously.

The honorary secretary with violent phillipic oratory denounced the Army, the Government, and the Church, let alone business. Corruption, depravity, and inefficiency were but the mildest of the abuses exposed. Mr. Caine seconding him drove home the social evils of the system. The Opposition claimed the creation of initiative and independence, and pointed out the fine traditions of sport and public service of the Public Schools. So many speeches were made from the floor that there was no time for summing up, but the motion, "that the effects of the Public School system are as disastrous as they are inherent, in all aspects of our society," was well and truly defeated.

So far this term we have held a series of hat debates, and a debate upon the values of a classless society which, it was decided was distinctly "non-U." We hope to complete the term's proceedings with debates with the Dilettanti and the Manx Law Society.

R. J. P. Bird, Hon. Sec.

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## MANX SOCIETY

In the latter part of the Winter term two meetings of the Society took place. In the first on the 12th November, a paper was delivered by A. Q. Bashforth on the Royal Manx Fencibles. It

appears that these "stout fellows" were all volunteers and made up a type of Home Guard. There were three corps of Fencibles in all and one of the corps even left the Isle of Man to fight in Ireland at the beginning of the nineteenth century. But the impression gained by the Society was that these regulars did not take their duties very seriously.

At the next meeting on the 10th December, E. C. Christian spoke on "Early Christianity in the Isle of Man." This was mainly a story about a certain pirate, Machatus, who after falling into the hands of the Irish was set adrift in an open boat and left, without food or water, to die. The boat drifted ashore at what is now called Maughold Head, and after being converted to Christianity, Machatus was later made the fourth Bishop of the Isle of Man. His name was changed to Maughold and it was he who divided up the Island into its divisions of sixteen parishes.

In the first meeting of the Easter term, we were given a thorough account of Sport in the Island by M. Dixon. (Sport here not including "bird" watching.) Apparently the Manxmen in general have not been great games players, but occasionally a Manxman has been awarded some high English sporting honour.

C. J. Kegg and P. N. Corlett gave us two papers in the second meeting of this term. Kegg's paper dealt with the alcohol problem from about the seventeenth century to the present day. No matter what some modern Manx statesmen have to say about "the good old days," drinking in public houses is not half the problem it was one hundred years ago. As an example of how much alcohol was consumed, it is recorded that in Ballaugh there were thirteen public houses kept running by a population less than today's, which supports only one public house.

The other paper by P. N. Corlett was entitled "Manx Miscellany," dealing mainly with shipping around the Manx shores. This was concluded after an "It's a fact," book had been passed round which was received with great interest by the members, and I think the book is still being passed around the studies.

A. Q. Bashforth, Hon. Sec.

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## THE KNIGHTS

So far this term there has only been one meeting, at which Mr. Jarman gave an interesting paper on the Romances. He explained their origin in Greek myth and put forward a theory that a scape-goat was one of the main ideas, which extended even as far as "Hamlet." During the ensuing questions no points of very great interest arose, except that of Arthur, who, it was felt, merited at least one evening to himself.

J. Weale.

## GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

At last we can record forty members present for well nigh every meeting. These joyous circumstances, however, are for once not only due to prep dodgers, but to a genuine love of (a) the fire in Mr. Garland's study, and (b) good music. Even numerous benign studyholders roll out of their domains that they may listen to Mozart. This term we have had two meetings so far, one given by J. Weale entitled, "Slavonic Music," and one by the Hon. Sec., on Mozart's operas.

Thus we are reminded of the happy days when the Gramophone Society took place in Mr. Bailey's study, and see that the same vast numbers are beginning to return.

A. Weale, Hon. Sec

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## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the final meeting of last term, the Society was shown a film entitled, "The Story of Fine Bone China." This film dealt with the manufacture of fine bone china in considerable detail and in colour — demonstrating the craftsmanship employed since it was first made, to the present day, with all its minute care and versatile design.

The first, and so far only, meeting of this term took the form of two papers. The first was on "Sleep," by the Hon. Sec., and it explained the various theories on sleep and it causes since Alcmeon (16th century B.C.), and how even today scientific endeavour has failed to produce a satisfactory explanation.

In complete contrast S. Brayshaw gave his paper on "Explosives and Pyrotechnics," demonstrating their several potentialities in a spectacular and odoriferous manner.

J. B. Atkinson, Hon. Sec.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term we started off with a most enlightening theoretical and practical lecture on Enlarging by I. C. Batty.

One meeting later this term will consist of a lecture on colour, with the help of slides, by one of our members.

A. P. Midgely, Hon. Sec.

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## MUSIC CLUB

At the first meeting of the term, the Vice-President gave a piano recital of music by Bach, Haydn, Dvorak, Kodaly, Bridge and Villa Lobos. It was unfortunate that the piano had not the tone, at one

extreme, for the Kodaly, and at the other, for the piece by Bridge. The second meeting was an attempt to sound the depths of College opinion with extracts from Britten's "Let's Make An Opera." Although all felt that the music would go down well at a concert, a number were not sure about the words; but all felt that a concert version was not to be tried. It was decided at a committee meeting that it should be expanded and Caine and Callister were voted onto it.

J. Weale, Hon. Sec.

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### CHESS CLUB

This term a syndicate of four masters has assisted in coaching the club and it is hoped that their efforts will begin to bear fruit.

Neither team has been very successful but both are very young and eleven of the twelve will be available again next year.

Early in the term, the first team, playing without one of the school's better players, was only narrowly defeated ( $3\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ ) by the Southern Club, the current champions.

P. N. W. Helm, Hon. Sec.

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### BADMINTON SOCIETY

The challenge to the Masters, threatened in the last issue of the *Barrovian* has been delivered and we wait with eager anticipation for them to name the time, date and place. We have already agreed upon badminton rackets as the weapons.

Meanwhile a fixture has been arranged with the Buchan School. We hope to boast of our victories in the next issue of the *Barrovian*.

J. B. Atkinson, Hon. Sec.

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### AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Early this term we were given a learned and much enjoyed lecture on the history of Ronaldsway by I. Wallis. Our thanks to him for his hard work and research.

We shall soon be holding a photographic competition, and towards the end of term hope to show a film on the problems confronting a test pilot — may the gods of the weather be kinder to us than they were last December.

A. R. Bowman, Hon. Sec.



## A METEOROLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF THE SUMMER, 1959

The steady progress of the weather rarely becomes a subject of national interest for long. A passing winter storm might make the headlines but it is soon over and forgotten. A summer like that of 1959 however, with its prolonged drought and days of continuous sunshine will be remembered for quite some time especially after the "summers" of the previous three years. At the beginning of last summer, we were dreaming of the summer of 1955 and hoping that the summer sunshine might return, not knowing exactly where it had been in those intervening years.

Mr. Edwards, an eminent amateur meteorologist from Port St. Mary, writing in the *Isle of Man Times* stated that never, since records began had there been four successive bad summers. Little did we know that several months later, the south of the Island was to be transformed into a "living desert." The Azores anticyclone (a region of high pressure generally centred near the Azores, a group of islands about 500 miles west of Portugal) persisted very near the British Isles for most of the summer. In the preceding wet summers, anticyclones or "Highs" (associated with good weather) had become established over Greenland and the Azores, and left the British Isles in the path of countless depressions which crossed the country about twice a week giving rain and high winds. The summer position of the Azores anticyclone cannot be forecast since nobody knows the causes of its movement. Thus long range forecasting is still in a primitive stage of development.

Last summer started abruptly in the second week of May after some thundery weather, and shade temperatures were soon nearly 70°F even in the Isle of Man where unusually high shade temperature are rarely experienced due to the insular climate, although the Island's solar radiation temperature is practically the highest in the British Isles. May was very dry with only 29% of the normal rainfall at Ronaldsway (i.e. just over half an inch) and sunshine too was 112% of the normal.

June was on the whole less abnormal than May but it was notable that, although the rainfall was only just below the 1947 to 1958 average, the sunshine was still considerably in excess and it was rather ironical that the Senior T.T. had to be postponed due to bad weather for the second time during its 52 year history. July began with a heatwave in the south of England, the shade temperature reaching 93°F at Greenwich but only 72°F at Ronaldsway. The rainfall was again only 77% of the average but the anticyclonic system showed signs of collapsing from time to time although, as we know, "bad weather" never obtained a firm footing.

August was a really remarkable month with hot south easterly winds bringing an official drought to many parts of the North West

of the British Isles with the rainfall at Ronaldsway only 9% of the average and the daily maximum temperature up by over 4°F; (an extreme maximum of 77°F occurred on the 21st).

In some parts of Britain including Blackpool and the West country, severe thunderstorms occurred in the second week causing flooding, but even so, by the end of the month water supplies over most of the country were sinking alarmingly and the prolonged drought during most of September brought water rationing to many areas.

September was, in fact, the most abnormal month of the summer and although 39.8 mm. of rain were recorded at Ronaldsway, nearly 30 mm. fell on the 22nd, breaking a 24 day drought. The warmth continued and the temperature touched 69°F on October 3rd at Ronaldsway and a week later, water rationing commenced in the south of the Island. By October 19th (when a deep Atlantic depression crossed the British Isles) the water situation was critical. It was aggravated by severe bursts at the mains and so rumour told us, farm workers living near Ballakilpheric met tidal waves washing down the country lanes.

The summer ended as abruptly as it had begun and the severe gales of November and December brought the total rainfall for 1959 at Ronaldsway practically up to the average.

Now that Spring has arrived our thoughts naturally turn to the coming summer. The Press tells us that we will experience twenty years of fine summers. Personally, I think that if an anticyclonic system becomes established in our vicinity in May or June, another good summer can be expected although it may not be as good as last year.

The statistics of the summer months for Ronaldsway are given below and for comparison with previous years, a percentage of the 1947-58 average is also recorded.

Month	Day maximum shade temp. °F	Difference from average °F	Sunshine (hours)	% of Average	Rainfall (mms.)	% of Average	Rain days	Difference from average
May .....	60.8	+ 4.3	246.5	112%	16.4	29%	9	-4
June .....	62.2	+ 1.8	265.7	123%	49.8	94%	12	-1
July .....	64.3	+ 0.6	197.0	96%	44.7	77%	12	-2
August .....	66.6	+ 4.1	196.1	109%	6.4	9%	4	-10
September .....	64.0	+ 4.0	167.9	129%	39.8	49%	4	-13
Average for Summer .....	63.6	+ 3.0	1070.7	113%	157.1	49%	41	-30

P. Callister.

## SUMMER CONCERT

We have come to expect school concerts of an ambitious nature, and the Summer Concert in July, 1959, was no exception. In fact the programme was more ambitious than ever — Bach's triple piano concerto, a group of Schubert songs, a performance by the choir of folk-songs by Bartok, to name but three items. On the whole the concert was a success, even if certain items were taxing to the performers and occasionally to the audience as well.

The concert began with Mr. Matthews conducting that ever-popular pot-boiler, "The War March of the Priests," by Mendelssohn. This was the only concession to public taste, and for that reason not a wise choice. The orchestra is becoming more refined and rather eclectic in musical matters, and the violins seemed rather embarrassed. However the less sensitive members of the Orchestra were not, and the percussion in particular was able to reach the required level of vulgarity.

Garrett and McIntosh D followed playing the Sonata in G minor by Eccles (a composer of great sensitivity masquerading behind an impossible name). Both performers demonstrated that they were fast on the way to becoming accomplished instrumentalists, particularly Garrett, whose intonation was always good. What he needs to acquire now is more "attack" and robustness.

The choir's Bartok songs were not quite so successful, though the choir deserves full credit for singing in the original Czech (which was preferable to the bad German, and worse English, into which they had been translated). Bartok makes subtle use of cross-rhythms and pungent harmonies, which I felt were not fully appreciated by the choir. Even the most rumbustious of the songs emerged as a rather tame affair.

After Bartok — Madrigals. These were good, but please can we have the table on the stage in future concerts, where the madrigalists can be appreciated by being seen as well as heard.

The master's Mammoth madrigal group followed, singing a song of educational interest in keeping with the serious tone of the concert. This turned out to be a series of caricatures on musical instruments (one master per instrument) in which it was demonstrated how rightly the German tongue is recognised as a rather elderly and comic relation amongst European tongues.

After this "interval" there remained Skidmore's group of songs and Bach's triple piano concerto. Regrettably the songs were a disappointment. Three songs instead of five would have been ample and surely some of the lighter Schubert songs would have been preferable to Winterreise, which requires considerable interpretative skill. This was a pity, as Skidmore has a pleasant voice, which was shown to better advantage in the two songs by Brahms and Grieg which followed.

The highlight of the concert was the performance by Mr. Matthews, Callister C., and Caine of the Bach concerto, accompanied by the Orchestra. This indeed was an ambitious undertaking, which necessitated a lot of hard work. All the performers had mastered

the difficult passages in the concerto and Mr. Matthews, conducting as well as playing, ensured that the performance never lagged for a moment.

After this we had the usual leavers' songs sung, in direct contrast to the previous item, with more enthusiasm than artistry. However enthusiasm is more important on such occasions, and everyone sang with gusto, bringing the concert to a fitting conclusion.

D.H.J.

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## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

This event which, as far as one could gather, was anticipated with mixed feelings by the bulk of the audience, proved a happy prelude to the half-term holiday. To be fair to the audience, some of the initial unrest may well have been due to the preliminary activities of a visiting photographer from the London Illustrated News. In order that some visual expression of the cultural pastimes of King William's College may be relayed to the world at large through the medium of this illustrious periodical, the choir and orchestra were required to assemble immediately before the concert began, and the audience were presented with the somewhat unnerving spectacle of these two groups, posed as if giving forth of their best, while not a sound was to be heard but the mechanic click of the photographer's equipment.

After this false alarm, however, the concert began in earnest, with a performance of the overture to Mozart's opera, "*Die Entführung aus dem Serail*." It is perhaps wrong to say that the concert thus began in earnest because, although this title is, in the very nature of the German tongue, rather forbidding, its Italian title, "*Il Seraglio*" echoes far more the grace and light-heartedness of the work. In fact, it sparkles, and the concert performance was lent added lustre by the renewed activities of the photographer, who, apparently appearing from nowhere, suddenly loomed up behind the conductor, and proceeded to illuminate the various sections of the orchestra in a series of dazzling flashes, like some re-incarnation of Mephistopheles.

Thereafter, the photographer disappeared altogether, and T. J. K. Owen was confronted with no such disturbing vision to upset his composure, as he sang Brahms' "*Wintertime*," and Ireland's "*Sea Fever*." Indeed Owen's composure was remarkable in one so young, and no one can have failed to enjoy the gloriously pure notes which soared forth from the rather diminutive figure on the stage.

Owen was followed by D. McIntosh, and one was again forced to admire the performer's calmness, as he tackled the difficult seven variations on "*God Save the King*," by Beethoven; a work which tested to the full, McIntosh's very considerable skill. He nevertheless mastered most of its difficulties, and gave a spirited rendering of the work. The Music Club Choir evidently enjoyed singing Adam's, "*Comrades in Arms*," and Vaughan William's setting of the Essex folk-song, "*Bushes and Briars*." In the former, a somewhat tuba-like

phrase in the bass line clearly afforded those singers ample opportunity to display the power and youthfulness of their voices.

The item which concluded the first part of the concert was Delius', "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring." Here, Mr. Matthews, in a brief introduction to the piece, subtly prepared the audience for the worst; and then produced a performance which, considering the hazards with which any Delius work is fraught, must be ranked as a highlight of the evening. The tremendous effect which the orchestra achieved can best be judged perhaps, by the fact that the almost continuous rustle and murmur of sound which had arisen from the audience up to this point, was perceptibly lessened, and the magic of the music permeated a hushed and appreciative hall, only to be broken by enthusiastic applause at the end, and the bustle of the interval.

The interval was followed by Vautor's, "Sweet Suffolk Owl," and Byrd's, "Though Amaryllis Dance," sung by the Madrigal Singers. These again were sung with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment, although some of Byrd's intricacies were seen to disconcert the singers at one point.

From the sublime to the slightly less so (but not in the least ridiculous); the Madrigal Singers were followed onto the stage by those of Elysium. Nothing can be said about these, except that their performance was much as might be expected, which can surpass the notice about them which appeared on the back of the programme. This, an artistic piece in its own right, deserves to be left to posterity in these momentous annals, as it so nicely preserves the spirit of those four hoary shades of a bygone age.

### Elysian Singers

We are proud to present this group of singers on the Centenary of their appearance at Peel Opera House. Here is an extract from the programme of their performance, February 18, 1860.

## Elysian Singers

*"This musty harmonium group of professional gentlemen, here appearing for the first time, has behind it a chain of notorious achievements: for instance, at a recent appearance outside the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the audience was so stirred that Mr. Peel's Metropolitan Police had to intervene; and when the group was commanded to sing before Her Majesty Queen Victoria, she was heard to utter the now famous 'We are not amused, Mr. Disraeli.' Distinguished writers and statesmen have commented usually unfavourably:—*

*"Swans sing before they die; 'twere better thing  
If certain men should die before they sing."*

(MR. COLERIDGE)

*"They told me the music was difficult, and by Gad, sir, like Dr. Johnson, I wish it were impossible."*

MR. W. S. GILBERT AT THE SAVOY GRILL

*"If Helen of Troy could launch a thousand ships, these singers could bring the Great Exhibition, and the Crystal Palace with it, falling about our ravished ears."*

(MR. GLADSTONE, while felling a tree)

"CORRIGENDA.

- l. 1. For 'musty harmonium' read 'most harmonious.'
- l. 2. For 'notorious' read 'notable.'
- l. 3. For 'outside' read 'in.'
- l. 6. For 'swing' read 'sing.'
- l. 8. For 'usually unfavourably' read 'unusually favourably.'

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They rendered Webbe's, "Discord, Dire Sister," Goss', "The Courtly Bard," and Lloyd's, "Fly to my Mistress."

In order to restore the balance of aestheticism, there followed two items which added polish and distinction to the concert. These were the piano duets; Sinding's Norwegian Dances Nos. 4 and 5, played by P. Caine and P. H. Matthews, Esq.; and Three Romances for oboe and piano, Op. 94, by Schumann, played by J. A. Coleman and P. H. Matthews, Esq. Sinding is one of those composers who has achieved popular renown with just one work. "The Rustle of Spring" in his case, and whose other works are little known. The piano duet was, because of this, as rare as it was delightful. J. A. Coleman's skill on the oboe, too, was a source of delight and admiration such as one would not expect to find in a school concert.

The evening concluded to the strains of the chapel choir who, venturing forth from their hallowed precincts into a world of secular music, yet maintained their familiar decorum in two semi-religious motets from Parry's, "Songs of Farewell," "Never weather-beaten sail," and "My soul, there is a country."

One might conclude by saying that, in a concert which might reasonably be expected to give as much pleasure to the performers as to the audience, the school was given its full share of enjoyment, which would carry it through the one remaining day before half-term, with music joyfully ringing in whatever part of its anatomy constitutes the seat of its emotions.

A.M.J.

## KITZBÜHEL

On December 23rd, at 7.30 a.m., a small winter-clad K.W.C. party joined a Manchester Grammar School group near Victoria Station at the outset of a skiing holiday. For many it was the first Christmas away from home, and certainly not the last. From Dover, with a welcome lunch on board, we arrived at Ostend in time to take the Tauern Night Express across Belgium and Germany. Lunch was provided at Munich Station and then we departed by coach on a steady climb up to the snow-line. Our destination was just beyond Kitzbühel, at Pension Gstrein, Aurach, a splendid establishment run by an ex-Austrian skiing champion. Food and accommodation were excellent, and the atmosphere was friendly and free throughout.

Next morning, after the fitting of skis and allocation of equipment, we were split up into appropriate groups: "experts," those who had skied before, and novices. Ski-lehrers, resplendent in red jerseys and cap comforters, began their courses of instruction straight away on Christmas morning. In halting English they had us "bending ze knees," "always side-stepping" and generally feeling our feet. With a set course of 10 lessons each of 2 hours duration, it was amazing to observe the progress made in a few days. From straight runs on gentle slopes one graduated through traverses to turns "always ze weight on ze lower ski," not forgetting to "wind up" correctly. It was great fun speeding up the ski-lift for the first time and then tearing down the slope in blissful ignorance of how to stop, scattering skulking schoolgirls, as Brown and Corkill demonstrated to the delight of all save the ski-lehrers.

During free time there was ample opportunity for venturing further afield on steeper ski-lifts, taking mountain tours, shopping in Kitzbühel and freezing at international ice-hockey matches. Frequent dances were arranged in and around Hechenmoos and a lively spirit of festivity prevailed.

Plans are being made by Mr. Garland to include a larger K.W.C. contingent for Xmas 1960.

A.D.T.

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## NIGERIAN CHRISTMAS

On landing at Port Harcourt in the Western region of Nigeria, you at once notice the humidity of the air. A wave of heat hits you as though an oven had just been opened, and sweat pours from your face. The first thing you want is a long, cold drink, as you stand, a lone figure in clothes fit for the South Pole, amongst the unconcerned black porters and the cool and efficient looking airport officials in their clean whites and cotton shirts. But a shower and a change of clothes will soon make all the difference, and enable you to go out and enjoy the tropical sun.

Port Harcourt lies in the Niger delta surrounded by marshes and swamps, and although called a port it handles very little shipping. The town provides a strong contrast; in the centre are many modern European type buildings and shops, but the outskirts consist mainly



of groups of small mud and palm leaf huts clustered around colourful, though frequently strong smelling, market places. There are also in this area a few factories for the production of palm oil, built beside sand roads which are often washed away in the monsoon season.

The people themselves are of a gay, light-hearted temperament, and this is reflected in the gay costumes they put on during festivals. Although an increasing number are becoming well educated and many are skilled craftsmen, the great majority are still very simple and live under the influence of their witch doctors.

It comes as a great relief to leave the town and take a trip by helicopter to one of the palm fringed golden beaches which rival even the beaches of the Caribbean in majesty and charm. As you lie in the sun watching the small fishing boats skimming the waves with full sail, or sit eating tropical fruits and listening to the chatter and laughter of this carefree people, you cannot help but think that there is much to be said for a Nigerian Christmas.

D. C. Hawkins, LVx.

## INDIAN PEN-FRIEND

My pen-friend, Jayant Dowda (pronounced Giant Dowder) goes to the Scindia school at Gwalior which is two hundred miles south of India's capital Dehli. He modestly claims not to be able to write very good English, but judging from his letters to me, I don't think his English master, Mr. Tucker, can have much to complain of. His reason for this is that he speaks three languages and sometimes mixes elements of one with another. Although nearly everyone at his school can speak English, Hindi is the national language, and he also speaks a local dialect, Gujerati, which is spoken in the Bombay area.

Jayant's school sounds very similar in many ways to College. The major sports are soccer, cricket and hockey, and when he last wrote they had just had their annual cross country race — a mere one and a half miles — but run in a temperature of 75°F. Many other out of school activities are similar to our own, and I was amazed to hear that Jayant had just seen "Doctor at Sea" as a school film.

Sport is taken very seriously at Indian schools, and as nearly everyone will know, the Indian national hockey team are the present world champions.

C. G. Gill, LVa.

## FIRST CENTURY SCIENCE FICTION

**Whose Greek expedition forestalled the Russians and the French ?**  
(See G.K.P. 1959-1960, 2 vi.)

"Seven days and seven nights we flew through space; and then on the eighth we saw a great world hanging in the sky like an

island. Bright and round and shining brilliantly; towards this were we borne, and at last came to rest. On disembarking and inspecting the countryside, we discovered it to be inhabited and well-tilled too. Now from then on we saw no daylight, but as night fell there appeared many other nearby islands, some large, some small, shining the colour of flames; and there was another world away down below, with cities, rivers and oceans, woods and mountains; and this we guessed to be the world we lived in."

(They are arrested by some odd men riding vultures which have (on average), three or four heads, who take them to their king.)

"And so they arrested us and led us to him; and he, gazing at us, and making up his mind from our general appearance and dress, enquired, "Are you from Greece, gentlemen?"

Upon our assuring him we were, he demanded, "Well how on earth did you manage to come so far through space?" We explained it all at great length to him, and it turned out that he was a fellow-countryman of ours, who had been stolen away in his sleep, and on his arrival had become king. He then told us that this was the land of Moon which shines so brightly for us down below."

(The political situation is very confused and complicated; there exists a state of war between the sun and the land of the Moon. They are taken prisoner by some breed of sun dwellers and removed thither. The war however comes to a rapid end when a great double wall of clouds is built to keep the sun's light from the Moon. Peace is concluded, and, after many adventures, they finally arrive home.)

Translated and adapted from (Lucian of Samosta, B. 120A.D.).

by J. Weale, MVI.

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### 'SPORT'

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,

Thou'rt not so cold I find

As icy Silverburn.

Though thou the windows crack,

Yet thou the spite do lack

Of Steeplechasing stern.

Heigh ho ! Sing heigh ho ! Unto the green holly,

To run is sheer murder and trying mere folly.

Then heigh ho the holly !

Our life is most jolly !

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,

Though for an age thou try,

Thou'lt ne'er my spirit best.

Withhold thy frozen leer.

By fear I drive out fear,

To rugby thou'rt a jest.

Heigh ho ! Sing heigh ho ! Unto the green holly,

Few bright men like brawling, when courage is folly.

Then heigh ho the holly !

This life is so jolly !

Drip on, drip on oh rain,  
 Though deadly dull thy strain,  
     I will not shut thee out.  
 Though I for shelter run  
 Yet thou art sooner done,  
     Than hockey's jolly rout.  
 Heigh ho ! Sing heigh ho ! Unto the green holly,  
 This game is all trifling and keenness pure folly.  
     Then heigh ho the holly !  
     Now isn't life jolly !

Do thy worst Oh Winter vile,  
 I think of sport and at thee smile  
     In happy jollity,  
 Though thou the seas should freeze  
 Thy breath's a balmy breeze  
     When I from sport can fly.  
 Heigh ho ! Sing heigh ho ! Unto the green holly,  
 Most games are a madness, and playing them folly.  
     Then heigh ho the holly !  
     This life is most jolly !

R. J. P. Bird, UVI.

### A PUZZLING ILLUSTRATION

I have been asked by several baffled *Barrovian* readers to supply an explanation of the WHEN ? WHAT ? WHY ? cartoon in the last issue. I have reluctantly agreed : reluctantly, not because the explanation is difficult, but because the most brilliant cartoon can be made to look trivial when it is explained carefully, step by step, to the uncomprehending.

The cartoon is based on the frequently observed contrast between the games player in the classroom and the scholar on the games field. Both are incongruous, and incongruity is one of the main-springs of humour. There is nothing-very amusing about a cow in its natural habitat, but if a cow wandered into the Barrovian Hall during lunch, we might feel tempted to smile. If, moreover, the cow had mysteriously acquired a black gown and had a mortar-board precariously perched on its horns, and then decided to browse amongst the assorted veg on the top table, there would be a distinct danger of laughter. This situation if conveyed in picture form for other's entertainment would need more than mere illustration to sustain it. It would need a caption giving some indication of the particular aspect of the situation that tickled the cartoonist's fancy. Hence the three poignant questions, the athlete's WHAT ? WHAT is it all about ? WHAT purpose will this information serve ? The scholar's plaintive cry from that 110 yard by 75 yard wilderness, WHY ? WHY must our mentors conspire to the degradation of the human species ? WHY must we risk body and limb in order to recreate ourselves ?

Finally, the campaigning monk lifts the theme with him onto a higher plane, and asks WHEN ? WHEN will all men be equal ? WHEN will the individual gain true freedom of expression ? WHEN will such false antitheses be reconciled ? [Ed.]

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### K.W.C. v. DOUGLAS (I.O.M.) (Away)

Thursday, November 5th.

For the first time this fixture took place in the delightful rural atmosphere of Kirby Park to the accompaniment of a rushing waterfall and the gentle lowing of cattle. From the outset the College threequarters appeared to have an extra yard of speed and thus the question was simply whether the forwards would gain a reasonable share of the ball. Happily Bashforth was able to stir his pack into some semblance of liveliness and for a period possession was equal. Both Midgley and Vaughan gave Cohen long runs but the Douglas covering was very thorough and Woods a seemingly impenetrable barrier at full back. However it was the pack who provided the opening for the first try with Cohen taking the final pass and scoring far out on the right wing. Tweedale later dribbled neatly to score a try in a similar position on the left.

If College supporters were hoping for the fireworks suitable for such a date, they were disappointed. The well-led Douglas pack began to take control and to drive College back to their own line. Here Dixon performed prodigies in covering and the defence generally proved sound. On a rare excursion to the Douglas half, Midgley successfully brought off his dummy scissors but yet again the kick at goal was unsuccessful. Hereabouts College appeared to regard the game as won, an illusion which was rapidly shattered when Douglas scored a goal from a skirmish near the line. They continued to press and on the day it was clearly the elders who proved the better stayers.

This was an enjoyable game with College probably deserving their victory because of superiority behind the scrum.

K.W.C., 9 points ; Douglas (I.O.M.), 5 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; J.S. Tweedale, M.J.S. Vaughan, A.P. Midgley, P.L. Cohen; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; J.C. Beaty-Pownall, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, G. Scott-Forrest, A. Weale, M.G. Walker, T.M.C. Moore, M. Dixon.

### K.W.C. v. RYDAL (Away)

Saturday, November 14th

This match marked the first occasion on which the two schools had met — a regrettable oversight but one now happily settled.

Although losing the toss and playing against the wind, College strangely took the initiative and engaged in several probing attacks. But at this stage Vaughan had to leave the field with an ankle injury. The threequarter line which was in any case a re-adjustment now looked even more unbalanced and it was really against the play when Tweedale scored after a snipe-like run. Rydal began to assert a superiority forward, particularly in the line-outs, and even though Vaughan returned to the game there was an air of desperation about much of the play. Rydal scored a goal and a try and 8-3 fairly represented the run of the play at half-time.

Bashforth then breathed a hopeful message into the side, moved Vaughan to his normal position at centre and decided to play the game defensively. Owing to sound covering from Dixon and Corlett, P., and to some effective tackling, this policy paid dividends. College gained a temporary territorial advantage and from a neat dribble by Bashforth, Midgley gained the touch-down in a scramble near the line. Vaughan converted to make the score 8-8. However, within six minutes Rydal scored two unconverted tries to settle the issue.

This then was much the same story as the rest of the season ; the forwards were outclassed physically and although tackling well, they were not fast enough to gain possession in the loose. The backs defended well for long periods but inevitably mistakes were made from which an alert Rydal side were keen to take advantage.

We should like to thank our hosts for their delightful hospitality and we look forward to entertaining them in the Island next year.

K.W.C., 8 points ; Rydal, 14 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; J.S. Tweedale, V.R. McDonald, A.P. Midgley, M.J.S. Vaughan; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; J.C. Beaty-Pownall, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, G.S. Cowley, G. Scott-Forrest, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

**K.W.C. v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY (Home)**

Wednesday, November 18th

This was a miserable game for threequarters and spectators alike as a strong and bitter north-east wind chilled hands and spirits. Pre-match propaganda had it that this Merchant Taylors' side was a stronger combination than their highly successful one of the previous season but in fact they turned out to be no more than well-drilled and workmanlike. This was just as well for College forwards could gain little possession and the threequarters were thus forced to lie flat defensively and dispiritedly. Midgley put in some low-trajectory kicks, Slack made one good break but the only score of the half was a penalty goal kicked by Merchant Taylors'.

The pattern was much the same in the second half. The forwards struggled against a heavier pack while one or two of the threequarters appeared to be dreaming of the hot showers to come. This impression was confirmed when the Merchant Taylors' number eight was allowed to seize the ball from a group of uninterested College players and to score the only try of the match.

Neither side came out of this encounter with much credit. Merchant Taylor's deserved their victory but the real winner was the wind from the icy Steppes.

K.W.C., 0 points ; Merchant Taylor's, Crosby, 6 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; V.R. McDonald, M.J.S. Vaughan, A.P. Midgley, J.S. Tweedale; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; G.S. Cowley, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, A. Weale, G. Scott-Forrest, P.N. Corlett, R.J.P. Bird, M. Dixon.

**K.W.C. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Away)**

Wednesday, November 25th

This was the first visit of the 1st XV to the New Brighton ground. Conditions were typical for the time of year — a pall of murky cloud and a persistent and insistent drizzle. The College backs appeared dangerous from the outset but a combination of over-elaboration, good Wallasey covering and a succession of dropped passes prevented any score in the first half.

The second half started in a confident manner with a dummy scissors, a cross-kick and a blind side movement and it appeared that at last all stops were to be pulled out for a triumphant blast. But this was a mere fleeting glimpse of potentialities which flattered to deceive. True Tweedale and Vaughan scored typical tries, the former with a neat swerve and the latter with irresistible momentum, but never did the whole XV become alive simultaneously. Vaughan kicked a penalty goal after two previous near misses to make the final score 9-0.

K.W.C., 9 points ; Wallasey Grammar School, 0 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; J.S. Tweedale, M.J.S. Vaughan, A.P. Midgley, V.R. McDonald; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; G.S. Cowley, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, A. Weale, G. Scott-Forrest, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

**K.W.C. v. R.A.F. (JURBY) (Home)**

Saturday, November 28th

For the first time for several weeks College fielded their strongest backs and the result was soon apparent. Attacks moved with a rhythm and a confidence which had previously been expected but never seen. Even the presence of a Welsh international in the opposing threequarters line (albeit a number eight masquerading as a centre) did not cause despondency. Cohen opened the scoring after a good heel from the loose ; Walker touched down after the ubiquitous Dixon caught the R.A.F. fly-half in possession ; and Cohen scored a second try after a handling movement involving all the backs. Jurby's international showed his class with a clever dropped goal. The best movement of the half was not reflected in the score because at the end of a passing movement which went the length of the field, a forward aimed a lusty kick to touch.

The flood gates were down in the second half with tries flowing at regular intervals. Tweedale and Vaughan (two each), Cohen, Slack and Midgley scored

tries with Vaughan converting two and Bashforth one. The forwards did well to provide such a liberal share of the ball and as a result the backs showed what their capabilities were when possession was not a rare gift.

K.W.C., 39 points ; R.A.F. (Jurby), 6 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; P.L. Cohen, A.P. Midgley, M.J.S. Vaughan, J.S. Tweedale; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; G.S. Cowley, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, A. Weale, G. Scott-Forrest, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

#### K.W.C. v. STONYHURST (Waterloo)

Wednesday, December 2nd

We are indebted to T. H. Evans Baillie writing in the 'Daily Telegraph' for the following account:

"King William's, Isle of Man, and Stonyhurst, who played a drawn game of a try each at Blundellsands, kicked off at the extremely sensible hour, at this time of year, of 1.30 p.m.

Those Old Boys who scrapped their lunch in favour of seeing all the play were given considerable reward, especially in excitement, though in some respects the play dropped after a promising opening and the rain and the wind which persisted all through the first half could not be held entirely responsible for this.

First impressions were that here were 30 well grown lads who were a tribute to the dietary of the respective schools (anxious parents please note) and to add to these natural gifts the spirit of attack was generously distributed. Tactical errors and the number of times slow-thinking forwards lumbered off-side were more to blame.

Early play confirmed the suspicion that Stonyhurst's forwards had a weight advantage, but they began with slack binding and too high packing in the front row. This gave King William's at first a good share of the hook and heel, and their backs began to move the ball nicely along the line.

It was not long before Midgley beat his man neatly on the outside and handed on to Tweedale, who asked for nothing better and duly scored. Stonyhurst retaliated with a beautiful move between O'Driscoll and Scothorn which only foundered near the line, being sunk by good Manx covering.

This, with another move which finished in touch-in-goal, supplied the best Stonyhurst handling yet and indeed remained unsurpassed at no-side.

Stonyhurst's trouble was that they became increasingly dominated by the tactics of O'Driscoll, their fly-half. He had shown a deft right to left jink and fair speed off the mark, but his diagonal kicks ahead often brought unlooked for relief to an agile and quick-thinking enemy team.

Possibly he has had cause to suffer from unreliable handling behind him and he certainly found a cross-wind hard to gauge but in the second half he might with profit have, sometimes, run further himself, or missed a man, lobbing the pass and risking an interception.

He was beautifully fed by D'Arcy at scrum-half who dodged over from a 'scrum five' for the equalising score and was always ready for the line-out pass-backs of Drake, Lee, Harrison and Corbett.

King William's, hard put to it for some two thirds of the second half to keep Stonyhurst out, must be accorded high praise for their covering all through the match, for the zest with which the forwards came in on a tackle, for Vaughan's crash-tackles, and for both wing forwards' unflagging support. Even at the end the whole side produced high-spirited attack the moment that defensive tension eased."

K.W.C., 3 points ; Stonyhurst, 3 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; J.S. Tweedale, M.J.S. Vaughan, A.P. Midgley, P.L. Cohen; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; G.S. Cowley, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, A. Weale, G. Scott-Forrest, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

**K.W.C. v. OLD BOYS (Home)**

Saturday, December 5th

The rains came and the winds blew and provided atrocious conditions for this popular struggle. At times it was possible to distinguish the veteran Bell performing prodigious feats at full-back but at others he was lost in the squall and only his gallant cries of encouragement proclaimed his presence. The Old Boys had a strong and lively pack and in Crowe and Cullen a match-winning pair of halves. Two minutes after the start Crowe lowered his centre of gravity still further and took both it and the ball round the blind side for an unconverted try. College replied when Beaty-Pownall got the touch-down after a scramble over the Old Boys' line. As this was the half time score the writing was on the wall for all to read: "College have had the wind and failed to use it."

And so it proved for Crowe helped himself to three further tries and Cullen to one also. The College halves had an uncomfortable afternoon and the three-quarters might well have retired to the pavilion. They may ponder on what might have happened on a fine afternoon but only vainly.

It was again a pleasure to entertain a stronger Old Boys' side and may there be many more of them!

K.W.C., 3 points; Old Boys, 20 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; J.S. Tweedale, M.J.S. Vaughan, A.P. Midgley, P.L. Cohen; R.O. Slack, A.C. Corlett; J.C. Beaty-Pownall, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, A. Weale, G.S. Cowley, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

Old Boys: C.J.W. Bell; P. Lambert, P.Y. Holloway, J.M. James, D.G. Bowman; J.P. Cullen, W.N. Crowe; D.R. Woods, W.A.M. Brown, M.J.H. Manning, R. Harrison, J.A. Wilde, C. Weston, J.F. Peacop, J.H. Lacey.

**K.W.C. v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE (Away)**

Tuesday December 15th

College started this game with rare élan with Midgley and Vaughan always looking dangerous in the centre. Cohen opened the scoring after some crisp passing along the line had made an overlap but this early carefree play threw Liverpool on the defensive and for the remainder of the game their centres lay flat. The College threequarters were also subject to the attentions of an efficient back row. Towards the end of the half Liverpool scored two unconverted tries, one from an inside pass from the fly-half and the other from a scramble near the line.

During the second half the backs were seeing little of the ball from the loose and never from the line-outs. On the rare occasions when movements started the keen Liverpool defence usually ensured their abrupt end and, similarly, keen College tackling prevented Liverpool from looking dangerous. This stalemate was ended by Maddrell fielding a punt ahead and nonchalantly proceeding through most of the opposition for a spectacular try. Vaughan converted and the game was virtually won.

The main tactical error was the failure to make full use of the wings and thus escape the attentions of covering forwards. As always Bashforth was to the fore in every loose rush while on the day Cohen and Maddrell were the best of the outsiders.

K.W.C., 8 points; Liverpool College, 6 points.

Team: R.J. Maddrell; P.L. Cohen, A.P. Midgley, M.J.S. Vaughan, J.S. Tweedale; R.O. Slack, A.J. Appleby; G.S. Cowley, J.B. Atkinson, A.Q. Bashforth, G. Scott-Forrest, A. Weale, M.G. Walker, P.N. Corlett, M. Dixon.

**REVIEW OF THE SEASON**

Played 13; Won 4; Lost 8; Drawn 1; Points for 96; against 133

**SCHOOL GAMES**

Played 8; Won 2; Lost 5; Drawn 1; Points for 42; against 71

Saturday, October 17th v. Birkenhead School (Home) .....	Lost 0-12
Saturday, October 24th v. St. Bees (Away) .....	Lost 6-18
Saturday, October 31st v. Rossall (Home) .....	Lost 8-12
Saturday, November 14th v. Rydal (Away) .....	Lost 8-14
Wednesday November 18th v. Merchant Taylors' School (Home) .....	Lost 0-6
Wednesday November 25th v. Wallasey G. S. (Away) .....	Won 9-0
Wednesday, December 2nd v. Stonyhurst (at Waterloo) .....	Drawn 3-8
Tuesday, December 15th v. Liverpool College (Away) .....	Won 8-6

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### THE FIRST ELEVEN OF 1880

This is the earliest known team photograph. Later in this season the 1st XI blazer (as worn to-day) was introduced. The pill-box type cap was, at this time, in general use for both Cricket and Football; not only at K.W.C. A properly shaped cap was adopted for Cricket in 1883 and for Football in 1884-5 season.

S.G. Collier	H.L. Higgins	A. Davidson	F. Morrison
8th cap	12th cap	7th cap	11th cap
H.F.S. Adams	V.L. Pleignier	W.H. Bragg	N.B. Skottowe
6th cap	10th cap	5th cap	9th cap
R.H.F. Bruce	S.H.W. Hughes-Games	L.A. Bellhouse	
4th cap	Captain	Vice-Captain	
W.N. Capper (3rd Cap) Absent			
12 Caps awarded			

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY O.K.W. FOOTBALL TEAM

Season 1884-85. (2 absent)

#### *Back row:*

S.G. Collier	H. Hampton	J.W. Bragg	W.H. Bragg
Emmanuel	St. John's	Emmanuel	Trinity

#### *Middle row:*

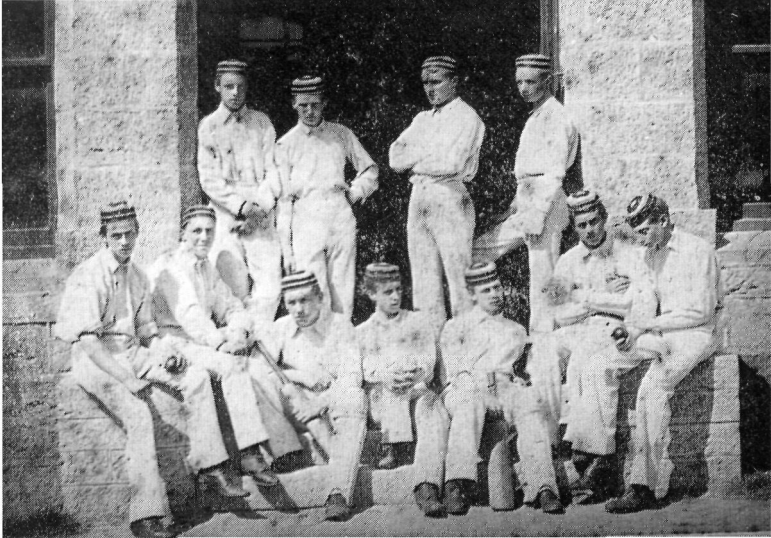
W.St.Q. Leng	W.S. Hoyle	T.A. Lace	W.S. Yardley	H.F.S. Adams
Clare	Trinity	Queens'	Christ's	Queens'

#### *Bottom row:*

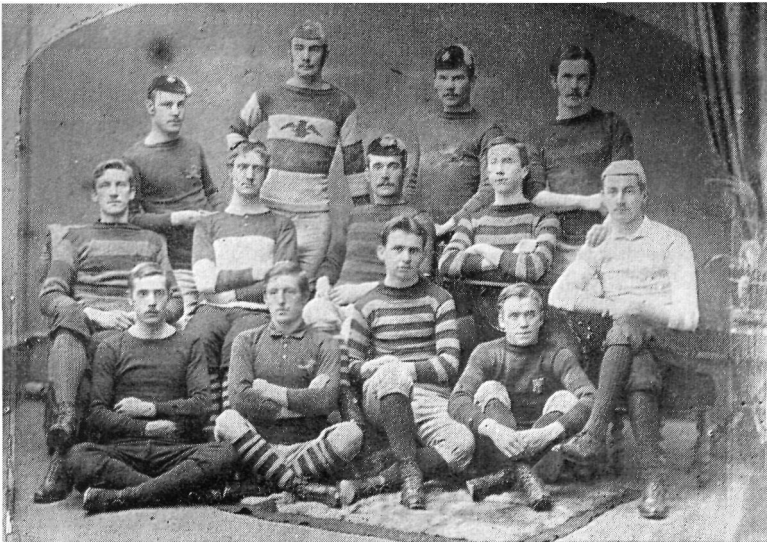
M. Bellamy	H. Baker	T.E. Morris	J. Ferrier
Queens'	Emmanuel	Queens'	Queens'

NOTES:—Collier, Bragg, Hoyle and Lace are wearing the O.K.W. Football cap. This was adopted for the 1st XV at K.W.C. the same season by the addition of magenta cords running from the cap button (as to-day).

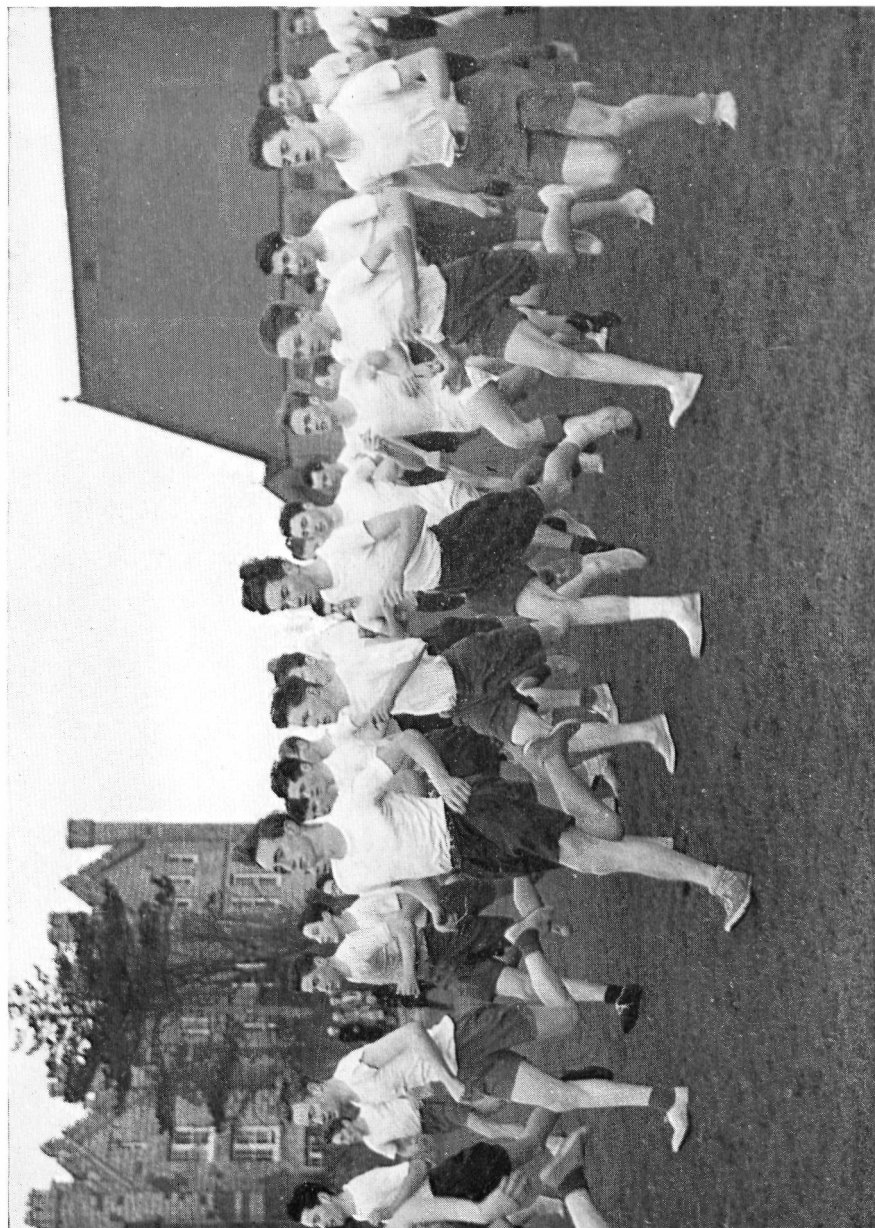
Hampson is wearing the jersey and cap of St. John's College. Adams is wearing the jersey and cap of a Rugby "Blue." Collier, Bragg and Baker; the jersey of Emmanuel College. Morris is wearing K.W.C. 2nd XV garb: black stockings, white trousers and magenta/black jersey. Baker, wearing 1st XV stockings, is unusual for those days in wearing shorts; these came into general use a few years later.



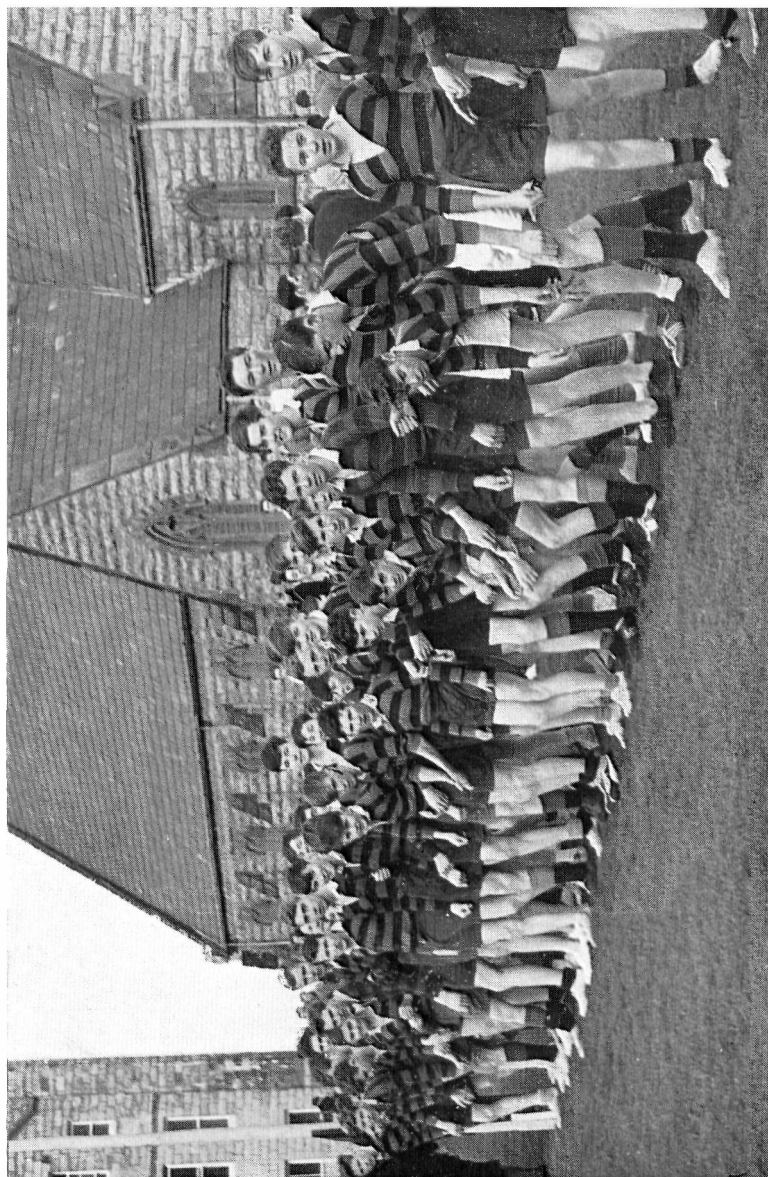
Old Cricket



Old Rugger

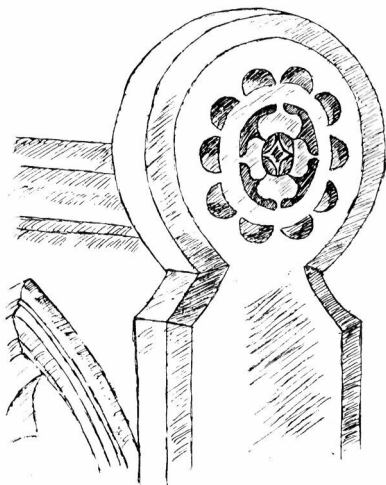
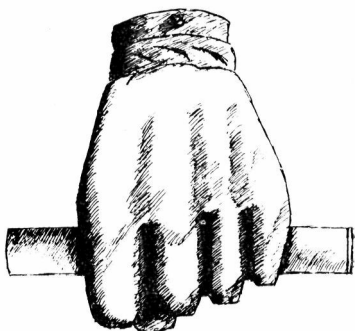
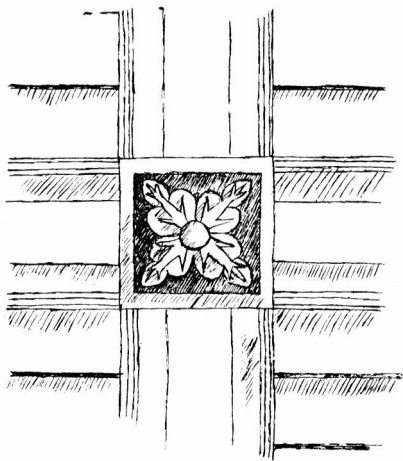


The Start (Class I) Cross Country, 1960



The Start (Class II) Cross Country, 1960

# Where are they?



### CLUB GAMES

Saturday, October 3rd v. Chester 'A' XV (Home) .....	Lost 0-22
Saturday, October 10th v. Waterloo P. S. XV (Home) .....	Lost 3- 9
Thursday, November 5th v. Douglas (I.o.M.) 1st XV (Away) .....	Won 9- 5
Saturday, November 28th v. R.A.F. (Jurby) 1st XV (Home) .....	Won 39- 6
Saturday, December 5th v. Old Boys (Home) .....	Lost 3-20

If the measure of a season is merely the bare results of the eight school matches, then that of 1959 must be regarded as something of a failure for five were lost, one drawn and only two won. But in fact there is much to be said for this year's XV and in particular that the standard showed a steady improvement and that no school games were lost by a large margin. Twelve points was the biggest gap and that in the first two matches. At the end of the season Stonyhurst who had convincing wins over St. Bees and Rossall were held to a draw.

The basic defect was the lack of suitable physique in the scrum for the average weight was only 11 stone 3 lbs., and only one forward stood 6 ft. Atkinson (with Bashforth's assistance at tight head) looked as well as a retreating hooker can but it was in the line-outs that the forwards were completely outclassed. As a result a strong and fast set of threequarters had little opportunity to show their paces. The Jurby match showed what might have been.

A most creditable feature has been the standard of tackling. It is an aspect of play that tends to be taken for granted in a school side but this year's XV has attracted much favourable comment for their above average performance. Two other features have been encouraging: firstly, an absence of the lethargy in the opening minutes of a game which has so often proved fatal to College sides in the past and secondly, the fact that remarkably few penalty kicks have been conceded.

Bashforth proved a popular and competent Captain and the improved standard of the side as the season progressed was a fair reflection of the quality of his leadership.

In addition to the fixture with Rydal which now gives the 1st XV a stronger fixture list than ever before, the Colts now have regular matches with St. Bees Rossall and three Liverpool schools. It is hoped that this increased match practice will pay dividends in the future.

### FIRST XV CHARACTERS

- A. Q. BASHFORTH, Captain (1956-57-58-59) (12st. 0lbs.) Prop-forward.  
His improved line-out play, his clever dribbling and his increased mobility now make him a first-class forward. He also has a useful place kick.
- M. J. S. VAUGHAN, Vice-Captain (1957-58-59) (13st. 10lbs.) Left Centre.  
He quickly adapted himself to his new position and proved a tower of strength as well as a source of terror to the opposition. Runs very strongly, has a devastating hand-off and a good tackle.
- A. P. MIDGLEY, Hon. Secretary (1958-59) (10st. 0lbs.) Right Centre.  
He has a tendency to over-elaborate but runs elusively, kicks well and is a safe tackle. Proved an admirable foil to Vaughan.
- M. DIXON (1958-59) (10st. 3½lbs.) Wing-forward.  
Back in his favourite position he proved the best wing-forward for several years. He is ubiquitous in his covering and can play a fly-half out of the game.
- P. N. CORLETT (1958-59) (10st. 10lbs.) Number eight forward.  
He covers well, falls outstandingly and his anticipation makes up for his lack of speed. His proper position is blind-side wing forward.
- R. J. MADDRELL (1958-59) (9st. 5lbs.) Full back.  
Having been an inferior scrum-half last year he developed into a very useful full back. Needs to lengthen his kicking, particularly with his left foot.

**J. S. TWEEDALE (1959) (11st. 11b.) Left wing.**

He is a strong running wing who scored some good tries by his swerve. Uses his feet well to a loose ball. His reactions are occasionally rather slow.

**J. B. ATKINSON (1959) (10st. 0lbs.) Hooker.**

He makes up for his slight physique by speed of strike and good handling and passing. His tackling is not as thorough as it might be.

**R. O. SLACK (1959) (11st. 6lbs.) Fly-half.**

He has speed off the mark, good hands and, when he likes an effective tackle. Lacks confidence but could become a very useful player. Should develop drop-kicking and punting.

**A. C. CORLETT (1959) (9st. 11½ lbs.) Scrum-half.**

A young player who has made a competent job of a new position. He is probably a fly-half or centre where his speed and elusiveness will be seen to better advantage.

**G. S. COWLEY (1959) (12st. 13lbs.) Lock forward.**

He is a stolid and hard-working forward who has succeeded in increasing his mobility. His giving and taking of a pass has not always inspired confidence.

**J. C. BEATY-POWNALL (1959) (11st. 9lbs.) Prop-forward.**

Another hard-working and improved forward who always gives of his best. He is a safe tackle.

**P. L. COHEN (1958-59) (12st. 1½lbs.) Right wing.**

He is a very promising wing. He has speed and an excellent tackle but should develop his kicking and acquire a hand-off.

**A. WEALE (1959) (11st. 10½lbs.) Lock forward.**

He is a keen fighter in all loose mauls but needs to gain more tactical sense. He has the makings of a powerful prop.

**M. G. WALKER (1959) (10st. 5lbs.) Wing forward.**

His dribbling and opportunism have been useful but his defence leaves much to be desired.

**G. SCOTT-FORREST (12st. 5lbs.) Lock forward.**

He was unlucky not to make the final team as he played many games for the XV. He is hard-working but not sufficiently mobile in the loose.

R.W.H.B.

**2nd XV 1959**

Home	3rd October, R.A.F. (Jurby) "A" XV .....	Lost	17-28
Away	17th October, I.O.M. (Douglas) "A" XV .....	Lost	3-24
Away	31st October, R.A.F. (Jurby) "A" XV .....	Drawn	3-3
Home	14th November, I.O.M. (Douglas) "A" XV .....	Drawn	0-0
Away	21st November, R.A.F. (Jurby) "A" XV .....	Lost	3-5
Away	28th November, I.O.M. (Douglas) "A" XV .....	Lost	0-22
Away	3rd December, Rossall 3rd XV .....	Lost	3-22
Home	12th December, I.O.M. (Douglas) "A" XV .....	Lost	3-11

The side did not manage to win a game but they were never disgraced. A creditable draw was achieved with the Douglas "A" XV; this was played in appalling weather conditions, and the forwards played very well to hold and often outplay a heavier pack. The last match of the season — on a perfect day for the game — produced some good open rugby.

An interesting and welcome innovation was the day trip fixture against Rossall. Travelling unsettled the team, however, and it was not until the latter part of the game that they played up to standard.

To sum up: the forwards, at times, played well together and gave the backs a fair share of the ball from the tight and the loose, but line-out play was often weak. The handling of the backs, on the whole, was good and they ran with determination when given the opportunity. The tackling of backs and forwards was sound.

D.R.C.

**COLTS XV**

Played 13; Won 5; Lost 7; Drawn 1; Points for 81; Points against 167

The most encouraging feature of the season for the Colts fifteen was the increased number of fixtures and the general youthfulness of the side. It had been felt for some time that there was a pressing need for more matches and this season has undoubtedly given valuable experience to prospective first fifteen players and to the youngsters who will remain Colts for another season. Of the Junior Colts to play in the side, Gill J.R., Brownsdon C.E. and Allan in the threequarters and Seggie, Griffiths P.J., Clague J.F.G. and Solly amongst the forwards grew more confident and played better as the season progressed. The playing record of the Colts was not good and the only wins were gained at the expense of a very keen but inexperienced Douglas High School XV. The opposition from the mainland proved as strong as ever and against them the young and comparatively smaller College side almost immediately found themselves with their backs to the wall. The forwards although well led from the front by Beaty-Pownall M.C., could never guarantee a fair share of the ball with the result that the back-row and threequarters were called upon to play a mainly defensive roll. Slowness in the centre and half-hearted forward covering accounted for many of the points against. However, these scores could not reduce the credit due to the efforts of Weale J., who did all that could be expected of a blind-side wing forward, and full-back Saville whose positioning, kicking and tackling were of a high standard throughout. Smith J.C.B. and Hanson played well and Corlett A.C. is to be congratulated on obtaining his first fifteen Colours while still a Colt. A shoulder injury robbed Hinds of a place in the final team and Ralston's rugby education was interrupted through injury but both players showed promise for the future. The Junior Colts played and won their three games against Douglas High School and in so doing scored twenty-five tries. MacIachlan captained the side from the wing and contributed eleven of these tries.

J.E.A.M.

**v. Wallasey Grammar School Colts XV**  
(Home) Saturday, October 10th

College made a bad start to this game, from which they never really recovered, and Wallasey were allowed to score their first twelve points, three tries and a drop-goal, in as many minutes. The speed at which Wallasey developed their attacks and the hard running of their backs left College looking flat-footed and breathless. However, College came more into the game after these early shocks and full-back W.H. Saville, fielding a kick ahead ran strongly to put M.C. Beaty-Pownall over for a good try which C.W. Ralston converted. This recovery was short lived and Wallasey came back strongly to add a goal and a try without reply before half-time. College contributed much to their own downfall in the first half by a reluctance to fall, weak tackling and by making little use of the favourable wind. In the second half College played better, but the pattern of play remained the same and Wallasey's pressure resulted in their scoring a further two tries and a goal. This was a good game of rugby marred a little by an unusually high crop of injuries. W.H. Saville played well until injured and J.C.B. Smith, who took over at full-back, tackled well. M.C. Beaty-Pownall worked tirelessly and tried hard to rally his forwards. He was well supported by J. Weale.

K.W.C., 5 points; Wallasey Grammar School Colts, 31 points.

**v. St. Bees Colts XV**  
(Home) Saturday, October 24th

We welcomed a St. Bees' Colts fifteen this season for the first of what we hope will be many fixtures. Our visitors brought with them a strong and lively pack of forwards who quickly settled down to gain a monopoly of the ball for their backs. College played with the wind in the first half, but because they were denied the ball could do nothing to exploit this advantage. After fifteen minutes St. Bees opened the score with a goal as the result of a strong break through the centre. College counter attacked but although they came more into the game the nearest they came to scoring was an attempted penalty by Saville. After encouraging play from College at this stage it was frustrating to see them allow a 50 yard dribble by St. Bees which resulted in a score. This could have been halted if a more determined effort to fall had been made. As in previous games College play in the loose lacked spirit and drive. After the



interval College rarely attained a foot-hold in the St. Bees' half and it was not long before St. Bees increased their lead with a good try scored by an orthodox movement from a set scrum. This was converted. St. Bees scored another goal before the end to bring their final score to eighteen points. For College, Cooke C.E.C., tackled well and Weale J. did much valuable covering. Before the final whistle College made one of their infrequent sorties into the St. Bees' half and Saville kicked a penalty goal.

K.W.C. 3 points ; St. Bees, 18 points.

#### **v. Rossall Colts XV**

(Home) Saturday, October 31st

The Rossall Colts XV flew to the Island with their 1st XV and we were extremely pleased to have the opportunity of playing an additional fixture. The match, played under wet conditions, was mainly notable for the faults of the College team for although Rossall were definitely superior in all positions, all four of their tries could, and should, have been prevented. College persisted in trying to pick up a slippery ball instead of using their feet, and when they did get a foot to it they too often hooked it too far ahead or straight into the arms of an opponent. Our falling and tackling were poor, and covering generally ignored by the forwards except Weale J., who did a tremendous amount of useful work. The halves had a bad afternoon ; Babb C.J.F., was unfortunately kicked in the back early on and both he and Allan were very ill at ease with the greasy ball. Credit must be given to a quicker and more able Rossall side and we can only hope College will benefit by learning from their mistakes.

K.W.C., 0 points ; Rossall, 12 points..

#### **v. Merchant Taylors' Colts XV**

(Away) Wednesday, November 18th

The College team, which included two newly promoted Junior Colts, looked forward to this fixture with a certain amount of confidence after recent improved form. But although College started with commendable vigour, Merchant Taylors' showed early on that they had once again produced a large and well drilled team. The first Merchant Taylors' score came after twenty minutes when College fumbled a high kick ahead in their own half. This was converted. College, with their forwards playing well and Saville kicking a fine length, held on to a territorial advantage until a bad defensive lapse allowed the Merchant Taylors' fly-half to jink his way from his own half for a try. The score remained at eight nil until half time. After the interval came a disastrous spell for College, and the home team took full command and added two quick goals to their score. The Merchant Taylors' forwards kept their backs well supplied with the ball and their clever and forceful running was too much for our weak mid-field defence. Saville reduced their lead with a well taken penalty but Merchant Taylors' were not to be denied and scored a push-over try soon afterwards. The College covering was far too slow and they were constantly troubled by kicks ahead. Merchant Taylors' scored two more goals and College replied with another penalty by Saville before the end. Clague hooked well and Solly compared favourably with his opposite number in the line-outs.

K.W.C., 6 points ; Merchant Taylors' 31 points.

#### **v. Rossall Colts XV**

(Away) Saturday, December 5th

The return Colts XV fixture with Rossall did nothing but confirm the result of the meeting earlier in the term. Once again it was Rossall's heavy and mobile pack who laid the foundation of their resounding win. Their backs, after early mistakes, gained confidence as the game went on and spectators were treated to some copy-book tries later in the game. The first two tries came via the Rossall forwards who bulldozed the ball over with apparent ease. The College eight combined better after this but were never really able to contain their opponents. Saville played another confident game and often relieved the pressure with long kicks to touch. From a high kick ahead Rossall went over again to bring the half-time score to 11 points to nil. For a brief spell at the beginning

of the second half College pressed, but although the ball came back twice in quick succession from the loose, the backs were too orthodox to break Rossall's defence. Rossall came back on to the attack and their right wing ran strongly to score in the corner. This was converted. Rossall went on to score a further goal, two tries and a penalty goal before the final whistle. College spent most of this game defending simply because they were denied the ball. This was excusable from set scrums and line-outs but in the loose they were hesitant and made too many mistakes. The College backs were slow to move up in defence, and the forward covering was far too shallow, consequently Rossall had plenty of time and room in which to develop their attacks. The tackling, when attempted was half-hearted except perhaps for J. Weale, W.H. Saville and J.C.B. Smith who all tried hard but with little support. Redpath, playing his first school match showed distinct promise.

K.W.C., 0 points ; Rossall, 30 points.

### CHRISTMAS TOUR

#### v. Birkenhead School Colts XV

(Away) Wednesday, December 16th

College made a slow and careless start to this game and conceded two early penalties. Birkenhead attacked for most of the first half but resolute College tackling and over-eagerness on the part of Birkenhead backs kept the half-time score down to five nil. The hope that College would do better playing down the slope in the second half was far from realised and Birkenhead, despite losing their right wing, were allowed to dictate the pattern of the game and to score three tries and a goal without reply. A fair comment overheard on the touch line was that there seemed a lack of urgency about the College play. It was true to say that College were very lethargic in this half and often seemed resigned to defeat, but defending up the slope in heavy conditions took much out of the side during the first half. Beatty-Pownall played a hard game himself but his forwards seemed reluctant to respond to his leadership.

K.W.C., 0 points ; Birkenhead School, 19 points.

#### v. Wallasey Grammar School Colts XV

(Away) Friday, December 18th

This match was played under atrocious conditions and when the game was brought to a premature end it was a relief to players and spectators alike. Wallasey showed early on that the result of the previous match in the season was a true one and quickly opened the scoring with a push-over try. Soon afterwards their left wing scored a good try which was converted. There followed a period of mid-field play and it looked as though College were adapting themselves to the rain and wind better than their opponents. However College had to concede two further tries before the interval, one the result of an interception. Play was very scrappy in the second half, but Wallasey, always that little faster on the ball, scored twice more before both teams retired cold and wet to the luxury of the New Brighton dressing rooms. College once more contributed to their own downfall by making numerous mistakes and it was rather a sad note on which to end the season.

K.W.C., 0 points ; Wallasey Grammar School, 20 points.

J.E.A.M.

### HOUSE MATCHES

#### JUNIOR

1st equal : School, Colbourne and Walters 6 points.

4th : Dickson, 2 points. 5th : Hunt 0 points.

#### SENIOR

DICKSON	}	WALTERS	}	}	}	SCHOOL	(15-8)
WALTERS		(3-3) (11-8)					
		HUNT		WALTERS			
				(13-3)			
		SCHOOL		SCHOOL			
		COLBOURNE		(11-3)			

## KNOWLES KICKING CUP

1st	WALTERS .....	20 points
2nd	HUNT .....	19 points
3rd	equal : COLBOURNE and DICKSON .....	17 points
4th	SCHOOL .....	11 points

## FINAL TEAMS, 1959

1st XV	2nd XV	Colts XV
R.J. Maddrell	* J.D. Haddock	† W.H. Saville
J.S. Tweedale	* J.H. Kennanagh	† J.R. Gill
M.J.S. Vaughan	* I.S. Fraser	† T.W.B. Cullen
A.F. Midgley	* V.R. McDonald	† C.E.C. Cooke
P.L. Cohen	* G.E. Huntley	C.W. Ralston
R.O. Slack	* K.F.R. Lofthouse	D.A.H. Allan
A.C. Corlett	* A.J. Appleby	C.J.F. Babb
J.C. Beaty-Pownall	* J.D. Okell	† J.C.B. Smith
J.B. Atkinson	* T.R.G. Hoyle	† D. Redpath
A.Q. Bashforth (Capt.)	* P. Callister	† I.S. Seggie
G.S. Cowley	* G. Scott-Forrest	† R.T. Hanson
A. Weale	* C.J. Kegg	† M.C. Beaty-Pownall
M.G. Walker	* M.A. Dixon	† J. Weale (Capt.)
P.N. Corlett	* R.J.P. Bird	† J.D. Solly
M. Dixon	* T.M.C. Moore (Capt.)	† W.N.P. Elder

## Junior Colts XV

Junior Colts XV	XL Colours	Junior Colours
J.R. Davies	J.R. Davies	J.H. Scarffe
J.C.A. Bargery	P.E. Kelly	J.G. Bridgwood
T.E. Bridson	A.J. Rees	W.P. Lloyd-Jones
P.E. Kelly		G. Thompson
R.E. Maclachlan (Capt.)		
R.L. Breadner		
D.C. Hawkins		
C. Holme		
J.F.G. Clague		
I.L. Okell		
A.P.K. Mangoian		
J.L. Quiggin		
R.M.W. Roberts		
A. MacDonald-Hall		
R.D. Begley		

† Indicates Colts Colours.

\* Indicates 2nd XV Colours.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The conditions for the practices this term were good and although a swollen Silverburn threatened, on occasions, to sweep away the smaller members of Class III, training continued uninterrupted from the beginning of term. The weather remained fine as 168 competitors set off for the Inter-House event on Saturday, 6th February. Class III, which this year contained a non-scoring Junior House team, was won by A. E. Cowley (Colbourne) who ran well to finish seventeen seconds ahead of R. L. Breadner (Walters) who, in turn, was seventeen seconds ahead of A. J. Wood (Hunt) in third place. The winner of Class II was R. E. Maclachlan (Walters) who, in repeating his 1959 performance, was at no point in the race seriously challenged. D. R. Parkinson (Hunt) ran in strongly to finish over forty seconds ahead of W. R. Tingey (Colbourne) and G. C. Noble

(Walters) who were third and fourth respectively. The feature of the Class I results was the fine team running of Walters House which underlined their all round superiority. The individual honour went to M. G. Walker (Colbourne) who won the race in 41 minutes 49 seconds and in doing so followed in the footsteps of his brother who was the Class I winner in 1956. T. M. C. Moore (Hunt) was second, and A. P. Midgley (School), the cross country captain, who had not fully recovered from illness, was third.

Final House totals and positions were :—

	Class III	Class II	Class I	
1. Walters .....	69	238	136	443 points
2. Colbourne .....	152	169	204	525 points
3. Hunt .....	61	258	306	625 points
4. Dickson .....	113	218	373	704 points
5. School .....	116	432	298	846 points

The following cross country colours were awarded :

1st Colours : M. G. Walker.

2nd Colours : T. M. C. Moore, A. P. Midgley, R. E. MacLachlan.

Colts Colours : D. R. Parkinson.

Our thanks are again due to the farmers whose property we crossed during the term and to all those who helped to make this cross country season a success.

J.E.A.M.

### INTER-SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

We again entered full teams of eight runners with six to count in all three sections of the quadrangular Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition which was held this year at Ramsey on Saturday, February 13th.

The teams had travelled up to Ramsey to examine the courses two days before the race, and so were prepared for their short but rigorous ordeal. A fast start of almost a mile of road was followed by a mountain track which would have been dangerous in places if attempted at speed or in a blizzard; but the incline turned most runners into walkers (one Walker excepted), and the weather remained bright though very cold.

Our Junior team disappointed. We can never hope to match Douglas High School in this age group because we have far fewer Juniors to choose from, but only one or two ran as well as they had done in the Inter-House race on the previous Saturday. Higson (12th) was our first man home and the team finished fourth.

It was a great relief after this early disappointment to see two white vests out in front as the Intermediate teams emerged from the woods at the half-way mark to race downhill to the river crossing.

Maclachlan R., who was second in this class last year, had the race under control from the start, and ran right away from the field after a mile and a half to win by 300 yards from Noble who, in his turn, had a commanding lead over the next runner. Griffiths P. (7), who had not fully recovered from injury, and Begley C. (8), put in strong finishes but could not prevent D.H.S. winning the team event by six points. R.G.S. were third and C.R.H.S. fourth.

The Seniors were faced with formidable opposition from D.H.S. in Convery, who was second to Maclachlan C. in this race last year, and Sandle whose finishing speed defeated Maclachlan in the Inter-Schools Mile last summer. Convery started fast and Walker did well to hold on for the first mile, establishing a thirty yard lead over Sandle. Thereafter Convery increased his lead steadily, while Midgley, Moore and Parkes, closely followed by Adderley and Kegg, were consolidating their position behind the leading trio. With a furlong to go Walker was still grimly hanging on in second place but could find no answer to Sandle's devastating finish. Our scoring six finished in the first nine to give us victory over D.H.S. by eight points.

#### Senior

#### Individual

- |    |                               |                   |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | A. M. Convery (D.H.S.) .....  | 25 mins. 19 secs. |
| 2. | C. D. Sandle (D.H.S.) .....   | 25 mins. 55 secs. |
| 3. | M. G. Walker (K.W.C.) .....   | 26 mins.          |
| 4. | A. P. Midgley (K.W.C.) .....  | 26 mins. 5 secs.  |
| 5. | T. M. C. Moore (K.W.C.) ..... | 26 mins. 28 secs. |
| 6. | M. L. Parkes (K.W.C.) .....   | 26 mins. 31 secs. |

#### Team

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|-----|----------|------------|
| 1st | K.W.C.   | 35 points. |
| 2nd | D.H.S.   | 43 "       |
| 3rd | R.G.S.   | 115 "      |
| 4th | C.R.H.S. | 159 "      |

As a result of this competition the following were invited to represent the Island Schools in the Lancashire Schools Championships which were held at Irlam, near Manchester, on Saturday, 27th February.

Senior : Walker, Midgley, Moore.

Intermediate : Parkes.

Junior : Maclachlan R., Noble.

In the Senior race, Walker (13), Moore (14) and Midgley (17) packed well behind Convery (6) and Sandle (10) of D.H.S. and the Island team came 2nd to Liverpool Schools. Ten teams competed.

Parkes ran well to come thirty-first out of 163 in the Intermediate race, and Maclachlan again excelled to come 7th out of 300 in the Junior race. Noble finished in the middle of the field.

N.I.S.

**O.K.W. SECTION****ENGAGEMENTS**

- BARDSLEY — D. C. Bardsley (1943-49), to Miss Patricia Marples of Romiley, Cheshire.  
CONNOR — T. A. J. E. Connor (1946-55), to Miss Sheila Margaret Sullivan of Bridlington.  
GASKELL — G. H. Gaskell (1945-51), to Miss Marie Farrell of Wigan.  
KEIG — J. N. Keig (1945-53), to Miss Maureen Elizabeth Roberts of Peel.  
MALEY — G. P. Maley (1939-43), to Miss Robin Vivienne Allingham of Bardon, Queensland.  
NELSON — R. D. Nelson (1945-50), to Miss Doreen Duffy of Hindley.  
WESTON — C. Weston (1946-53), to Miss Anne Smedley of Handforth, Cheshire.  
WOOD — J. M. Wood (1945-50), to Miss Marlene Duxbury of Burnley.

**BIRTHS**

- COOPER — F/Officer K. G. Cooper, R.A.F. (1944-50), on December 18th, 1959, in Germany — a son.  
COVE — V. R. Cove (1946-52), on February 2nd, 1960, at Runcorn — a son.  
DUTTON — R. T. G. Dutton (1942-48), on November 3rd, 1959, at Liverpool — a son.  
MERRILL — R. A. Merrill (1946-52), on December 12th 1959, in Lanarkshire — a daughter.  
NASH — A. E. Nash (1941-49), on January 6th, 1960, at Tanga, Tanganyika — a son.  
ROBSON — F. S. Robson (1922-28), on February 14th, 1960 — a son.  
STOTT — R. T. D. Stott (1946-54), on March 5th, 1960 — a daughter.

**MARRIAGES**

- BUCHANAN — Major K. C. Buchanan (1931-42), of the Royal Artillery, in March, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London, to Mlle. Lyliane Treril of Paris.  
BURN — J. D. Burn (1945-52), on February 6th, 1960, at Inglewood, Western Australia, to Miss Josephine Anne O'Rourke of Waroona, W.A.  
GELLING — D. G. Gelling (1943-49), on February 25th, 1960, to Miss Margaret Anne Caine of Douglas.  
JOUGHIN — Commander J. H. Joughin, D.S.C., Royal Navy (1924-29), on July 25th, 1959, to Miss Jane Caline Seymour.  
WATSON — D. J. Watson (1937-42), on March 4th, 1960, at Schifferville, Quebec, to Miss Catharine Veronica Cannon of St. John, New Brunswick.  
WESTON — G. S. Weston (1946-49), on April 4th, 1959, at Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire to Miss Edna E. Westmancoat of Cheadle Hulme.

**O.K.W. NEWS**

- P. W. BROOKE, T.D. (Colbourne 1930-35), was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 5th Battalion The West Yorkshire Regt. (The Prince of Wales' Own) (T.A.), from September 1st, 1959.
- J. D. BURN (1945-52), is one of 24, appointed from 350 candidates, for a post with the Western Australia Authorities Child Welfare Department. He is living at Mount Lawley, near Perth and P. W. T. Dracup (1941-48), lives in the same township.
- T. A. J. E. CONNOR after completion of his National Service is now a Departmental Manager with Marks & Spencer at Lincoln.
- J. M. CORLETT (Hunt 1948-53), has obtained his First Mate's Certificate of Competency.
- Rev. E. B. GLASS, M.A., Vicar of Castletown (Dickson 1928-32), has been elected Proctor for Clergy in York Convocation.
- G. W. KELLY, M.B.E. (Hunt 1934-39), has been appointed Public Relations Officer for the West Australian Timber Association with headquarters at Perth, W.A.
- Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. H. MEEKIN, R.A. (School 1928-36), was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. After some years service in Hong-Kong, he is due home in April.
- Major J. C. A. ORMROD, T.D. (School 1928-31), was the only Officer recipient of the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire's Certificate for outstanding service in the Territorial Army in 1959.
- D. C. SHILLINGLAW (Dickson 1951-56), has recently passed out of Sandhurst about half way down in the order of merit. He has been commissioned in the Royal Tank Regt. of the Royal Armoured Corps.
- Major-General H. H. C. SUGDEN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Royal Engineers (Colbourne 1917-21), was awarded the K.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. He retires from the Army in May and will return to Ramsey to live later in the year.
- K. G. STEPHENSON (Walters 1916-20), after over thirty years in China and British Columbia returns to settle in England in May.
- D. G. WHITTAKER (Hunt 1934-42), has been appointed Manager for the Province of Taranaki for the Commercial Union group of insurance companies.

## 1880 to 1960

Eighty years ago this April the *Barrovian* was first issued in termly format. In point of fact it came out quarterly for two years but in 1882 it started as a thrice-yearly issue and, except for irregular publication during the 1939-45 war, has remained so.

The formation of the K.W.C. Sports and Finance Committee was announced, by which every boy in the school had £1 is. od. a year added to his bill; the resultant sum being used to defray all expenses incurred by Games of all kinds, Library, Theatricals, Choir and the *Barrovian* itself. The full rules as published show how very closely it was the forerunner of the present Games Committee.

An extension to the "play-field" was welcomed as obviating the dangers previously caused "by cramming eight elevens into three acres," but a warning note stated that "it opened facilities for escape to reluctant victims to compulsory."

The Athletic Sports occupied two days. The winner of the 100 yards open did 10½ and the Cricket Ball was thrown for 107 yards 2 feet. The open Hurdle race (of 8 flights in 100 yards) was won in 14½ seconds, the winner "cleared the hurdles like a deer."

The Histrionic Society had a successful production of scenes from "the Merchant of Venice," a short farce and piano and singing items.

The Cricket prospects were reviewed with very outspoken comments about prospective candidates for the XI. It was decided not to play the professional in matches unless our opponents played theirs.

The Debating Society in a full term of activity decided (*inter alia*) that the Annexation of the Transvaal was most desirable and that women should not be given the vote.

"Random Notes" announced that the number of Douglas boys was now twelve or fourteen and hoped that the I.o.M. Railway Co. would "some day make convenient alterations" to their timetable for the Dayboys' benefit.

The "Perthshire" ran on to Langness in a fog and after three weeks of repairs costing £70 a day, was patched up to get to Glasgow; nearly taking the College Art Master with them as he was sketching on board when it glided free of the the rocks.

A complaint was made that the new Entrance Hall was not yet in use to shorten the walk to Chapel (this had been opened the previous year) and that the new Library (the North end of the present Barrovian Hall) was not being worked on expeditiously.

Six pages of letters to the Editor bewailed lack of enthusiasm for the Choir, alleged cheating in the sack race, late casting for the theatricals, lack of facilities for those interested in Natural History, in the activities of the Scientific and Archæological Society, and a pat on the back for the Editor on his enterprise in revivifying the *Barrovian*.

If one adds that there were articles, poetry and various extracts from other publications in this first issue, it will readily be seen that the magazine got off to a bright start.

R.L.T.



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

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Dinner was held at the Lyceum, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 15th December, 1959.

As Guest of Honour this year was the Vice-Principal, S. Boulter, Esq., M.C., T.D., M.A., F.C.S., who retires from College at the end of the Summer Term.

The Toast of "College" was proposed by the President, Dr. D. B. Wallis (1927-32), and the reply was given by the Rev. G. R. Parkinson.

The Toast of "Our Guests" was given by D. Clay (1939-44), and replied to by the Vice-Principal.

Before the Vice-Principal gave his reply to this toast, the President, on behalf of all the members of the Society, presented him with an inscribed Silver Salver and a Silver Cigarette Box as a mark of affection felt by all Old Boys of the Society, and as a token of what he had done for College during the past thirty-eight years.

Other guests who were present for the evening were as follows :—The Principal, Geoffrey Rees-Jones; The Venerable The Archdeacon of Man, E. H. Stenning; President of the London O.K.W. Society, Dr. N. Gray Thomson; President of the Manchester O.K.W. Society, G. Aplin; President of the Barrovian Society, H. R. Kennaugh.

Besides those already mentioned, the following were present :—C.E. Leatham Locke (1896-1903), R.H. Richardson (1901-05), R.A. Chandler (1900-04), G.H. Daish (1912-16), J.G. Brown (1917-22), G.D. Hanson (1918-25), R. Dutton (1918-20), P.E. Wallis (1919-22), E.L. Wiard (1919-23), N.D. Rycroft (1919-22), W.S. Wicks (1920-25), L.E. Gadd (1920-26), G.D. Radcliffe (1921-25), R.B. Mellor (1921-23), C.D. Munro (1921-23), F.S. Adcock (1922-30), J.S. Skeaping (1922-29), K.H. Porter (1922-25), S.M. Caldwell (1922-24), F. Griffiths (1923-27), V.T.L. Pritchard (1924-33), A.A. Clague (1924-33), J.R. Walker (1924-30), G.K. Tutton (1924-32), T.G. Dodd (1925-29), W.J. Green (1925-28), G.H. Gamble (1927-32), John C. Kee (1927-32), J.G. Pugh (1928-33), J.C. Dixon (1928-33), G.F. Harnden (1928-31), W.E. Fraser (1929-31), C.A. Strange (1929-32), G.F. Porter (1930-33), D.C. Parsons (1930-33), A.J. Schofield (1931-35), W.G. Petty (1933-38), G.W.H. Dean (1933-36), R. Humphreys-Jones (1936-38), K.J. Meadows (1938-45), M.E.C. Bemrose (1938-44), J.P.B. Gornall (1939-40), D. Clay (1939-44), D. Dixon Phillip (1940-44), R. Dixon Phillip (1941-44), R.T.G. Dutton (1942-48), D.C. Lowey (1944-50), J.C. Clucas (1944-53), M.I. Graham (1944-50), J.V. Meadows (1945-53), G.D. Kinley (1946-54), J.D. Bolton (1946-53), J.M. Kniveton (1946-49), D.W.H. Coates (1947-51), D. Paul-Jones (1947-54), H.H. Tongue (1948-52), C.S. Holmes (1948-55), M. Butterworth (1949-55), D.G. Bowman (1950-56), G.D. Wilson (1950-57), G.C. Ritchie (1951-59), W.B. Clarkson (1951-59), J.A. Daish (1951-56), D. Reevey (1952-56), W.G. Bixter (1953-59), J.B. Thompson (1954-58).

Other functions planned are :—A new innovation — A River Dance Cruise, will take place on Thursday, June 2nd.

The Golf Competition and Annual General Meeting, sometime during the last two weeks of June.

Notice of both these functions will be sent to all members, for them to make the necessary application to attend.

### MANCHESTER O.K.W. SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the Society was held at the Old Rectory Club, Manchester, on Friday, 8th January, 1960. There was a good turn-up, and those present had a most enjoyable evening, at which many were able to renew old acquaintances.

After an excellent meal the Loyal Toast was proposed by the President, G. Aplin, who then made a short speech of welcome to all present. The Toast of "College" was proposed by D. A. Wood; the response being by S. Boulter. The Toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by N. Brooks, with the reply by the Principal. The Members were very pleased to have a number of Guests with them, but unfortunately four were prevented from attending by weather conditions which also affected the presence of other Old Boys.

Those present were :—

**Guests :** G.R. Rees-Jones, Principal; S. Boulter, M.C., Vice-Principal; A.J. Bailey, House Master (Colbourne); R.D. Garland, Assistant Housemaster (Dickson); A.Q. Bashforth, Head of School; H.R. Kennaugh (1920-25), President, Barrovian Society; D.B. Wallis (1927-32), President, Liverpool Society.

**Old Boys :** A. Aplin (1924-27), G. Aplin (1928-30), D.A. Allen (1952-55), A.B. Acton (1943-49), J.G. Brown (1917-22), N. Brooks (1921-24), H.C.N. Brown (1925-34), D.C. Bardsley (1943-49), J.G. Bird (1923-28), W. Ball (1921-23), W.A.M. Brown (1949-53), E. Craven (1908-18), R.C. Connal (1914-20), R.S. Caladine (1952-57), J.M. Cowan (1922-28), R.K. Clough (1923-27), J.M. Clivery (1948-53), K. Darwent (1912-19), H.C. Easton (1917-22), M.L. Fitzhugh (1953-58), J.D. Froggatt (1952-55), W.M. Furness (1945-51), J.F. Hyde (1923-27), M.J. Hyde (1955-59), P.Y. Holloway (1953-58), P.W. Heald (1939-46), F.Y. Holloway (1911-20), C.A. Harrison (1921-24), J.W. Harrison (1923-25), W.K. Heap (1918-25), J.M. James (1947-55), A.H. Jones (1925-28), K. Lang (1950-55), E.K. Long (1929-34), H.V. Middleton (1919-24), J.C.A. Ormrod (1928-31), D.M. Pownall (1945-53), J.H. Preston (1913-17), P. Padfield (1926-29), R.A.R. Quine (1938-44), R. Shillinglaw (1913-17), H. Stonex (1909-11), R.C. Shepherd (1918-21), J.J. Shepherd (1943-46), J.R. Tweedale (1925-26), C.H.W. Taylor (1927-34), S.L. Williams (1910-17), R.H. Woods (1923-28), D.R. Woods (1949-56), P.E. Wallis (1919-22), J.M. Wood (1945-50), A.E. White (1935-41), D.J. White (1935-45), N.C. Woodhead (1918-26), A. Woodhead (1921-27), N.S. Worthington (1916-20), C. Weston (1946-53), G.S. Weston (1946-49), D.A. Wood (1950-59), F. Withnall (1908-15), W. Young (1945-52).

Apologies for absence were received from :—

**Guests :** The Venerable E. H. Stenning, M.B.E.; H.W.P.

McMeekin, President, K.W.C. Society; Dr. N.G. Thomson, President, London Society; H.T.N. Christal, Master.

**Old Boys :** G.S. Barlow (1942-47), A.R. Corlett (1888-89), A.N. Donaldson (1932-38), D. Edmonds (1945-52), A. Edmonds (1949-57), R.L. Ellis (1928-30), G.F. Harnden (1928-31), J.E. Hibbert (1925-32), A.U. Jones (1911-15), J.L. Ingham (1914-16), J.D. Lyson (1939-42), R. Kirkpatrick (1919-21), D.P.F. Newbold (1948-56), P.E. Pym (1913-17), R.B. Rylance (1926-30), D.C.F. Smith (1951-59), R. Sugden (1919-23), T.W. Shillinglaw (1948-54), R.L. Thomson (1915-19), G.K. Tutton (1924-31), P.T. Wild (1945-52), A.J.G. White (1919-23), C.P. Yates (1896-02).

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

The Annual Dinner was held on Friday, February 12th at Brown's Hotel. There was an unusually large attendance of 82 and the Committee take this opportunity of thanking those present for their support.

After the Loyal Toast, the President, Dr. N. Gray Thomson, proposed the toast of "College" and this was replied to by the Principal, G. R. Rees-Jones, Esq. The Toast of "The Guests" was given by W. L. Kelly, Esq., and the Venerable E. H. Stenning responded in his inimitable manner. The standard of speeches was high, that by W. L. Kelly being outstandingly witty and apposite.

The President, on behalf of the Society, presented S. Boulter, Esq., who retires in July next after 38 years at College, with a Longines wrist watch suitably inscribed, and a cheque. He briefly referred to "Sammy's" outstanding service to the school and mentioned that many who had been glad to support the presentation had not, for one reason or another, been able to be present. The Vice-Principal in his reply was obviously moved by the warmth of his welcome and said how greatly he would treasure his gift.

The Hon. Secretary, C. J. W. Bell, Esq., took the Chair in as brief an Annual Meeting as is conceivable. The following were elected :—President for 1960/61, Dr. N. Gray Thomson, J.P.; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, C.J.W. Bell, Esq.; Committee, A. Child, W. L. Kelly, K. D. Lewis, R. S. Wight, J. D. Wightman.

During the evening the usual collection, aided as always by the generous contribution from the Liverpool and District Society, was made for the visit of the K.W.C. team to the Schools Seven-a-side Competition at Roehampton in April.

Thanks to the co-operation of the management of Brown's Hotel, those who wished were able to continue their reminiscences until a late hour; a facility that adds greatly to the enjoyment of the function.

Those present were :—

**From College :** The Principal, G.R. Rees-Jones, S. Boulter, B.C.A. Hartley, ex officio : Archdeacon E.H. Stenning, S.E. Wilson.

**Entry prior to 1914 :** C.T. Butler, W.A. Cannell, R.A. Chandler, E. Craven, Sir A. Galloway, G.R. Hall-Caine, H.S. Scott, E.J.F. Sharp, A.D. Thomson, N.G. Thomson (President London Society).

**1914-1930 :** F.S. Adcock, E.H. Allen, H.F. Anderson, G. Aplin (President Manchester Society), W. Ball, C.G. Barnes, R.W. Barnes, R.C. Berry, H.T. Boler, L.E.G. Brook, J.G. Brown, A. Child (London Committee), T. Child, C.H. Cubbin, R.G. Gibson, R.M. Glass, N.E. Goodman, A.J.B. Goldsmith, G.D. Hanson, R.D. Johnson, W.L. Kelly, H.R. Kennaugh (President Barrovian Society), A.W. Kerruish, J.J. Kewley, R.C. Kitchen, J. Legh-Smith, G.R. McLean, H.V. Middleton, T.L. Mylchreest, W.B. Oliver, B. Roe, P.D. Samman, H.H.C. Sugden, R.D. Teare, H.B. Toothill, J.A. Trentham, P.E. Wallis (Trustee), D.B. Wallis (President Liverpool Society), H.D.L. Williams, S.L. Williams, A.D. Williamson, R.H. Woods.

**1930-1946 :** C.J.W. Bell (Hon. Secretary London Society), R.D. Butler, E.C.B. Corlett, P.N. Dean, K.F. Hughes, K.D. Lewis (London Committee), B.I.D. McMeekin, J.A. Reevey, D.B. Roberts, B.B. Smylie, H.S. Thomas, J.P. Watterson, T.B. Webb, R.O.A. Wertheim, R.S. Wight (London Committee).

**1946 to Date :** J.F. Cannan, R. Fingerhut, M.L. Fitzhugh, J.M. Kelly, J.H. Kelly, J.A. Ratcliffe, J.S.G. Shimmin, D. Turner, J.D. Wightman (London Committee), W.B. Wilson.

The Annual Dinner and Dance took place at the Rembrandt Hotel, Knightsbridge, on November 6th last.

The hard work put in by the Committee in organising this function met with poor support; only 28 attending. They, however, had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it is to be hoped that more will attend should another be arranged for later this year. Prizes were given by C. J. W. Bell, R. C. Berry, R. H. Cain, A. Child, K. D. Lewis, R. S. Wight and H. Wilkinson. Others who took parties were :—R. G. Gibson, G. R. McLean, M. S. New, B. W. Roe and N. G. Thomson.

### Forthcoming Function

The College Seven-a-side team will be the guests at the usual informal supper to be held on the last night of the Schools Tournament at Roehampton on April 14th.

The venue will be The Castle Hotel, Richmond, and all O.K.W.s. and Masters will be very welcome. Further details may be obtained from C. J. W. Bell, 11, Netherton Road, St. Margarets, Middlesex. The College team will, as usual, be staying at Bishop's Hotel, Richmond.

### CHANGES

The *Barrovian* of December, 1884 carried a letter from J. D. Buckton (left 1877) requesting the Editors to keep Old Boys more fully informed of structural changes in the College. It was not

sufficient he claimed, with reason, to state that the new Chapel was a handsome building or that Mr. Pleignier's new house was rising rapidly and that the new Sanatorium had provided a much needed facility. If the *Barrovian* was to retain the interest of Old Boys after their own generation had left, it must try to keep them more in the picture. Where were the new buildings? In the case of Pleignier's (now Junior) House, what was it for? And why was the Sanatorium (now demolished and near the Airport North/South runway) necessary and what size was it?

Seventy-five years later M. W. S. Barlow (left 1948) wrote in similar terms from Montreal. It is in reply to his letter that this article is written; no doubt it will interest others who cannot (or do not) come over to K.W.C. to see for themselves.

**Scout and Implement Shed** :— Erected in 1952 on the seaward side of Junior House, it provides an extra playroom for J.H. boys; a Headquarters for the Scout Group and storage for their camping equipment; together with garage for the machines used in the upkeep of the playing fields. With the head of College Scouts being Mr. H. T. N. Christal, it was inevitably quickly nicknamed "The Christal Palace." A strictly utilitarian building, its siting does not please the many who miss the vista of playing fields stretching from the Chapel to the Ballasalla Road, but there is no doubt that it fulfils a need.

**The Bumps** :— Increasing motor traffic to Derbyhaven and Fort Island which used College road and the Hundred as a short cut, made it clear that it was only a matter of time before there would be an accident at the corner by the swimming bath. It was therefore decided to institute one-way traffic; that going to Derbyhaven or the main College buildings to bear left at the Armoury and turning right at the Handicraft building before proceeding up the Hundred; that from Derbyhaven turning left at the bottom of the Hundred and proceeding, as before, in front of the swimming bath. At the same time a bump was made in the College road just before Junior House and two others made at the bottom and top of the Hundred. These most effectively slow the traffic down and make things a great deal safer for the boys; particularly those in Junior House. Those who have driven a light van or car over the bumps at speed, do not do so again; the end result being that traffic has been deterred from using the school grounds as a short cut. The originator of this excellent scheme was the Bursar, Mr. J. P. Honey, so the bumps are naturally known as the "Honey Bumps!"

**Other structural alterations** to the main buildings between 1952 and 1957 are fully explained in the Historical Retrospect section of the new Register. But as less than a third of Old Boys have bought a copy, it will be as well briefly to mention them. In the main they improve the dormitory and matron accommodation in the Hostel. New small dorms. for Walters (1954) and Dickson (1956) in space off the Tower staircase and a large and small dormitory for Colbourne House (1955) by the addition of an extra storey in the block between the Science Wing and the Masters' Block. This latter has released classroom accommodation in the Walker Library block. But

each term sees some little change that either improves the internal working of the College administration or the amenities for staff and boys; they are too numerous and intricate to detail in an article such as this.

**Changes in 1959 :—** The new Principal, Mr. G. R. Rees-Jones, brought a fresh eye to accommodation problems inherent in a very full school and quickly decided that the south-facing rooms adjoining each Hostel houseroom, used as coat and locker rooms, were a waste of valuable space. So they were made into large Fifth Form rooms, the old, smaller Fifth Form rooms being called additional studies. The personal lockers remain, but the coat racks are moved into lockers in the main passage. Those of Colbourne into the one leading to the Science Wing; those of Dickson into the wide part of the passage outside the houseroom; those of Walters into the space between the Entrance Hall and their houseroom. As these lockers run over the central heating pipes, the drying of wet coats is automatic. About ten boys from each house occupy the rooms and thus relieve houseroom congestion.

The previously wasted space of the Entrance Hall has been utilised by the creation of a reading room, excellently furnished by four oak refectory type tables and a set of Lloyd-loom type chairs. Double doors to the front and strip lighting, together with a hard-wearing floor covering have made this into a comfortable lounge where boys may sit quietly (it is a "silence" room) and also where parents may sit while waiting for their sons or for Sunday Chapel. School House use the back quad. for leaving their house for the main buildings and the Entrance Hall itself is only used as an exit for Chapel. Again, a great amenity at little cost.

The Principal authorised the wearing of blue duffle coats as an added protection against inclement weather and these are greatly appreciated. Few boys had heavy topcoats and the former standard blue raincoats did not afford sufficient protection for watching Rugby matches on bitterly cold days.

Perhaps the biggest change in 1959 was the provision in School House of flat accommodation for a married Housemaster — the first since the present boarding Houses were formed in 1889 — and this experiment may well be the forerunner of other such schemes. The flat is on the second floor at the north-east corner of the building. What was the Matron's room became the Housemaster's study; the assistant H.M.'s bedroom became a spare room for the flat; Crimea dormitory was converted into a lounge and kitchen/dining room, with a ladder leading off under the loft staircase; Matron's former bedroom became the main flat bedroom, while her bathroom and lavatory were unchanged. An excellent flat is the result and all accomplished without loss of boy accommodation.

The five-bath bathroom over the Fifth Form room became a dormitory; two three-bath bathrooms were built in the wide landings on the first floor and second floors (older School House boys will recall that this was their original position on the first floor and clothes rooms on the second); the top floor of the Principal's house

has been incorporated into School House and a dormitory created, together with Matron's and clothes room.

On the first floor, the original reading room (latterly used as the Assistant H.M.'s study) becomes a dormitory; the study and bedroom formerly used by the Housemaster now is used by his Assistant. The Reading Room is where older Old Boys will remember the Assistant H.M.'s study — also used by Mr. D. Thompson as his study when Housemaster. The nett result is that the house lost one large dorm. and gained three small ones; thus enabling School House to obtain parity in size (56/8 boys) with the Hostel Houses.

Other changes are planned — some are even in course of construction — the best thing for interested Old Boys to do is to come over and see for themselves. For many it is not possible, so the Editor of the *Barrovian* will try, from time to time, to keep them posted of the alterations through his columns.

R.L.T.

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#### JULY, 1960 — end of term

The College authorities have agreed that there should be available a limited number of beds in the "Wrennery" for Old Boys desirous of attending the end-of-term functions in July. This year the weekend is July 22nd to 26th.

**This accommodation is primarily intended for Old Boys who are prepared to play in the Old Boys' Cricket XI on July 23rd and 25th and preference (even up to the last day) will be given to such players.**

Meals will normally be at College and those who accept this free accommodation must be prepared to fall in with whatever meal arrangements are made for them and accept this gesture by the Trustees in both letter and spirit.

Should illness in the school overtax the Bay House accommodation, it will be necessary to withdraw this facility.

The Master-in-charge of Cricket, Mr. A. J. Bailey, appeals inside the front cover of this issue for more support from cricketers at the annual game against College. This offer of hospitality should considerably ease his task.

Application of bed accommodation should be made to the undersigned at K.W.C.

R. L. Thomson.

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The following Life Members of the K.W.C. Society are "dead letter." Should any Old Boy know where any may be found, please notify the Hon. Secretary at K.W.C.

A.C.H. Adams (1931-33)	L. Adamson (1903-05)
A.D. Asbury (1930-34)	J.E.T. Asbury (1927-29)
A.V. Aston (1941-43)	T.H. Barklie (1924-29)
P.H. Barlow (1934-38)	D.S. Bateman (1938-43)
P.J. Chamberlain (1949-50)	W.M.M. Chapman (1928-32)
A.S.C. Clague (1928-31)	G.W.Q. Clague (1929-32)
J.C. Clegg (1939-46)	W.P.A. Clough (1928-34)
F.J. Cullen (1942-44)	R.W.E. Day (1925-30)
R.F. Dearden (1926-29)	D.R. Ding (1927-29)
W.R. Danby (1901-03)	S. Danby (1897-99)
W.G. Edmondson (1926-28)	J. de la H. Erricks (1921-24)
W.D. Evers-Swindells (1939-42)	M.J. Fowler (1945-46)
C.C. Garbett (1890-1900)	B.J. Gilmour (1944-47)
A.C.B. Good (1928-30)	A.P. Gould (1944-45)
G.A.P. Gray (1934-37)	H.W. Gregg (1921-26)
M.F. Grimshaw (1950-54)	H.P. Harvey (1922-27)
J.R. Harvey (1920-24)	H. Hay (1930-34)
M.C. Higgins (1949-58)	E.M. Harper (1914-20)
J. Hammond (1899-04)	D.A. Hitch (1919-21)
W.N. Hudson (1941-46)	G.C. Hunter (1927-31)
W.G.D. Hutchinson (1915-21)	T.L. Johnson (1936-37)
E.H. Jonson (1929-30)	G.E. Kempster (1927-30)
R. Kermod (1926-29)	D.B. Kirkpatrick (1932-35)
F.L. Lees (1924-26)	G.J.H. Levick (1941-46)
W. Lister (1919-23)	R.A.G. Lloyd (1945-47)
K.A. Low (1943-45)	A.H. Macgregor (1939-48)
A.J.G.R. Mack (1946-48)	A.P. Mansfield (1932-41)
A.M. McNab (1923-27)	P. McNeill (1932-39)
P. Moiseeff (1946-48)	J.C. Moorcroft (1934-37)
J.L. Moulton (1940-48)	T.G. Mapplebeck (1905-09)
C.K. Nelson (1927-31)	E. Ormerod (1920-27)
R.E. Ost (1898-1900)	H. Peacock (1931-34)
E.D. Pringle (1924-28)	K.A. Redfern (1923-27)
F.D. Redmond (1925-27)	E.W. Riley (1926-27)
P.A. Robb (1939-40)	R.A. Rothwell (1930-33)
T.A. de la Rue (1926-29)	E.B. Selkirk (1943-47)
I.J. Sladen (1932-37)	C.M. Smith (1899-1905)
F. Stowell (1941-47)	M. Swain (1929-32)
G. Tattersall (1924-29)	M.J.F. Thompson (1947-57)
B.E. Tomlinson (1905-12)	J.E. Tonkin (1934-38)
G.R. White (1927-33)	H.W. Williams (1937-40)
I.D. Wood (1944-47)	L. Wyatt (1921-27)
W.J.R. Yates (1946-48)	



## Obituaries

### FRANK FOSTER (1895-1900)

Died at Preston on February 15th, 1959, aged 74.

One of a group of Preston boys who came to College about the turn of the century, Frank Foster was under Pleignier in Junior House before moving up to Colbourne. As he was destined for the family firm of Engineers, he left before his 16th birthday to take up an apprenticeship. He will be recalled for two things by his contemporaries; he had a superb treble voice which Miss (Judy) McKnight developed to the full, and he achieved the School Gym Four at the age of 13. He was in the IV for three years, being top-man in 1900.

He became, in due course, Joint Managing Director of his firm with his brother "J.H.," and had several patents to his credit as a Newspaper printing machine designer.

In the 1939-45 war he was a member of the Manchester Inspectorate of the Ministry of Munitions. A keen life-long Mason, he was a respected figure in his native town.

His widow survived him by only six months and we offer our sympathy to his daughter, his two sons and his brother "J.H." (1895-1900).

### SIR JOSEPH DAVIDSON QUALTROUGH, C.B.E., S.H.K., J.P., (1899-1903)

Died in hospital at Douglas, January 14th, 1960, aged 74.

The Knighthood conferred upon him in 1954 was a fitting reward for a lifetime of public service to the Island and his native Castletown. At College he crowned a successful career by being Head of School his last two terms and in the XV for two seasons. Entering the family firm of Timber Merchants, he joined the Army in 1915 and left four years later as a Lieutenant in the R.A.O.C.

Nominated, in his absence, for a bye-election for the House of Keys, he returned as a civilian a day before the poll and gained the seat he was to hold for the next 40 years. No opponent stood against him on six out of eight elections.

A necessarily brief obituary such as this can do little more than touch the fringe of his multifarious activities in public and private life.

Speaker of the House of Keys for 24 years; Chairman of the Tourist Board for 17 years; Chairman of the Electricity Board; of the Council of Education; of the Noble's Hospital Committee and so one could go on enumerating his diverse interests.

In private life he was a devout Methodist, much in demand as a preacher from the time when he first started at the early age of 17. A keen golfer, he also owned and built boats and, in his early days.

helped to start the Castletown F.C. for which he also played. He was made a J.P. about 1928 and was awarded the C.B.E. in 1940. The Act of Tynwald of 1922 permitted the Trustees of K.W.C. to co-opt members and "J.D." was one of the first two to be appointed. He resigned in 1924, but retained a keen interest in all matters appertaining to College. In 1948-49 he was the President of The Barrovian Society.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lady Qualtrough, his two daughters and his son, "I.J." (1935-44), on the death of a husband and father who served his loved Island so devotedly.

JAMES ROBERT KARRAN THOMSON (1902-07)

Died at Penrith on February 16th, 1960, aged 69.

The eldest and last surviving son of a well-known Penrith doctor, J.R.K. was one of four brothers who were in Colbourne House between 1902 and 1916. He was a Praepositor his last year and in the XV for two seasons. He gained an Entrance Scholarship to The London Hospital and qualified in 1913. During his time there he played Rugby for the Eastern Counties XV. Hospital appointments followed and in 1915 he joined the R.A.M.C., serving overseas and being awarded the O.B.E. and Mentioned in Despatches. He joined his family practice and there remained until his retirement about ten years ago. He was a universally beloved figure in the countryside, being known throughout the area as "Doctor Jim." The favourite of his many diverse interests was foxhunting and for some years he was Joint Master of the Ullswater pack. We extend our sympathy to his sister on the loss of her fifth and eldest brother.

WALTER BUTTERWORTH (1902-09)

Died in Hospital at Manchester, February 16th, 1960, aged 69.

Although a Praepositor for two years and in the XV for three seasons, he missed the highest school honours; being second to H.G. Furness in School, Hostel and XV. He was Head of Dickson House and won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Gaining a 1st Class Math. Tripos in Part I, he became Senior Opt. in Part II in 1912. Two years at Jena University followed and he then entered the family business of Glass manufacturers. A Life Member of the K.W.C. Society, he lived throughout his life at Bowdon, just outside Manchester. Although he took no active part in the local O.K.W. Society, the fact that his interest in College was very real is evidenced by the fact that he left a proportion of his Estate to the School.

HORACE MOORE (1908-10)

Died at Keighley on November 14th, 1959, aged 65.

He was in Dickson House for two years and can have had little scholastic or athletic success as the *Barrovian* of October 1910 did not accord him a Valet.

But he more than made up for such lack of school distinction by his outstanding business career. Until shortly before his death he was Chairman of British Home Stores Ltd., and for many years was Vice-Chairman of Prices (Fifty Shilling Tailors). His great commercial acumen may perhaps best be proved by the fact that he left nearly £2½ millions.

Although a Life Member of the K.W.C. Society, he took little interest in College affairs. He died a bachelor and a very large portion of his Estate went in Death Duties.

#### GEOFFREY CHESTER COCHRANE (1918-23)

Died in hospital in London, November 19th, 1959, aged 55.

The sudden and untimely death of Geoffrey Cochrane will come as a sad shock to those of his contemporaries who can have none but the most pleasant memories of a very charming and upright boy. He was Head of School House as a House Prae in the Christmas term of 1922, but the first term of 1923 saw him get his reward of full authority. Praepositor, Captain of School Football and C.S.M. of the O.T.C.

He qualified at The London Hospital in 1929 and soon afterwards entered the Sudan Medical Service where he stayed until the war. He was in the R.A.M.C. from 1940 to 1947; leaving with the rank of Major. He at once entered the Kenya Medical Service and soon became Provincial Medical Officer for various districts.

He became ill in Nairobi and, after two weeks in hospital there, was flown to the Middlesex Hospital for an undiagnosed complaint. Three weeks later he was dead; cancer of the bronchial tube with secondaries to the brain. His end was mercifully swift, but that is poor consolation to those that are left and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his widow and son on so tragic and sudden loss. Our condolences also go to his brothers; "B.W." (1920-21) and "M.N." (1920-26).

#### ROBERT WILLIAM HENRY FISHER (1919-22)

Died in Hospital in East Yorkshire, November 26th, 1959, aged 54.

As a nephew of W. G. Wilson, Robert Fisher naturally entered Colbourne House, of which "Bunyan" was the Housemaster. He had an undistinguished career at College but was greatly liked by all who got to know him. Apart from the fact that he spent some time farming soon after he left, we have no exact information of his career from 1922 to 1939. In the war, he served first with the R.A.M.C. and, latterly, with R.E.M.E. After the war he became an Industrial Chemist with the United Steel Co., but ill-health dogged him and 18 months before his death he underwent the first of a number of major operations that culminated in the loss of both legs. His sufferings were dreadful — his courage amazing. We extend our sympathy to his widow and her son and daughter in their great sorrow.

## SIDNEY SANSOM (1921-23)

Died in Hospital at Douglas, December 10th, 1959, aged 50.

An employee said:—"I never worked for a better boss; there was nothing he asked us to do that he could not, and would not, do himself; often a great deal harder and better than us."

That spontaneous tribute is the measure of the man whose untimely death so many in the Island and Birkenhead mourn.

Sid. left College owing to domestic circumstances before he was 15, but he retained a great affection for it and was a keen and loyal Old Boy. Perhaps he was best known as a Rugby player and the success he gained was done the hard way. Graduating through a junior club, he was nearly 25 before he joined Birkenhead Park and it was three seasons later that he gained his place in their 1st team. Two years later he was selected for Cheshire; at an age when most players are thinking of retirement. Resuming after the war, he made the last of his 11 appearances when he was nearly 39. Since then he has devoted his great knowledge of the game to furthering the Douglas R.U.F.C. as referee and member of the Management Committee; his wise counsel will be sorely missed. In the war (and very typically), though no youngster, he joined the Airborne Forces and was wounded at Arnhem.

He came to the Island as a Coal Importer and merchant and quickly made a wide circle of friends. He was a keen golfer and, if his life had any disappointments, one certainly was that he did not seem to be able to achieve at that game what he had done at rugby. His illness was short-lived but painful and only his widow and two daughters, to whom we offer our sympathy, know how greatly and bravely he suffered.

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER

1. 1. "An election ... .. we will behold and minutely examine a scene so interesting to every Englishman." Where was it.
  2. What submarine borough returned two members.
  3. What was "His Majesty's bouncing Bill."
  4. What borough returned the Cornet of Horse.
  5. What borough returned Veneering.
  6. Who was Barchester's political agent.
  7. Who were the Potwallopers.
  8. Who conducted the Midlothian campaign.
  9. Who survived the Middlesex Elections.
  10. Who was the Great Elector.
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1. 1. Eatanswill (Pickwick). 2. Dunwich. 3. The Reform Act. 4. Old Sarum (Pitt). 5. Pocket Breaches ("Our Mutual Friend"). 6. Mr. Nearthewinde. 7. Those claiming votes as having boiled their own pots for six months. 8. Gladstone. 9. Wilkes. 10. Frederic William of Brandenburg.
  2. 1. What is the Island of the Moon.
  2. Whose moon knew no wane.
  3. What felspar did Sergeant Cuff investigate.
  4. What lunar sea connotes fertility.
  5. In what guise does the Moon hunt the clouds.
  6. Whose French expedition forestalled the Russians.
  7. Who lost his bearings in East Anglia.
  8. What presented moonshine.
  9. What land is found "over the mountains of the moon."
  10. Who raked.

2. 1. Madagascar. 2. Omar Khayyam's. 3. The Moonstone. 4. Sea of Fecundity. 5. Diana or Cynthia. 6. Jules Verne ("From the Earth to the Moon"). 7. The man in the moon. 8. "This man with lantern, dog, and bush of thorns" ("Midsummer Night's Dream"). 9. El Dorado. 10. Wiltshire peasants raking the moon's reflection out of a pond.
3. What Park
  1. afforded a King his last exercise.
  2. surveys the Blue Danube.
  3. saw a lordly murder.
  4. saw a ducal duel.
  5. received Caroline's cphidian addition.
  6. is watered by Hacking.
  7. is intersected by the New River.
  8. was tyrannized by Mrs. Norris.
  9. does not reach the Channel.
  10. did not reach Timbuctoo.
3. 1. St. James's (Charles I) or Bushey Park (William III). 2. Prater (Vienna). 3. Phoenix Park, Dublin. 4. Battersea Park (Duke of Wellington and Lord Winchelsea) or Hyde Park (Duke of Hamilton and Lord Mohun, 1712). 5. Hyde Park (Serpentine). 6. National Park, N.S.W. 7. Finsbury Park. 8. Mansfield Park. 9. Bois de Boulogne (Paris). 10. Mungo Park (Explorer).
4. 1. She wandered down what. 2. She wore what. 3. She is far from where. 4. She dwelt among what. 5. She came to what. 6. She was a Phantom of what. 7. She was Kit and he was who. 8. She held what in fee. 9. She is young and what. 10. She's ma what.
4. 1. The mountain side. 2. A wreath of roses. 3. The land. 4. The untrodden ways. 5. The village church. 6. Delight. 7. Juan. 8. The gorgeous East. 9. Very sweet. 10. Lady love.
5. What time
  1. is St. Martin's finest hour.
  2. was Kate Nickleby born.
  3. do I fly to the lone vale.
  4. saw the murine collapse.
  5. do the Christchurch bells call to prayer.
  6. did Phileas complete the circuit.
  7. steps forth the great leader.
  8. is morning at.
  9. did Cassius say the clock had stricken.
  10. did Chu Chin Chow appoint for kissing.
5. 1. 11 a.m. (Armistice 1918). 2. 3.10 a.m. 3. At the mid hour of the night. 4. 1. 5. 4 and 10. 6. 8.44 and 59 seconds p.m. 7. Midnight (The Midnight Review). 8. 7 (Browning). 9. 3. 10. Any time.
6. 1. With what did Silchester meet the central heating problem. 2. How does the Psalmist suggest a plumbing nuisance. 3. What is the plumber's badger. 4. Who was the Elizabethan courtier plumber. 5. What is a turnpin. 6. What stop-gap did the Dutch boy use. 7. What mineral comes from Les Baux. 8. How does Rotorua dispense with the plumber. 9. When is a smudge useful. 10. What is the plumber's usual omission.
6. 1. With hypocausts (Roman heating chambers). 2. "Because of the noise of the waterpipes" (Psalm 42). 3. A pull-through. 4. Sir John Harington. (wrote a treatise on plumbing). 5. Cone for enlarging a lead pipe. 6. His hand. 7. Bauxite. 8. With geysers. 9. A block to smooth away solder from a joint. 10. His tools.

7.
  1. Why is the Tournament so called.
  2. What Tournament was rained off.
  3. Whom did a dropped handkerchief lead from the Tournament to the scaffold.
  4. Who was the hero of the Tournament at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
  5. Who wrote of the gentle Knight pricking on the plaine.
  6. Who wrote of "The gravelled ground . . . on foaming horse, with swords and iriendly hearts."
  7. What Tournament placed Mary Stuart on the throne.
  8. What Tournament was held in the Wartburg.
  9. At what Tournament did many carry on their backs "their mills, forests and meadows."
  10. What Tournament was fought for possession of a coming Queen.
7.
  1. From tourner—quick turning of a horse.
  2. Eglinton Tournament (revived in 1839).
  3. Anne Boleyn.
  4. Ivanhoe.
  5. Spenser.
  6. Surrey.
  7. Tournament where Henry II of France was killed (Paris).
  8. Tannhauser's Tournament of Song.
  9. Field of the Cloth of Gold.
  10. Red and white knights fighting for Alice.
8.
  1. How was the cubit determined.
  2. What houseboat was 30 Cubits in height.
  3. What room's dimensions offered scant comfort.
  4. In what shipwreck did successive soundings register 20 and 15 fathoms.
  5. What eyrie is 984 feet up.
  6. What standard determined the distance to the Maypole.
  7. Whose spear's head weighed 600 shekels of iron.
  8. What linear seizure results from an uncial surrender.
  9. What weight of carrion was assessed at 3,000 ducats.
  10. How many feet had Harold Hardrada.
8.
  1. From the elbow to the tip of the middle finger.
  2. The Ark.
  3. Little Ease.
  4. St. Paul's.
  5. Eiffel Tower.
  6. Cornhill.
  7. Goliath.
  8. An ell.
  9. One pound (Merchant of Venice).
  10. Seven feet of English soil.
9.
 

What massacre

  1. shocked Dr. Manette.
  2. inspired Brueghel.
  3. is commemorated by an angel.
  4. commemorated a wedding.
  5. changed the affix of Water to Peter.
  6. made the vale weep.
  7. demanded revenge for the slaughtered saints.
  8. inspired Verdi.
  9. provoked the Curse of Cromwell.
  10. is frequently seen at Westminster.
9.
  1. September Massacres (French Revolution).
  2. Bethlehem (the Innocents).
  3. Cawnpore (Indian Mutiny).
  4. St. Bartholomew.
  5. Peterloo (Manchester 1819).
  6. Glencoe.
  7. Piedmont 1655.
  8. Sicilian Vespers.
  9. Wexford or Drogheda.
  10. Withdrawal of bills not discussed in the Session.
10.
 

What Catherine

  1. brought home the Pope.
  2. was the Banker's daughter.
  3. was the Barlass.
  4. was kissed by Pepys.
  5. was not born "an heroine."
  6. was the first Queen of Ireland.
  7. was Kate of Kate Hall.
  8. succeeded Eudoxia.
  9. reduced the duty on Port.
  10. should antedate her festival by 20 days.
10.
  1. St. Catherine of Siena.
  2. Catherine de Medici.
  3. Catherine Douglas (barred with her arm the door against James I's murderers).
  4. Catherine de Valois (Pepys kissed her mummy in Westminster Abbey).
  5. Catherine Morland (Northanger Abbey).
  6. Catherine Howard (Henry VIII became King of Ireland the week before her execution).
  7. Katherine in "The

Taming of the Shrew." 8. Catherine I of Russia — Peter the Great's second wife. 9. Catherine of Braganza (negotiated Methuen Treaty with Portugal). 10. St. Catherine of Alexandria (Festival November 25th).

11.
  1. What key is occidental.
  2. What key is Salamancon.
  3. Who made keys for the Prentice Knights.
  4. What German key is labial in England.
  5. What key is not Manx.
  6. Who reached a high key by dieting.
  7. What key called for Milton.
  8. What keys postulated a walkie-talkie.
  9. What Fleet inmate had the key of the street.
  10. "Pass Keys" "Whose Keys?"
11.
  1. Key West (U.S. Naval Station).
  2. Ciudad Rodrigo (Wellington's "Key of Spain").
  3. Sim Tappertit ("Barnaby Rudge").
  4. H (German of Key of B).
  5. Kelly's Key (crib to Classics).
  6. Alice.
  7. Fatima's Key ("Bluebeard").
  8. The Keys of Heaven.
  9. Job Trotter (Pickwick).
  10. "Queen Elizabeth's keys" (Tower Ceremony).
12.
  1. What was the first body of male nurses.
  2. What nurse would Queen Victoria have welcomed at the War Office.
  3. What nurse was recommended by St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
  4. What Councillor of Blood died in his nurse's arms.
  5. What nurse came home to Norwich.
  6. What nurse assisted nature in the Plague.
  7. What nurse had a merry husband.
  8. Who prayed that his nurse might be made good.
  9. What nurse might have prescribed cocoa.
  10. What Tennysonian nurse sounds pensionable.
12.
  1. Knights Hospitallers.
  2. Florence Nightingale.
  3. Betsy Prig.
  4. Alva.
  5. Nurse Cavell.
  6. Judith Malmayns (Old St. Paul's).
  7. Nurse in Romeo and Juliet.
  8. Christopher Robin.
  9. Elizabeth Fry.
  10. Rose a nurse of ninety years.
13.
  1. Whose jewels inspired Wolf-Ferrari.
  2. What jewels inspired Trollope.
  3. What jewels play second fiddle to wisdom.
  4. What jewels come from the Gramplains.
  5. What jewels seem to come from Haarem.
  6. What jewels does Longfellow place in the sea.
  7. In what jewellery is there a half German share.
  8. After what jewel might a Biblical liar have been named.
  9. What jewel has a fishy connection.
  10. What was the twelfth foundation stone.
13.
  1. Jewels of the Madonna.
  2. Eustace Diamonds.
  3. Rubies.
  4. Cairngorms.
  5. Jacinths (Hyacinths).
  6. The sea hath its pearls.
  7. The Emerald Isle (Sullivan and German).
  8. Sapphire.
  9. Jasper (attribute of Pisces).
  10. Amethyst (Revelation).
14.
  1. What monks were heedless of grammar.
  2. Who died muttering "Monks, Monks, Monks."
  3. How do the monks of Fécamp inspire us.
  4. What Monastery introduced the Abbot.
  5. Whom did "the wicked monk" slay.
  6. Who praised the folly of Monks.
  7. What author was called the Monk.
  8. What monastery shuns common parlance.
  9. What cry greeted the pious monks of St. Bernard.
  10. What Monks strove to nullify a will.
14.
  1. The monks of Rheims ("That's him").
  2. Henry VIII.
  3. With Benedictine.
  4. Melrose (Scott).
  5. Henry III of France.
  6. Erasmus.
  7. "Monk" Lewis (from his book).
  8. La Trappe.
  9. Excelsior.
  10. Monks in Oliver Twist.
15.
  1. Whose witchcraft caused a King's syncope.
  2. What witch's thumbs pricked.

3. What witch dwelt where the deer do lie.
  4. What witch would fain have gone home to her mountains.
  5. Who deceived a witch digitally.
  6. Who from being a witch — frequenter became a prison-visitor.
  7. What was the witch of Agnesi.
  8. In what wood have witches no power.
  9. Who was the Witch-Finder-General.
  10. Who, in great trunk breeches, held in abhorrence tobacco and witches.
15. 1. Witch of Endor. 2. 2nd witch in Macbeth. 3. Jill Allalone (Merrie England). 4. Azucena (Il Trovatore). 5. Hansel. 6. Faust. 7. A plane curve named after Maria Agnesi (1750). 8. Rowan-wood. 9. Matthew Hopkins (1647). 10. James I.
16. 1. What architect commemorated The Christian Year.
  2. Who provided the setting for a memorable scene.
  3. What did the "Shrew of Shrewsbury" build.
  4. Who built the Crystal Palace.
  5. What architect was told to keep off the grass.
  6. What architect broke Michael Angelo's nose.
  7. What palatial architect perpetrated a Relapse.
  8. Who memorialized Albert.
  9. Who collaborated with Wren in the Westminster towers.
  10. All, says Longfellow, are architects of what.
16. 1. Butterfield (of Keble). 2. Inigo Jones (Whitehall). 3. Hardwick Hall.
4. Paxton. 5. Pecksniff. 6. Torregiano. 7. Vanburgh. 8. Gilbert Scott.
9. Hawksmoor. 10. Fate.
17. Who wrote the following lines on parting (in what work).
1. Farewell, thou little Nook of mountain ground  
 Farewell ! we leave thee to Heaven's peaceful care,  
 Thee, and the cottage which thou dost surround.
  2. These, for departing, seek a kinder shore  
 And rural mirth and manners are no more.
  3. We hear nae mair liting at our yowe-milking,  
 Women and bairns are heartless and wae,  
 Sighing and moaning on ilka green loaning.
  4. I am going O Nokomis,  
 On a long and distant journey,  
 To the portals of the sunset,  
 To the regions of the home-wind.
  5. But now farewell. I am going a long way  
 With these thou seest if indeed I go—  
 To the island-valley of Avillon.
  6. Like the dew on the mountain like the foam on the river,  
 Like the bubble on the fountain, thou art gone and for ever.
  7. Fareweel to the lad I shall ne'er see again,  
 Fareweel to my hero, the gallant an' young.
  8. I wish one could know them ... .. and wish them farewell.  
 And watch them depart on the way that they will not return.
  9. The cord is frayed-the cruse is dry,  
 The link must break, and the lamp must die,  
 Good-bye to Hope ! Good-bye.
  10. Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness !  
 This is the state of man ... ..  
 When he falls, he falls like Lucifer,  
 Never to hope again.



17. 1. Wordsworth (Poems founded on the affections). 2. Goldsmith ("The Deserted Village"). 3. Miss Elliot ("Flowers of the Forest"). 4. Longfellow ("Hiawatha"). 5. Tennyson ("Morte d'Arthur"). 6. Scott ("Lady of the Lake"). 7. James Hogg ("Lament of Flora Macdonald"). 8. Housman ("Shropshire Lad"). 9. Whyte-Melville ("Good-bye"). 10. Shakespeare ("Henry VIII").

18. In 1959

1. What fifth edition is on trial.
  2. Whose centenary recalls Belgium's Kibosh.
  3. What interest moved from Amsterdam to Reading.
  4. At what conversion would Sarah have stormed.
  5. The bi-centenary of whose run has been observed.
  6. Who mistimed his dental visit.
  7. What E has made its century.
  8. What Johannine come-back has been welcomed.
  9. Who might sing "Farewell Manchester."
  10. What superior cavity is tenantless.
18. 1. Fifth French Republic. 2. The Kaiser's. 3. Diamonds. 4. Marlborough House to be Commonwealth Guest-house. 5. The French at Quebec. 6. Mr. K. 7. Big Ben. 8. John O'London. 9. The Guardian ("Manchester" removed from title). 10. The Better 'Ole (Bairnsfather).

### RESULTS

SENIOR (UVI, MVI, LVI, UVa and b.)—

	Unprepared	Prepared	Edgar Heald Prize
Bird	108	272	1st
Weale J.	54	310	2nd
Cullen	48	287	3rd

JUNIOR (LVa b and x, UIVa and b, MIVa and b.)—

	Unprepared	Prepared	Edgar Heald Prize
Lightbody	25	241	1st
Craine	20	248	2nd
Bargery J.	10	287	3rd

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