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EDITORIAL

READERS of Evelyn Waugh's *Decline and Fall* may remember how the story opens with the scapegrace hero, Paul Pennyfeather, looking for a teaching post at the West End premises of Church and Gargoyle, scholastic agents. Messrs. C. and G. divide the schools for which they supply ushers into four different grades, to wit, "Public School", "First Class School", "Good School" and "School". It is perhaps superfluous to add that Paul Pennyfeather's qualifications are such that he is able to land a job only at an establishment in the lowest of the above categories — plain, unvarnished "school". The laconic appellation is clearly designed to camouflage, yet hardly prepares the reader for the bizarre character of Llanabba Castle, that strange hybrid between Eton and Dotheboys Hall where our hero finds himself, and where, as he commences his decline, we must leave him.

The previous paragraph was prompted by a recent attempt in a certain exalted quarter to spread doubt whether R.H.S. came even into the category of "school". At any rate the fact that it is an educational establishment was deliberately and assiduously played down. Personally, we have always been of the opinion that our very *raison d'être* was educational, using the word in its widest sense, and there was nothing in the Speech Day Address of Admiral Sir Wilfrid Woods to discourage our belief that even if technically we are not a "public school", we are certainly a first-class comprehensive boarding school, and much more forward-looking than many of the traditional kind. Perhaps, however, it would be as well to consider what a school is.

Never before this post-war era has there been so much public discussion of education — it has received continual coverage not only in the press but also on television — and never has there been less unanimity among the pundits about its ultimate aims and character. There are those who would like to see all schools geared to the political machine which they themselves manipulate; there are those who regard schools solely as certificate plants, and measure success entirely by honours lists; others, less interested in scholastic excellence, look at a school as if it were a button-moulding factory, or even a broiler house, whence emerge standard and indistinguishable products; at another extreme are those whose concern for the individual is so exaggerated that a school is for them a trial ground in which are to be sown strange and unorthodox educational theories; others, notably local authorities, who can scarcely be expected to distinguish the trees from the wood, are ruthless in plans

for de- and af-forestation, or, to change the metaphor, have no compunction in vivisectioning living entities in the interests of efficient administration and a hypothetical ultimate perfection.

We do not deny that a school may well partake of some if not all the characteristics we have mentioned above. (It is difficult to get through life without being somebody's guinea-pig.) But we humbly venture to point out that there is an aspect of school which the experts are very much inclined to forget, namely that no school is a real school unless it is also a community. A community may be described as divers elements of people living together and sharing a common purpose — in our case, the education of the whole boy. But it is more than that. To adapt Burke's definition of a nation, "A community is not an idea only of local extent and individual momentary aggregation, but it is an idea of continuity which extends in time as well as in numbers and in space. And this is a choice not of one day, or one set of people, not a tumultuary and giddy choice; it is a deliberate election of ages and of generations; it is a constitution made by what is ten times better than choice, it is made by the peculiar circumstances, occasions, tempers, dispositions, and moral, civil and social habits of the people, which disclose themselves only in a long space of time."

In other words we regard Royal Hospital School not as a static institution but as an organic growth. It is a very conservative, not to say reactionary, mind that does not perceive that all communities and systems must adapt themselves to the circumstances of their age if they would not perish.

There is no perfect institution on this terrestrial world, any more than there is a perfect human being. It is a law of growth that we cannot shed imperfections without at the same time also shedding certain excellencies; and as we strive to attain new excellencies, we acquire, no doubt, fresh imperfections. That is the way of things upon earth. Only if the accretion of imperfections outweighs or outnumbers the excellencies, can it be said that we are entering upon a state of dilapidation, only then can a case be made out for drastic renovation, or even demolition. We are emphatic that we have no case to answer.

Perhaps we are not the ones to say it, but we have no doubt in our minds whatever that Royal Hospital School has, since we have known it, been in a continual state of change into a better place. It is unnecessary to go here into the details. Those who want the "facts" may read with advantage Robert Howe's *Whale Island* Prize Essay on a later page.

But the bare facts of history are not enough. As Macaulay says: "A history in which every particular incident may be true may on the whole be false. The circumstances which have most influence on the happiness of mankind, the changes of manners and morals, the transition of communities from poverty to wealth, from ignorance to knowledge, from ferocity to humanity — these are, for the most

part, noiseless revolutions. Their progress is rarely indicated by what historians are pleased to call important events."

We have known Royal Hospital School intimately during almost the entire post-war period — a period in which it might be claimed, if the average subject matter of the daily press is anything to go upon, morals and manners have not improved for the better. The reverse is true at R.H.S. Nor do we anticipate any difficulty in obtaining an endorsement for our claim from anybody who really knows the School.

STAFF NOTES

Since our last number four members of the Teaching Staff have left to take up posts elsewhere. They are Mr. R. Housden, former Head of the Mathematics Department, who has gone to a post at Chelmsford and will be remembered for his expert coaching of the campanologists; Mr. Desmond Morris, ex-Housemaster of Hawke, who has taken over a Preparatory School at Norwich, and whose genial presence we were glad to have with us again on Speech Day; Mr. Ronald Moores, who, with Mrs. Moores as his Matron, has been running Howe House with modesty, efficiency and remarkable success for the past five years (he has been appointed Head of the Science Department, King's School, Gutersloh, West Germany); and Mr. Desmond Storey, who was responsible for the Modern Stream Mathematics in the School, and whose friendly and cheerful personality will be much missed by all those he taught and counselled. Mr. Storey has been appointed to a Law Lectureship at Harlow Technical College. We wish all the above together with their families every success and happiness in their new posts.

We have welcomed during the past year :

Mr. H. M. Bryce, B.Sc., of Glasgow University, who has come from a school at Gwelo in Southern Rhodesia, to teach Mathematics; Mr. Bryce served with the R.A.F. as Air Navigator during the Second World War.

Mr. G. A. Jannetta, B.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, who has joined the Modern Languages Department from a school at Sokoto, Northern Nigeria. Mr. Jannetta is an Old Boy of the Duke of York's Royal Military School.

Mr. D. V. Atkinson, B.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, who comes from the Headship of the Physics Department, Merryward Grammar School, Bristol, to be Head of our Physics Department.

Mr. P. C. Crick, B.Sc., of Southampton University, who comes from Southern Grammar School, Portsmouth, to teach General Science. Mr. Crick, who was in Anson House, will be the first Old Boy to join the teaching staff of the school.

We wish Mr. Bryce, Mr. Jannetta, Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Crick, and their wives and families a long and happy stay with us.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Alyn Horne on the birth of a

daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Neville Long on the birth of a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Brennan on the birth of a son.

We record with sorrow the deaths of three former members of the Staff, Mr. F. J. Vickery, Mr. M. Morling and Mr. G. N. Oxborrow.

OBITUARY

FREDERICK VICKERY

Frederick Vickery, who died at Worthing on May 2nd, 1962, joined the Staff during the Second World War and retired in 1958. He was for some time Housemaster of Drake, but it was as a teacher of English who had a real interest in his subject that he will be remembered. He had many interests, perhaps the chief of which during his stay at the School was gardening, but he was also keen on games, including tennis, bowls, badminton and rugby. He was for a period Secretary of the Staff Badminton Club. He was also a keen philatelist and ran the School Stamp Club for several years. Before embarking on his teaching career he had served in the Royal Navy during the First World War. Mr. Vickery died a little more than a year after his wife. They are survived by two sons, having suffered a tragic bereavement when a third son was killed in the last war.

MARCUS MORLING

Mr. Norman Amess writes :

Mr. Morling joined the staff of the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich and soon made his mark as an able and efficient teacher. He served throughout the War of 1914-18 in the R.A.M.C. and returned to R.H.S. to take over the top class of the Junior Division — a class which prepared boys for entry into the Upper Nautical Division or the Advanced Class of the Senior Division.

A little later he was appointed Headmaster's Secretary, a post which he held till he became Divisional Master of the Junior Division of the School in 1939.

Mr. Morling's outstanding characteristics were a hatred of slovenly or slipshod work of any sort, and his versatility. He was a keen and very good photographer, as examples of his work in the Club House at Holbrook show. He was an accomplished pianist, and accompanied at many School musical occasions. He had also made a close study of three or four European languages (including Russian!), could talk most interestingly on Astronomy, and was no mean mathematician.

His antipathy towards slovenliness was strongly in evidence in his daily work. He had to make numerous copies of examination questions, and these typescripts are still among the best I have ever seen. At his own expense he provided a special typewriter for Mathematics, and so was able to reproduce this difficult subject extremely well.

His main relaxation was a game of billiards; even here he took

lessons which helped him to become the efficient player he really was. As a colleague on the Staff of the School he was admired and respected by his fellow teachers, and his death leaves a real gap in the lives of those who knew him. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his sister, Miss D. Morling of High Wycombe.

SCHOOL NOTES

School Officers, 1962-63:

<i>Captain of School:</i>	W. E. Allen (Raleigh)
<i>Vice-Captain:</i>	W. Perry (Cornwallis)
<i>Chief Petty Officers:</i>	D. S. Swift (Anson); J. Seaburne-May (Howe); A. J. Housden (Hood); R. G. Fensome (St. Vincent); S. R. Goodridge (Anson); D. Hallett (Cornwallis); D. G. Harmer (Blake); D. W. Allen (Raleigh); T. E. O'Brien (Cornwallis); D. Cook (Collingwood); A. L. Miller (Hawke); M. D. Waterson (Collingwood); N. E. Baldock (Nelson); J. E. Barwood (Nelson); K. J. Rennie (Cornwallis); R. Flexman (St. Vincent).

Games Captains:

<i>Football:</i>	N. S. Smith.
<i>Rugby:</i>	J. Seaburne-May.
<i>Cricket:</i>	D. Cook.
<i>Athletics:</i>	J. Seaburne-May.
<i>Swimming:</i>	P. C. Collins.
<i>Shooting:</i>	D. Hallett.
<i>Tennis:</i>	S. R. Goodridge.
<i>Boxing:</i>	D. Cook.
<i>Cross-Country:</i>	T. E. O'Brien.
<i>Sailing:</i>	A. Gick.
<i>Chairman of Debating Society:</i>	W. E. Allen.

The King's Banner was again won by Cornwallis. Nelson won the First Lord's Cup, followed very closely by Collingwood and St. Vincent. Other Trophy Winners will be found on the Sports pages of the magazine. Many competitions could not be completed owing to the inauspicious conditions experienced during the spring term. On May 14th, 1963, the School's fine new boathouse was opened by Rear Admiral I. W. T. Beloe, D.S.C.

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS, 1963

Mathematics and Higher Mathematics: A. L. Miller (Merit on special paper); J. Kane.
Mathematics for Science: W. J. Arnold; R. G. Fensome; D. G. Harmer, D. S. Martienssen; K. J. Rennie; D. S. Swift; R. L. Toase.

Physics : R. J. Adair; W. E. Allen; W. J. Arnold; N. E. Baldock; R. G. Fensome; D. Hallett; D. G. Harmer; J. Kane; A. L. Miller; W. Perry; K. J. Rennie.

Chemistry : R. J. Adair; W. E. Allen; W. J. Arnold; N. E. Baldock; R. G. Fensome; D. Hallett; D. G. Harmer; W. Perry; K. J. Rennie.

Biology : W. Perry (Distinction, on special paper); R. J. Adair; W. E. Allen; N. E. Baldock.

History : D. W. Allen; A. J. Housden; J. E. Kemp.

General Paper : R. J. Adair; D. W. Allen; W. E. Allen; N. E. Baldock; D. Hallett; D. G. Harmer; A. T. Housden; J. E. Kemp; A. L. Miller; T. E. O'Brien; W. Perry; J. Seaburne-May; D. S. Swift.

VALETE

Services:

Royal Navy. — R. G. Fensome (Britannia Royal Naval College); J. R. Seaburne-May (Britannia Royal Naval College); T. E. O'Brien (Britannia Royal Naval College); A. A. C. Andrews (Artificer Apprentice); P. D. Atkins (Artificer Apprentice); G. S. Lawton (Artificer Apprentice); S. R. Chapman (Artificer Apprentice); D. C. Salter (Artificer Apprentice); S. W. Funnell (Artificer Apprentice); D. S. M. Young (H.M.S. St. Vincent); S. E. R. Marsden (H.M.S. St. Vincent); B. Richardson (H.M.S. Ganges); T. J. Mansell (H.M.S. Ganges); R. P. Thorne (H.M.S. Ganges); P. J. Harrison (H.M.S. Raleigh); C. R. Cooper (H.M.S. Raleigh); T. J. J. Hicks (H.M.S. St. Vincent); J. E. Robson (H.M.S. St. Vincent); B. Williams (H.M.S. St. Vincent); M. R. J. Cheshire (H.M.S. St. Vincent); M. J. Cox (H.M.S. St. Vincent); A. J. Dumbrell (H.M.S. St. Vincent); A. L. Howell (H.M.S. St. Vincent); V. J. Lowe (H.M.S. St. Vincent); P. C. Wood (H.M.S. St. Vincent); J. E. Taylor (H.M.S. Raleigh); S. D. Miles (H.M.S. Ceres).

Merchant Navy. — J. Carnochan (Cadetship); W. J. Frampton (Cadetship); R. D. Wallen (Cadetship); N. S. Burton (Cadetship); J. Horan; X. M. Barwood; I. C. Douglas; J. S. Anderson; D. W. Read; M. C. Denholm; A. R. Codrington; K. Hallmark.

Army. — A. J. Fentum; M. A. Petty; R. S. Pratt; D. H. Tucker; J. Walsh; E. J. Wood; I. T. Stewart; M. D. Aldridge; P. G. Henderson; R. S. Chetland; G. E. Lewis.

Royal Air Force. — D. S. Swift (Cadetship); A. R. Born; M. J. Wilkinson; D. M. Statham.

H.M. Dockyards. — R. A. Sidebottom; B. Bromyard; H. C. Allaway; A. J. W. Divers; P. Evans; D. M. Gaul; R. McKeever; C. T. Rattley; B. C. Smith.

Further Education (including University and Technical Colleges). W. E. Allen (Liverpool University); W. Perry (Birmingham University); R. J. Adair (Liverpool University); N. E. Baldock

(Bristol University); D. Hallett (Chelsea); D. G. Harmer (S.W. Essex College); W. J. Arnold (Leeds University); A. L. Miller (London University); J. Kane (Student Apprenticeship); A. J. Housden; R. J. Collins; C. P. Myall; R. N. Swords; T. J. Hayes; A. J. Stephenson; R. V. Preece; M. R. Balster; G. A. E. Sills; A. I. Abbott; D. A. Budd; R. C. Goulder; J. R. Sillince; G. D. Grant; T. J. Woodhill; C. G. McGill; J. A. Cowling; G. U. McLennan; I. S. Brabyn; K. Catterall; I. P. Bell; G. Laws.

Civilian Trades, Professions and Apprenticeships. — P. Chamley (Engineering); G. J. Duffield (Banking); L. A. Eccleston (Engineering); D. A. D. Field (Electrical); I. P. Hayles (Insurance); A. C. Layton (Engineering); R. Mickleburgh; R. S. Milne (Aircraft); A. T. Milsted (Engineering); B. R. Francis (Engineering); P. S. Gaine (Engineering); D. S. Skillings (Catering); R. J. Burrows (Engineering); I. R. Holdforth (Engineering); C. C. Jones, M. V. T. Trevaskis, P. F. Willsher (all Hairdressing); M. D. Farge (Aircraft); C. R. Harris (Television); G. Richardson (Electrician); P. R. Hill; H. Knowles (Building); K. J. Rennie (L.C.C. Architects' Dept.); D. W. Allen (Solicitor); J. E. Kemp (L.C.C. Town Planning Dept.); M. J. H. Owen (Civil Service); B. D. Wellings (Engineering); M. J. Hill (Engineering); A. A. P. Morphy (Electrical); R. J. Neville (Engineering); J. Barrett (Boatbuilding); N. G. Collis-Bird (Electrical); J. F. Huckerby (Farming); P. J. Thompson (Farming); J. Behennah (Agricultural Engineering); R. T. French (Engineering); R. T. Allen (Carpentry); R. E. Hide (Engineering); S. E. Warner (Newspaper Agency); D. Rowell (Retail Trade); C. J. Benny (Catering); A. F. Gosling (Hairdressing); G. K. Notley (Building); N. P. S. Layton (Boatbuilding); A. K. W. Andrews; P. J. Ashdown (Electrical); N. S. Mackinnon (Insurance).

Emigrating. — D. M. J. Price; D. S. Williams; M. G. Shepherd.

SPEECH DAY, 1963

Speech Day was held on Saturday, July 27th, in the now traditional perfect weather. The first formal event of the day was the Inspection and March Past at 2.15 p.m. The Inspection was made by Admiral Sir Wilfrid J. W. Woods, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth.

After taking the Salute, Sir Wilfrid and most of the assembled guests and parents moved to the Assembly Hall for Prize-Giving.

The Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. A. Hay, M.P., in the first speech from the platform, introduced himself as a new boy to the School, but one who had joined at what was obviously a formative stage of the School's development. He looked forward to seeing how that development would take place in the future, if the vicissitudes of politics did not prevent him.

Mr. Hay then introduced the platform party, which included :

Sir Clifford Jarrett, K.B.E., C.B.; Mr. P. N. N. Synnott; Mr. H. D. Samuel; Instructor Rear-Admiral C. R. Darlington; Rear-Admiral J. M. D. Gray, O.B.E.; Archdeacon R. W. Richardson, Q.H.C., Chaplain of the Fleet; and Mr. H. A. Leech (all representing the Admiralty and the School Committee). Mr. R. W. Sturge; Mr. E. C. de Rougemont, C.B.E.; and Captain G. N. Rawlings, D.S.O., D.S.C. (all representing Lloyd's).

Sir John Lang, G.C.B. (former Secretary, Admiralty); Rear-Admiral Sir Sydney Frew, K.B.E., C.B.; The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Right Rev. H. Morris, D.D.); the Bishop of Maidstone and the Bishop to the Forces (the Rt. Rev. S. F. Betts); Mr. Frank Carr (Director National Maritime Museum); and Mr. Robert Millar, C.B.E. (former Director of Greenwich Hospital).

Mr. Hay also said how pleased he was to see the Mayoress of Ipswich among the guests, and he extended a particular welcome to Miss N. C. Reade, a relative of the School's benefactor.

Finally, Mr. Hay presented the Headmaster, who gave his annual report on the School, summarised below.

Summary of the Headmaster's Report

The Headmaster prefaced his report with a welcome to the Principal Guest, Admiral Woods, and the Civil Lord, Mr. Hay, and with congratulations to Mr. Hay's predecessor, Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, M.P., on the baronetcy recently conferred on him.

In connection with the School's 250th Anniversary, Mr. York then thanked the Trustees of the National Maritime Museum and its Director, Mr. Frank Carr, for the installation in December, 1962 at the Caird Galleries Entrance to the Museum of a tablet recording the building's occupation by the School for just over a hundred years.

The 250th Anniversary Fund with the aid of Lloyd's munificent donation of £1,000 and a supplement from Greenwich Hospital had enabled the School to go ahead with its plans for a new Games Pavilion, the foundation stone of which was to be laid later that afternoon by Mr. R. W. Sturge, Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's. Also on view in the Jellicoe Library was the magnificent sword presented by Lloyd's Patriotic Fund; it had been originally awarded by Lloyd's to a Commanding Officer who had distinguished himself in the Napoleonic Wars.

After mentioning that the School now numbered 680 boys, the largest number ever attained by the School in its present form, Mr. York went on to review the results of the past year's G.C.E. examinations: 94 candidates had between them gained 34 subject passes at Advanced Level, and 382 at Ordinary Level — a record. The Sixth Form had, as a result, increased for the first time to over 50 boys. Senior boys had gained two Naval Cadetships, one Army Cadetship, one University place, one place at a College of Advanced Technology, and two Student Apprenticeships; three younger boys had gained Reserved Naval Cadetships. 54 out of 97 leavers had

gone into the Armed Services (including 22 to the Royal Navy), the Merchant Navy or H.M. Dockyards. The present year was a most promising one in respect of Cadetship Awards. Twelve boys were in the running for them either with Royal Naval Scholarships, Reserved Cadetships or through preliminary selection. Two of these boys were orphans and six of the remainder were sons of men whose entire service had been as naval ratings.

The most notable event in the C.C.F. year had been the addition of the new Boathouse, opened in May by Vice-Admiral Beloe. The stock of boats had continued to be augmented, and the boys themselves had built three canoes. Nineteen boys had gained Silver Awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; and the Shooting Team had achieved a noteworthy success in winning Class B of the Country Life Schools Small Bore Competition.

In sport the outstanding feature had been the steady development of the School's athletic and swimming standards. Three R.H.S. boys represented Suffolk at the All-England Schools Athletic Meeting, and 15 out of 16 boys entered for a local county swimming competition had won their events. Among many Royal Life Saving Society Awards N. C. L. Allaway had gained an Adult Instructor's Certificate.

Other School activities included a most successful production of *Androcles and the Lion*, fine performances by both the School Choir and the Band (the latter having the honour of playing at the Royal Tournament); and visits by girls from the Mills Grammar School to dances arranged at the School by Mr. Cairns.

Developments at the School included the adoption of the new C.S.E. examination which would be taken by "A" stream boys in 1965, at the end of their fifth year; the reconstruction of the old General Stores building to provide four new class-rooms, a printing-room, and improved Seamanship and Art Rooms; and the commencement in the autumn of 1963 of the scheme to modernise certain boarding-houses, to which new Housemasters' Flats were to be added.

The Headmaster also mentioned with gratitude the presentation by the Portsmouth Branch of the Old Boys' Association of a chalice for the Roman Catholic Chapel in memory of Admiral Sir Philip Enright.

After referring to the stimulating and enjoyable sabbatical leave during the Spring Term, in which Mrs. York and he had visited twenty-six Schools in the U.S.A. and Canada, the Headmaster thanked all members of the School staff for their support during the past year, and in particular, the Second Master, Mr. Tate, who had taken charge of the School during his absence. He also bid farewell to three members of the staff who had "learned their trade" in the School, Mr. I. D. Storey and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moores, and thanked them for their services; and concluded with an appreciation of the guidance and support given to him by the

Committee of Management and the Director of Greenwich Hospital.

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After the Headmaster's Report, Mr. Hay introduced the Prize-Giving ceremony, and the Guest of Honour, Sir Wilfrid Woods. Before actually handing over to Sir Wilfrid, Mr. Hay said that it was obvious from the Headmaster's Report that the School had had an extremely successful year; credit for this should be given to the Headmaster and Mrs. York, to the quality of the boys with whom they had to deal, and to the hard work and sense of vocation of the staff.

It was, he added, most appropriate that the Commander-in-Chief of the Portsmouth Command, in which the School lay, should come to present the prizes : he had had a most varied Service career and gained great distinction in all fields.

After the Prize-Giving Sir Wilfrid Woods addressed the School: he congratulated the prize-winners and said that he considered it an honour to have received the invitation to be present. The Royal Navy took a great interest and pride in the Royal Hospital School, from which it gained such a copious supply of first-rate material. He told the parents that he spent a great deal of his time in ceremonies similar to Speech Day, and he could state confidently that the standard of drill and turn-out of the Royal Hospital School was second to none. As a result of the School's good work he had asked the Headmaster to grant an extra half-holiday next term. Discussing the future of boys leaving the School, Sir Wilfrid said that the Navy, and indeed all employees, nowadays needed a high level of education in its personnel, to cope with the increasingly technical nature of the work; he therefore advised the boys to take full advantage of their schooldays. At school they learned to keep mentally and physically fit; they also learned the art of living together in a community and they learnt discipline — which could be defined, in any field, as the mutual confidence between leaders and led which resulted from both knowing their jobs and doing them efficiently.

The proceedings in Hall ended with the Captain of the School, Chief Petty Officer Boy W. E. Allen, proposing a vote of thanks to Sir Wilfrid, and leading the School in three cheers.

PRIZE LIST, 1963

Sixth Forms:

Mathematics — A. L. Miller
Physics — J. Kane
Chemistry — R. J. Adair
History — T. E. O'Brien
French — J. E. Barwood
Prose & Verse — D. S. Martienssen

5X 1st in Form — K. Williams

5X 1st in Form — R. N. Swords

English
History }
French } B. S. Ruffell
Latin }

Fifth Forms:

U5 1st in Form }
Mathematics } A. C. Quade
Physics }

Chemistry — M. C. D. Pearce

Geography — P. T. M. Horton

Prose & Verse — R. E. Swift

Prose & Verse — N. G. Collis-Bird

Fourth Forms:

U4 1st in Form — P. A. Lawton
 U4 2nd in Form — R. Graham
 4X 1st in Form — R. Ingram
 4X 2nd in Form — A. V. Andrews
 4A 1st in Form — L. D. Howes
 4A 2nd in Form — A. J. Rolph
 4B 1st in Form — S. E. Warner
 4B 2nd in Form — B. R. Cockings
 4C 1st in Form — J. W. Loveday
 4C 2nd in Form — T. A. Feasey
 Prose & Verse — C. S. Cross
 Prose & Verse — N. S. Burton

Third Forms:

U3 1st in Form — A. G. Cook
 U3 2nd in Form — D. S. Hough
 3X 1st in Form — A. J. Lenton
 3X 2nd in Form — T. Roberts
 3A 1st in Form — A. N. Callan
 3A 2nd in Form — I. N. McMillan
 3B 1st in Form — N. A. Ellis
 3B 2nd in Form — I. S. Adamson
 3C 1st in Form — K. D. Moore
 3C 2nd in Form — J. P. J. Morphy
 Prose & Verse — R. M. Evans
 Prose & Verse — J. C. Goldfinch

Special Prizes:**General Knowledge:**

Sixth Form — R. J. Adair
 Sixth Form — J. P. de Neumann
 Sixth Form — N. E. Baldock
 Fifth Form — D. P. Butler
 Fourth Form — A. D. J. Scull
 Third Form — D. F. P. Eaton

Divinity:

Senior — W. Perry
 Junior — R. W. Redhead

Roman Catholic Divinity:

— R. J. Adair

Art:

— J. F. Huckerby
 — C. J. Hartley
 — K. Moore

Handicrafts:

Metalwork — K. Williams
 Drawing — B. D. Wellings

Second Forms:

U2 1st in Form — R. D. Lewington
 U2 2nd in Form — C. S. Smith
 2X 1st in Form — E. G. Harvey
 2X 2nd in Form — N. A. Mansell
 2A 1st in Form — R. Heale
 2A 2nd in Form — B. J. Selman
 2B 1st in Form — P. R. Loveday
 2B 2nd in Form — R. R. James
 2C 1st in Form — A. Mills
 2C 2nd in Form — A. Weeks
 Prose & Verse — R. D. Hunter
 Prose & Verse — C. J. Everett

First Forms:

U1 1st in Form — D. W. Peel
 U1 2nd in Form — R. E. Williams
 IX 1st in Form — F. B. Page
 IX 2nd in Form — J. H. Strickland
 IA 1st in Form — M. C. James
 IA 2nd in Form — C. J. Willsher
 IB 1st in Form — G. J. Bramble
 IB 2nd in Form — C. C. W. Hird
 IC 1st in Form — G. Price
 IC 2nd in Form — I. Muir
 Prose & Verse — J. Baker
 Prose & Verse — D. F. P. Pearson

Woodwork — J. R. Willson
 Woodwork — R. V. Preece

Naval Instruction:

H.M.S. Suffolk Prize:
 — C. J. Streeter
 5th Form Seamanship:
 — D. J. Slaughter
 4th Form Seamanship:
 D. Andrews
 Smartness and Bearing:
 J. S. White
 Ship Memorial Cup and Prize:
 — B. S. Ruffell
 Silver Flute and Prize:
 — D. G. Harmer

Whale Island Prize:

— R. Howe

Old Boys' Cup and Medal,
 for best boy in the School:
 — W. E. Allen

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW GAMES PAVILION

At 5.15 p.m. on Speech Day the foundation stone of the new Games Pavilion was laid by Mr. R. W. Sturge, Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's. The ceremony began with a trumpet fanfare from five members of the School Band, and then Mr. Hay made a short speech in which he outlined the history of the pavilion project, and pointed

out that it would have been impossible to start building at all had it not been for a generous £1,000 donation from Lloyd's.

Mr. Sturge then laid the stone, using the same trowel as was used by King George VI when, as Duke of York, he laid the foundation stone of the School. In the short speech which he made after declaring the foundation "well and truly laid", Mr. Sturge mentioned one or two gems he had found while quarrying for information about the history of the School: he had found, for instance, that the first sports equipment had been requisitioned in the year 1766, in order to combat the spread of truancy; again, almost a hundred years later in 1840, an inspection of the School had revealed that only 50 per cent. could read and write — which was hardly surprising as there were only two masters to teach six hundred boys!

Finally, C.P.O. Boy W. E. Allen led the spectators in three cheers for Mr. Sturge and for Lloyd's of London.

The Gymnastic Display.

After the parents and guests had come up from the laying of the foundation stone on the playing fields, and before the "Sunset" ceremony at 6 p.m., a team of boys under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Powell of the Gymnasium Staff gave a Gymnastic Display on the Parade-Ground. Cross-box vaulting, Agility, Trampette work, and Long-Box vaulting were all neatly and expertly carried out, and Mr. Powell and the boys concerned are all to be congratulated; it is only to be regretted that, owing to pressure of time, the Senior Team were not able to complete their programme. Boys taking part were: Senior Team — Leech, Miles, and Claxton of Raleigh, Flexman, Hemlin, and Perkins of St. Vincent, Smith and Miller of Hawke, Williams and Trimboy of Blake, Sullivan-Tailyour of Howe, and Burgess of Anson. Junior Team — Munnings, Edge, and Taylor of Raleigh, Davidson and Cadman of Anson, Hallam, Moore, and Cobb of Drake, Brown of Blake, and Smith and McGuire of Hawke.

The "Sunset" Ceremony.

The sun was, indeed, setting gloriously in the West as the Band and Guests performed the final ceremony of Speech Day. The Guard preceded the actual ceremony with an exhibition of silent drill and a very well produced *feu de joie*; their whole performance was most impressive. The Band, whose high standard of playing no longer needs comment, presented a selection of tunes including such well-known favourites as "Royal Artillery", "Bivouac", "St. Clement", "El Capitan", "Home Again", and "Kenilworth".

Trapeze Display.

The last event of Speech Day took place at 6.30 p.m. in the School Swimming Baths, and was a Trapeze Display by a team trained by Mr. Powell. The following boys took part: N. S. Smith of Hawke, Leech of Raleigh, Miles of Raleigh, Perkins, Lewis, Hemlin and Flexman of St. Vincent, and Williams of Blake. The display consisted of progressively more difficult swings, catches and

dives, and ended with the traditional salute as the whole team dived into the water.

Obviously much practice and hard work had gone into the display, and it was very much enjoyed by the audiences which packed the gallery at the two successive showings. Comment from a French visitor overheard by the magazine reporter : "C'est magnifique !"

SPECIAL REPORT

The Royal Hospital School commemorated at Greenwich

On Monday, 17th December, 1962, the Headmaster unveiled a tablet in the National Maritime Museum to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Hospital School. The tablet had been erected by the trustees of the museum in memory of the School's years at Greenwich, and is a bronze oval, executed by Mr. William Sharpington, with the following inscription :

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

The buildings now forming the East and West Wings of this Museum were begun in 1807 to accommodate a Naval Orphanage founded in 1798. The Greenwich Hospital School established in 1712 for sons of seamen, was joined to this in 1821 to form the Royal Hospital School, which remained here until 1933, when it moved to its present home at Holbrook in Suffolk. Between 1887 and 1933 one hundred scholars of the Sir Wm. Boreman Foundation attended the school.

A photograph of the tablet, suitably framed, has been hung in the vestibule to the School Hall, alongside the Honours Boards. For having this photograph taken, and presenting it, the School is indebted to Mr. H. D. Samuel, Director of Greenwich Hospital.

Mr. Samuel was also present at the unveiling ceremony, together with the Chairman of the Museum's Trustees, the Viscount Runciman of Doxford, the Admiral-President of the Royal Naval College, Rear-Admiral Morgan Giles, and the artist, Mr. Sharpington. Chief Petty Officer Boys Allen and Perry represented the school of today, and Rear-Admiral Sir Sydney Frew, K.B.E., C.B., the Old Boys who attended the school when it was at Greenwich.

In his speech at the ceremony the Headmaster said that throughout its two hundred and fifty years of existence the purpose of the Royal Hospital School had been to educate for various ways of life the sons of British sailors; that purpose still remained.

The School had had several changes of site, but for more than a hundred years it had been in the buildings now occupied by the Museum. The influence of Greenwich days was still a live factor in the School, and one of which it was very proud. The facilities provided at the School in its now even more spacious surroundings were continually being expounded, under the guidance of its Trustees, the Board of Admiralty, but the intention of the School

remained, as always, to develop its pupils into right-minded citizens of integrity.

On behalf of the School, the Headmaster thanked Lord Runciman, the Trustees of the National Maritime Museum, its Director, Mr. Carr, who had been responsible for the detailed planning, and the Artist, Mr. Sharpington, for commemorating the occupation of the Museum's historic buildings by the Royal Hospital School.

THE CHAPEL MUSIC

The quality of choral, congregational and organ music in Chapel during the past three terms has frequently been of a most moving excellence which is difficult to analyse without seeming prosaic. There has indeed been a refreshing diversity in the music, which attempts to take us, the congregation, vertically in our praise, if I may echo a point from the Bishop of Maidstone's Commemoration address. The individual taking part in the corporate worship has many opportunities here to feel this musical impact, whether it be in the delicate precision of an unaccompanied choral anthem, or the grandeur of the many and varied organ voluntaries we have heard. Moreover, there is something undeniably valuable in participating in the noisy but unashamed sincerity of such favourite hymns as "For All the Saints", "He Who Would Valiant Be" and "Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer". Even "Lord dismiss us with Thy Blessing" and "God be with you till we meet again", sung with such uninhibited relief at the final morning service each term, have a thoughtful poignancy for those who stop to consider the implications of the words.

It may perhaps seem unnecessary to repeat that many people went to a vast amount of trouble to ensure the success of the music at the three special services of the past School year, namely the Carol Service, the Passiontide Service and the Commemoration Service. It is, however, worthwhile for those not directly involved in the preparations to bear this hard work in mind in any appreciation of the musical standard of these services.

Although the Carol Service followed our traditional pattern of Seven Lessons and various carols and hymns, there was one innovation. In the carols "Torches" by Jean Joubert and "The Shepherd's Farewell" by Hector Berlioz, both delightfully unusual, the Choir organ was used for the first time. This organ, which was moved from the Assembly Hall to its present position, has an attractive delicacy of sound which is most suitable for accompanying the Choir on such occasions. It is, however, also a magnificent instrument in its own right and the fine frailty of its tone contrasts favourably with the masculine depth of the larger organ.

Two particular soloists at this service deserve mention. Hayes (Collingwood), displayed a high standard of accomplishment in his singing of the first verse of "O Little Town of Bethlehem". This carol was performed in the Lady Chapel which made a fitting

setting for the opening of the service. Likewise, Evans (Collingwood), showed praiseworthy ability in a solo verse of John Gosse's carol "See Amid the Winter Snow". An appreciation of the choral music of the Carol Service would be incomplete without special mention of the small group of trebles who sang faultlessly and with feeling a verse of "Away in a Manger".

A special Passiontide Service was held in the Chapel at the end of the spring term. The Choir coped admirably with the Schutz Anthem "Praise to thee, Lord Jesus". Easter music from Handel's "Messiah" was also performed, again using the Choir organ. It was the first time that the Hallelujah Chorus had been sung in the Chapel. This work seems deceptively simple to the listener but is in fact very difficult to execute successfully. The Choir had obviously been trained with great care and, no doubt, patience, and performed remarkably well.

The music at the Commemoration Service was impressive. The Introit, "O Come let us Sing unto the Lord", composed specially for the occasion by Mr. Davies, set the triumphant tone of the Commemoration music. Mr. Davies should be justly proud of this short composition which has a pleasing quality of unexpectedness. In addition, the Choir tackled this by no means easy piece with an exactness and liveliness which was most exciting. Handel's "Zadok the priest and Nathan the Prophet" was skilfully handled by the Choir in view of the fact that it frequently causes "amateur" choirs to sink to the level of chaotic cacophony. It was an ambitious choice of Anthem but the result fully justified its inclusion. The School and Choir combined for Beethoven's "Creation Hymn" and Stanford's setting of the Te Deum. Here it was necessary to synchronise the main organ and the Choir organ. This is no easy feat in so large a building, but no hiatus was noticeable. At the close of the Service Mr. Davies played on the organ Widor's admirable Toccata from Symphony No. 5 which made a satisfyingly exultant close to the mood of the Service.

It should be mentioned that the Choir have sung an Anthem every Sunday throughout the past year. These have been by some of the greatest Tudor composers (for example, Tye and Tallis) as well as by Walford Davies and Vaughan Williams. A large proportion of these have been sung unaccompanied; not only is this *the* testing moment of a well-trained choir but also this lack of accompaniment seems to make the Choir able to transmit greater feeling to the congregation. On all occasions the Choir, the soloists and the Director of Music have shown the high standard of accomplishment we have learnt to expect but which, I hope, we do not take for granted. Similarly, before morning Chapel each day, we have been treated to a varied selection of organ music which, as it becomes familiar by repetition, breeds not contempt but unalloyed pleasure.

In last year's magazine my colleague, writing on the Carol Service suggested that everyone "naturally enjoyed most those parts

of the service in which they were allowed to join". To a certain extent this is true, but I would suggest that the most rewarding moments of all the services throughout the year were when the Choir alone were performing or when the organ was played as an introduction or conclusion to services. These moments of congregational silence should be the times of sincere thoughtfulness on our part; it is then that the value of the pleasing music in Chapel and what it stands for should be uppermost in our minds.

P.B.N.

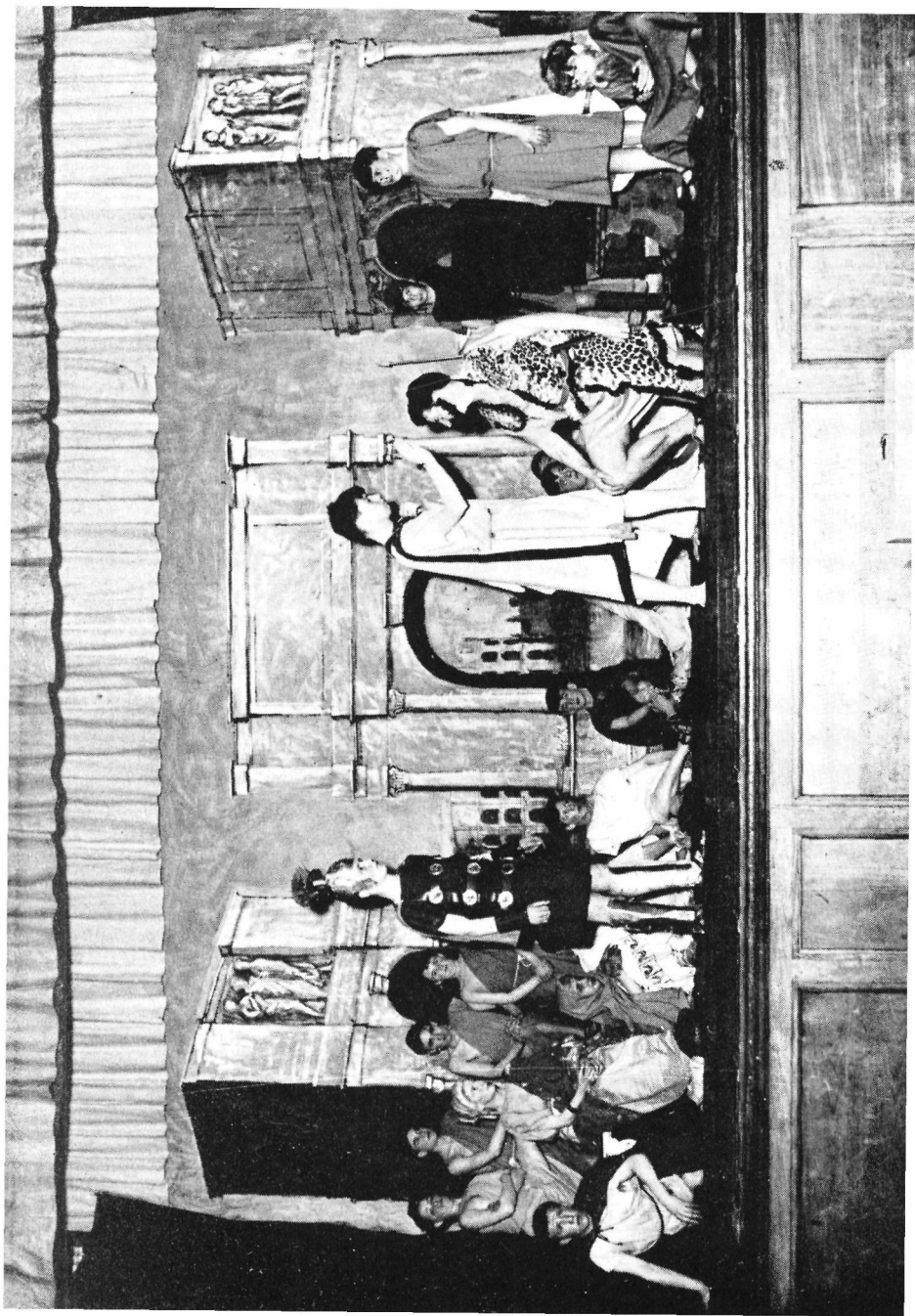
"ANDROCLES AND THE LION"

The trouble with "Androcles and the Lion" is George Bernard Shaw. We imagine that he himself cannot have been particularly happy about the play. In the Standard Edition of his works "Androcles" occupies almost 150 pages, of which 41 are devoted to the play itself which appears as a sort of "appendix" to the gigantic Preface — 101 pages long. There is a further official appendix to the play of some six pages. What with the Preface and the Appendix, it seems to us that, having written the play, which he knew was likely to shock anyone who took it seriously, Shaw thought he must both justify himself and attempt to clear the fog of misunderstanding which the play would inevitably create. But we are not sure he didn't find something had gone wrong with the play itself, and the Preface and the Appendix were really written, not to justify himself, but to justify the play *to* himself. In other words, he was trying to put his finger on the play's weak spot.

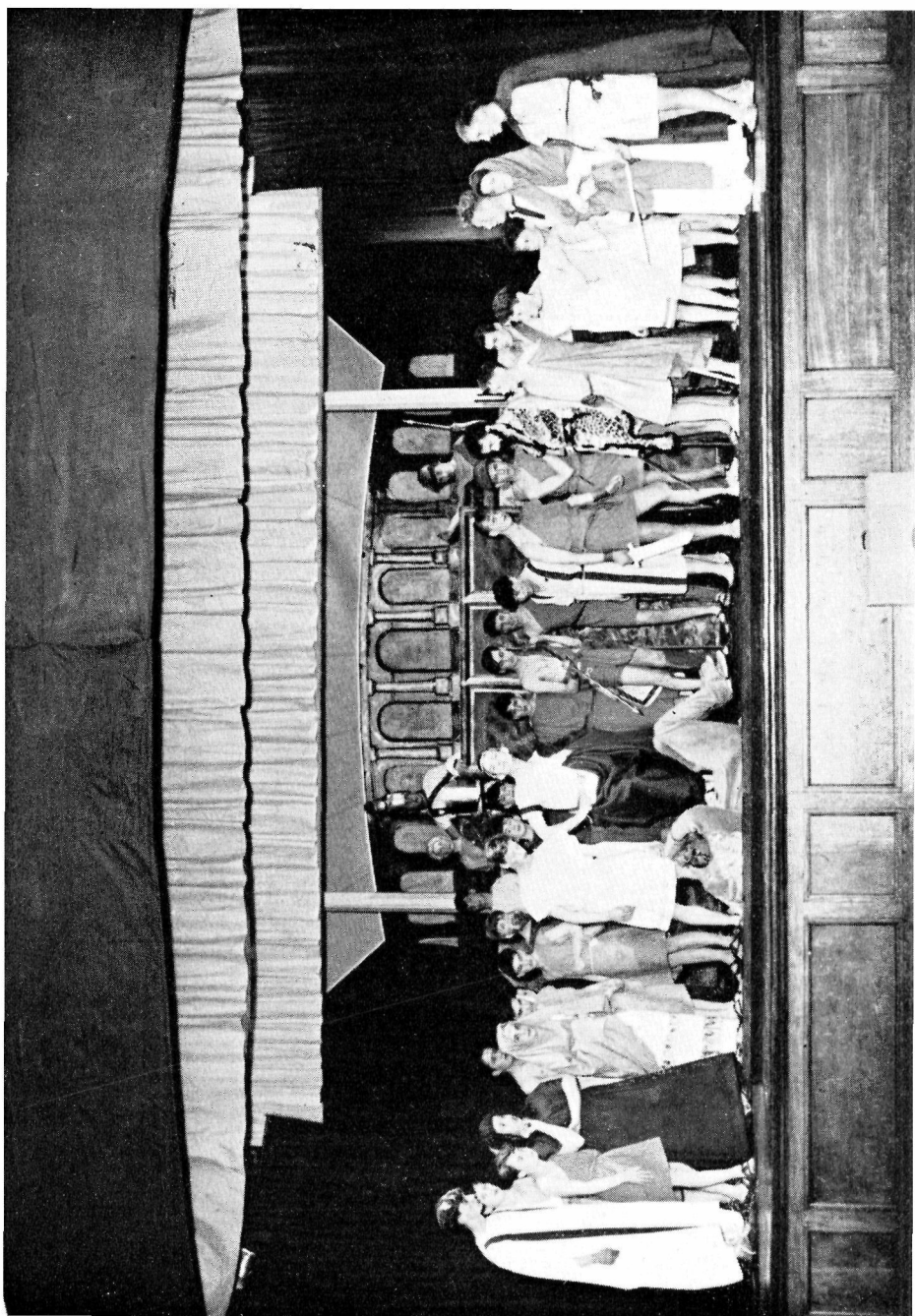
The Preface is a laboured, often infuriating but very interesting attempt to analyse the origins of Christianity. Its style is that of a wise and kindly Fabian who looks upon the foibles of his fellow-men with an amused and tolerant detachment. Part of the Preface is an endeavour to show that Roman Catholicism is derived from St. Peter and Protestantism from St. Paul, and that both creeds are misinterpretations of the Gospel narrative. In spite of its length the Preface tells us very little about the play.

The Appendix sheds more light on the motivation of the play and its characters. We are told that Androcles is "a humanitarian naturalist", Lavinia "a clever and fearless freethinker", Ferrovius "a comparatively stupid and conscience-stricken Pauline", and Spintho "a typical Christian of the period" — most of his Christian contemporaries being, according to St. Augustine, "wrong uns". Also (being somewhat wise after the event) Shaw alludes to the play's "terrible topicality" (it was written *before* but produced *at the beginning* of the First World War) and claims that the play was among other things directed at Imperialism, not only of the German but also of the British variety.

No wonder the play is confusing if one looks for a serious mess-



Androcles and the Lion, Act I.



Androcles and the Lion, Act 2.

age in it. And parts of the play, since it is about religion, must be taken seriously, even if the play as a whole seems to be a mere lark. The truth is that Shaw was not qualified to write a religious play, for although he undoubtedly had religious instincts, he had no strong religious feelings.

We believe we are right in suggesting that the chief weakness of the play lies in the character of Spintho. He is indeed a disgusting figure, but he is also a tragic one, *because* he is disgusting. He also suffers a disgusting and horrible fate, but in the play it is regarded by most of the characters and also by the audience (who by the method of its presentation are identified with those characters) as a laughable incident. "He bolted him before you could say Balbus," says the Keeper, and even the tender-hearted Lavinia remarks, "It won't even count as martyrdom".

A few minutes later the Spintho-filled lion and Androcles are waltzing round the stage, and we are roaring with laughter at the discomfiture of the little monster of an Emperor. But not even G.B.S. can mix tragedy and ruthless rhyme into a palatable potion.

Despite these strictures — in other words, if the play is considered solely as a pantomime or romp — "Androcles" remains an excellent vehicle for young actors. Mrs. Gordon Hawkins is to be congratulated on one of the finest productions seen on the School stage for a long time. There wasn't a weak spot in a cast too long to be mentioned in detail, but we should like to single out the following performances as being specially memorable: pride of place goes to D. S. Swift's splendidly robust performance as Ferrovius; he was ably supported by D. S. Martienssen as a whimsical Androcles, R. Flexman as a suitably kittenish Lion, R. E. Swift as a most personable Captain, C. S. Cross as an equally personable Lavinia, C. H. Longworth in the difficult part of the wretched Spintho and R. Howe as the cynical and degenerate Emperor. The Gladiators were a pleasantly sinister crew.

Special mention must be made of Mr. Brook's scenery. Not only was it remarkably realistic but it had been specially coloured to tone in with the costumes. Indeed costumes, scenery, lighting and grouping of the characters were all cunningly worked in together to produce a spectacle that was a constant pleasure to the eye — far and away above ordinary amateur standards. We were very lucky to have as a producer someone as experienced in theatricals as Mrs. Hawkins. Others who must have been furiously busy behind the scenes include Mr. Nye, Mr. Horne, Mr. B. J. Hawkins, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Richards and Mr. Good.

Now that the tradition of an annual School play has been re-established, we hope that future productions will go from strength to strength. We have an ample reservoir of promising actors to draw upon and no lack of adults experienced in production.

THE SCHOOL BAND

C.P.O.s: W. E. Allen, D. S. Swift, D. G. Harmer.

Drum Major: M. C. Pearce.

Bass Drummer: M. H. Lemon.

This has been one of the busiest terms that the band has ever had.

Our first big engagement was at Somerleyton Hall, where the East Suffolk Women's Institute Rally was held. We provided the accompaniment for the community singing, a programme which included old favourites such as "Cockles and Mussels", and "Waltzing Matilda", etc. The co-ordination between the band and the three hundred strong choir was remarkably good, considering that we had had no chance to rehearse together.

In June we went to Hadleigh on the first day of Hadleigh Week. This is a traditional festival in which the natives of Hadleigh compete with their guests from the Hadleigh in America. There is an egg and spoon race between the ladies, which is run through Hadleigh High Street, and the men compete in a pram race. After our visit, it was requested by the organisers of Hadleigh Week that we should go again later in the Week, but on the day in question we had arranged to visit All Saints' Fête in Ipswich. This, with the Friary Fête, is an old favourite of the band, and we were glad to see again the faces that we know so well, at both functions.

On 22nd July we played at Aldeburgh as part of the annual festival. We were honoured to see that Sir Benjamin Britten and Imogen Holst, the daughter of Gustav Holst were there to watch us, and were among those who congratulated us.

The high-light of the term was undoubtedly the Band's visit to the Royal Tournament. We all had a strange feeling, which was perhaps a mixture of nerves and pride, when the great doors of Earl's Court swung open and the Band of the Royal Hospital School was about to march into that dusty arena, surrounded, and dwarfed, by row upon row of towering seats. The immensity of the building and the glare of the brilliant lights which pinpointed us in the arena gave us a feeling of unexplainable confidence. To this, and of course much hard practice, I attribute our success. In a slightly less demanding situation we might well have been overcome by nerves.

On July 4th we played at the U.S.A.F. base at Bentwaters for their Independence Day celebrations. When we were not actually performing we were well entertained by a Country and Western singing group, and a base-ball throwing machine which intrigued us. We were kept well on our toes dodging the base-balls which were being hit in every direction.

Continual rain prevented us from playing at the Co-op. fête, although we did attend in the hope that the weather might clear up as it did at Copdock.

We were delighted to receive another visit from the Junior

Wing of the Royal Marine School of Music this summer. They gave a very varied and expert performance which we hope will become a regular feature of the School year in future.

W. E. ALLEN.

CAMPA NOLOGY

Over the year great efforts have been made, and at last the fruits are coming to the fore. Mr. Houseden left us at the end of the Christmas term and we thank him very much for the hard work that he put in by starting the club. At the moment we have seven "regulars"; M. D. Waterson, R. Collins, N. Sullivan-Tailyour, R. Stafford, S. J. Mingo, M. Harmsworth and J. Thompson. B. Lloyd and D. Llewellyn are still learners. The Rector is trying to find a qualified bell-ringer to teach us the various methods, but the rounds and call-changes are near to perfection, which is a great achievement. Collins is leaving at the end of term, and we thank him sincerely for all his support. Lastly, we thank all those who have made it possible for us to go it alone, and our apologies are extended to the neighbours for our infrequent boos.

M. D. WATERSON.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND NOTES

A train was puffing slowly up a Welsh valley. It was always a struggle and the little tank engine could only just make it. One day there was a new guard on board and somehow the struggle seemed worse than ever. But at last the brow of the hill was reached and with a last despairing clank the driver pulled up to let the engine cool down. He went back to the guard and said: "That was the stiffest pull we've ever had, Evan." And Evan the Guard answered: "Let me tell you, Dai, if I hadn't had the brakes on, we'd have gone backwards."

That little story, which I heard some years ago for the first time seems as good an illustration as any to show what we try to do when you come to the Chapel services week by week. We are driving the engine to tow you all up the hill to God and so often some of you will put the brakes on.

There are, however, moments when everyone seems to do all they can to keep the brakes off and keep the engine moving. These moments can be most inspiring and we seem to have had many such this year.

In nearly every case the thing which seems to take the brake off most effectively has been music and singing and in this respect we are more than fortunate because we have a keen and very capable Choir and a Director of Music in Mr. F. E. Davies who knows how to bring out the best of which we are capable. We call to mind such moments as the Carol Service, the excerpts from the Messiah on Passion Sunday, Handel's "Zadok the Priest" on Commemoration Day and the singing of Stanford's Te Deum at the end of that Service. For those who care to listen there are the voluntaries played

on our lovely organ at the end of the Services by Mr. Davies and Mr. N. Bartleet. All these can help to take the brakes off and reach out and carry our minds up to God.

Another such moment will be remembered by many as we sat listening to the inspiring address given by the Bishop of Maidstone on Commemoration Day. As one boy said to me after the Service : "It was one of the most wonderful Services I've ever been to." For some at least there does come a point at which they take the brakes off where religion is concerned and begin to understand that it can have a meaning. Can it be that gradually fewer and fewer are putting the brakes on at other times?

One addition to the Chapel which could well do a lot to help is the new amplification system which was installed towards the end of the summer term. A lot of tests have been carried out and it is hoped that once the teething troubles have been overcome everyone will be able to hear anywhere in the Chapel without any difficulty. We are very grateful to the Electricians for all their interest and hard work in getting it working in time for Commemoration.

I am personally most grateful to the Rev. Clifford Wright and the Chaplains of *H.M.S. Ganges* for their help in the spring term at the early Celebrations and to all the other Clergy who have come to preach in the Chapel during the year. Also to the Sacristans Waterson, Bromyard, de Neumann, Evans, Farge, Moore, Thompson, and Townley for all the hard work and help which they unfailingly give me.

J.N.C.H.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

These notes are written at the end of my first year as Chaplain, but already I feel so much a part of the life of the School, owing to the great friendliness and helpfulness I have met on all sides, that it is difficult to realise that less than a year ago everything was new to me. I would therefore like to take this first opportunity of expressing my gratitude to all at the School for their kindness to me personally. Having begun on this note, let me right away express the thanks which are due to the Masters who have shared duties in the Chapel, particularly to Mr. Hardy who always bears the main burden, and to Mr. Cairns who continues to make valiant efforts to raise the standard of the singing; to the ladies who take their turn at supplying and arranging the flowers; and to the many boys who have shown themselves willing helpers as sacristans, members of the Altar Guild, servers and readers.

As well as encouraging the singing, we have tried by various means to increase the participation of the congregation at Mass, and this with some success. The Question Box has proved so popular a feature, that some time has been devoted to answering questions put in by the boys at every Sunday Evening Service throughout the year. Our Carol Service last Christmas was on traditional lines, but wholly carried out by the boys themselves, the carols being ren-

dered with the usual gusto. So was the autumn term brought to its traditional end. The spring term ended with a visit by all the boys to the Friary to attend Solemn High Mass on Passion Sunday. His Lordship the Bishop of Northampton happened to be there, and hearing that our boys were to be present, decided to preach at the Mass and directed his words to our boys, making the occasion quite a memorable one.

The road between the School and the Friary is indeed a well-worn one. As soon as the summer holidays started, the workmen were busy with repairs along its whole length, in preparation no doubt for next term! During the Summer term quite a number of the boys spent Sunday afternoons at the Friary. They were always grateful to the Sisters who make sure on these occasions that they do not return weak and starving. The Friary Fête was as usual the setting for some fine playing by the School Band, and a group of other boys went to help with the stalls and side-shows.

At the end of the School year, fourteen of our boys took part in the Church Outing, and as usual all the facilities for enjoyment offered by Clacton were tried in turn, not forgetting the sea itself.

The Chapel is gradually becoming better equipped and acquiring its own furnishings. In this respect the year must be quite outstanding. During the spring term we acquired a beautiful new set of red Mass vestments; we now only need a black set to complete the range of liturgical colours. Another long-felt desire was realised at the Old Boys' Reunion, when the Portsmouth Branch presented to the School for use in our Chapel a solid silver chalice and paten, complete with case. The chalice bears an inscription, engraved under the base, as follows :

"Presented in memory of Admiral Sir Philip K. Enright, K.B.E., C.B., G.R.H.S. 1907-1910, by the Portsmouth Branch O.B.A."

I wish to repeat here what I expressed sincerely at the Reunion Dinner, namely, that we are deeply appreciative of the fact that the Portsmouth Branch decided to honour the memory of this most distinguished Old Boy of our School in this particular way rather than any other. The chalice is now in regular use in the Chapel, having been consecrated on June 8th by Bishop Grant, Auxiliary Bishop of Northampton.

By the time these notes are read, the largest item of all to be acquired by the Chapel will have been installed and — we confidently hope — admired by all, namely the new altar and tabernacle. These have been paid for by a special grant made by the Greenwich Hospital Authority, and it is my duty to express our thanks to them for promptly acceding to our request as soon as it was put to them. The altar is in teak, a wood surely wholly naval in its associations, and bears a large monogram in sycamore on its front, which is striking in its simplicity, though yielding a deeper meaning to those prepared to ponder it. The design and technical drawing for this project were carried out by two students at the Friary, and special

thanks are due to them for the skill and effort which they expended on it. Perhaps some notes on the altar will be in order in the next issue, when we have had time to come to a more considered judgment.

Fr. BONIFACE KRUGER, O.F.M.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND FREE CHURCHES

Like everyone in the Royal Navy I knew, for many years, about the Royal Hospital School and I had often heard my predecessors speak about Holbrook. Nothing they said however prepared me for my first sight of the School with its magnificent range of buildings and beauty of setting.

My first Service was on Remembrance Day and since then we have, after the manner of our fathers, worshipped together each Sunday evening and once a month have gathered in the morning to celebrate the Lord's Supper. One Sunday evening Service was conducted by Mr. Tilzey, Housemaster, St. Vincent House and on another Sunday the preacher was the Rev. Bernard Liddiard, M.A., R.N.R., from Dunfermline.

The Thursday evening Fellowship has continued throughout the School year with a varied programme of talks and discussions.

Each meeting has closed with an epilogue which on a number of evenings was taken by members of the fellowship.

One of the highlights of our Church year is the visit to Museum Street Methodist Church Ipswich when the congregation entertain us on their Sunday School Anniversary Sunday. After afternoon Service the boys are taken in twos and threes to the homes of Church members for a most lavish tea and later attend evening Service with their hosts. This is an occasion long anticipated and much appreciated, and we are most grateful to Museum Street for their hospitality. We hope that the presence of our group of boys adds something to these special Services.

In July eight boys were, at a special Service, admitted to Communicant membership of the Church. This Service was taken by a former Free Church Chaplain here, the Rev. A. D. Spear, O.B.E., Q.H.C., M.A., now principal Chaplain, Church of Scotland and Free Churches, Royal Navy.

Twenty of our members joined the Church of England and Roman Catholic choirs for the annual outing to Clacton-on-Sea.

Several of our members will not be with us next session. We say goodbye to D. Harmer, J. Kane, W. J. Arnold and N. E. Baldock and wish them every success for the future. Mr. Street and his family are all well. They are now settled in their own house, 4 Ellachie Gardens, Alverstoke, Hants., and would, I am sure, be very pleased if you called on them when in that part of the country. Next session we look forward to worshipping in the new chapel which is being prepared for us in the infirmary.

J.L.

SPECIAL REPORT

A Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

At Evensong on Mothering Sunday, Canon Smith, Rector of Brantham, set the scene and the mood for a pilgrimage in spirit to the Foot of the Cross.

He told us briefly the history of the Passion Plays at Oberammergau — how, in 1633, the Black Death had followed in the wake of the Thirty Years' War, raging through Bavaria and had struck one village only nine miles away killing all but two married couples. How, when the plague spread to the next village, regulations had been introduced restricting movement between the villages and how a labourer had defied them to pay a midnight visit to his wife and children, only to fall a victim to the plague himself two days later, followed by more than eighty others in the next thirty-three days. This desperate state of affairs drew all the survivors in the village together to vow that if God would spare them, they would enact a Passion Play every ten years in memory of the Deliverance. From that day on, though the plague still raged, no more deaths ensued and, starting in 1634, the villagers have kept their vow, except during the last war.

After the Service, about a hundred and fifty boys and some of the staff of all denominations gathered in the Assembly Hall, where Canon Smith, ably assisted by two kind helpers who had accompanied him, showed coloured transparencies of the Passion Play.

Almost everyone in the village takes part, so the Play has a cast of about a thousand, and we were told of the lengths to which these people go preparing themselves for their parts — boys and men who let their hair grow to shoulder length for the sake of authenticity — and how the inn-keeper who played Christus spent many hours in solitude in the Bavarian Alps studying his part and acquiring the spirit.

Tableaux depicting stories from the Old Testament preceded scenes showing fulfilment in the New Testament and there could be no doubt that everyone present felt the tension mounting as slide after slide told its story.

When Calvary appeared and the record of the Play itself came on, it mattered not that Christus said : "Mir dürstet" in German, we were transported over distance and the ages and the horror and tragedy of the Crucifixion made itself acutely felt. The sublime relief of the Resurrection Scene made this Refreshment Sunday indeed and left us with a heightened understanding of the Divine compassion for Mankind — how much more vivid must the Oberammergau Plays be when witnessed on the spot, and no wonder they are such an inspiration to all parts of Christendom !

R.B.P.

JELlicoe LIBRARY

WANTED, TWO — possibly more — keen lads; dependable, intelligent (must have a thorough understanding of the Decimal System); boundless enthusiasm and energy; even tidier in their habits than their mothers; neat handwriting and ability to do printed capitals a recommendation; opportunities for learning elementary book-binding. — Apply Library Master.

ALSO WANTED, a number of bibliophile Sixth Form Badge Boys to do Supervisory Duties on Friday and Sunday afternoons in the autumn and spring terms plus some Saturday evenings in the summer term. Duties light; not more than two or three times a term. Main qualification : ability to keep one ear and half an eye open on what is going on in the Library; otherwise splendid opportunity to catch up with private studies, though care must be taken to see that all books borrowed are properly signed out. Capacity to leave things tidier than found a recommendation. — Apply Library Petty Officer.

We do not expect to get quite such Admirable Crichtons as we have specified above, but we should be gratified if boys who have some of the qualifications we have outlined, and agree with us that our ideal, if not easily obtainable, is certainly desirable, would come and help us in the Library.

The main event this term has been the generous presentation by Mr. I. D. Storey of more than 120 books, many of them of considerable weight and value. Mr. Storey's gift has swelled the accessions to the Library since 1958 to well over the 1500 mark, against which we have to set the withdrawal of some dozens of books that have become too decrepit and obsolete for further use. The cataloguing and preparation of Mr. Storey's books for the shelves will take up a good part of the Librarians' activities during the coming term. We also thank the parents of C. Squires for the gift of Lloyd George's War Memoirs in two handsome volumes.

We are taking in the following magazines regularly : *The East Anglian Magazine*, *Meccano Magazine*, *World Sports*, *British Lawn Tennis*, *Rugby World*, *The Illustrated London News*, *The Geographical Magazine*, *The National Geographic Magazine*, *The Sea Cadet*, *The Navy*, *The Stamp Magazine*, *Yachts and Yachting*, *Junior Digest*, *Unesco Courier*, *Animals* and *Understanding Science*. As we have no desire to spend money unnecessarily we are always ready to listen to suggestions for changes in the above list. We also have pleasure in acknowledging the regular receipt from Mr. Lockyer of *Navy News*, and from Mr. Foster of *Paris Match*.

We have noted with interest the Science VIth's inquiry into the reading habits of the School. We too have done an analysis of boys' reading habits based on the 163 cards of those who borrowed books from the Library during the summer term. The cards record that 28 Sixth Formers borrowed 91 books and 135 boys from the

rest of the School borrowed 681. The break-up by subjects was as follows :

NON-FICTION	Sixth Form	Rest of School
History and Archaeology*	14	29
Biography, True Adventure, Crime	1	59
The Navy and Naval History ...	—	23
Mathematics, Science, Astronomy	—	9
Biology and Natural History ...	4	70
Transport and Communications ...	2	31
Sailing and Seamanship	6	11
Sport and Recreation	3	34
Art, Architecture, Music	6	16
Poetry and Drama	29	20
Religion	6	—
Practical Books	2	29
Geography and Topography	1	10
Miscellaneous Non-fiction	2	10
PROSE FICTION	15	330

*Sixth Form figures do not include books in the Sixth Form Special History Library.

Our footnote reminds us of what has been said many times before : “There are lies, damned lies and statistics.” We are not sure that the above figures prove anything special, but although we have not had time to do a detailed analysis, the most popular fiction writers in the Library appear to be C. S. Forester, Conan Doyle, M. R. James, Baroness Orczy, Rudyard Kipling and G. A. Henty. It should be noted however that there are no books in the Jellicoe Library by Ian Fleming or Dennis Wheatley, nor is it intended that these unpleasantly sensational writers should appear on our shelves.

Some recent essays by the Sixth Form (though it may be noted that they do not appear to be great readers of fiction, it should also be realised that boys sitting for examinations have little time for recreational reading) tended to dismiss Ian Fleming as “kids’ stuff”. If this is so, there must be a lot of grown-up kids in the country’s population. But the very suggestion by teenagers that Fleming’s books are aimed at a juvenile market is an interesting one. Perhaps it is a good thing to get James Bond out of one’s system while one is young. There will be so many thousands of more worthwhile books to read later on in life.

A SURVEY OF READING HABITS BY VIc SCIENCE

[We publish this article because we feel sure that it will be of interest to those, both inside and outside the School, who are pleased to see evidence of initiative and intellectual curiosity in our Sixth Formers. But since details of the statistics on which it must be based, and the precise nature of the sociological techniques employed (for example, how was the questionnaire worded?) have not been simultaneously published, we stress that its conclusions must

be tentative; for example, a further break-down of the first figure of 5,670 books read, by 60 per cent. of the School, during the period studied, would be instructive.

However, the opinion poll is a tool notoriously difficult to employ even in the most expert hands, and the Sixth Form are to be congratulated for attempting it. — Ed.]

In the spring term, VIc Science made a survey of the reading habits of boys in the period from January to March 1963. A questionnaire was prepared for all boys in the School, but unfortunately the 'flu epidemic prevented many boys, and two complete houses, from completing the survey. Nevertheless, the remaining 60 per cent. of the School gave us some very interesting results.

Out of 5,670 books read by the School in the period, 809 were adventure novels, 740 thrillers, 733 war books, and 680 crime and detective novels. There was then a large drop to short stories and science fiction, and the remaining categories came in the order of sport, westerns, animal stories, historical novels, travel and geographical books, stories about children, biographies, and political books.

There was a question in the survey to find which sort of books boys most preferred reading, and the pattern, not surprisingly, was similar to the above. Grouped closely together at the top were crime and detective novels, thrillers, war books and adventure novels in that order. Then there was a large drop to science fiction, and a further one to sport books, followed by short stories, westerns, animal stories, historical novels, travel and geographical books, biographies, stories about children and political books.

A question on boys' favourite authors, however, produced some quite startling results. Top of the list, and almost three times more popular than any other (on our point system) was Ian Fleming. This we consider to be due, to some extent, to the filming of "Doctor No". The second most popular author was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and third, very surprisingly, was Enid Blyton. We thought most boys should have grown out of Enid Blyton by the age of 11, and, in any case, the survey showed that very few of her books had been read during the period. The remaining most popular authors came in the order: Agatha Christie, Alastair Mclean, H. G. Wells, Nevil Shute, Hammond Innes, Leslie Charteris, Charles Dickens, W. E. Johns, R. L. Stevenson, C. S. Forester, Jules Verne, Dennis Wheatley.

An analysis of the most read books in the School fully supported the ascendancy of Ian Fleming. The most read books were: "Doctor No" (41); "Moonraker" (32); "Live and Let Die" (27); "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" (25); "Guns of Navarone" (21); "Goldfinger" (19); "Diamonds are Forever" (18); "Casino Royal" (17); "From Russia with Love" (16); "20,000 Leagues under the Sea" (12). The figure in brackets is the number of boys who have read the book concerned. Out of the first ten books, then, seven are by Ian

Fleming, one by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one by Alastair Mclean, and one by Jules Verne.

On the whole, the houses follow this general pattern, with a few interesting exceptions. Anson are extremely keen on thrillers, which for them rank way above crime and detective and war books. Blake are the only house who read books by Oliver Strange, and Collingwood books by Mickey Spillane, both these authors ranking second favourite to Ian Fleming in their respective houses.

The survey also found out in which rooms most reading was done. By far the most popular was found to be the dormitory, with 228 votes, second the reading room with 67 votes, then the classroom, dayroom, and reference library with 49, 42, and 14 votes respectively. The dormitory was the most popular place in every house except Nelson.

It was also found that 35 per cent. of boys read different sorts of book on leave from those which they read during the term. Of the individual houses, Cornwallis has the greatest number of these boys, and Blake the least. Out of the 400 boys who completed the survey 132 belonged to the School reference library, and 199 were members of public libraries at home.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

This year's elected officers were W. E. Allen, Chairman, W. Perry, Secretary, and Fensome, Martienssen, Howard, Barwood, Howe, O'Brien, Harmer and Waterson, Committee Members.

On 14th October the motion was "That there is too much specialisation in the 6th Form", proposed by Harmer and Baker, opposed by Martienssen and Fensome. The debate was spoiled by the disappointingly small attendance, especially by 6th Formers, at a debate especially aimed at them. The motion was defeated by 6 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

On 4th November a topical and controversial motion was debated, "That this house opposes abortion under any circumstances". O'Brien and Howard proposed, Martienssen and Horton opposed. This was debated in a most serious and thoughtful manner by the large number who attended. The motion was carried by 28 votes to 20 with 2 abstentions.

On 25th November the motion before the house was "That television does more harm than good", Toase and Martienssen proposing, Waterson and Longworth opposing. The lighter touch needed to make this a good debate was missing and the house duly showed its appreciation of television by 17 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions.

Our first event of the spring term was a return visit to Woolverstone where all officers of the society attended a debate on the motion "That our educational system is not revolutionary enough". Allen was the main speaker against the motion and Perry seconded the proposition. Both spoke very ably. After an interesting debate the motion was carried. It was a very enjoyable evening.

On 17th February the motion debated was "That this house would emigrate". Howe and Waterson proposed the motion, Fensome and Martienssen opposed. The motion was defeated by 14 votes to 8 with 5 abstentions.

On 3rd March the old war-horse was given an airing, "That the Arts have benefited mankind more than the Sciences". Mr. Brennan and Howe were the proposers, Mr. Vingoe and Toase the opposers. The main speeches were both full of thought and humour and entertained a large audience till past some of their bed-times. Some had therefore to go before the end and were not able to vote. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 5 with 8 abstentions.

On 17th March Horton and Longworth proposed the motion "That there is too much emphasis on games in English Schools", which was opposed by Waterson and Martienssen. In spite of the fact that there had been hardly any games during the term the motion was carried by 15 votes to 9 with 7 abstentions.

It has been quite a lively year for the society and there has generally been no lack of speakers from the floor, though some of the younger ones must learn that the reading out of one written sentence does not really constitute a speech. It will be seen that we have relied heavily, too heavily, on Martienssen as a main speaker, and while he is to be thanked and congratulated, we should also like to see support from more members of the Sixth Form other than our "regulars".

P.J.B.

JUNIOR STAMP CLUB NOTES

Thinking back on this winter season, the saying that "if the mountain won't go to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain" springs to mind, if only in a jumbled fashion. Owing to the epidemic at the end of the spring term it was deemed wiser to cancel the customary visit to Stampex, a disappointment somewhat mitigated by the fact that we had been able to borrow and mount an Exhibition from the Stamp Collecting Promotion Council in the autumn term. The attendance of some seventy or so boys at the Exhibition shows that Stamp Collecting is still as popular a hobby as ever, and is further borne out by the demands at the School Post Office for the Commemorative Issues recently produced by the G.P.O. In this connection it is hoped that a contribution amounting to about four pounds will be raised for the Red Cross when their commemorative issue appears in the middle of August.

R.B.P.

HANDICRAFT HOBBIES

The Junior aero-modelling club attracted more than sixty boys. All were admitted to discuss any problems, choice of aircraft, and facilities for their construction. It was soon learned that general guidance, and occasional help in the use of tools in the workshops

when necessary was required, rather more than accommodation to construct these models — in this way all boys were assisted; the same assistance will be available this year.

The "Do it Yourself" kits are easy to understand and fully comprehensive — boys would do well to attempt one of the simple aircraft such as the "Frog", "Spitfire" or "Hurricane", to gain experience in construction, before embarking on the more expensive engine-propelled models. It must be remembered that airworthiness depends essentially on sound construction, and although flying may be more exciting, its success depends on patience and skill of good craftsmanship. All that is required to enable this work to be done in the Houses is a thick piece of lino, 18 in. by 12 in. for a cutting base, brown paper or double thickness of newspaper to protect the table or bench top, and the prescribed cutting knife. It is most dangerous to improvise with open razor blades.

In the senior groups this year, emphasis was on School equipment; sports gear cabinets, designed and made, featured prominently, two of these were provided for each House : apparatus stands for the science department, and a Communion table for the Free Church chapel, were other useful projects.

G.R.M.

THE LIFE-SAVING CLUB

The year has been quite a successful one, the School being placed second in the All England Excellence Trophy for 1962. The most outstanding individual successes were by H. C. L. Allaway, who gained the School's first full Instructor's Certificate and an Award of Merit. Awards of Merit were also achieved by N. L. Green, S. J. Filce and D. W. Leech.

The new techniques and higher demands on stamina required by the Royal Life Saving Society's new hand book present an added challenge to those who would fit themselves for action in an emergency. It is hoped that those who already hold awards will come forward and retake them under the new syllabus during 1964. Those who do so will find the new work most stimulating.

The pass list for the School year 1962-63 is as follows :

Intermediate Certificates: J. W. Morrow, P. Morrow, P. Worcester, L. Punter, M. J. Harrison, D. Lomax, A. R. Curson, D. F. Eaton, C. S. Colman, R. Lewington, P. J. Collins, B. D. Cressey, I. Green, J. M. Evans, S. Webster, A. Stutt, N. A. Mansell, M. J. Neale, K. R. Morley, M. J. Fraser, N. H. Conway, D. J. Cork, M. D. Woodhams, D. L. Hadley, A. A. Kennett, R. S. Pratt, M. J. Paul, S. Gatehouse, C. C. Wren, K. D. Jackson, M. F. Ryan, N. R. Gardiner, P. R. Gander, K. Wyatt, A. S. Dawson, I. S. Bailey, A. G. Cook, J. S. Hirst, B. S. Findlay, E. Wright, J. R. Dick, J. E. Thompson, P. T. Gallichan, C.P.D. Hillen.

Bronze Medallions and bars: J. Wilson, C. R. Harris, C. Baker, D. C. Graeme, A. A. Kennett, N. R. Colls, A. Deadman, D. W.

Leech, J. Horan, J. J. Thompson, J. Lee, T. C. Hipkins, A. S. Dawson, G. C. Morgan, P. J. Jenkin, A. Deadman, M. A. Petty, A. C. Brewster, J. B. Haynes, C. D. Nicholls, I. R. J. Hunt, N. L. Green, S. J. Filce, P. Evans, P. C. Stobbart, D. E. F. Eaton, C. V. Palmer.

Bronze Cross: J. Wilson, C. R. Harris, P. J. Jenkin, J. Horan, P. J. Thompson, A. Deadman, M. A. Petty, I. Hunt, S. J. Filce.

Award of Merit: H. C. L. Allaway, S. J. Filce, D. W. Leech, N. L. Green.

Instructor: H. C. L. Allaway.

S.G.

PRINTING CLUB

In the summer of 1962, Mr. Heriz-Smith regrettably left for a new school. He had been the originator of the School printing club, and through his efforts and enthusiasm had built it into an interesting and active School society. In the autumn we welcomed the new art master, Mr. Brooke. He was extremely interested in our society, and along with the senior members, Eccleston and Knott, continued it on a firm basis, and the Carol Service pamphlet was again successfully produced.

At the beginning of the spring term, the club received quite a set-back because of the building of the new classroom block. The trouble was that there was no place for the club to work, and this resulted in the temporary disbanding of it for the whole term.

With this disbanding and the leaving of Eccleston, it seemed possible that the club might permanently disappear but for the great encouragement of Mr. Brooke: in the summer the presses rolled again! The club was given a spacious room in the new block, and fresh members joined, bringing the number of boys to a new maximum for the club. During the term, we printed a new gay-coloured Speech Day programme, as well as a number of smaller items.

Now with new members learning, and a permanent printing room, the future of the club for 1964 seems, under Mr. Brooke's expert guidance, set for new and greater achievement.

K.F.K.

THE C.C.F. ANNUAL INSPECTION

The annual inspection this year was carried out by the assistant to the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral P. J. Hill-Norton.

On his arrival, the admiral, accompanied by Colonel Cockerell, the area C.C.F. commander, was conducted by Commander Lamb to the parade-ground, where the contingent was assembled.

Following a brief but thorough inspection, the admiral was escorted to the saluting-base, where he was introduced to the C.C.F. officer-instructors; then he proceeded to take the salute at the march-

past. On its completion, the parade gathered round the saluting-base, from which the admiral delivered his address.

Following the parade, the admiral went on a tour of the various naval-section classes under instruction. This also included a visit to the Seamanship branch and camping store. Then the admiral went to the creek, where, unfortunately, owing to adverse weather conditions, which resulted in the cancellation of all sailing, he was unable to see the competence with which the sailing crews can handle their craft. He was, however, greatly impressed by the School's new boat-house.

After a visit to the contingent's Duke of Edinburgh's Award candidates, the admiral completed his tour of inspection with a brief viewing of the Basic section's activities. This enabled him to see the younger cadets being prepared for their future role in the Naval division.

On the parade-ground, in the class-rooms and on the rifle-range, the admiral was favourably impressed by the ability, smartness, bearing and, above all, enthusiasm with which the cadets executed their various tasks.

R.E.S.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

Once again the annual Arduous Training Camp under the auspices of the C.C.F. was convened at Horner Valley near Porlock in Somerset. This year eighteen cadets and four officers attended, one officer and three cadets unfortunately being unable to attend for various reasons.

The machinery of the C.C.F. camping store was set in motion early enough for all equipment to be loaded into the three-ton lorry (lent by the Army) which was to transport it to the camping site, in advance of the main party of campers which travelled straight from School via London with Lt. Tilzey in charge.

Our advance party made up of Cmdr. Lamb, Lt. Horne, Sub-Lt. Taylor and Cadets Rennie, Rensome, O'Brien and Barwood, travelled in the three-tonner to Shereford Camp, Taunton, where they spent the night, leaving next morning to prepare the camp site in readiness for the arrival of the main party the following afternoon.

When the main party had arrived, "bumped" Rennie and had some hot stew they changed into hiking kit (donning anoraks, water-proof trousers, anklets and boots) and the separate patrols made off in various directions to make a short "recce" of the surrounding area, which is well known for its beauty. This was the preface to many hikes which were to be undertaken during the following week.

The weather was extremely variable. During the course of the week we saw sunshine, mist, rain and we even had one blizzard which gave the patrols an opportunity to show their initiative, as they had to cook in it. Two patrols cooked under a bridge, whilst another

made a makeshift but effective shelter with their capes slung between trees.

The hikes gradually built up in length and culminated in a 36 hour trek with one bivvy and with full packs. Later, we returned and were deposited at the roadside and told to make our own way back to Lt. Tilzey's excellent cuisine and Lt. Horne's roaring and comforting fire.

We would like to thank most gratefully the officers who made the camp possible, and all those concerned with its arrangement and supplies of gear.

J.B. and R.E.S.

*[The annual C.C.F. Camp was held at Middleton, near Bel-
ford, Northumberland, on part of the Greenwich Hospital Estates,
from 30th July to 7th August, 1963. Good weather was enjoyed for
most of this period, but on Sunday, 4th August, the river near which
the camp was situated rose 3 feet in 3 hours! A more detailed
account of the camp will appear in the next number of this maga-
zine.]*

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO AWARD CENTRES IN IPSWICH:

Opening of New Boathouse by Rear Admiral Beloe

The boys returned for the start of the summer term on 2nd May, and immediately settled down to prepare for a busy term. The new Boathouse had been completed and on 14th May Rear Admiral Beloe, Flag Officer, Medway, came to carry out the opening ceremony. The boys were drawn up in the Boathouse pen, with the Guard and Band paraded on the roadway adjacent to the Boathouse. The Admiral, who was accompanied by the Director of Greenwich Hospital (Mr. H. D. Samuel) and the Headmaster (Mr. N. A. York), was greeted with full ceremony and inspected the Guard and Band. The Director then called on him to open the Boathouse and a ceremonial key was handed to the Admiral for this purpose. Rear Admiral Beloe afterwards proceeded through the Boathouse to the pen where he addressed the School and expressed appreciation that, despite being involved in a heavy programme of expenditure (the modernization of kitchens and addition of new classrooms, both of which had been completed recently, and extensive modification of the Boarding Houses due to begin shortly), the Board had nevertheless been able to give their sanction to the building of this new Boathouse, so emphasizing the importance which they attached to the activities which spring from it. The encouragement of sailing and boating activities amongst the boys was a part of the general aim to foster and develop their self-reliance, a quality generally desirable in all boys and particularly in those from the Royal Hospital School who, in many cases, made the Services their career.

Admiral Beloe then inspected the new boats and other boats which had been drawn up on the slipway and called upon the boys

to launch them, before going afloat himself in the School's motor cutter for a run on the river Stour, where he watched the School whalers, Fireflies, and 14 ft. R.N.S.A. dinghies sailed and handled by the boys. The addition of the new Boathouse will be a great asset and permit this pleasant pastime to develop more rapidly: it is hoped very shortly that the School will also have its own canoeing section.

At the end of May a large section of the boys who were participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, put on a Display in Ipswich for the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh to the county, together with others from both east and west Suffolk. This event was held at Thurleston Modern School, Ipswich, in glorious weather. The Scheme — which is a personal challenge from the Duke of Edinburgh to any boy or girl to measure himself or herself against standards at each stage of award — was well displayed and all sections of this competition were seen by the Duke during the afternoon. Boys competing for their Silver Award, and also some for the coveted Gold Award, were fortunate enough to talk to the Duke who was especially interested in all their activities. He told the boys that he had, in fact, flown over the Royal Hospital School and had had a particularly fine view of it. It is hoped that being able to participate on this memorable occasion, will spur the boys to even greater achievements in this Award Scheme.

J.R.L.

Since these notes were written Rear-Admiral Beloe has been promoted to Vice-Admiral.

SHOOTING

This year has seen few School competitions. There were three main matches, namely: "The Country Life Postal Shooting Competition", The School versus the Duke of York's School, and The School versus the Old Boys.

Our "B" team did very well in winning the "Country Life Cup" with a score of 926, using sights as issued, and a .22 match rifle to go with it. The "A" team, though not so successful did well to finish 47th out of 270 teams competing.

In our match against the Old Boys we drew with 294 points each. We lost narrowly against the Duke of York's.

There was a friendly match between the Arts Sixth Form and the Science Sixth, in which the Arts beat the Science by 389 points to 360. I hope this will become an annual fixture.

The winners of this year's shooting medals for the most consistent marksmen were Andrews and Hallett, both of Cornwallis.

On behalf of the shooters both in School and House teams I would like to thank Mr. Coombes for giving up so many of his free afternoons and morning breaks to coach us. We hope that in future years he will have more time officially allotted to him for

coaching the team in order to retain the "Country Life Cup", and gain us a name throughout the shooting world.

D.H.

SPORTS RESULTS, 1962-1963

1st XV RUGBY, 1962

Played 12, won 6, lost 5, drawn 1 ; 129 for, 93 against.

From the above record it may be seen that this season we were exactly as successful as last year, except that this time the points total was in our favour.

The season started well with three successive victories one of which was a 31 to 3 victory over an Ipswich School "A" XV. This is likely to be a full first XV fixture in the future.

Our fourth game, also our first home game, was against the Duke of York's School, Dover. They won 11 to 8. Of all the matches we lost, this, surely, was the one we should have won. A bit more determination to win wouldn't have done us any harm, although we were unlucky not to score near the end of the game.

The only team to gain a substantial number of points against us was St. Joseph's College, who won 22 to 0. This was the only match in which we were beaten forward, and here again lack of spirit was evident.

The last game of the term was against the Old Boys, who won 9 to 0. Our thanks must go again to their organiser and leader, N. E. Ward, who brought with him a very keen, confident and fit team.

Regular members of the team were : Seaburne-May (Capt), McLennan (Vice-Capt.), Barwood, McGill, Cook, Waterson, Allen, Goodridge, Rennie, Lear, Smith, Swift, Leech, White and Evans. Colours were awarded to : Seaburne-May, Swift, McGill, Goodridge, Waterson, Cook and Leech, and re-awarded to McLennan and Barwood.

J.R.S.-M.

SPECIAL MATCH REPORT

R.H.S. 8, Duke of York's R.M.S. 11 (at Home)

On the whole it would be fair to say that this game was lost by lack of self-confidence on the part of our team. Only in the last quarter of an hour of the game did they seem to realise that a win was not only possible but, given real determination, probable — but by then it was too late.

This generalisation is particularly true of our forwards, who were on top for most of the game, yet unaccountably failed to press their advantage home. Possibly this lack of drive was the result of the Duke of York's early penalty and breakaway try, which may have given them a psychological advantage in the first half — but no

team with real determination should allow itself to be discouraged so early on in a game.

The Duke of York's three-quarters were very good — they ran well and moved the ball along a steep line; as a result of our superiority in the scrum they did not get much chance to shine, but the few opportunities they had were well taken. One piece of sheer bad luck from our point of view was McLennan's penalty kick, which hit the cross-bar and rebounded.

There was not a great deal of attractive open rugby to be seen in this year's game, but this was not so much the result of any lack of initiative or ability, as of the excellent cover defence both teams produced throughout the game.

SPECTATOR.

2nd XV.

We had a much better season this year, winning seven games out of eleven. Of the games we lost, one was to Endsleigh 1st XV and the other to Ganges 1st XV, whom we then proceeded to beat 22—0 at home.

At the beginning of the season the combination was ragged, but as the term progressed the team settled down. The forwards developed into a thoroughly efficient pack, especially in the last few games. They were well led by the vice-captain, I. Hayles. The backs' attacking play developed well in the last few games, and there were some good moves in the last match against Ganges at home.

A.M.

3rd XV.

Played 9, won 8, lost 1; 169 for, 22 against.

This season has proved to be highly successful. Nine matches were played, and after the first two matches no points were conceded.

This success was undoubtedly due to the *esprit de corps* and relentless determination of the whole team.

Although our team has been changed on numerous occasions to supply the 2nd XV a sound nucleus has always remained. The boys who have played are: Chapman, Flexman, Kemp, Lemon, Carnochan, Hallett, Woodhill, Harmer, Palmer, Parker, De Neumann, Kane, Huckerby, Howe, Grant, Funnell, Wright, Holley, Gick and Arnold.

T.S.W.

Colts XV.

The team had a very successful season as a result of the ability and power play of a heavy and extremely mobile pack, aided by the thrustfulness of the halves and the general competence of the backs.

The first three matches, all resulting in comfortable victories, gave the side a chance to settle down. The pack, at first very individualistic, began to knit together and work as a unit. The backs,

given majority possession, quickly settled into a rhythm which produced many delightful three-quarter movements and ever-welcome tries.

The match against the Duke of York's lived up to its reputation and produced a tough and hard-fought battle. From the first whistle the packs joined in the fight for ascendancy in the tight and loose, gradually the School pack got on top, and then, as they supplied the backs regularly with the ball, we saw some very enterprising and intelligent play by Russell, at stand-off, and Hearne, in the centre, which twice resulted in tries, scored by Robbins. Both tries were converted. The Duke of York's scored with a penalty goal.

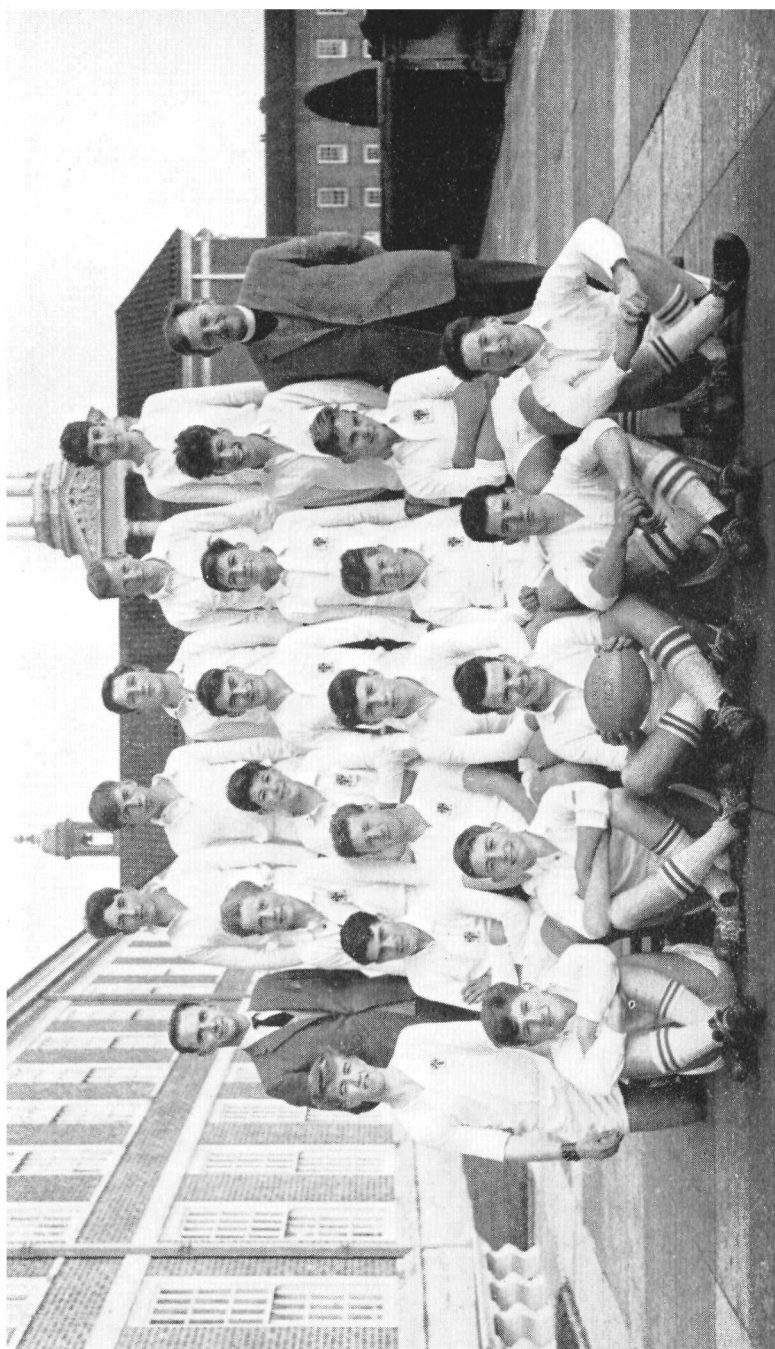
The team followed this victory with a runaway win against Langley School, and a most competent and workmanlike win over our near neighbours Woolverstone. The next match proved the side's real worth, for although they lost to Copleston Secondary Modern School 1st XV, after a really exciting and enthralling match, by 11 to 6, they received extremely high praise and congratulations on their spirit, keenness, high standard of play, and refusal to accept defeat until the final whistle.

The two games against Bishop Stortford and Ipswich produced comfortable victories, yet again, but they were poor in quality by comparison with earlier matches. The pack took time to warm up and lacked its real fire and dominance, and the backs rarely looked like the penetrating and thrustful attacking force they had been.

When St. Joseph's college visited us the air was tense with excitement, for both sides were unbeaten by under-15 Colts sides and St. Joseph's had the impressive points tally of 342 points for and 40 against, in eight matches. The match did not turn out to be the thriller everyone had expected nor did it produce rugby of outstanding quality — though there were flashes of brilliance from both sides — but rather it showed the tenseness of two sides trying to retain their unbeaten records. The School won, through the superiority of the pack and one of the best drop goals I have ever seen, coolly kicked by Russell when he was hemmed in by opponents.

In commenting on the players after such a season I must first thank all of them for their co-operation, their unflagging efforts in matches, and their team spirit. It is unfortunate that all cannot be named in these notes, for all have played their parts. The pack, very ably led by Hathway, was the unit around which success was built. The power-house of this unit was the second row of Lewis and Hathway, and the number eight, Claxton. Playing competently in all phases of the tight and loose, covering well in defence, backing up in attack, developing South African style passing among themselves and with the threes — with all these qualities and their sound line-out play they made it very difficult for opponents to get the better of them even for a short spell in the game. Thomas and Trimboy deserve mention for their good work in defence.

White, converted to scrum half, developed well throughout the



COLTS RUGBY 1962

Back Row (left to right): J. Hearne, I. Hunt, D. Robbins, J. Kimpton, B. Williams, 2nd Row: Mr. K. Chapman, R. Trimbo, M. Balster, R. Aldridge, D. Andrews, R. Fimmore, Rev. J. Holland, 3rd Row: C. Thomas, I. Russell, G. Lewis, M. Claxton (captain), C. White, J. Hathway. Front Row: R. Pratt, L. Howes, K. Grabbe, J. E. Robson, D. Dickinson.

season. He has a rugby brain and should do well in this position. He struck up a useful partnership with Russell (a natural fly half with very safe hands indeed, a cool tactical mind, an eye for the opening, and the ability to develop it with a rapier-like thrust), who was the brains behind the attack. Russell had his bad matches, but usually redeems his reputation with one excellent movement or tactic at just the right moment—but he must not neglect defence when his team is on top.

The threes worked well as a unit. Aldridge used his speed to good account but developed a tendency, late in the season, to “stop” when confronted by an opponent. Hearne shows promise as a centre but hangs on to the ball too long and is greedy—he should have more confidence in the rest of the line. Andrews, at full back, had a good season, fielding and kicking well, and his tackling was of the highest standard. Injury prevented his playing in all matches, but Williams proved a very able deputy. Claxton captained the side well both on and off the field.

The side has one great weakness—it will not fall on the loose ball. But it does have much potential for the future and I would like to thank earlier handlers of this group for the knowledge they have imparted and the enthusiasm they have helped to create.

Finally, congratulations to Claxton and Andrews on their availability and their selection to play for Suffolk against Norfolk. Claxton has been appointed captain—well done!

Summary of the Season

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1; Points for 188, Points against 19

DETAILS

Opponents	Results	Points for	Points against
Culford School Colts	Won	22	0
Felixstowe G.S. Colts	Won	22	0
Northgate G.S. Colts	Won	24	0
Duke of Yorks School Colts, Dover	Won	10	3
Langley School Colts, Norwich	Won	40	0
Woolverstone Hall Colts	Won	18	0
Copleston Sec. Modern 1st XV	Lost	6	11
Bishops Stortford Colts	Won	17	0
St. Joseph's College Colts ...	Won	11	5
Ipswich School Colts	Won	18	0
Colchester Royal G.S. Colts	Cancelled		

Team selected from : Full backs — D. Andrews,* B. Williams; 3s — J. Robson, M. Aldridge,* J. Hearne, D. Robbins, L. Howes, D. Dickinson; Halves — I. Russell,* C. White,* J. Kimpton; Forwards — K. Crabbe,* M. Balster,* R. Pratt, R. Finnimore,* C. Thomas,* J. Hathaway (packleader),* G. Lewis,* R. Trimboy,* M. Claxton (captain),* I. Hunt, B. Verow, D. Young.

*Awarded Colts Colours 1962.

K.P.W.C.

Under 14 Rugby, Spring Term 1963

"There came both frost and snow" — and on only two occasions were the U14 XV able to display their talents to a meagre, frozen public. This was unfortunate, for the side showed as much talent forward (and a good deal more in the backs) as the highly successful side of 1962.

A very enthusiastic set braved freezing weather conditions to practise, and in their first game, against a very weak Endsleigh side, piled up the points as they wished. The feature of this game was the way in which forwards and backs combined quickly in the open to create extra opportunities, and the ball was thrown about in a most gratifying manner. Against St. Joseph's the opposition was far more powerful, and in a game whose fortunes swung first one way and then the other, R.H.S. managed to produce a very late extra effort to win. The forwards dominated the line-outs and set scrums, but the ball came away too slowly for the backs to set up the attacks which had been so decisive against Endsleigh.

In both games the play in the loose of Bond, Henty, Day, Coleman and Latham was excellent, while the scrum as a unit quickly showed good combination. The backs ran very hard, inspired by the example of the captain, Taylor, and Callan and Butler, the inside halves, combined well from the start.

The side should develop its undoubted potential this coming season to be one of the School's most successful Colts XV's.

A.A.H.

Junior Rugby, Spring Term

Because of adverse ground conditions and prolonged illness no inter-House competitions were held and only five inter-school games were played in all. Of these the U13 XV played three, winning two and losing one, and the U14 XV played two, winning both of them.

Both teams showed an ability to move the ball from hand to hand in the open spaces which augers well for upper School three-quarter play in a year or two.

G.A.R.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1st XI Soccer

Played 8, won 3, drawn 1, lost 4; 28 for, 23 against.

The arctic weather conditions which started in December continued through January and February and as a consequence the first six fixtures had to be cancelled. The first game was played on March 2nd; by this time, however, the School was in the throes of an epidemic, and in the eight games played a full strength team was never fielded. Despite these setbacks the team had some very encouraging games, especially against Maldon, a Staff XI and Stowmarket. It was an extremely keen side with a fine nucleus for the coming season. The attack was consistent throughout the season, and the defence, although worse off than the attack through

illness, settled down after a weak start to the season. Colours were awarded to Horton (Ral) — goalkeeper, Rapley (Dk) — right-back, Barwood (Hd) — left back, Trimboy (Blk) — outside-left, Smith (Hk) — inside-left, Lear (Hd) — centre-forward and Dunn (Howe) — outside-right.

N.S.S.

2nd XI Soccer

Because of the epidemic during the term, many of the 2nd XI players represented the 1st XI. It was, therefore, impossible to turn out a satisfactory team and all fixtures were cancelled.

D.H.

Colts XI Soccer

Played 5, won 2, drawn 1, lost 2.

Last year was the worst soccer season for many years. For the first half of the season snow, ice and frost made match play impossible. A start was eventually made in March and convincing victories were gained over Maldon G.S. by 4—0 and over Leiston G.S. by 5—1.

Then the second hazard struck — an epidemic. For the next 3 matches, the team was well below strength and one draw and two defeats resulted.

It was a great pity that illness should have kept out four or five regular players, for the team were playing good football and moving well together. Outstanding was Claxton at centre-half. He was well supported in defence by Farr and Burton, a steady pair of full-backs, and Russell and Baxter at half-back.

In attack White was always working hard and Hearne, until his illness, proved to be a forceful centre-forward. The most improved player was Lawton, who developed into a useful winger, for his crosses frequently threatened danger to any hesitant defence.

Although the team was frequently changed, team spirit was always there, and the players, including reserves, are to be congratulated on their efforts.

B.J.H

Under 14 XI

Played 9, won 7, lost 1, drawn 1.

The team consisted of C. Martin, T. Booth, T. Cree, G. Cook, P. Jenkin (captain), J. Henty, B. Cockings, T. Durston, P. Hosford, S. Butler and A. Taylor. The following also played: F. Bond, T. Phillips.

It was a successful season as a result mainly of the coaching and stamina training of Mr. Titcombe.

The hardest game in the season was against Chafford, although we won 7—2. Two Colts' players, Claxton and Trimboy, were brought into the team because Chafford's age group was older than

our own. The game was played in pouring rain and this, together with the rough play, made it a match to remember.

P.J.

Under 13 XI

Played 10, won 6, drawn 1, lost 3; 28 for, 23 against.

The team started well and had it not been for injuries to two key players, Donaldson and Cornwall, would have had a very successful season.

Harvey, Dingwall and Sutton played well in defence. C. Smith, Tomkins and McGarvey were the outstanding forwards.

The following boys also played: Rowling, P. C. Smith, Grant, Cullen and Presley.

C.S.

Under 12 XI

Played 6, won 1, lost 5.

It is clear from the above results that the team did not have a successful season in the usual sense of the word, but it was at all times most successful in showing a good team spirit and enthusiasm.

All members of the team will remember with pleasure the last game of the season, in which it looked for a long time as though the run of defeats was going to be continued. However, in the extra time the School team scored the only goal of the match.

The team was selected from the following: McGuire (captain for two games and vice-captain for four), Williams (vice-captain for two games and captain for four), Willsher, Marriott, Cutler, K. Smith, Trimboy, Digby, Roughley, Traynor, Peel, Ralph, Evans, Bond, Urwin, and P. A. Smith.

Mr. Morris, who has now left, is to be thanked for his able coaching and unfailing support and enthusiasm throughout the year.

A.N.O.

SOCCER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

An epidemic and severe weather conditions, during the spring term, prevented the Senior League and K.O. competition from being played. However, a Seven-a-Side K.O. Competition was arranged and was so successful that it will continue as an annual competition.

Results: 1st Hawke, 2nd Hood, 3rd Raleigh, 4th Anson, 5th Howe, 6th Drake, 7th Blake, 8th Nelson, 9th Cornwallis, 10th Collingwood, 11th St. Vincent.

The Junior Inter-House League was won by Drake. St. Vincent finished second, Hawke third and Hood fourth. In the Junior K.O. final Hood were worthy winners, defeating Raleigh by three goals to one.

Junior K.O. Competition — final positions: 1st Hood, 2nd Raleigh, 3rd Drake, 4th Hawke, 5th Collingwood, 6th Nelson, 7th

St. Vincent, 8th Howe, 9th Cornwallis, 10th Blake, 11th Anson.
C.S.

LAWN TENNIS, 1963

In these notes last year the best season for tennis was recorded, but this year has proved even better.

The first team started by making only one change from last season, J. Willson (Howe) coming in for T. Woodhill (Blake) who had left. Thus the team consisted of R. Finnimore (Anson) and K. Dunn (Howe); S. Goodridge (Anson) and J. Willson; and A. Housden (Hood) and W. Perry (Cws.). The competition for places quickly became very keen and J. Hough (Hood) and C. Thomas (Howe) won regular places as a third, and sometimes second, pair. The top pair remained unchanged and unchallenged, both Finnimore and Dunn eventually winning their School Colours. The Captain, S. Goodridge was also awarded Colours.

A notable record was achieved in the annual match against the staff on Whit Monday, the boys winning by 13 sets to 11. Four pairs took part and it was the success of the School fourth pair which proved decisive. This is the first victory of the boys over the staff and it was well deserved and applauded.

This was a season of records, as the Colts VI were unbeaten. They beat Colchester R.G.S. twice, and Everton House School, and drew with Northgate G.S. The stalwarts of the team were H. Rowles (Hood) and P. Lewington (Hood), who had a most successful season.

The Suffolk Inter-Schools Tournament was again held on the School courts, and six schools competed. The evening, in early July, was a beautiful one and came after some weeks of indifferent weather, which, however, had enabled the courts to recover and be in excellent condition. Northgate Grammar School, thanks largely to two County pairs, again came out on top with R.H.S. second — then came St. Joseph's College, Woolverstone Hall, Felixstowe Grammar School and the Civic College.

The Inter-House competitions proved to be unique and set up yet another record. The same two Houses appeared in both finals and the "double" was achieved by Hood. In the Lloyd Cup, senior competition, they defeated the more fancied Howe side. The turning point was the win by the School Colts pair, Rowles and Lewington, over C. Thomas (1st VI) and D. Dickinson (Colts VI) in the deciding set. The only players in the finals who had not played for a School team were those in the singles, where A. Lear (Hood) defeated R. Thompson (Howe) quite easily. In the Junior competition Hood proved altogether too strong.

The Singles Competition again attracted keen early season interest, but not activity, and difficulty was experienced in persuading the more senior boys to play their matches; thus a tight schedule of matches had to be arranged, and rushed through, in the last week of term! D. Evans (St. V.), the holder, won again, but only

by a narrow margin, from K. Dunn (Howe). The juniors played well and regularly and a semi-final line-up showed three Hood boys to one from Blake. However, A. Cook (Blake) successfully held off the challenge and won an evenly contested final, by beating C. Martin in three sets.

In the Suffolk v. Norfolk County Under 15 matches, the School was well represented. Four boys played at R.H.S. and three in Norwich, where the matches were re-arranged as an U16 fixture. Those concerned were C. Thomas, P. Lawton, H. Rowles and J. Hough at Holbrook and R. Finnimore, K. Dunn and J. Hough in Norwich.

A County Junior Coaching Course was held on the School courts after the end of term, and the Suffolk L.T.A. expressed its grateful thanks for the use of the excellent facilities.

More boys than ever received regular coaching this season, in addition to those in the School Club. The help of Mr. G. Tilzey and Mr. R. M. Edwards is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Finally, we should like to express our appreciation to the ground staff for the maintenance of the courts throughout the season.

W.E.C.

BOXING, 1962-63

The autumn term was devoted almost entirely to the House Boxing Championships. There was a total entry of 165 boys, and after some very keen competition, Anson became the Champion House with 53 pts. Runners-up were Hood House with 49 pts.

The spring term saw the start of the National Championships, and from an entry of 24 boys, eleven became Suffolk Champions. These eleven went on to represent the Suffolk Schools in a match against the Norfolk Schools at Yarmouth, where three of them were defeated. The next round of the Championships was the Eastern Regional Finals, and only four of our boys survived this stage of the tournament.

Of these four, two were unable to compete in the National Quarter-Finals, being victims of the virus infection which affected so many boys in the School at that time and the remaining two were defeated.

A.J.C.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Our season began at the end of the autumn term. We had our usual competition with H.M.S. Ganges, which took place on their course. The team we fielded was young, but we had very good results. O'Brien came first, while J. Loveday ran very well to finish second. Our team won by 28—50 points. At the beginning

of the spring term a return race was held on our own course. Again we were successful :

1. R.H.S. "A" team 29 pts.
2. Ganges "A" team 59 pts.
3. R.H.S. "B" team 106 pts.
4. Ganges "B" team 127 pts.

Conditions for running were bad at this time but training had to go on. In the match against Linton Village Colleges our under 13s lost 28—54 pts., but our under 15s made up for this, by providing the first three home in their race and winning the team event by 39—44 pts. This trio, again J. Loveday, B. Loveday and Cook, with the help of Hettle, provided the first four home in the under 15 group against Copleston and Chantry Schools. The team event was also won by them, while the under 13s came second in their group. Pitcher was placed second. The E. Suffolk Schools Area Championships were held at East Bergholt this year. Out of 8 teams our team came first with 32 pts. Four of our boys went on to the Schools County Championships at Bury-St.Edmunds on March 2nd. Three boys, J. Loveday, P. Cook, and Hettle gained places in the county team. Our fourth representative, B. Loveday, unfortunately was unable to run, owing to illness. A week before this, in the Suffolk County Championships, our under 16 team beat 12 other teams and thus won the championship. B. Loveday won the individual event while N. Smith came second. In our match against King Edward VIth G.S., Soham G.S. and Newport G.S. our under 15 team came second, while our over 15 team came fourth. The last event of the season was the Schools National Championship held at Coventry. J. Loveday came 42nd, Hettle 125th and P. Cook 132nd, out of a field of four hundred. N. S. Smith, B. Loveday, J. Loveday, R. Hettle and P. Cook were awarded School half-colours.

I think, in view of the weather conditions, it has been a most successful cross-country season. It is unfortunate that the Inter-House competitions could not be held, because of illness in the School.

T.E.O'B.

[*Unfortunately, O'Brien, School Cross Country champion and Captain, sustained a leg injury early in the term and so was unable to represent us in any of the major competitions. His presence was sadly missed but I trust that he will now go on to succeed in more senior cross-country. — G.A.R.*]

CRICKET

1st XI

Played 10, won 2, lost 4, drawn 4, abandoned 1.

Best batting — M. Holley scored 251 runs for an average of 27.8. Best bowling — A. F. Lear took 28 wickets, an average of 11.8 runs per wicket.

The 1st XI have had a comparatively poor season, failing to

live up to the promise which they showed in their first few games. The two glaring weaknesses which became more and more evident as the season progressed were, firstly, that the bowlers, whilst setting an off-side field, persisted in bowling down the leg-side, and secondly, the batsmen too often allowed the bad ball to go unpunished.

The team's enthusiasm in the field was very refreshing throughout most of the season, and it is encouraging to think that at last they realise that a run saved is as good as a run scored.

In the team's defence, it should be noted that they were a young side. Indeed, ten of the regular eleven will be available again next season. D. Cook, who came into the 1st XI as wicketkeeper in the middle of last season, proved a competent captain, and the experience which he has gained this year, should prove to be of great value to him in 1964.

A. F. Lear was re-awarded his colours and new awards were made to D. Cook, M. Holley and N. S. Smith. M. Holley, having played in a trial match, was selected to represent the Suffolk Schools in a match against The East Anglian Brigade at Bury-St.-Edmunds, where he scored 18 runs.

It is a pleasant thought that, around the beginning of May next year, ten of this year's first XI, together with several of the present 2nd XI and all of the present Colts XI — some thirty boys in all — will be competing for a place in the 1964 1st XI — truly, a healthy state of affairs.

A.J.C.

BATTING ANALYSIS

Name	Innings	Runs	Not-Out	Average
M. Holley	11	251	2	27.8
N. S. Smith	10	142	1	15.7
L. Green	9	57	5	14.2
A. F. Lear	11	111	2	12.3
R. Trimboy	9	99	1	12.3
M. Waterson	11	86	0	7.8

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average Runs per wkt.
A. F. Lear	128	333	28	11.9
D. Evans	26	73	6	12.1
A. Trimboy	69	155	10	15.5
D. Leech	32	90	4	22.5
M. Holley	17.3	71	3	23.6

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- 9.5.63. R.H.S. 143 for 1 dec.; Ipswich School 2nd XI 54 for 9.
Result — match drawn.
- 18.5.63. R.H.S. 95; St. Joseph's 97 for no wicket.
Result — lost by 10 wickets.
- 25.5.63. R.H.S. 124 for 7 dec.; Stowmarket G.S. 22.
Result — won by 102 runs.
- 1.6.63. R.H.S. 39; Woolverstone Hall 40 for no wicket.
Result — lost by 10 wickets.
- 3.6.63. R.H.S. 146 for 3 dec.; R.H.S. Staff XI 109 for 8.
Result — match drawn.

- 15.6.63. R.H.S. Old Boys XI 132 for 1 dec.; R.H.S. 79.
Result — lost by 53 runs.
- 22.6.63. R.H.S. 106 for 9 dec.; Harwich County H.S. 82 for 4.
Result — match drawn.
- 29.6.63. Langley Park School 145 for 8 dec.; R.H.S. 79 for 8.
Result — match drawn.
- 4.7.63. Felsted 2nd XI 110 for 6 dec.; R.H.S. 83.
Result — lost by 27 runs.
- 13.7.63. R.H.S. 75; Maldon G.S. 27 for 3.
Match abandoned owing to rain.
- 20.7.63. H.M.S. Ganges 64; R.H.S. 68 for 7.
Result — won by 3 wickets.

A.J.C.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a good season, winning two matches, losing two and drawing one. A second XI is very rarely able to field a stable, balanced side, for the demands upon it by the 1st XI rob it of its best players, and they are not always replaced by players of equal use or skill. Hemlin performed well as a makeshift wicket keeper, Hobbs bowled his slow off-breaks well, and Williams showed promise at times with his pace, though, like Evans, he tended to sacrifice direction to speed. Goodridge played a fine innings of 70 not out, and was then taken from us to be of similar value in the 1st XI. Miller, the Captain, played a hard hitting innings of 45, and also took wickets, though as a captain he tended to change his bowlers by rote rather than for any more obvious reason.

A keen, cheerful spirit pervaded their games, and if all was not as technically perfect as one might have wished, the enjoyment and will to win was very evident.

A.A.H.

Colts XI

Played 9, won 5, lost 3, drawn 1.

The Colts had a fairly successful season this year though had their catching been more consistent their record would have been better. Two matches were not won because vital catches were missed and a third could also have been won if the ground fielding and throwing, normally the strength of the team, had not suffered a lapse.

The batting devolved largely on R. Trimboy, when he was not playing for the First XI, and Russell, though Burton, Lanby, Baxter and Balster produced useful scores on occasion. Baxter was the mainstay of the bowling, though he has not yet fully learned the value of accuracy, and he received useful support from Robbins, Abbott and Russell. In a side of excellent fielders Dumbrell, West and Showell were outstanding, and later in the season some good catches were taken though earlier much easier chances had been put down with gay abandon. The search for a wicket-keeper has not yet ended. Lawton could make the grade if he improves his speed of movement and learns to move sideways instead of backwards.

Abbott was developing into a good all-rounder when the term ended.

The chief impression of the season was that, win, lose, or draw, the side enjoyed its cricket and showed a very good spirit. Colours were awarded to R. Trimboy, Russell, Baxter and Abbott.

P.E.N.

U14 XI

Played 7, won 5, drawn 2, lost 0.

The U14 XI has enjoyed a very successful season, being undefeated in 7 matches. Victories were gained over Clacton C.H.S., Stowmarket G.S., Woolverstone, Endsleigh and St. Joseph's, while the matches against Culford School and Woodbridge School were drawn.

Once again Cook has turned in some remarkable bowling performances. His 8 for 11 (including the hat-trick) against St. Joseph's College earned him an inscribed ball to mark the occasion. Taylor, Martin and Latham all batted well. Butler, the captain, struggled to find his true form, and in the final match he made an impressive 32 not out. Probably the most improved player was Durston. His 25 at Culford saved the game and on other occasions his batting proved to be very sound. In addition, he should develop into a useful off-spinner and an excellent cover-point. The fielding of the whole team was generally of a very high standard.

All in all the good performances augur well for the future as several of the team are likely to stay at school to take 6th form subjects. Finally, I hope that everyone will not rest on their laurels, but will try to improve on the impressive record next season.

B.J.H.

U13 XI

The U13 XI had a fairly successful season, winning three out of five matches and losing the other two.

We started with two good wins against Clacton High School and Felixstowe, in which Gainey had two very good innings. Then we were defeated by four runs in an exciting match against Woolverstone Hall. A feature of this match was an aggressive knock by Goldfinch which nearly snatched victory.

After a dismal performance against Northgate the season ended with a good win against St. Joseph's, where Lomax batted well.

The team was chosen from the following boys: Harvey (capt.), Beeson (v. capt.), Gainey, Rowling, C. Smith, Donaldson, Goldfinch, Lomax, Woodhams, Dingwall, Jardine, Lloyd, Weeks, Sutton and Wake.

E.G.H.

Under 12 XI

Played 5, won 3, drawn 1, lost 1.

The team enjoyed the season, losing only one of the five games played.

Under the sensible captaincy of Woolf, the side proved to be useful all round. The highlights of the season were an undefeated 30 by Williams and 28 by Morley. Although he did not make a very large score, Warren provide to be a very steady and thoughtful batsman. Martin played very well against St. Joseph's, holding the side together after the collapse of the opening four batsmen.

The bowling was shared mainly by McGuire and Trimby, both proving to be more than useful batsmen.

The following represented the team: Woolf, Digby, Martin, Morley, McGuire, Trimby, Smith, Williams, Clements, Warren, Langridge, Ralph, Traynor, Peel, Hutchinson.

D.H.

CRICKET — HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The new form of draw was adopted for the K.O. Competitions and many keen games were played for the lower positions. St. Vincent had the distinction of reaching both finals. In the Junior competition they lost to Cornwallis by 3 wickets. Jardine (Cws.) took 7 wickets for 9 runs and Goldfinch (Cws.) played a fine innings scoring 27 not out. In the senior competition St. Vincent lost to Collingwood by 34 runs. Collingwood scored 103 for 7 (Russell 35, D. Butler 22). In reply St. Vincent scored 69. (Russell 4 for 23, D. Butler 3 for 9).

Final positions: Junior — 1st Cornwallis, 2nd St. Vincent, 3rd Raleigh, 4th Hood, 5th Howe, 6th Anson, 7th Hawke, 8th Drake, 9th Collingwood, 10th Nelson, 11th Blake. Senior — 1st Collingwood, 2nd St. Vincent, 3rd Hawke, 4th Raleigh, 5th Cornwallis, 6th Drake, 7th Howe, 8th Nelson, 9th Anson, 10th Blake, 11th Hood.

St. Vincent had the consolation of winning both the Junior and Senior Leagues.

C.S.

SWIMMING

The 1962-63 swimming season has been exceptionally successful, in that the School swimming team won four out of five matches. The results given below show much improvement in all the teams. The Water Polo team, under the direction of Mr. Powell, had their best season yet, winning two out of four games.

In the East Suffolk Gala at Stowmarket, we entered for seventeen events, winning fifteen. These fifteen then went on to the County Gala at the Broomhill Baths, Ipswich, and nine boys came out as individual winners — a good achievement.

The Inter-house Swimming was won again by Anson who had a comfortable lead at the end. The Stewart Cup Race, with Mrs. Stewart present for the 21st year in succession, was won for the second time by J. K. Wilson, who did a creditable time, while L. Thomas won the Junior Race.

The following boys were awarded Swimming Colours: J. K.

Wilson (re-award), R. Hide, I. Douglas. Colts : Claxton, Boulton-Lea and Green.

SWIMMING RESULTS

Inter-House Competition:

	Pts.
1st Anson	131
2nd St. Vincent	95
3rd Hawke	71½
4th Collingwood	58½
Blake	55
5th Raleigh	55
7th Hood	52
8th Nelson	47
9th Howe	42
10th Cornwallis	35
11th Drake	32

Individual Results:

	1 length Beginners — N. Marsh (Nelson)	41.8 secs.
U.13	1 length Breast — P. Hilder (Howe)	33.2 secs.†
	1 length Back — T. Forster (Anson)	31.7 secs.
	1 length Free Style — L. Thomas (Howe)	25.8 secs.*
	Diving — T. Dingwall (St. V.)	
	3 x 1 Medley Relay — Nelson	1 min. 41.9 secs.
	†In the heats Hilder broke record	31.6 secs.
	*Record time.	
U.14	1 length Breast — Corwall (Raleigh)	31.1 secs.
	1 length Back — Hipkins (Collingwood)	31.1 secs.
	1 length Free Style — D. Spencer (Anson)	26.6 secs.
	1 length Butterfly — N. Mansell (Anson)	34.2 secs.
	Diving — R. Crockford (Anson)	
	4 x 1 Medley Relay — Collingwood	2 min. 14.0 secs.
U.15	2 lengths Breast — R. Burgess (Anson)	73.0 secs.
	2 lengths Back — V. Lowe (Blake)	62.2 secs.
	2 lengths Free Style — I. Green (Hood)	54.2 secs.
	1 length Butterfly — C. Hearst (Anson)	34.0 secs.
	Diving — R. Burgess (Anson)	
	4 x 1 Medley Relay — Anson	2 min. 7.6 secs.
O.15	3 lengths Breast — R. Hide (Raleigh)	1 min. 49.0 secs.
	3 lengths Back — D. Leech (Raleigh)	1 min. 45.0 secs.
	3 lengths Free Style — J. K. Wilson (Hawke)	1 min 24.8 secs.
	2 lengths Butterfly — I. Douglas (St. Vincent) ...	1 min. 4.3 secs.
	3 x 1 Medley — J. K. Wilson (Hawke)	1 min. 43.4 secs.
	Diving — S. Miles (Raleigh)	
	4 x 1 Medley Relay — St. Vincent	1 min. 55.0 secs.
Open	Plunge — R. J. Taylor (St. Vincent)	57 ft. 9¼ ins.
	6 x 1 Relay — St. Vincent	2 min. 32.5 secs.†
	†In heats St. Vincent broke record with 2 min. 30.4 secs.	

SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

R.H.S. v. Duke of York's R.M.S. Dover, at Holbrook, 19th October, 1962. Result: O.15 — R.H.S. 43; D. of Y. 34. U.15 — R.H.S. 33; D. of Y. 44. Total: R.H.S. 76; D. of Y. 78. Water Polo: R.H.S. 2; D. of Y. 6. Match Records were broken by T. Mansell, Claxton, R. Toase, Boulton-Lea.

R.H.S. v. Ipswich S.C., at Ipswich, 21st May, 1963. Result: O.15 — R.H.S. 40; Ipswich S.C. 25. U.15 — R.H.S. 42; Ipswich S.C. 22. Total: R.H.S. 82; Ipswich S.C. 47.

R.H.S. v. Colchester R.G.S., at Holbrook, 21st June, 1963. Result:

O.15 — R.H.S. 53; Colchester 24. U.15 — R.H.S. 45; Colchester 21. Total: R.H.S. 98; Colchester 45. Water Polo: R.H.S. 3; Colchester 2.

R.H.S. v. Ipswich S.C., at Holbrook, 9th July, 1963. Results: "A" Team — R.H.S. 34; Ipswich S.C. 32. "B" Team — R.H.S. 33; Ipswich S.C. 33. Total: R.H.S. 67; Ipswich S.C. 65. Water Polo: R.H.S. 0; Ipswich S.C. 1. Match Records were broken by Boulton-Lea, R. Hide, J. K. Wilson and 4 x 1 Relay Team.

R.H.S. v. Northgate G.S., at Holbrook, 24th July, 1963. Results: O.15 — R.H.S. 43; Northgate 34. U.15 — R.H.S. 46; Northgate 30. U.13 — R.H.S. 37; Northgate 18. Total: R.H.S. 126; Northgate 82. Water Polo: R.H.S. 3; Northgate 1. Match Records were broken by L. Thomas, Cornwall, Forster, Cobb, Boulton-Lea and Douglas.

P.C.C.

ATHLETICS

The season opened with the sub-area sports, held on two consecutive Wednesdays, the 22nd and 29th May, at Farlingaye School. As a result of these two meetings an area team was selected, which competed in the County Sports at Northgate School on June 15th. Boys placed in the first six in their events at that meeting were as follows :

Juniors	Event	Place	Time or Distance
A. Taylor	440 yards	4th	58.2
B. Loveday	Mile	3rd	4 min. 58.2
J. Loveday	Mile	6th	—
C. Coleman	High Jump	4th	4' 10"
D. Dickinson	Long Jump	2nd	17' 9"
J. Toase	Pole Vault	1st	8' 9"
D. Swords	Pole Vault	4th	—
C. Thomas	Triple Jump	5th	—
M. Claxton	Weight	3rd	40' 3¼"
Intermediate Boys			
D. Leech	100 yards	3rd	11.1
J. de Neumann ...	Discus	4th	123' 4"
R. Swift	Pole Vault	2nd	8' 9"
Senior Boys			
J. Kemp	220 yards	3rd	24.9
J. Seaburne-May ..	440 yards	1st	54.2
T. O'Brien	880 yards	3rd	2 min. 5.4
A. Trimboy	Mile	2nd	4 min. 48.0
D. Harmer	Mile	5th	—
K. Rennie	Long Jump	1st	19' 2"
W. Arnold	Weight	4th	34' 4"
J. Kane	Pole Vault	2nd	9' 0"
A. Miller	Pole Vault	4th	8' 0"

From these boys A. Trimboy and J. Seaburne-May were selected to represent Suffolk at the English Schools Athletic Championships at Chelmsford on 19th and 20th July. T. O'Brien was selected as a reserve. A. Trimboy could not attend because of G.C.E. examinations and J. Seaburne-May was eliminated after the first round.

There were also several inter-school matches during the term, the first of which was a triangular match against St. Joseph's and Chantry.

RESULTS:

Under 13

Chantry — 86 points.
St. Joseph's — 63 points.
R.H.S. — 59 points.

Under 15

St. Joseph's — 72 points.
R.H.S. — 68 points.

The following records were broken :

A. Taylor, 440 yards, 57.3 secs.

J. Toase, Pole Vault, 8' 0".

The next meeting was at H.M.S. Ganges where several schools took part.

RESULTS:

Under 15

St. Joseph's — 83 points.
R.H.S. — 62 points.
Clacton H.S. — 47 points.
Felixstowe G.S. — 20 points.

Under 17

H.M.S. Ganges — 59 points.
R.H.S. — 53 points.
Clacton H.S. — 51 points.
Ipswich — 49 points.
St. Joseph's — 44 points.
Felixstowe G.S. — 21 points.

Under 19

Ipswich — 73 points.
Felixstowe G.S. — 62 points.
R.H.S. — 45 points.

A. Taylor set a new match record for the 440 yards with a time of 56.6 secs.

A week later in another match at H.M.S. Ganges, the result was as follows :

R.H.S. — 98 points.
H.M.S. Ganges — 67 points.

Match records were broken by W. Baker with a time of 17.1 in the 110 yards hurdles; J. de Neumann with a discus throw of 122' 9½", and R. Swift, who put the shot 40' 3½". In the fifteen events R.H.S. took eleven first and ten second places.

The last inter-school match was against Chantry and Copleston Schools, when the aggregate result was :

R.H.S. — 158 points.
Chantry — 140½ points.
Copleston — 138½ points.

Match records were broken as follows :

Under 13

A. Cornwall, 440 yards, 61.0 secs.
J. Goldfinch, Hurdles, 13.2 secs.
N. Darley, Long-Jump, 15' 6¼".
Relay, 54.0 secs.

Under 15

G. Lewis, Weight, 40' 7".
Relay, 50.0 secs.

The School Sports Meeting was postponed from 3rd July until 18th July because of bad weather. Twelve records were set up and are shown below by asterisks.

Under 13

Event	Winner	Time or Distance	Previous record and holder
100 yards	L. Thomas (Hw.)	11.9*	12.2 Aldridge (Hw.) Dickinson (Hw.)
220 yards	L. Thomas (Hw.)	27.6	27.4 Aldridge (Hw.)
440 yards	G. Rivers (Hd.)	69.6	New Event
High Jump	L. Thomas (Hw.)	4' 5½"*	4' 3½" Hosford (Hd.)
Long Jump	N. Cocker (Dk.)	15' 5"*	15' 1½" Aldridge (Hw.)
80 yards Hurdles	J. Rayment (N.)	12.8*	12.9 C. Coleman (Cwd.)
Shot	I. Dingwall (V.)	28' 9"	34' 2½" R. Swift (An.)
Cricket Ball	C. Lord (Hw.)	169' 1"	203' 4" R. Burgess (An.)
4 x 100 yds. Relay	Howe	56.6*	57.1 Howe

Under 14

100 yards	B. Day (Hw.)	11.9	New Event
220 yards	B. Day (Hw.)	27.4	" "
440 yards	R. Heald (Hd.)	64.0	" "
880 yards	A. Cornwall (R.)	2 m. 22.8	" "
80 yards Hurdles	J. Goldfinch (Cws.)	12.8	" "
High Jump	D. Cobb (Dk.)	4' 3½"	" "
Long Jump	J. Munnings (R.)	15' 0½"	" "
Triple Jump	P. Hosford (Hd.)	32' 10"	" "
Discus	D. Gold (R.)	77' 0"	" "
Javelin	J. Stokes (V.)	100' 7"	" "
Shot	B. Day (Hw.)	32' 9"	" "
4 x 100 yds. Relay	Howe	55.3	" "

Under 15

100 yards	D. Dickinson (Hw.)	11.4	11.0 Aldridge (Hw.)
220 yards	A. Taylor (R.)	25.5	24.5 Aldridge (Hw.)
440 yards	A. Taylor (R.)	57.5*	59.0 Taylor (R.)
880 yards	J. Hearne (N.)	2 m. 20.3	2 m. 14 T. O'Brien (Cws.)
1 mile	R. Hettle (Hk.)	5 m. 15.7	New Event
80 yards Hurdles	D. Swords (Hw.)	12.0	11.4 Barwood (Hd.)
High Jump	C. Coleman (Cwd.)	4' 10"	5' 1" Taylor (Hd.)
Long Jump	D. Dickinson (Hw.)	18' 5"	19' 2½" Aldridge (Hw.)
Triple Jump	I. Russell (Cwd.)	36' 0½"*	35' 11¼" I. Russell (Cwd.)
Discus	P. Jenkin (N.)	110' 4½"	113' 8" Swift (An.)
Javelin	D. Showell (Cws.)	124' 6"	128' 2" Robson (Hw.)
Shot	G. Lewis (V.)	38' 4"	39' 8" Swift (An.)
4 x 110 Relay	Drake	52.4	50.6 Howe

Over 15

100 yards	D. Leech (R.)	10.5	10.4 G. Richards (Cwd.)
220 yards	D. Leech (R.)	24.4	23.3 G. Richards (Cwd.)
440 yards	J. Seaburne-May (Hw.)	54.6	53.5 J. Seaburne-May (Hw.)
880 yards	T. O'Brien (Cws.)	2 m. 8.5*	2 m. 8.8 A. Smith (R.)
1 mile	B. Loveday (Cws.)	5 m. 7.7	4 m. 45.0 A. Smith (R.)
110 yards Hurdles	W. Baker (St. V.)	16.4	New Event
High Jump	K. Rennie (Cws.)	5' 1"*	5' 0½" D. Clarke (Cwd.)
Long Jump	K. Rennie (Cws.)	20' 8"*	19' 9½" Rennie (Cws.)
Triple Jump	M. Lemon (Cwd.)	39' 10½"*	37' 9½" Lemon (Cwd.)
Discus	J. de Neumann (N.)	135' 1½"*	127' 0½" Miller (Hk.)
Javelin	K. Williams (Bk.)	143' 8½"	148' 1" Hobbs (Hw.)

Shot	R. Swift (An.)	47' 2''*	44' 0½''	G. Richards (Cwd.)
4 x 110 Relay	Cornwallis	48.2	47.9	Howe
Pole-Vault (non-scoring)	R. Swift (An.)	9' 6''	New Event	

HOUSE POSITIONS

Howe	277
Cornwallis	224
Nelson	190½
Raleigh	190
St. Vincent	181
Drake	173½
Hood	172
Anson and Hawke	156
Blake	145
Collingwood	136

Many of these performances would probably have secured the winner a place in the county team if they had been repeated at the county sports; notably K. Rennie's long jump, R. Swift's shot, and A. Taylor's 440 yards.

Athletic colours were re-awarded to J. Seaburne-May, T. O'Brien and K. Rennie. New awards were made to N. Smith, R. Swift and J. Kemp. Colts colours were awarded to M. Claxton, A. Taylor, D. Dickinson, C. Coleman and J. Toase.

J. R. Seaburne-May (Capt.).

TABLE TENNIS

Inter-House table tennis fixtures were arranged once again on a League, Knock-out and Individual basis.

Unfortunately, the epidemic in the spring term affected this sport as well as the major games and only one team — Howe — reached the final of the knock-out competition, becoming winners by default of the teams in the other half of the draw.

The League and Individual competition, starting earlier in the School year, fared better, Cornwallis winning the League and Goodridge retaining his Individual title by defeating Trimboy by 3 games to 2 in the Final.

The full League results are as follows: 1st Cornwallis 18, 2nd Howe 18, 3rd St. Vincent 16, 4th Drake 16, 5th Anson 12, 6th Hawke 10, 7th Raleigh 8, 8th Blake 6, 9th Hood, Nelson and Collingwood 2.

It can be seen that there was a close struggle at the top of the table, with positions being determined by games average where match points were equal.

G.A.R.

WHALER PULLING

The Whaler Pulling was won by Collingwood after a close race with Nelson.

HOUSE NOTES

ANSON

"Ne Tentes Aut Perfice"

The past year has been, for the House, a year of consolidation and as such it has been a success. At the end of the autumn term we said goodbye to Mr. Walpole, who will be well remembered for his expert cricket coaching. We hope that he enjoyed his stay with us. In his place we welcome Mr. Bryce.

Our success on the playing field has been limited, our best achievement being when we reached the semi-final of the Senior Seven-a-side Soccer competition. Our lack of success was the result of our lack of depth of talent, but there was a maximum effort from all the boys concerned.

In the swimming bath we were much more successful, winning the Swimming Shield for the second year in succession. We also produced a sufficient number of good boxers to win the Boxing Shield. In Basket-ball and Water Polo our efforts went unrewarded owing to unfinished programmes, although in both cases we were well-placed when the competition had to be abandoned.

In the classrooms a marked improvement has been shown by the results of tri-weekly reports, and by comments on the end of term reports. During the year thirteen new boys have joined the House, and twelve boys have left to take up their careers in the outside world. Recently we were pleased to hear of the successes of P. B. Lunberg. In his first year examinations at Liverpool University he gained a First in Mathematics and Top Seconds in Physics and Statistics.

Finally, we are pleased to be able to record the award of a Cranwell Cadetship to D. S. Swift. This is only the second ever in the School's history.

ANSONIAN.

BLAKE

Head of House : C.P.O. D. Harmer.

Badge Boys : P.O.s J. Kane, A. Trimboy, C. Trott, R. Grills.

During the past year, we have kept up our usual high standard of classwork, A. Cook, K. Williams, P. Lawton and D. Peel coming first in their forms. Although we have not achieved notable success in the sporting field, we have maintained a good overall performance. We were represented in the School teams by J. Kane, K. Williams and D. G. Harmer in the Athletics team, R. Trimboy and A. Trimboy in the first and second elevens respectively, P. Lawton, E. Wood and A. J. Dumbrell in the colts, A. Cook and Lloyd in the U13 and Gainey in the U12. A. Cook is to be congratulated on being presented with a trophy from St. Joseph's for getting eight wickets for eleven runs. V. Lowe and I. Tupper were in the School swimming teams. This years we have said goodbye to

A. A. C. Andrews, A. J. Dumbrell and V. Lowe, who join the Royal Navy, and A. Divers and R. McKeever who become Dockyard apprentices. Also taking up service careers are E. Wood and D. M. Statham. Others who leave to take up civilian employment or further education are T. J. Woodhill, D. G. Harmer, J. Kane, A. Burrows, G. Lawton, R. V. Milsted, A. Murphy, I. Holdforth and I. Bell. We wish every success to all of them in their careers. We welcomed Miss McIntosh as our new House matron this year and hope she will have a long and happy stay with us. Mr. Nunn leaves us this term to be replaced by Mr. Cairns as assisting master. We welcome Mr. Cairns and thank Mr. Nunn for all the help and encouragement he has given to us, particularly in our hobbies and leisure time pursuits.

To all joining us and all leaving us we wish every success.

D. G. HARMER.

COLLINGWOOD

"Ferar, Unus Et Idem"

This year has been, without doubt, the most successful year for Collingwood since we won the First Lord's Cup in 1956. This year we finished third in the King's Banner Competition, which is only a just reward for the hard work and enthusiasm of all the boys.

In the last year we welcomed sixteen new boys: R. Elmer, K. Urwin, G. Nicholls, P. Stickley, J. Morrow, P. Morrow, D. Murfitt, J. Graham, K. Bettey, I. Ripper, K. Hunter, L. Llewellyn, C. Booth, B. Herbert, C. Bailey and D. Wheatley. We hope that their stay will be a happy one and profitable to themselves and to the House. We also welcomed Mr. Burbidge as Assisting Master. We hope that he enjoys his stay with us — we know we shall profit from his experience and guidance.

In the field of sport we have had a fairly successful year. We started off well by gaining first place in the Whaler Pulling, but were not as successful as we hoped in the Senior Rugby, losing to the eventual winners, Nelson, and finishing seventh in the overall positions. School Rugby colours were awarded to Cook and Waterson, and Colts Rugby colours to Russell, Hathway and Balster. Our small junior football team fought very enthusiastically and finished in fifth place. Ably coached by Cook, the School boxing captain, our boxing team came fifth — thanks to some fine displays of courage and skill from the younger boys. Bad weather restricted sport in the spring term to First XI football only — in this we had two players, Lemon and Cook.

The summer term was our most successful. The swimming team surpassed all our expectations by gaining fourth place, under the captaincy of M. Kimpton. Hipkins and the under-fourteen Relay Team broke the existing records for this event. Graham and Hipkins also represented the School in competitive matches. The

Athletics results disappointed, but special mention must be made of our triple jumpers, Lemon and Russell, both of whom broke the records in their respective age groups; these two, together with Coleman, represented the School on numerous occasions in Athletics. After a most disappointing match against Raleigh in the junior cricket first round the team played good cricket to win its two remaining matches and finish in the eighth position. The success of the senior cricket team in winning the shield says much for their keenness and enthusiasm. In the Final we beat St. Vincent in a most exciting match by 34 runs, Russell scoring 35 and taking 3 for 23, and Butler scoring 22 and taking 3 for 9 in three overs. It was in fact Butler, used as a change bowler, who started the collapse of the opposition in all our matches, for against Cornwallis he took 4 for 6 in three overs, and against Raleigh 3 for 8 in two overs — well done! All members of the team played well, and are to be congratulated on their good showing in the field.

Over the past year most boys in the House have made a decisive effort in School work, and we have reached a much higher standard. Noteworthy is the effort of J. Morrow, who won promotion after only one term from the "A" to the "X" stream, and then came third in the "X" stream. His brother, P. Morrow, also promoted, came tenth. We congratulate all those boys who gained places in the first eight. Prize-winners on Speech Day were Adamson, Heale, Moore, Graham and Butler. It was good to welcome so many parents and friends on Speech Day — a hundred and forty three in all.

During the summer term a Badminton Club has been started. It has been greeted with much enthusiasm and many boys are now proficient players. The court is situated in the muster-yard, and the two biggest hazards to good play are the wind and Mullen's supreme knowledge of the game, which he frequently airs from the sidelines. The smartness and bearing of all the boys have been noticed throughout the School, and all the boys are to be congratulated on this high standard and the effort they have made.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Hawkins for the hard work and patience she displayed in producing our plays for the House Party. Those who took part and those who watched all enjoyed the experience and the polish of the performance.

In the past year we have said goodbye to nine boys: Frampton and Hallett to the Merchant Navy; Sidebottom to H.M. Dockyards; Wilkinson to the R.A.F.; Horan to civilian employment; Hayes and Balster to catering; Allen to a carpentry apprenticeship, and Brabyn to further education. We also say goodbye to Mr. Bryan. He is leaving us to become Assistant Master in Howe. We hope that the two years he has spent with us have been as profitable to him as they have been to us. We thank him for all the hard work and enthusiasm he has given to the House, noting especially his re-organ-

isation of the House Library. Finally, congratulations to Cook on his appointment as Head of School for 1963-64.

CUTHBERT.

CORNWALLIS

The year began with only moderate success in sport. After a hard tussle with Drake in the second round of the Senior Rugby, which needed two replays to conclude, we lost by six points to three. The Juniors also failed to get very far in Soccer.

The spring term was, as everybody well remembers, rendered impossible for sport by weather and illness and so the energies of the House were mainly turned to classwork, in which we did very well.

The summer term proved far more successful. The Juniors, under the capable captaincy of Goddard, won the cricket Knock-Out and the Seniors, although they lost to Collingwood in the second round, were comfortable winners of their Knock-Out. We also congratulate the athletics team on putting up a very commendable fight against Howe and finally finishing second. Rennie did very well in breaking two School records, the high jump and the long jump. The Shooting team also came first in both competitions and much of their success must be attributed to Hallett. Congratulations also to Andrews on being equal first with Housden in the Caledonia Cup.

Throughout the School year Pearce, Quade, and Ruffell have repeatedly held first, second and third places in 5.U., a record which will not easily be broken. Well done!

We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Long on the birth of a daughter, who has already become a source of admiration among the boys.

Finally, to the following boys who have left in the past year, we wish every success for the future. Hallett, who goes to Chelsea to study for a Pharmacy degree; Perry, to Birmingham University to study medicine; O'Brien to Dartmouth; Rennie to the L.C.C. Architects' Department; Adair, to Liverpool University to study medicine; Kemp, to the L.C.C. Town Planning Department; Stephenson to Southampton Technical College; Burton, to H.M.S. Worcester; Pratt and Chetland to the Regular Army; Sillince to further education and Francis to a civilian career, and we remember with thanks the contributions they have made to the House over the past years.

W.P. and D.H.

DRAKE

Head of House : J. S. White.

The House has progressed steadily throughout the year and several new features have been introduced.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. This Scheme was introduced on a House basis for the first time this year and has been particularly successful. On Commemoration Sunday eleven boys

were privileged to be presented with their awards by Rear Admiral Sir Sydney Frew. This brought the total number of awards for the year to twelve.

Silver Awards: K. Hallmark, Atkins, Wallen, J. S. White, I. Hunt, Heritage-Owen.

Bronze Awards: Addy, C. M. White, J. Toase, Bond, K. Moore, Our thanks go to the Chief Naval Instructor for his help and co-operation in this venture.

The House has built itself a canoe, the materials for which were provided by the C.C.F., R. L. Toase, J. Fentum, J. S. White, I. Hunt were the constructors, while Heritage-Owen and J. White took it on its sea trials.

During its construction we had the pleasure of a visit from The Chief of The Naval Staff, Rear Admiral P. J. Hill Norton, who gave the canoe a very thorough inspection before proclaiming it well and truly made.

House Magazine. "Drakula", the official publication of the House, made its first appearance this year, edited by Heritage-Owen. He will be succeeded as editor next term by Williams.

Library. A new House library was opened during the year and so far over 150 books have been added. This is such an important feature of any House and is so well used that it is hoped that additional income will be obtained so that new books may be purchased. Williams is to be congratulated on the excellent way in which he has organised the library.

Individual Successes. J. S. White is to be congratulated on winning the "Smartness and Bearing" prize; Baxter, C. White, and Abbott on the award of School colours and Cocker and Cobb are to be congratulated on breaking School records.

House Meetings. On alternate Sunday evenings during the winter terms, the House collected in the Junior dayroom for talks and discussions and for film shows on various serious topics.

Two of the most notable were the discussion between the three School chaplains and the fact and faith films provided by Mr. Holland. We extend our thanks to all who helped in this scheme.

Sport. Considerable improvement has been shown on previous years. Most noteworthy were the hard-fought Knock-Out matches with Cornwallis, whom we narrowly beat. Athletics also proved very exciting, and many will remember the fine burst of speed by Bond to win the intermediate relay.

The following boys have been awarded House colours: Heritage-Owen, Abbott, J. White, Baxter, C. White, Rapley, I. Hunt, R. L. Toase, Barrett, Cheshire. The following juniors have been awarded half colours: Phillips, Bond, Cocker, Dennis, Lake, Stanley, C. Ness, Hallmark, Langridge, Cobb, Hallam, K. Moore.

Old Boys' Successes. Congratulations to M. Sargent on the award of his Bachelor of Science degree at Nottingham University

and for being selected to do research work for a Doctor's degree. His subject will be "The Genetics of Fungi".

Harris came to see us during the year and he is doing well at college, having just completed his part one B.Sc. degree at London University.

R.M.E.

HAWKE

At the end of the spring term we said goodbye to our Housemaster and his wife. Mr. Morris had been in charge of Hawke for two years and two terms, and during that time did much for the House. We wish him every success in his new appointment at Langley, and at the same time extend a welcome to our new Housemaster, Mr. A. A. Horne, and his wife and family.

This year has been a good one for the House in sporting activities, but a bad one academically. "Bolt for classwork" is not an enviable position to be in, and greater efforts must be made by all to emulate our prize winners, A. L. Miller, B. D. Wellings, D. F. Eaton, C. S. Smith, E. G. Harvey and C. J. Willsher. On the sports field it has been a different story, and the House has done well in Seven-a-Side Soccer, Senior Knock-Out and League Cricket and Shooting. House Colours were awarded to P. Latham, A. L. Miller and re-awarded to N. S. Smith for Cricket, and to M. Woodhouse, C. Baker, C. V. Palmer and J. A. Smith for Shooting. Once more J. K. Wilson won the Stewart Cup in convincing style, and also led his team to third place in the Swimming Sports. Special mention must be made of N. S. Smith, who has represented the School in Rugby, Soccer, Cricket, Athletics, Cross Country and Boxing, of E. G. Harvey, who captained the School U.13 Cricket XI, and of R. Woolf, who in his first term here captained the School U.12 Cricket XI.

Over the latter half of the year discipline has improved, and over the whole year the House has maintained a high standard of smartness and bearing. This has in no small part been due to the efforts of our Head of House, A. L. Miller, who indeed, has contributed much to the House during his time here both on and off the games field. This term, B. D. Wellings, M. J. Hill, D. Rowell, N. P. Layton, and P. C. Wood also leave us. We thank them for their many and varied contributions to the House, and wish them every success in their careers. They will always be welcome in the House, and we look forward to seeing them often in the future.

HOOD

Loyalty, Sincerity, Industry

Head of House : A. J. Housden, C.P.O. Boy.

The ingredients of any annual report must be similar to another, only the names being different. This year has proved to

be one of the most successful for some time and there has been a general air of purpose, confidence and progress in the House.

It is possible to mention more successes in school work, and the following were first in their forms : Autumn term—P. Ashdown, R. Fordham, P. Gilbody and K. Jackson : Spring term—R. Maher, R. Roberts, M. Shaw and D. Hough : Summer term—B. Page, M. James and G. Price. R. D. Lewington was top of 2U each term.

In games, County and School Colours were awarded to P. G. Cooke for Cross Country; School Football Colours to A. Lear and P. Barwood; and Cricket Colours re-awarded to A. Lear, who was Cricket Vice-captain. School Colts Swimming Colours were awarded to D. Boulton-Lea and I. Green. House successes were as follows : second place in the Boxing Competition and the Whaler Race; the Juniors won the Football Shield and were fourth in the Cricket Competition.

The Stewart Cup held more than usual interest this year, because I. Green made a splendid bid and finished in third place. In the Junior event P. Collins was 5th for the second time.

The spring term had the worst weather for more than ten years and all house games competitions were cancelled owing to a combination of the weather and illness. However, an enjoyable senior Seven-a-Side football tournament was organised and our team reached the final and was defeated by Hawke in an exciting match.

A sport which has been enthusiastically played by a large number of boys and which has given the House unique success is Lawn Tennis. The achievement of the "double" has not been done before and reflects this interest and skill. A full account may be read in the School Tennis notes. House Colours were awarded to the whole team and the success was a proud moment for the Captain, J. Hough. In the County and School matches we have been strongly represented.

Two individual successes can be recorded : A. Housden shared the Caledonia Shooting Cup and A. Lear won a Silver Award in the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme.

Congratulations are offered to the following, for winning House Colours : Football—A. Lear, P. Barwood, S. Chapman : Rugby—J. Carnochan, P. Barwood, S. Chapman, P. Evans, S. Pollard : Boxing—J. Carnochan : Cricket—C. A. Curnock : Tennis—J. Hough, A. Lear, A. Housden, H. Rowles, R. Lewington : Swimming—J. Hough, D. Boulton-Lea, I. Green : Shooting—A. Housden, R. Fordham : Athletics—A. Lear, S. Pollard. For Juniors, Commendations were awarded to the following : Boxing—J. McGarvey : Football—C. Martin, B. Cockings, H. Armitage, I. Green, P. Hosford, P. Cooke, R. Heald : Cricket—P. Hosford, P. Cooke, M. Woodhams, D. Williams : Athletics—P. Hosford, R. Heald, P. Cooke, G. Rivers : Swimming—P. Collins : Tennis—C. Martin, I. Green, P. Hosford, P. Cooke, J. McGarvey.

During the year the following boys have left : in December, B. Richardson joined the R.N. at H.M.S. Ganges, J. Carnochan and

N. Lowe joined the Merchant Navy, and I. Hayles is now in the Civil Service in Ipswich. In March, T. Hicks and S. Chapman joined the J.E.M. branch of the Navy and P. Henderson the Army as a Junior Musician in the Grenadier Guards. P. Barwood left to be a Steward in the M.N. and P. Evans joined the Portsmouth Dockyard. In July, A. Housden left, after two very successful years as Head of House, to take a catering and hotel management course at Battersea Technical College. Two younger boys left to emigrate with their families to Australia, M. Shepherd in December and D. Williams in July.

W.E.C.

HOWE

Head of House : C.P.O. J. R. Seaburne-May.

The highlight of our sporting year was again the winning of the inter-house athletics sports — the tenth time we have won this shield in eleven years. The competition from the rest of the School was much keener this year and our team worked very hard to achieve their fine victory. J. Seaburne-May captained the School Athletics team which had several Howe members. He was also chosen to run for Suffolk in the National Schools Athletics meeting at Chelmsford. School colours were awarded to J. Seaburne-May and D. Dickinson (Colts).

School Rugby colours were won by K. Dunn and J. Seaburne-May who also captained the team. K. Dunn was also awarded colours for Association Football and Tennis.

Our tennis teams had a successful season, both being runners-up in the Knock-Out tournaments.

Among our prizewinners, we particularly congratulate R. Howe on being the first recipient of the "Whale Island Prize".

We have been pleased to see several old Howeans including M. Young who is now at R.M.A. Sandhurst, M. Harley who has recently qualified as a doctor, M. Beckett who is shortly hoping to go to Dartmouth, I. Rosenberg and D. Groves. Hearing of their success spurs us on to greater efforts. Fourteen boys have left us this year including J. Seaburne-May who hopes to go to Dartmouth and W. Arnold who is going to University to study engineering. We wish them all every success and hope they will visit us from time to time.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moores who have been our Housemaster and Housematron for five years. We thank them very much for the work they have done and wish them every happiness in their new appointment in Germany.

HOWEAN.

NELSON

C.P.O.s : N. E. Baldock, J. Barwood.

P.O.s : J. P. de Neumann, S. W. Funnell, S. J. Filce, A. Codrington.

Although Nelson has seen better years, it did very well this year in winning the First Lord's Cup. Indeed, this feat was well beyond our expectations at the beginning of the autumn term. Thanks are due to all the staff connected with the House, especially Mr. Hardy, for their immense help.

In December, the Seniors won the Rugby Cup in a hard-fought final against Raleigh; the very score — 6 points to 3 — suggests the tenseness of the game; and victory came mainly through the skill of G. U. McLennan and J. Barwood. The Seniors also retained the Football Shield and the Cross-Country Cup but, unfortunately, the weather conditions in the spring term prevented our talent-studded Senior half from showing their prowess. Cricket was rather a lost sport to both Seniors and Juniors this year. However, some boys did represent the School in the above activities, the outstanding ones being G. U. McLennan and J. Barwood. We were rather disappointed at only coming second in whaler pulling. We also came second in shooting. P. Thompson was in the School shooting team that won the "Country Life" Shooting Cup. He also finished fourth in the Caledonia Cup, with J. P. de Neumann third. Sports Day brought another surprise — Nelson were third! This was a great improvement on last year, with the Juniors playing a much greater part than they have done for a long time. Two Nelson boys broke records : these were J. Rayment in the Under 13 hurdles, and J. P. de Neumann in the Over 15 discus.

Schoolwork was much improved on last year; however, we only came fifth out of eleven, and so there is still a lot of room for improvement in this field.

The summer term saw the introduction of Nelson House Colours, and it is hoped that these will be the source of much encouragement to Juniors in their sporting activities. The chosen design, an adaptation of the Arms of Trafalgar, was submitted by S. J. Filce.

We were very pleased to see the following Old Boys back at School : A. Barker, S. R. Braidwood, B. Bromyard, D. Card, P. D. Collins, F. B. de Neumann, C. Glenton, G. V. McLennan, Neale, B. V. B. Smith, and Weddell, and hope to see many others in the future. Also we wish to thank B. Canham, who, among others, has written to us over the past year.

We have lost many boys since the last publication of this magazine. But, in particular, we are extremely grateful to N. E. Baldock, this year's Head of House, for his scholastic and sporting contributions to Nelson House in his seven years here, and wish

him and all the others good fortune in their lives now they have left this School.

Congratulations to Mr. Horne on becoming Housemaster of Hawke; we are very sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Horne, for they have been very keen and a great driving power in the House. And here we thank Mrs. Hardy for all her extra efforts since she became our new Housematron.

BRITANNUS.

RALEIGH

C.P.O.s : W. E. Allen, D. W. Allen.

P.O.s : N. Green, D. Leech, M. Holley, C. Howard, P. Horton.

L.B. : R. C. O. Parker.

In the past year we have met with average success in all aspects of School activities.

On the sporting side, we reached the finals in Senior Rugby and Junior Football, and the Semi-Final in Junior and Senior Cricket.

Our water polo and swimming teams deserve mention for their consistent efforts and good results. The following boys have represented the School in one or more sports : D. Allen, W. Allen, W. E. Allen, Claxton, Green, Leech, Holley, Horton, Parker, Miles, Taylor, Hide, Williams, Rowling, Cornwall, Smith. We would especially like to congratulate Holley, who was picked to play for the County Cricket team.

This year has been one in which many Old Boys have revisited us. We hope that this trend will continue, and that W. Allen, D. Allen, Anderson, Hide, Eccleston, Miles, Huckerby, and Mackinnon, who have left us during the year will all come to see us in the near future.

W.E.A.

[Our special thanks and good wishes go to Edward Allen, Head of School and Head of House, and his brother David, Deputy Head of House, both of whom have given much to the House over a long period. — D.E.]

ST. VINCENT

Integrity, Courage, Loyalty

This year has been a happy and successful one for the House.

In the autumn term we rated high as a Rugby team but, alas, our first round opponents, Raleigh, rated higher. The juniors were no more fortunate in Soccer. The term ended with an excellent concert into which everybody put maximum effort.

The unusually cold spring term disrupted games and our promising basket-ball team was nipped in the bud, as the remaining games from the previous term were cancelled.

With the coming of the summer term our sporting activities

took a large step forward. Both Senior and Junior teams reached the cricket finals but, unfortunately, lost in well played matches. We came second in the Swimming sports, and our relay team were in fine form and smashed the previous record which we also held. Both Junior and Senior tennis teams lost to Howe in the semi-finals of the Lloyd Cup, whilst our aim improved and we came fourth in Shooting. On Sports Day we did as well as expected and finished fifth.

Throughout the year we did consistently well in the League matches, both House teams finishing first in cricket. This is a reflection on the interest taken by the whole House, whilst School teams had a fair number of St. Vincent boys.

Unfortunately, our usual high standard of Schoolwork was not maintained. Seven boys took "O" levels last year and I. Boatman did well to obtain three "A" level passes. Another twelve boys have the House's best wishes in the examination this July.

C. H. Longworth brought honour to himself and credit to the House by obtaining a Royal Naval Scholarship for entry to Dartmouth in 1965. R. G. Fensome was awarded a cadetship for Dartmouth for this September.

This term we say farewell to eight boys, leaving places for many new faces.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff and Badge Boys for all the hard work they have put in to make this year a successful one, and to congratulate the boys on the enthusiasm and co-operation which they have shown at all times.

R.G.F.

WHALE ISLAND PRIZE: THE WINNING ESSAY

The Evolution of the Royal Hospital School since it moved to Holbrook

The Royal Hospital School now stands at Holbrook, in East Suffolk; but it has not always done so. It was, for many years, at Greenwich, where a thousand boys were housed in extremely overcrowded conditions. This situation was only eased when, on his death in 1929, Mr. Gifford Sherman Reade endowed the Navy with his very considerable residuary estate. Mr. Reade had already donated the present site of the School in 1921, in gratitude for the protection and help afforded his tea ships by the Royal Navy, during the First World War.

The Admiralty therefore decided to move the School to Holbrook, where, when the building was completed in 1933, the School was officially opened by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. And one can well imagine how those first boys felt when they saw their new School for the first time, and compared it to the former site in dirty, overcrowded Greenwich.

To the new boys it must have seemed, as indeed it still does

today, like a new world. However, many things were different in those days. The "new-jacks" went to Nelson House for their first term, where under the able guidance of Mr. Tate, our present second master, they became acquainted with the School. After their first term, the new boys would then go into the East side Houses, where they stayed until they became Seniors and moved to the sister-Houses on the West side. In all, the School held 860 boys, there being approximately 80 in each House.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about the new School, especially to those so used to London, would be the vast area of playing fields, on which both cricket and football were played. Interest was added by an Inter-House competition in both these games. Also, by way of recreation, there was a Scientific Society and a Field Club, both of which were keenly supported by the boys.

Academically speaking, the School's purpose was to supply the Navy with good lower-deck sailors. For the sake of convenience there were three streams in the School : a slow stream, a fast stream and a very fast stream. This latter was called the "Upper Nautical" stream, and the boys in it took the E.R.A. examination to enter the Royal Navy, gaining excellent results. For example, in 1935, 25 per cent. of the first fifty places in the entire country went to R.H.S. boys. Some members of the Upper Nautical Class also took the Royal Air Force examination, to ensure entry into one of the Services, if they should fail the Navy on medical grounds.

Today, in 1963, many — though not all — things have undergone a change. The new boys no longer go first to Nelson, then to the East side, then the West, but enter a House, when they arrive, in which they stay until they leave. The numbers have also been reduced from 80 per house to 60, there being now some 660 boys in the School. All the Houses have been altered in some way since 1933, though only internally. However, plans are being produced at the moment to build a completely new flat onto each Boarding House.

The separation of the eleven Houses into independent units has led to a marked development in House competitions. In the majority of sports there are now both League and Knock-Out competitions. These include Football, Rugby, Boxing, Cross Country, "Whaler Pulling" and Basket-ball during the winter terms, and Cricket, Athletics and Swimming in the summer. Tennis may also be played during the summer term, not only on the hard courts, but also on grass courts, two of which were originally intended to be the sites of two additional Houses. Thus a very full sporting curriculum has been built up at Holbrook, during the past thirty years.

Even this splendid advance, however, is eclipsed by the rise in the standard of education. This sprang from plans made during the Second World War, which stipulated that it should no longer be compulsory for boys, on leaving Holbrook, to enter the Royal Navy. This meant that, in addition to supplying a purely Naval education,

a more comprehensive one must now be made available. These plans were implemented in 1946 and in the same year the first "O" level examinations were successfully taken in the School. This advance was maintained and, in 1953, a Sixth Form was started under the then Headmaster, Mr. Babington. An Arts Sixth Form has since been added, in 1961. To help achieve this, there are now five streams in the School, two Grammar School streams and three Secondary Modern streams. With the advent of the Sixth Form, came the start of University careers for R.H.S. boys, two of whom, Marshall and Hughes, have succeeded in gaining Ph.D.s.

This has, of course, meant a rise in the number of staff, there now being approximately 40 masters in the School, including the Naval Instructors. The staff are also responsible for the running of the School's Clubs and Societies, of which there are many, covering a wide range of recreations and activities. In addition to this, they also supervise games and act as assistant Housemasters in the Boarding Houses. There is a fully-qualified medical staff in the Infirmary, whilst the kitchens also require a full-time staff, and the grounds are maintained by the Works Department.

Therefore we can see that an old boy of the 1930s, returning to the School today, whilst still being able to recognise the School, would find many changes. He would see many forces of change manifesting themselves, for example, in the new boat-house or the proposed new pavilion and Housemasters' flats, in the newly inaugurated "socials" and the vastly improved range of extra-mural activity now available. He would see the Jellicoe Library and Handicrafts Centre, both opened in 1950 by Lady Jellicoe in memory of her late husband, the famous Earl Jellicoe. But most of all, he would see the change in the variety of educational opportunities — which are, and which must be, the key to the future, and thus the School's first obligation.

However, he would still see several strong forces of continuity. He could still see squads of boys marching to the Chapel and Dining Hall. He could still see the Guard, and the Band on Parade, every Sunday — as at Greenwich — and the Naval Uniforms, blue and smart under the noonday sun, as the School marches past. And he would feel that, here at Holbrook, there still remain many strong Naval ties.

There have been changes, many of which were bound to come, whilst others have surprised some people. However, they may rest assured that, through change, reform and alteration, the purpose and proud intention of Holbrook has remained — and still remains — the same: to create good, upright citizens, fit to serve their country, their generation and themselves. As has been said — and surely no higher compliment can be paid to any School — "You come as a child and leave as a man".

R. HOWE (VIC. Arts.)

THE LONG SPRINT

Your muscles ripple in the sun,
You see the shining of the starter's gun.
You feel the tension in your body grow.
To your marks! Set! A pause, and go!
The pistol shot rings in your ears
The time it takes to go seems years.
Your legs they make a sudden lunge
As round the first sharp bend you plunge.
Your lungs start pushing hard, like bellows
Your mind it cracks; and the other fellows?
There's one coming up on the inside lane,
But his face is already contorted with pain.
You're second now, you'll catch him yet,
But remember your trainer said, "Don't fret,
Keep your strength for the last few yards
It's then you play your finest cards."
Round the last bend, you're on the home run,
How simple it seems when you're finished and done.

L. D. HOWES (4A).

THE PATRIOTIC FUND AT LLOYD'S

The birth place of the Fund was Lloyd's Coffee House in the Royal Exchange London, where the first meeting was held on July 20th, 1803. Coffee Houses were seventeenth and eighteenth century meeting places for the different branches of the people, Lloyd's containing all those interested in the buying and selling of ships. Edward Lloyd was master of the house and, upon his death in 1712, the name remained. It was here, in Lloyd's Coffee House, that ship auctions took place; auctions by candles, by which the purchaser was the last bidder before a piece of candle, usually 1 in. long, burnt out. In 1696 "Lloyd's News" was first published for the benefit of all those connected with shipping but it was discontinued in the following February. In 1726 the paper was re-started under the title of "Lloyd's List" and has continued ever since, Lloyd's gradually becoming the enquiry headquarters for all nautical matters.

The end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth was a time of grave nautical fears, war being forced upon us by France in 1793 and continuing until 1815. In those days, practically no provision was made for the relief of the families of those who died serving their country. Subscriptions received at Lloyd's amounted to over £27,000, which was used for the relief of about 5,000 sufferers. Another fund was raised after the "Glorious First of June" in 1794 amounting to £21,281. Another in 1797, after Admiral Duncan defeated the Dutch, amounted to £53,000. Many other such subscriptions were raised during the next five years up to 1802 and in 1806, £40,000 was given to the "British

Endeavour School", which later joined with the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich.

In 1803 Lloyd's created the Patriotic Fund which had much wider aims than its predecessors and all parts of the British Empire gave it their support. The first meeting, held on the 20th July, 1803 was presided over by Mr. Brook Watson, the Chairman of Lloyd's, who is said to have been the only one-legged Lord Mayor of London, and as a result of this meeting a committee was appointed to manage the Patriotic Fund. This Committee was large and influential, consisting of four ex-Lord Mayors of London, the Chairman of the East India Company and the Governor of the Bank of England. The first Chairman of the committee was Sir Francis Baring who held the post for seven years until his death in 1810 when he was succeeded by Angerstein, who was chairman until 1822.

The aims of the Fund were to assuage the anguish of the wounded, to palliate the misfortune of loss of limbs, to alleviate to some extent the distress of widows, and to grant pecuniary awards or honourable badges of distinction for valour. Aided by the public fear of invasion from Napoleon, these aims of the committee called forth a generous response. By February 1807 nearly £400,000 had been received. With ample funds at their disposal the committee set about their aims of the relief of distress and the reward of merit.

The first of these aims, the relief of distress, was done by the granting of sums of money to those wounded in action or to their widows and relatives. The reward of merit took the form of either a sword, a piece of plate, or a sum of money, the officer concerned having the choice. These gifts were accompanied by a presentation letter. These letters were, at first, written by boys of Christ's Hospital. After six years (24th August, 1809) it was decided to discontinue the granting of honorary rewards because of the large number of casualties.

The high estimation in which the honorary rewards from the fund were held is shown by the fact that naval officers who received them were distinguished in the Navy List by having a special mark against their name. The total number of swords presented was 153; 56 of which were valued at £100 each, 82 at £50, 15 at £20; also 66 vases were presented, most of which were valued at £100.

One of the swords given was to Captain G. N. Hardinge for the capture of the Dutch Brig "Atlanti" as Commander of H.M. Sloop "Scorpion" on the night of the 31st March, 1804. This sword, together with the Sword Belt and Presentation letter, was given by the Fund to the Royal Hospital School in 1962 and now hangs in the School Jellicoe Library. Captain Hardinge was one of the very few to receive two Awards. The second, a vase, was posthumous. It was granted in 1808 for the gallant and successful action, in which he was killed at the age of 27, in the action between H.M. Frigate

"St. Fiorenzo" under his command and the large French Frigate
"Piedmontese."

N. L. GREEN (VI C Arts)

WINTER

When hard, crisp snow lies on the ground,
And boys in sweaters slide around
On the village pond now frozen sound
By the winter's strenuous cold.
When lumps of snow fly here and there
And the winter's cold is in the air
And old ladies think, "Where? Oh where
Is the sun and its days of gold?"

A. E. SHARP (2A).

BLACKBOARDS ACROSS THE SEA

The worthy woman who tried to teach Geography to me — she had one blue and one brown eye, I remember — insisted that the temperate climate of the British Isles was brought about largely by the activity of the Gulf Stream. In the intervening years I often presumed to doubt the existence of this benevolent current. However, last mid-winter, by the grace of the Board of Admiralty, in company with the Headmaster and borne in splendid luxury by R.M.S. Queen Mary, I was convinced and my long departed instructress was vindicated. At New Year the radio told of the Great Freeze at home and of unusually severe conditions on the Eastern Seaboard of the American continent, but with us warm sunshine, and calm, blue sea made life much more than tolerable. This, we were assured by the seasoned Atlantic travellers, was the Gulf Stream.

Even the youngest of my readers will know that one must exploit to the full such propitious intervals in life. Playing, eating and sleeping as much or as little as we wished under the kindly eyes of a most efficient steward, we accepted the final rough weather when twenty-four hours out from New York as no more than our due.

The Queen Mary swung skilfully into her berth at right angles to the Hudson River, scrunching relentlessly the huge blocks of ice against the quayside. (It will be a sad day if Britons ever lose their skill in shipbuilding, of which the Queen Mary is a superb example.) Land on Manhattan Island is so valuable that the ships seem to dock right in amongst the streets and New York rises to neck-breaking heights almost from the deck of the ship. It was the morning of January 2nd, 1963, a New Year in a New World.

New York is so exactly as one imagines, it is so easy to find one's way around because of the numbered streets and the "block" system; the speed and pressure of life have been so publicized, that I doubt if it takes away anyone's breath nowadays. The ferocious

concentration of population in its skytowers immediately brings full realisation of the terror which would be released by the mildest of aerial attacks. Through the kindness of an English contact during our first twenty-four hours we were "put wise" to many things, including the fact that if we mentally translated dollars into pounds before we purchased anything we should not only starve but miss lots of good things. So, after blenching a little at first, we soon accepted that we must pay about 14/- each for a decent breakfast. In fact, apart from cigarettes and tobacco which are cheaper, those breakfasts represent a good yardstick by which to compare the standards of the purchasing power of the dollar, with the pound.

The United Nations area seemed to be a sight-seeing "must" high on the list, and after a splendid lunch with an English friend, at the cost of which I would not care to hazard a guess, in the Metropolitan Club overlooking Central Park, we made our way there by subway (tube) and streetcar (bus). The outside of these buildings is much photographed with its brave line of flags of nearly all nations and will be well-known to you. For the inside, I can only say that I wanted to like it, I positively yearned to be impressed, to feel the atmosphere of great and good intent to give real meaning to the brotherhood of man. In fact it was to me the greatest disappointment of the tour. I found the atmosphere sterile, the decor, despite the architectural immensity, lacked magnificence, and the great Council Chambers were Scandinavian whimsies, though in fairness I must add that their acoustic properties are well-nigh perfect.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, however, which carried us next day to Washington was all that a good railway should be. With a swivel armchair to each passenger, and a conductor, most solicitous, to each car, we thundered south skirting the coast and crossing the wide and entirely frozen estuaries of a number of rivers. Out in the open the snow lay deep and there was no sign of life, neither bird nor animal, and as many of the built-up areas appeared to be dormitory settlements with numbers of cars, apparently abandoned for the winter, buried deep in snow, the whole passing scene was slightly unreal. Christmas, or at least the commercial trappings, lingered long in these parts. Large wreaths of unnatural freshness, because they were of plastic, clung to most front doors, equally plastic reindeer raced unprogressively across tiny front lawns or up the front of the houses and fairy lights festooned many porches. (When we visited relatives later in Toronto my cousin told me that this external Christmas decoration was rapidly becoming one of the many status symbols, and that the younger generation became embarrassed if their home did not make a suitable display.)

Our friendly warm train drew into Washington in the falling darkness of the afternoon and the huge Embassy car was waiting. Washington, beautiful, classical, spacious and dignified is all that one hopes it will be. There is no disappointment, here, only surprise on surprise. America has commanded the best that money can

buy for her capital city, and there has been no unseemly rush to finish the work, for Washington is still a-building. In addition, all the countries of the world have vied with one another to provide beautiful buildings for their own Embassies. The biggest surprise of all was to discover that 83 per cent. of the population of Washington is negro, and here one begins to feel the influence of the "South".

The Headmaster's work was to begin in earnest here and a most exciting and exacting programme had been drawn up for the following week. Surg.-Captain Frank Ellis, R.N., and Mrs. Ellis, posted in Washington at that time, took us under their very kindly wings and provided some very happy social occasions for us to offset the hard work. Mrs. Ellis arranged for me to see the life of the American women in her own social circle. Together we visited supermarkets and vast overheated stores, all with their own car parks for six or seven hundred cars. Many women appear to spend whole days inside these stores where the goods are very well displayed, rather expensive for me, but service is quite difficult in the more popular departments. It is, of course, necessary to leave one's outdoor clothes in the well-appointed cloakrooms as the temperature outdoors is well below freezing, and indoors it would put an English heatwave to shame.

The apartments (flats) I visited were very luxurious and attractive, but always it seemed hard to imagine that a man also lived there. They were so very feminine and no where would a man dare to do odd jobs, or even put his feet up! This was a mystery I never solved. I was also somewhat taken aback at the early hour in the morning by which so many housewives burst upon the world socially, in full war paint, so to speak. I suspect that a much higher average income, and an infinite variety of pre-packed foods has much to do with this.

Schools, and still more schools now occupied much of our time. A school anywhere has two essential ingredients, pupils and teachers. We have buildings and equipment also, Americans have the "plant". In some cases the plant was staggeringly lavish, in others it was very ordinary. In no place, either in U.S.A. or Canada did we see any school buildings or situation which compared with the Royal Hospital School "and that's for sure, no kidding!" A hundred exciting memories crowd in about Washington, but back, now, to New York.

A week in this city only confirmed my first impressions. The weather was now intensely cold and no matter which way one turned between the canyons of buildings the bitter wind cut like a lash. The Empire State Building, Central Park, Broadway, all aglitter, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Coney Island on a Sunday morning deserted, wet and a dreary monument to folly, Wall Street where once the Dutch settlers built a wall to keep the English out, the mink coats in Fifth Avenue shops, the Bowery so dirty and menacing but with shop windows full of diamonds, and still more schools — it is a breathless array. We were shown a number of carefully selected

schools not, I am sure, truly representative. However, one private school we visited impressed us very much, especially because of the happy, relaxed atmosphere and the charm and poise of the boys. One thing clarified itself in my mind about this time — if one is to encourage independence in the young, courtesy must be its unfailing partner.

From now onwards all our travel was to be accomplished by air, and on Saturday, 19th January, we left for Boston. This city, proud of its early beginnings, with its Non-conformist churches older than any others, and many East Anglian place names occurring in the vicinity, stands on low marshy ground on the banks of the Charles River. As the rise and fall of the tide on this seaboard is very slight there is no problem in building a city on an estuary. The skyline is restful to English eyes after towering New York, and the tempo and atmosphere are entirely different. There still lingers a faint atmosphere of an England we have only read about. I was astonished by the number of shops selling English antiques in Washington and New York but in Boston the place was positively littered with them. Incredulity got the upper hand of me! The snow came down in earnest and even when going to church one shed furs and snowboots in the vestibule. Churches are really crowded in America, as in Canada, and this, together with the very high standard of personal hygiene, both in public and private places, was my most vivid impression of the trip. In North America cleanliness is next to godliness indeed!

Schools in Boston and New England generally appealed to us, partly because often they had histories and traditions dating back to the 17th century. A fine example is the Boston Latin School where good manners, good discipline and real pride of school had welded themselves to produce a happy and impressive result. The New England countryside was beautiful under the snow; woods and farmland and expensive-looking farmhouses must present an attractive scene in the summer when the animals can come out to pasture. A day spent at Massachusetts Institute of Technology was, frankly, wasted on me — I was truly out of my depth — though I did my best to look intelligent. These efforts were hampered somewhat in that every time we moved from one building to another I was rooted to the spot by the cold — the thermometer never rose above 20 deg. F. that day. Poor innocent, I hadn't yet been to Canada!

To Canada we flew on Monday, 28th January, over the mountains, frozen lakes and endless forests of New Hampshire and Vermont where the population appeared sparse and the territory forbidding and wild under feet of snow. Having changed planes at the great international airport of Montreal we came in the early evening to Ottawa and the temperature was 20 deg. below zero. Boy, was that cold! Here I took time off from schools and enjoyed Canadian hospitality and did some shopping, making the walking distance between shops as short as possible! Everything about the tour through Canada was sadly short, Montreal for two days,

Toronto for four, Quebec and Halifax for two days each. Canadian schools showed an interesting cross between English tradition and American influence but we had the impression of a comparatively small number of energetic forward-looking people starting to make their mark on a vast country, the savagery of which must have threatened to engulf them many times in the past.

Niagara Falls, three parts frozen up, with the air full of frozen spray, I shall never forget both for its heart-stopping beauty, and the cruel cold to which one could apply the same adjective! Quebec City, too, stays with me. Here, French is the first language and most of the buildings are old, crowded and charming. Wolfe and his men would have found it difficult to climb the Heights of Abraham in February and I believe the sufferings of his men in the winter of 1759-60 far out-weighed those of any battle.

Happy to be going home, sorry to be leaving and utterly exhausted we boarded R.M.S. Carinthia on the evening of February 8th. The voyage home remains a restful blur during which my mind refused to sort out all my experiences — but instead I have put a few down on paper, now, for you.

M.B.Y.

THE EXPRESS TRAIN

The engine driver was late,
Coming down the Berwick Straight,
When suddenly the weather broke,
And he told the fireman to stoke :
The rain splashing and crashing,
And roaring and pouring,
Hurrying and scurrying
Rushing and gushing.
Suddenly the engine started,
And at times from the line was parted.
It started whizzing and hissing,
Battering and clattering,
And working and jerking.
The heavy rain stopped,
But it still slowly dropped.
The train was late,
But I still made my date.

STEPHEN FRYER (2C).

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

The great day had arrived. At 11 a.m. precisely on that glorious August morning the S.S. "Decembrist Rising" (sister ship of the M.V. "October Revolution" and the four-masted schooner "September Massacre"), crammed to the scuppers and glutted to the gimbals with Afro-Asian delegates and students, a bevy of Communist Sunday schoolmarmes, half-a-dozen wayzgeese, several official

stowaways and one ex-beatnik in-tourist—myself (played by Wilfred Brambell)—would be going down on the tide from Tilbury Docks, bound for the Workers' Utopia, the New Eldorado that lies at the back side of the Iron Curtain.

My own Tilbury Docks were a chaste shade of scarlet with golden clocks. My tie matched perfectly with its heraldic design of a field gules semeé with hammers and sickles or. . . . Or what? You may well ask. The alternatives were either I should be taken by everyone I encountered as a devoted friend of the Soviet Union or suspected of being James Bond in disguise. Time alone would show.

Perhaps I should also mention that I had not forgotten my collection of visas, tastefully mounted in a spring-clip, loose-leaf album.

There was much less formality than I had expected when I crawled up the gangway of the "Decembrist Rising". A stewardess who looked like an Olympic champion weight-lifter (which is exactly what she was) deposited me, not ungently, in my stateroom, which I shared with a cub reporter on the *Daily Worker*, and an East African, who was wont to utter in his sleep what I imagined to be Mau Mau oaths. The cub reporter (played by Bernard Levin), having catechised me in the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and finding me lacking in any principles at all, decided to ignore me, and spent much of his time fanning round the black-haired, yellow-skinned little gentlemen with almond-shaped eyes, who formed the majority of the ship's guests.

Not much incident occurred on our first day or two out. At 11 p.m. precisely on that glorious August evening we weighed anchor, and having dropped the pilot and a few of the stowaways into the Nore, found ourselves hugging the East Anglian shore as far as Harwich. This course had been set, so I was given to understand, in order that we might have a closer look at the great naval establishments situated on the River Stour. But we gleaned nothing except that it was pitch dark and the boys were all on leave. After nearly ramming the Cork lightship, we proceeded on an even course and a fairly even keel across the North Sea, though we had to tack once or twice to avoid the Dogger Bank.

I spent most of my time in the dining saloon or bar, where more champion weight-lifters attended to my creature comforts. I rarely got beyond the borsch, which was so thick that you could have skated on it—had you been so disposed. But there was always vodka to wash the borsch down with. On our second evening after an attempt to wash down several kilos of borsch with a litre or two of Krepkaya (98 per cent. proof), I actually did feel disposed to skate on the borsch. I was removed, less gently this time, by a stewardess (a shot-putter). Though semi-comatose, I was not so far gone as to remain completely unabashed by the scandalised titters of the yellow comrades with almond-shaped eyes. But, I consoled myself, if I am cast by the inescapable laws of history to be a decadent capitalist, why shouldn't I behave like one?

I came to, on some parallel of latitude or other, in the middle of the Baltic. A strange hush had descended on the "Decembrist Rising". The saloon was empty, the bar was empty, and as I staggered up the companionway, I wished from the bottom of my stomach that I myself was empty. On deck all I could descry was my Mau Mau man hanging over the port rail, contemplating the waters of the Baltic with a peculiar tint of green suffusing his ebony countenance. (The resultant shade was a sort of midnight olive.) After a moment's reflection I decided to contemplate the Baltic from the starboard side. I did not wish to embarrass my Mau Mau friend.

My contemplations were interrupted by a loud but not unfriendly growl behind me. I turned on my heel, but forgot to turn it off again, as I found myself confronting Captain Tomatovich, master of the "Decembrist Rising", a genial, bearded giant of a man (played by James Robertson Justice).

"Why is the ship so empty today?" I enquired (to make conversation).

Captain Tomatovich gave a vent or two to a hearty guffaw or two, and explained: on the previous evening after my lapse into decadent capitalism the ship's radio had announced that the rift in Soviet-Chinese accord had increased to earthquake size. After acrimonious accusations and counter-accusations had been bandied back and forth by the Europeans and Asians aboard, both sides had finally lost their tempers. The little yellow gentlemen were no match for the Amazonian stewardesses, and in the middle of the night had been dropped overboard in batches of five. I didn't altogether like the sound of this since I was only a batch of one.

"The Baltic is the shallowest sea in the world," I murmured (still trying to make conversation).

Captain Tomatovich chuckled. "Ho, ho! Dot is goot. Show me the comrade dot can paddle a hundred miles," he said smilingly.

I felt rather sorry for the Chinese delegates, but was relieved to hear that the *Daily Worker* reporter had been so far immersed in Krepkaya, that he had been rash enough to take their side. On balance, Mau Mau oaths in the small hours of the morning were more my cup of tea than the principles of Marxism-Leninism after breakfast.

Contrary to my expectations, we disembarked not at Leningrad but at Riga. This ancient Hanseatic town with its tall gabled houses, Gothic churches and Teutonic population is typical of the new Russia. I could not help noticing a curious disinclination among the stewardesses to go ashore. Unlike most Russian cities where practically all the dirty work from coal-heaving to washing-up is done by women, there was a conspicuous absence of feminine pulchritude and even of feminine uglitude in Riga. To compensate for this absence there was the strange phenomenon of tigers roaming the city streets with smiles on their faces. I had not time to make further investigations or I should have missed the train. The latter

was crowded with friendly peasants, workers and even intellectuals.

Now we were speeding, or to be more accurate, chugging, through the vast, monotonous, but strangely varied landscape that is Soviet Russia. For the first hundred kilometres we passed through a series of kolhozes, where collective farmworkers of the Latvian S.S.R. were joyously endeavouring to fulfil their norms. Then came a landscape of komsomols (with the occasional kibbutz), packed with expatriate Kalmucks, Kazaks and Kirghizes. They didn't seem quite so joyous. Suddenly, with only the engine's whistle to warn us, we plunged into the gloom of the great Russian forest, the Taiga, which changed imperceptibly, first into Muskeg, and then into Terai, finally emerging as Tundra. All the time we traversed the forest, lean grey shapes could be observed padding stealthily parallel with us on either side of the railway track. (A frontier guard can maintain a speed of 15 m.p.h. for hours on end.) However, as soon as we reached the open tundra the pack turned back to meet the next day's train.

Russians love railway journeys. A Dr. Beeching would stand about as much chance of survival among them as a snowflake in the Sahara. They spend most of their travelling time playing chess or imbibing tea from samovars (which is more than you can do on a car journey from London to Brighton). Even the fireman and the engine-driver were playing chess, each making a move every time the train stopped at a station. As there are sixty-seven official stopping-places between Riga and Moscow, their games usually resolved themselves into rook-and-pawn endings.

I became interested in my immediate companions. One of them was an extremely vigorous old man of seventy, bald, gat-tooted and triple-chinned, with a coarse, hectoring manner, which was mitigated from time to time by his shrewd, sharp sense of humour. He was much given to quoting proverbial sayings. The second man was also elderly, with a swarthy complexion and a distinctly brachycephalic or Armenian cast of cranium. He looked the sort that would have been a sterling millionaire on Throgmorton Street, a dollar multi-millionaire on Wall Street, and a franc billionaire on the Place de la Bourse. The third was a younger edition of the first, a short squat Southern Russian, who treated the ugly old man with a deference that amounted to obsequiousness, a respect bordering on sycophancy and a reverence this side of idolatry.

We were passing through the Great Gromboolian Plain which extends without a break from Pinsk to Minsk, and for some hours had been negotiating an interminably dreary belt of kolhozim, now silent and seemingly abandoned by the peasantry, who having joyfully performed their norms, were vodka-ising their futures at the local bistros and posadas. Everybody was getting rather fed up with the journey, including the stoker and the engine-driver. Having played a drawn game in 62 moves, they were now trying to make up for lost time. At last (or so we thought) the Lenin Hills hove into

view. My companions became excited as they tried to identify an enormous skyscraper, capped with a sort of gilded wedding-cake which had appeared on the horizon.

"That is the Palace of Culture and Socialist Realism, Nikita Sergeivich, is it not?" said the youngest of the trio somewhat hesitantly.

"Nyet, Sergei Nikitavich," said the bald old man, "it is the University of Moscow."

"I think our young comrade is right, Nikita Sergeivich," said the swarthy financier.

"Nyet, I am right and both of you are wrong, Anastas Gavrilovich," said the bald man, a cloud of anger scurrying across his brow.

"With respect, Nikita, we are right and you are wrong," ventured the financier.

"I am right, Nastya" thundered Nikita.

"You are wrong, Kitya." The dark man held his ground.

"When I say a thing is so, it is so, whether it is or isn't," bellowed Nikita Sergeivich, his visage distorted with rage.

This dialogue continued for a couple of pages, and would have gone on for more had we not suddenly entered a tunnel.

The tunnel was ten kilometres and a couple of versts in length. We all got covered in cinders, and conversation was reduced to mere expletives. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and I greatly enriched my Russian vocabulary.

Shortly after leaving the tunnel we drew up at a station named Tdlewinsk. Nikita Sergeivich was still in a thunderingly bad temper, and bursting like a bull out of the railway carriage demanded to see the station-master. An exceedingly alarmed official was produced.

"What is that building we can see on the horizon?" demanded Nikita Sergeivich.

We could see no building at all on the horizon (remember, gentle reader, that we had passed through a tunnel ten kilometres and a couple of versts long), but the station-master was a man of resource.

"Ah! Excellency, that must be the new holiday-camp which we built for tired workers at Butlinsk in honour of our beloved and glorious leader, Comrade Krushchev."

"Don't give me that personality cult stuff," said the bald man gruffly, casting what I thought were nervous glances at his comrades. At the same time a secret smile of satisfaction flitted across his fleshy jowl.

"And why is it necessary to have a tunnel ten kilometres and a couple of versts long in a terrain that is as flat as a badminton court?"

The station-master was ready for that one too.

"The inhabitants of the province of Smelyinsk are very proud of their railway, and, as you know, Excellency, all first-class railway systems possess tunnels. Tunnels are both wonders of engineering

and symbols of the socialist way of life. So in order to bring honour to our province, Apparatchik Sputnikov of the provincial capital —”

“Apparatchik Sputnikov, eh?” growled Nikita Sergeivich. “We’ll bury him!” he shouted. “Nyet, on second thoughts, he added with a sly grin, “he is clearly, like yourself, a fellow of resource and ingenuity. We’ll send both of you to the Virgin Lands, where you shall have full play for your talents and industry.”

I was wondering what was so desirable about the Virgin Lands when the train crashed into the buffers at the Moscow terminus. I was extricated from the wreckage by a strikingly lush female Muscovite, weighing about 200 lb. Her statistics were extremely vital, but she had a permanently soured expression. She answered my unspoken queries.

“I’m yer guide, guvnor,” she said, in impeccable cockney. “I am also an Olympic discus thrower.”

Not another word could I get out of her, except that her name was Tamara Trnova, that she was the mother of eleven children, that she was a Heroine of the Soviet Union (with Bar), that her husband was a heavy worker (and also a heavy drinker), that she spoke eight languages, including both English and American, and that her permanently soured expression was due to the fact that James Bond had failed to make a single pass at her during his Smersh-smashing Odyssey through the Soviet Union.

That dame sure knew how to play the cards close to her chest.

Our droshky plodded its way along the enormously wide streets of the Russian capital (Moscow). They carry almost no traffic at all, but that did not prevent us having a collision with a rickshaw which dashed out of a sidestreet. Splendid buildings could be discerned in the distance on either side of the main thoroughfares.

“What is that building?” I asked Tamara, indicating a magnificent pile, encrusted with fantastic onion domes, which in their turn were encrusted with lapis lazuli, Easter eggs, neon signs and other costly *objets de vertu*.

“That is the Lubyanka Prison,” returned my guide.

“And what is that ramshackle barrack-like joint over there?”

“That is the Intourist Hotel. It also happens to be our destination.”

The foyer of the Intourist Hotel had not been changed in any essential since it had been built in the eighteenth century by the Empress Catherine the Great for Popoff, her favourite favourite. The building contained every conceivable eighteenth century luxury. My heart sank. If there was one thing I needed more than anything else, it was a bath. The cinders in the Butlinsk-Tdlewinsk tunnel still smarted.

I was piloted up to my room by a motherly ex-steeplechaser. My spirits rose. To my delight and surprise there was a bathroom attached, a really gorgeous affair, with walls of porphyry, a gilded rococo ceiling and cosmatesque work on the floor. Even more to my surprise, the chrysolite taps worked, h. as well as c. But — and

I might have guessed it — there was no plug to the malachite bath.
Disconsolately I wandered down to the dining-room.

After half-an-hour I managed to attract the attention of a waitress. An hour later she appeared with the menu. I scanned it. I groaned. Every single item on it had been crossed off. I began to think my meal would never be concluded.

Like this article.

K. C. O'CAEL (Lower Shell).

CAGE

Cage, animal, hatred
A dangerous thought —
His limbs, his strong limbs, his streamlined limbs,
Why these limbs? were these limbs meant to pace a cage?
No! for such beauty not expressed in natural activity is but deformity.
And yet he pads about stealthily, quietly, quickly,
A strong animal.
Lion! who once pounced on his prey pounces no longer;
Eyes, once so keen, tired and meek;
Once tawny brown, now faded rust —
Lion cage hatred.
Now lying down, now standing up, for ever on edge;
No mate, no cub, no pride;
Nothing except gaping people, lion and cage.

His life is empty,
His food a piece of horsemeat,
His once unlimited hunting ground, now the cage.
The bushland reduced to a dead log on the concrete floor.
Lion cage hatred
This is how he feels,
Or does he?

This is how I feel:
The people, the noise, how they stare!
At me, the king of the beasts, the king of the bush!
Yes, yes, I would show them that I am not a docile fool. . . .
If it weren't for this cage, cage, CAGE!

My eyes grow dim,
My teeth go bad,
My limbs grow stiff.
For what, I ask, for what?
Because of children and men,
Because of money grabbers and so-called animal lovers.
If they loved animals, they would let me go.
How I hate my cage!

To be called Leo the Lion or Lenny,
To be scoffed at or spat upon,
These crush one's pride.
This is my fate, to end my life in this cage.

I am alive in captivity.
Better dead like my kin who were shot on the plain,
For they never knew what cages were.

R. J. NEVILLE (5A).

FROM "THE SURVEY"

By W*ll**m W*rdsw*rth

(In which the Poet's Pantheism receives a setback that could have been avoided had he been trained under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme)

"One piece of granite looks like any other."
So spoke my city friend contemptuously,
Demolishing with geologic wit
The claims to beauty of our Lakeland scene.
Thus, Cumbria, were thy fells and crags and groves,
Thy meres and moors and all thy romanc'd scenes
Rudely disposed of by my lowlander.
O Helvellyn sublime! O Gable Great!
O venerable crag of Coniston!
O Skiddaw, Saddleback and Striding Edge!
(Figure of speech that every schoolboy knows
Is called Apostrophe, and I confess I am prone
To overdo, but be that as it may)
If you had hearts and were not rocky-cored,
You would avenge his insult. As it is,
Mute must you stay; and so it me befalls
To champion your grandeur. That same critic
(A cockney self-confessed) doth make the boast
That while his heart is pent in London town
His bowels to green East Anglian flats and fens
Are dedicate. Oh hark, ye mounts sublime!
There may be an oppression in your height,
To puny man a frowning admonition
Of his own insignificance, withal
A prisoning shadow and monotony.
Yet I might claim that Suffolk under plough
Bears strong resemblance to the tilth of Norfolk;
And you could go the length of both those shires.
And the last field would duplicate the first.

Seek solace in thy neighb'ring rural joys,
 My genial friend ! Cherish thy lowland scenes,
 Their simple woods and meekly rolling wolds,
 If such thy pleasure ; nor be analytic
 Of crag and rock, soil, sub-soil and the like.
 For 'tis not *looks* but *atmosphere* decides
 Thy predilection : something in the air,
 The *genius loci* those old Romans called it,
 Quintessence of the streams and rocks and trees,
 All most mysteriously interfused,
 Shedding a subtle whatnot on the senses.
 Give me my peaks ! Let highland atmosphere
 More than its visual scene promote my heart
 To ecstasy ; for midst the fells I find
 Uplift ineffable and otherwordly
 To liberate my soul. My instincts being
 Not geomorphologically inclined
 I find me symbols in each butt and ben
 Of various transcendental thingummies
 Defying speech. Likewise your lowland folk
 Have symbols of their own to comfort them
 Beyond my ken. It doth boil down to this :
Chacun à son gout. Phrase I might have used
 Before ! It would have saved a deal of ink.

Once to Norwegia's climes I took my grid,
 My crate, velocipede or penny-farthing
 (Being four descriptions of the self-same thing),
 And found that mountainous subarctic land
 Not unlike Cumbria's self, more so perhaps.
 I wheeled my way through Aal and Hol and Gol,
 Those sunny vales rejoicing in their snows
 At Eastertide (but now in summer green) :
 Then 'gan to climb with perilous toil a track
 'Twixt flanking crags like to our northern hills,
 Fantastic yet sublime ; and so along
 A savage forest chasm, where torrents foamed,
 To a mighty tableland, bejewelled with tarns,
 That were a paradise for anglers ; far
 Away gleamed the eternal snows, inviting
 My assiduous pedal, so I might partake
 Of their stern joys, and grapple at first hand
 With mountaineering problems. Up I went,
 Until at last before me wondrous stretched
 Thy shores, O Tyin ! and thy waters slept
 Beneath the Giants' Home, that awful massif,
 Snow peaks and glaciers mingling with the sky.

My crate discarded, now on Shanks's mare,
To penetrate the luring realm of ice
I press; until at length I find myself
Above the heather line, a bleak cold world
Of rocks, pools, cotton grass and dirty snow.
A mighty mountain wall now bars my passage,
200 m. high. Yet all undaunted,
I scale that fearful face, taking good care
'Tis by the simplest route. I reach the summit!
Oh, how I pant for breath! I sit me down
And pause for rest; then to my chagrin find
The wall I've climbed is merely the first step
Of a series of similar precipices
That stagger tier on tier into the clouds.

Between the step I had mounted and the next
A plateau stretched. It was without exception
The most outlandish spot I had ever seen.
It was a spot that you might aptly call
The Plain of Desolation. I might say
In the first place that vegetation was
Conspicuous by its absence: squalid mosses
And lichens dank alone refreshed the eye.
All else was boulders or huge bands of snow,
Stark setting for a dreary little lake,
A microhydrosphere, a pint-sized ocean,
With capes, isles and peninsulas supplied.
A pelting torrent too spread on its shore
Its fanlike delta, miniature of Nile.

'Twas Nature in her rawest mood presenting
A world composed of crudest elements.
Yet there was a strange beauty in the scene
No need to journey o'er a storm-vest ocean
To Greenland's icy mountains. Nothing more
Remote could I e'er wish to contemplate.
And then alas! the clouds that brows'd along
The loftier slopes of those gigantic hills
Did take it into their unthinking heads
To sink unto my tableland. The capes,
Peninsulas, and islets were expunged
From my frail vision, and a misty blanket,
Impenetrable, wet and passing chill,
Indeed decidedly unpleasant, girt
Me round with its fell terrors. I, in short,
Was lost. I wot not what direction
To take upon that stony waste. It was,
As I sate dripping neath a clammy boulder,

Probing the foggy wall with anxious eye,
 And staring at the lifeless, hostile scree,
 That my true plight dawn'd on me, and methought,
 What tortuous rocky mileage might I wander
 Spurr'd on by empty hope of safe return,
 To rest at last an appetising carcase
 For mountain eagles? or a curio
 For passing reindeer daintily to sniff?
 O traitorous Jotunheim! I stared and shiver'd;
 One piece of granite look'd like any other.

H.R. (VIX).

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER, 1963

Parents and Old Boys may like to have a go at the General Knowledge Paper which was set to be done UNSEEN at the beginning of the spring term. The best score at the School was 63 per cent. and we doubt whether many will be able to better it. No prizes are offered!

1. INSEPARABLES.

Complete the following couples :

- (a) William and _____ (b) Rosencrantz and _____
 (c) Bootsie and _____

2. ODD MEN OUT.

Which item of these groups has *least* connection with the others?

- (a) Fulham; Arsenal; Tottenham Hotspur; Charlton Athletic; Leyton Orient (as of January 1963).
 (b) Chaucer; Constable; Raleigh; Nelson; Wolsey.
 (c) Wayzgoose; mongoose; duckbill platypus; solan goose; Bombay duck.

3. TECHNICAL TWOS.

What is the technical term for :

- (a) A creature that walks on two feet.
 (b) A shellfish with two hinged shells.
 (c) An algebraical expression consisting of two terms connected by a plus or minus sign.

4. FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

From what languages are the following words taken?

- (a) Shibboleth. (b) Kyrie eleison. (c) Eisteddfod.

5. AMERICAN DIALECT.

What is the normal English for the following Americanisms?

- (a) Freight car. (b) Ash can. (c) Meet up with.

6. LIBRARY ROUTINE.

- (a) What is a Folio book?
 (b) On what page of a book is the Royal Hospital School stamp usually put?
 (c) What subject has the classification number 359?

7. GLOBE TROTTERS IN FICTION.

- (a) Who boasted he could put a girdle round the world in forty minutes?
- (b) Who went Round the World in Eighty Days?
- (c) Who discovered "the Lost World"?

8. ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Give the line coming immediately before these lines from hymns :

- (a) Protect them whereso'er they go.
- (b) I'll fear not what men say.
- (c) Among those dark Satanic mills.

9. MYTHOLOGY.

- (a) Who transferred the family fortunes from Ilium to Italy?
- (b) Who nursed Romulus and Remus?
- (c) To what island was King Arthur borne by three black-stoled queens with crowns of gold?

10. ANCIENT HISTORY.

- (a) What great African invaded Italy from the north?
- (b) Who had a wall built from the Solway to Tynemouth?
- (c) What nation did Attila lead?

11. THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

- (a) Who was the last English king to lead an army in the field?
- (b) What native-born Scotsman with a Welsh name raided the coasts of Britain under the American flag, became a Russian admiral, died in Paris during the French Revolution, and had a popular dance called after him?
- (c) Who was the "Sea-green Incorruptible"?

12. MODERN TIMES.

- (a) What communist European country is anti-Russian and pro-Chinese?
- (b) How many EFTA countries are there, and how many EEC?
- (c) What state is ruled by President Sukarno?

13. POLITICIANS.

- (a) To what family do Joseph, Edward, Robert and Jack belong?
- (b) What member of the U.K. government has a son who is also an M.P.?
- (c) Who was the "Reluctant Peer"?

14. THE LAW.

- (a) From whom does a barrister get his briefs?
- (b) What do you "take" to become a Queen's Counsel?
- (c) What Act is designed to prevent an accused person being held in custody without being brought to trial?

15. FINANCE.

- (a) What is meant by describing a company as "Limited"?
- (b) What is the correct term for the regular check on a company's accounts by an accountant?
- (c) What is the annual dividend on a £1 share paying 20 per cent. which you buy on the Stock Exchange for 35/-?

16. MEDICINE.

- (a) What is the name of the instrument with which the doctor sounds your chest?
- (b) What is the temperature range of an ordinary clinical thermometer in degrees Fahrenheit?
- (c) What is a drug given to calm people down called?

17. THE THEATRE.

- (a) On what play of Shaw is "My Fair Lady" based?
- (b) Which London play was in 1962 in its "tenth imperishable year"?
- (c) Where was Shakespeare's "King Henry the Fifth" originally produced?

18. TELEVISION.

In what *regular* television shows do these actors appear?

- (a) Rupert Davies.
- (b) Raymond Burr.
- (c) Patricia Phoenix.

19. MUSIC.

- (a) How many strings has a violin?
- (b) How many "black" notes are there in an octave?
- (c) How many beats are there to a six-eight bar?

20. ABOUT THE HOUSE.

With what kind of articles do you associate these names?

- (a) Aubusson.
- (b) Wedgwood.
- (c) Hepplewhite.

21. SUPERLATIVES.

- (a) Which is the tallest *building* in England?
- (b) Where is the world's largest tapestry?
- (c) Who drew the world's most expensive cartoon?

22. BATTLES.

With what battles do you associate :

- (a) The Three Hundred.
- (b) A fugitive in an oak tree.
- (c) The Rev. J. N. C. Holland.

23. DECORATIONS.

Of what decorations are these the medal ribbons?

- (a) Blue with a silver cross superimposed.
- (b) Blue, white and green stripes "watered" into one another.
- (c) Five pale violet diagonal stripes on a white ground.

24. ADMIRALS ALL.
- (a) Who lay at Flores in the Azores?
 - (b) Who went with twice four hundred men?
 - (c) Who polished up the handle of the big front door?
25. SAILING SHIPS.
- What is the name given to :
- (a) A two-masted vessel, both masts fore-and-aft rigged.
 - (b) A one-masted vessel, fore-and-aft rigged.
 - (c) A Red Sea ship with lateen sails.
26. THE ARMY.
- (a) Arrange in order of size (smallest unit first) :
battalion, corps, company, division, brigade.
 - (b) What are the two English regiments of the Brigade of Guards?
 - (c) With what part of England is the Regiment known as "The Vikings" associated?
27. TRANSPORT.
- What kind of vehicle or means of transport is :
- (a) A Foden.
 - (b) An Ilyushin.
 - (c) A Deltic.
28. VALUES.
- What is the value in pounds, shillings and pence of :
- (a) A thousand guineas.
 - (b) Two sparrows.
 - (c) The Whale Island Prize.
29. GEOGRAPHY.
- What names are given to the areas of natural grassland in :
- (a) The Argentine. (b) South Africa. (c) Southern Russia.
30. ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL.
- (a) Where in the School buildings would you find the inscription : "HORAS NON MEMORO NISI SERENAS"?
 - (b) What aspect of Christian worship is symbolised by the lunette windows at the extreme eastern end of the School Chapel?
 - (c) What Old Boy Admiral died in 1962?
 - (d) Who are the School's two latest entrants to Britannia Royal Naval College?
 - (e) Who is the Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys' Association?
31. SOMETHING IN COMMON.
- Five closely associated names — all to do with the Royal

Hospital School — are concealed in the following passage.
What are they?

“Shakespeare, Shaw, Keats and Shelley are my favourite authors,” said the colonel sonorously, as he showed the general round his library. He had last seen the general eighteen years previously, when they had both been fighting Pathans on the North West Frontier.

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

CAESARIAN DOUBLE ACROSTIC

All the answers, many of which consist of more than one word, are to be found in “Julius Caesar”. Any BOY in the School may submit an entry (in a sealed envelope, addressed to Mr. Seacome, and marked “Competition”), and a prize will be awarded to the first correct solution opened, if there are a reasonable number of entries. The Competition closes on October 12th.

Last year’s “King Henry the Fifth” Acrostic was won by B. S. Ruffell.

UPRIGHTS : Was it an “agony column” he was perusing?

- LIGHTS :
1. Not Caesar’s but Calphurnia’s head is off. — Confusing?
 2. A source to Casca’s wit (for better or worse).
 3. The barren-spirited fed on its reverse.
 4. Of Melancholy’s child, abbreviation.
 5. M.A. apostrophises his creation.
 6. The fatal day and many had cause to dread it.
 7. Mark said it was performed when Caesar said it.
 8. Minus her head and yet she fire did swallow.
 9. If A. were B. the stones of Rome would do it.
 10. Through its hazards Antony claimed he’d follow.
 11. Cicero was one and therefore he did rue it.

THE TOP TEN

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| 1. Nevil in Disguise. | “King” Bannerman. |
| 2. It’s Not Cricket. | Cuthbert and The Trundlers. |
| 3. How Do Howe Do It? | The Athletes. |
| 4. In the Swim. | Gerry and The Pacemakers. |
| 5. Return to Server. | The Hoodlums. |
| 6. Band of Hope and Glory. | The Olympians. |
| 7. Kiss of Life. | Freddie and The Lifesavers. |
| 8. Ring Out, Wild Bells. | Bob Triple. |
| 9. Up the Creek. | The Cadets. |
| 10. Bottom of the Poll. | “Screaming” Lord Sutch. |

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Report by the Hon. General Secretary

During the past twelve months the Old Boys' Association has continued to enjoy considerable success. However, I wish to make a few remarks about the object of the O.B.A., which is, "To keep all Old Boys in touch with the School and with each other". The success with which this can be achieved is borne out by the Annual Reunion at Holbrook each June. The reunion consists of the reunion dinner, the cricket match, and the Annual General Meeting. Such an extensive programme creates problems, and therefore criticisms arise. I would be grateful for any more comments or suggestions, and will be guided by them when we meet at Holbrook in December to arrange future reunions.

At the last reunion the Headmaster stressed the need for a centre to which Old Boys can easily and readily attach themselves after they leave Holbrook. The School immediately comes to mind as a good choice, and therefore the importance of the reunion is obvious. This year the number of those who attended the reunion was much lower than before. I do hope that many more will make the effort to come along to enjoy what is our premier event.

The revised Life Membership Scheme which has been in operation now for two years is very successful indeed. My experiences while in office convince me that this is the only way that successful administration can be maintained. The problem of collecting 5/- each from so many members is very difficult, but much deeper than this is the conviction that if an association is worth its existence at all — and the R.H.S.O.B.A. most certainly is — then its members deserve the distinction of being members for life. If you are not a Life Member, then dwell upon this seriously, and I urge you most strongly to become one. Remember if you have already subscribed annually this is taken into consideration when assessing your fee.

One unhappy feature is the alarming number of members who have quite recently received from me their final copy of the minutes, report and statement of accounts, etc. With their copy is enclosed a reminder that they owe their membership fees for two previous years, and I am afraid I shall not hear from a great number of these. This is unfortunate because I am sure that the great majority of them do not wish to be erased from the register, but have simply allowed their subscriptions to lapse through force of circumstances. Out of 700 members, 250 are in this category.

Another event at Holbrook is the annual rugby match in December. If anyone is interested and wishes to be considered for the team, I shall be happy to pass on any letters to the team Captain when the fixture is confirmed. Last February we intended to play a soccer match, but apart from the fact that the game was snowed off anyway, it was doubtful whether a full team would have been available. I must point out that the Headmaster would gladly allow a fixture but we must send a suitable team. If anyone is interested I

shall once again forward his letter to the team Captain if sufficient players are forthcoming and a fixture is consequently confirmed.

Finally, I have a stock of blazer badges and O.B.A. ties which are available to members of the Association. Details of these will be sent on request.

R. G. RICHARDS.

OLD BOYS' REUNION DINNER

The principal guests at the Old Boys' Reunion Dinner were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Missen and Father Boniface Kruger. Mr. Missen has been longer on the School Management Committee than any other member, and is a noted educationist. Father Boniface was presented by the Portsmouth Branch of the Old Boys with a solid silver chalice and paten in memory of Admiral Sir Philip Enright, to be used in the Roman Catholic Chapel at the School.

The following Old Boys attended the Dinner : G. Addy, G. Abraham, P. Brown, M. Bradley, R. Barker, M. Beckett, D. Barnden, F. Butler, R. Bailey, A. Barker, P. Crick, W. Cooper, M. Conway, H. Dombrick, B. Davis, F. de Neumann, A. Ell, H. Fillingham, I. Findlay, D. Groves, H. J. Hoare, E. Harris, D. Hargreaves, R. Hutchings, H. Hutchings, R. Harper, G. Hayward, M. Hayward, R. Holyroyd, C. Hall, A. Harding, L. Innes, W. Jardine, B. Kensall, R. Lansley, F. Lawrence, C. Lever, R. Lomas, G. McLennan, G. Norton, P. Parkinson, G. Potter, C. Petty-Mayor, R. Pearman, J. Preece, G. Parry, F. Pike, M. Phillips, D. Phillips, J. Phillips, R. Richards, S. Regler, W. Ravenscroft, A. Ravenscroft, M. Rogers, I. Rosenberg, A. Stock, R. Smart, D. Sample, M. Townley, H. Turner, T. Thordarson, L. Taylor, R. Walle, M. Young.

The following friends of the School and members of the staff were also present : The Headmaster and Mrs. York, the Second Master and Mrs. Tate, the Bursar and Mrs. Hawkins, The Rev. and Mrs. J. N. C. Holland, Commander J. R. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Lumsden, Mr. G. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis, Mr. R. B. Peat, and Mr. K. H. Seacome.

PORTSMOUTH BRANCH

<i>Branch President:</i>	Mr. C. W. Hall.
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Capt. H. W. Flint.
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>	Mr. H. Roberts.
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>	Mr. A. Ampleford.
<i>Social Secretary:</i>	Mr. S. Regler.
<i>Committee Members:</i>	Mr. B. Kensall, Mr. D. Barnden, Mr. H. Usborne.

The Branch officers listed above have been elected to serve the Branch for 1963/4. Many of them have served the Branch in some capacity for several years, but they intend to make every effort to look carefully into the Branch aims and activities in an effort to

make the Association a more active and useful organisation than it is able to be at the moment.

First, a few details of the year's events. In October the Branch held its Autumn Dance which was a "Tramps' Ball", and those who made an effort to appear in fancy dress added a certain amount of colour to the proceedings. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Barry Kensall the members who attended had a most enjoyable evening, but the response by members themselves was noticeably poor, and when one realises that one of our oldest members and his wife — Mr. and Mrs. Hoare — made the long journey from Dorset to be present at the function, I feel that some of those that could easily have supported the Branch on this occasion can have no excuse for not turning up, particularly as they have elected to join and fully support the Association by being active Branch members. These functions could be so much more enjoyable with an increased attendance. From the financial point of view, the Branch was only in debt £3 this time, and we could make some profit if we were better supported.

In November the Branch was represented by a few of its members at a social evening at the R.A.D.C. Mess in Aldershot, an event which is becoming more popular every time we go, and we look forward to further visits. This trip, and similar ones if anyone has any suggestions, is just the kind of social event to keep the Branch meeting together more often and therefore more active.

The next main event, of course, was the Christmas Draw, which was held at the Royal Sailors' Home Club on 20th December, and I'm pleased to say that 24 members were present and 14 guests. Thank heaven the snow didn't come before Boxing Day! The bad weather saw a very big lapse in attendance, and at the January meeting only 6 members turned out. I think, however, that the bad weather was certainly used by some as a good excuse to stay away.

Anyway, the Committee still kept going sufficiently well to make sure that the main event, the Annual Dinner and Dance, was well organised. Once again, our thanks are mainly due to Mr. Kensall. We were very pleased to welcome the Chief Education Officer and his wife as principal guests, and our other guests for the evening included Mr. and Mrs. Markham, to whom we offer our thanks for the pleasure of their company, and also we invited Mr. Anger, the manager of the Royal Sailors' Home Club, and his wife. Kimbells provided us with a very appetising meal, and as the speech-making was kept down to a minimum the dancing period was longer than expected which gave us all a real chance to meet as many people as possible. Once again the only *fact* that marred the evening was that so few *members* turned up, which was such a pity as they missed a very happy evening. Some members who attended mentioned to me that they were disappointed at the response of younger members, who could have made it a much live-

lier evening still. However, we hope that all members will take note of any future events.

We did not hold a Derby Draw this year as the Association held its Draw for the Pavilion Fund, which although not as successful as we hoped, needs another try with a more positive approach by members, and, we feel, a more moderate price of ticket. However, this will have to be thrashed out by the General Committee, and we can assure them of our full support.

The Draw just mentioned took place at the Annual Reunion, and I'm pleased to report that all Pompey members who attended arrived safely this time, or at least at the scheduled time! My main comment on the weekend is contained in remarks made to me by some of the other younger members of the Association, that they had had a very full weekend, and had been looked after very well, and had been made to feel very welcome. This is the one event in the year at the moment, apart from the Rugby match, which brings the Association into immediate view of the boys still at the School, and it is the boys for whom we could become increasingly more active.

At the moment the Association exists primarily to keep old boys in touch with one another and the School, which is all very fine, but many are beginning to realise that we need to present a more active outlook to the School than we do at present. The questions I would ask you to consider are, what ought the aims and activities of the Association to be in order that the Association can be more useful to the School throughout the year, whenever the School has need of it, and how can those members, who cannot normally attend Branch meetings, be helped to feel that they can give help to the School or the Association, and not merely by being asked to contribute to two Draws a year. Several ideas have already been mentioned by members which may help to attract a few younger members and, we hope, some of the parents of boys still at School or of Old Boys.

By the time the magazine comes out these ideas will have been gone into by the Branch, and I hope that some notification of the results of any discussion will have been put out. There will be, however, the next General Committee meeting to think about, at which we hope that some of the views for extending the O.B.A. may be brought up.

Many may feel that the O.B.A. is good enough as it is, so I won't go on to any further details of ideas which have presented themselves during the past year, but wait to see how good the response is, and whether others have been thinking along similar lines. Do contact your new Secretary, Mr. H. Roberts, 43 Brewers Lane, Gosport, Hants., if you are at all interested in supplementing your subscriptions with helpful ideas for the extension of the aims and activities of the O.B.A. and the Branch.

It is only through the opportunities I have had this year to be in closer contact with the O.B.A. that I have realised the potential usefulness of the Association, but I have also realised the strong

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HON. GEN. SECRETARY — MR. R. G. RICHARDS

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 16th APRIL, 1962, to 22nd APRIL, 1963

CREDIT			DEBIT			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
...	To Hon. Gen. Treasurer ...	...	330	0 0
Balance Brought forward	9 17 2	To Office requirements:	...	52	10 6
Subscriptions	344 19 0	Stationery and printing	...	14	9 0
1962 Annual Reunion Account	101 10 0	To Purchase Blazer Badges	...	17	0 6
1963 Annual Reunion Account	13 0 0	To Purchase Ties ...	...	104	16 9
Sale of Blazer Badges	54 9 6	To Annual Reunion 1962 ...	...	2	8 2
Sale of Assoc. Ties	27 12 0	To Purchase O.B.A. Medals	...	1	0 6
School Magazines	1 7 6	To Magazine Account ...	...	0	6 6
History of the School	0 6 6	To History of the School ...	...	1	0 0
Portsmouth Branch Xmas Draw	1 0 0	To Portsmouth Branch Xmas Draw	...	12	0 7
Donations	0 5 0	To Miscellaneous ...	...	8	9 0
Miscellaneous Postage, Registers and	To Reimbursements
Reimbursements	2 13 0			544	1 6
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STOCK AS AT 22nd APRIL, 1963

	Hon. Gen. Sect.	R. Hosp. Sch.	Value
Gold Wire Blazer Badges ...	21	3	63 12 0
Silk Woven Blazer Badges ...	35	3	26 12 0
Rayon Ties ...	14	3	8 18 6
Terylene Ties ...	15	3	12 12 0
Silk Ties ...	16	3	19 19 0
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INVESTMENTS HELD BY MIDLAND BANK LTD.

	Price as at 17.5.1963	Value
£150 3½% Conversion Loan	61.13/16	£93 0 0
£100 4½% Defence Bonds	PAR	£100 0 0
£100 3½% War Stock	61.11/16	£62 0 0

Audited and found correct 10.6.63 — H. J. Fillingham,
Geo. H. Anchors.

G. W. Hayward, Hon Gen. Treasurer,
22nd May, 1963.

loyalties and real affection that Old Boys have for their School and for one another. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members and officers of the Pompey Branch for a very happy year with them, and also those officers of the Association whom it has been my pleasure to know this past year, and will continue to know as close friends for a very long time.

The Branch sends its best wishes to the School, and we all look forward to a very active year and a fruitful one for the Association and the School.

P. C. CRICK.
Portsmouth Branch.

CHATHAM BRANCH

During the past year the Branch has made steady progress. The following Branch officers were re-elected *en bloc*:

Branch President — H. J. Fillingham.

Branch Secretary — G. H. Anchors.

Branch Treasurer — W. Ravenscroft.

Branch Representative — H. J. Fillingham.

There are many members of the Branch who never see us, and we would appreciate a letter or card from the members who live away from the Chatham area or are in the Services.

Speech Day.

We have for some years arranged Coach Transport from the Medway Area and ask boys at the School to inform their parents of this facility especially the new boys from the Medway towns. Coach fare for adults will be 25/-, and for children 10/-.

G. H. ANCHORS, Hon Secretary.

49 Burnt Oak Terrace,
Gillingham, Kent.

On the 7th August, 1963 (since these notes were written), Mrs. H. J. Fillingham gave birth to a daughter. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fillingham and send them our best wishes.

GRAND DRAW FOR MINI-CAR

The draw for the first prize in aid of the 250th Anniversary Appeal Fund held by the Old Boys' Association took place during the Reunion Dinner at Holbrook on Saturday, June 15th, 1963. As the result of this draw, the following winner was announced:

Ticket No. 1429 — Mrs. N. M. Holmes, 17 Merton Road, Southsea, Hants.

In accordance with the provision stated on the tickets, it was declared that the receipts from the draw were insufficient to meet the cost of the Mini-Car. It was therefore declared by the committee that a first prize of £330 be presented to the winner.

The prize of £10 to the seller of the winning ticket was awarded to:

Mr. B. J. Hatcher, High Lee, Carisbrooke, Hill Head, Hants.

To all members and their friends who gave their generous support to the draw, I extend my sincerest thanks, and applaud their effort.

To all those who did not, may I say that should they be asked again to assist such a worthy cause, will they give of their best to ensure success which, I am sorry to say, we did not achieve this time.

Best wishes and sincere thanks,

Yours sincerely,

G. W. HAYWARD, Hon. Gen. Treasurer.

198 Chertsey Rise,
Stevenage,
Herts.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Since a considerable part of the readership of the School Magazine consists of Old Boys, we wish to include in it as much news of Old Boys as possible. But to achieve this we must be supplied with information by the Old Boys themselves. We believe that the kind of information we have given below is bound to be of interest to some of our Old Boy readers; and we would be grateful if ALL Old Boys who have some special information about themselves would communicate it either to Commander J. R. Lamb at the School or to the Housemasters of their former Houses.

G. M. SOPP (1918-20) No. 9 Company. Lieut.-Commander, M.B.E. Now retired and teaching at a Secondary Modern School at Portsmouth.

J. BRYANT (1921-24) No. 4/10 Company. Retired Bugle Sergeant, R.M. He writes that during his period at R.H.S. there were two bands, one Port Watch or Bugle Band, and one Starboard Watch or Brass Band. Sgt. Bryant was Drum Major and has just presented a picture of the band dating from the School's days at Greenwich.

H. J. HOARE (Boreman Foundation), one of our oldest but by no means least active Old Boys has written the appreciation of the late Capt. Pimm on a later page. Mr. Hoare, was left among other things the ship's bell and a model of the clipper ship Capt. Pimm sailed in. Mr. Hoare, whose address is Grenovic, French Mill Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset, was at the Old Boys' Reunion, 1963.

GEORGE BROOKS (1930-33) No. 8/1 Company and Raleigh (where he spent only 10 days before being posted). Lt. Cmdr. Retired from appointment at Admiralty in October, 1962. Now living at 5 Beckley Road, Sheerness, Kent.

D. L. SATTERFORD, D.S.C. (1930-34) No. 5 Company. Lt. Cdr. Retired 1961. Now Clerk in Holy Orders.

F. J. R. KING (1929-34). Lt. Cdr. Executive Officer of H.M.S. "Worcester". Former Drum Major of R.H.S. Band.

P. E. HENLEY (1934-36). Lt. Cdr. Appointment at Admiralty. Lives at Portsmouth.

S. L. McARDLE, G.M., M.V.O. Cdr. Executive Officer of H.M.S. "Hermes"; will be promoted Captain as from 31/12/63.

ANSON.

L. R. BARTER (1950-54) is farming at Tregolls Farm, Stithians, Truro, Cornwall.

P. J. BARTER (1951-55) Lieut. R.N., has just navigated the Minesweeper Supply Ship H.M.S. "Woodbridge Haven" from Singapore to Portsmouth.

P. C. CRICK (1946-54) has joined the Staff of the Royal Hospital School.

- P. B. LUNBERG (1955-62) has taken his First Year Examinations at Liverpool University, and obtained 1st Class Honours in Pure and Applied Mathematics, and Top Second Class Honours in Physics and Statistics.
- G. B. SHIELDS (1953-60) is proceeding to Manchester University to read Economics and History.

BLAKE.

- R. C. STRATTON (1954-60). Saunders-Roe Apprentice at East Cowes. Working on Hovercraft, S.R.N.2, of which he has sent us an interesting account. He thinks it possible that the 100-passenger S.R.N.3 will be in service in the near future.

COLLINGWOOD.

- D. BUTLER (1955-61). Now at Rensdale Technical College, Liverpool, training as a Marine Engineer for the Blue Funnel Line. Goes to sea in September 1963.
- R. V. HALLETT (1958-62). Cadetship in the New Zealand Shipping Co. Line.
- P. LOCKYER (1957-61) whose home address is 211 Crescent House, Golden Lane Estate, E.C.1, has been at H.M.S. "Seahawk".
- N. SPENCER (1956-61) is a Trainee Manager at a Supermarket at Portsmouth.
- C. INSTANCE (1957-60) is a garage Mechanic and Salesman.
- C. WHITWORTH (1958-61) in Royal Marines, whom he represented in the Services Youth Sports in 100 and 220 yards.
- G. A. RICHARDS (1955-62) is now a Weights and Measures Inspector at Ilford.
- S. J. DICKIE (1958-62) is at Northwood Technical College and is taking G.C.E.

CORNWALLIS.

- J. W. STUDD (1951-57). Has completed his Medical Training at Birmingham University, and is waiting to take up a post in Rhodesia.
- P. J. GOODGER (1952-57) served until August, 1962, as Radio Officer with the Marconi International Marine Co.; now hopes to take up a post with the National Provincial Bank.
- E. G. KEMP (1947-50) has just been awarded his Master's ticket for the Merchant Navy. After joining the Merchant Navy as an Apprentice in 1952 with London Overseas Freighters he reached the rank of Second Officer. Previous to sitting his exams. at Sir John Cass College he was for 3 months on the Russia-Cuba sea route.
- R. A. PETERS (1945-49) joined the Royal Navy on leaving School, and is now in Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth.
- J. E. HOWARTH (1957-62). Junior Leader Royal Armoured Corps.
- P. WILLSTEED (1954-62). Having completed his year's training at Dartmouth, his joined H.M.S. "Hermes" as Midshipman; recently cruised in H.M.S. "Wizard" and visited, among other places, Toronto. At Dartmouth he was awarded his colours for Soccer and played regularly at centre half for the 1st XI.
- S. MARSDEN (1959-62). Undergoing training at H.M.S. "St. Vincent".
- M. J. TOWNLEY (1953-60). Has almost completed his Student Apprenticeship and is working on the construction of a nuclear power station at Dungeness.
- P. COLLETT (1957-61) is now with the R.M. Junior Band at Deal, and was in it when it gave a performance recently at R.H.S.
- R. WALLE (1957-61). Sgt. Boy Entrant and First Prize for General Service Efficiency at R.A.F. Training Station, St. Athan. He also swam for the R.A.F. in the Junior Inter-Services Competition.
- J. A. RUSSELL (1955-61) is now at Dudley Training College, and visited the School, when he was on a course at Flatford Mill.
- Two other Old Cornwallis boys, both of them in the Royal Navy, M. ROGERS and W. JARDINE, have visited the School a number of times, the latter batting very well in the Old Boys' Match, 1963.
- L. R. HANKS (1936-40) who lives at 86 Grove Road, Drayton, Portsmouth,

also recently visited the School, for the first time since leaving it, and was much impressed. He is working with the General Electric Company.

- F. T. HAWTHORNE (1951-54) whose home address is 53 Clifford Gardens, Kensal Rise, N.W.10, is in the Airfreight Export business.
- P. ANSTEY (1943-46) is an Instructor on H.M. Anti-Submarine Frigate "Whitby" and has been on the South Atlantic-South American Station and also with the Far East Fleet.

DRAKE.

- A. FRYER (1958-62). National Sea Training School Catering Course, 1963.
- E. S. BARKER (1953-55). Now an Art Teacher.
- E. R. HARRIS (1955-62) has just completed Part 1 of his B.Sc. Degree at S.W. Essex Technical College.

HAWKE.

- M. G. DANNATT (1954-57) is married and with the R.A.F. Moved recently from Yatesbury to 20 A.M.Q. Hullavington, Wilts., where he is a Corporal Instructor.
- B. W. R. ROWLAND (1956-58). Having successfully completed his four-year artificer-apprenticeship in December, 1962, he has joined the Fleet to complete his training.

HOOD.

- J. V. WENHAM (1957-60) is in Anti-Submarine Frigate H.M.S. "Berwick".
- D. O'BRIEN (1953-59) has passed London B.Sc. General (Honours) Degree in Mathematics and Chemistry. Now at Southampton University for a one-year post-graduate Education Certificate course after which he hopes to go abroad for a while.
- A. ARMITAGE (1957-61) has successfully completed Part 1 of his Artificer Apprentice Course. He was rated Petty Officer Apprentice, and has qualified for the Ordinary National Certificate (S.1).
- F. E. BARTER (1941-45). Sheet metalworker in Lincoln.
- R. CHEESEMAN (1946-51). C.P.O., R.N., serving in H.M.S. "Cambridge".
- C. N. CORBETT (1954-58). Nearing completion of Apprenticeship as a Book-binder.
- R. J. SMART (1954-57). Student teaching before going to Bognor Training College.
- T. J. TOWERS (1956-60). Serving in King's Royal Rifle Corps in North Africa.

HOWE.

- M. J. B. HARLEY (1949-56) who took his Medical Degree at about the same time as J. W. Studd is a Houseman at King's College Hospital.
- W. J. HOBBS (1958-62). Engineering Cadet with Shell Tankers; studying at Cornwall Technical College, and representing Cornwall came sixth in the Javelin event at the All-England Schools Athletics Meeting, 1963.
- A. D. UPHILL (1954-58) has passed his four-year apprenticeship and has joined the Fleet as an Electrical Artificer (16th May, 1963).
- M. R. ALDER (1954-59). Successfully completed his training as an Artificer in the Royal Navy and has joined the Fleet.

NELSON.

- F. J. MANNING (1950-55) is married and living at Cambridge, where he is studying for the Second Part of the Professional Examinations of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.
- D. HESSEY (1948-52). Now married and serving in the Reserve Fleet.
- D. HARRISON (1957-62). Having successfully completed Part 1 training as an Artificer, has been rated Petty Officer Artificer. He has obtained Ordinary National Certificate (S.1.), and has now joined H.M.S. "Caledonia" for Part 2 training in Marine Engineering.
- R. H. DART (1938-42) has now left the Navy and is living at Exminster, Devon.

RALEIGH.

D. S. M. YOUNG (1958-62) was a member of the 1963 H.M.S. "St. Vincent" Boxing Team which came second in the Class B Trophy of the Royal Navy.

ST. VINCENT.

D. M. LEE (1957-60). Involved in a motor-cycle accident in February, 1963, receiving very extensive injuries, from which we all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

R. G. HEATH (1956-58) has successfully completed training as an Artificer in the Royal Navy, and has joined the Fleet.

M. D. FARGE (1958-63). Apprenticed at Westland Aircraft Co. He has taken up go-carting and gliding as hobbies.

M. J. HOPKER (1954-61). Midshipman. Serving in Fishery Protection Vessel "Palliser".

D. J. WEST (1954-58) is in I.C.I. He has taken High National Certificate in Chemistry. Home Address: 8 Ashley Road, Broadwaters Heath, Kidderminster, Worcs.

D. ATTRIDGE (1954-57). Radio Officer in Merchant Navy. Married on 26th January, 1963.

OBITUARY

Rear-Admiral James Figgins

Rear-Admiral James Figgins, whose death occurred too late to be included in our last issue, first entered the Navy in the year 1902 as a boy, second class. He was 15½ years of age. By 1912, when the mate scheme was started, he had reached warrant rank, and he was one of the first 12 ex-lower deck ratings to be selected.

He was also the first officer to be promoted to captain via the grade of mate, after having served with distinction throughout the First World War. In the Second World War he commanded H.M.S. "Newcastle", 18th Cruiser Squadron, H.M.S. "Glendower" and H.M.S. "Excalibur", and was for a time in command at Lowestoft. In 1942 he was made a C.B.E.

He was the son of Lieutenant J. F. Figgins, R.N., and was born in 1886. He married, in 1920, Grace, younger daughter of G. T. Miller.

Captain William John Pimm

Mr. H. J. Hoare writes :

Captain Pimm passed away on September 26th, 1962, at Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, aged 86.

He was a member of the first Boreman Company, and was awarded the silver medal, and sextant, for Navigation and Nautical Astronomy; he used the sextant throughout his sea service.

His apprenticeship was served in clipper sailing ships; as an expert in the rigging of sailing ships, he was consulted in the rigging of the "Cutty Sark" when fitting out in dock at Greenwich.

At the Board of Trade examination for Master's Certificate, he did so well that the examiners invited him to sit, at the same opportunity, for Extra Master, which he obtained.

One extra master examiner enquired, where, as a boy, he went to school. Pimm replied, "As a Boreman Foundationer, at the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, Upper Nautical Division". The

examiner: "I know that, by the way you set out your papers; I was there myself!"

During the 1914/18 war, he was Navigating Officer of the first aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean, and with the North Sea fleet.

After the war, he rejoined the Thames Conservancy, where he was responsible for 200 miles of Thames and its tributaries.

During the Second World War, he commanded the River Home Guard for his section of the Thames, served as an Unofficial Police Magistrate, for river offences, and was responsible for Henley Regatta course.

He appointed R.H.S. Old Boy naval pensioners, as lock keepers, and inaugurated the best lock competition.

He was a stand-out man, respected, full of character, with a keen sense of duty, a staunch friend, and a loyal life member of the R.H.S. Old Boys' Association.

Mr. F. Bailey

Mr. H. J. Fillingham writes :

It is with deep regret that we record the passing, rather suddenly, on Saturday, 3rd May, 1963, of Mr. Frank Bailey, aged 74 years, of the Chatham Branch of the Old Boys' Association.

He was in the School from 1900-04 when he joined the Royal Navy as a Boy Seaman, retiring in 1929 as a Chief Petty Officer. He had served most of that time in the Submarine Service and was recalled at the outbreak of World War II.

He was a Founder Member of the Association and very active in the Chatham Branch where he will be sadly missed.

He was also a member of the Submariners' Association, Chatham Branch.

1st TEAM FIXTURES, 1963/64

Rugby

28 Sept.	Colchester R.G.S. 2nd XV	A
3 Oct.	Ipswich School "A" XV	H
5 "	Felixstowe G.S.	H
12 "	Northgate G.S.	A
19 "	Duke of York's R.M.S.	A
	(Swimming match on the Friday evening)	
26 "	Langley School	H
2 Nov.	Woolverstone Hall	H
9 "	Felsted 2nd XV	A
16 "	Ipswich Colts	H
23 "	St. Joseph's College	A
30 "	Old Boys	H
7 Dec.	Stowmarket G.S.	A

Soccer

14 Dec.	Sudbury G.S.	A
23 Jan.	Staff	H
25 „	H.M.S. Ganges	A
1 Feb.	Stowmarket G.S.	H
6 „	Sudbury G.S.	A
8 „	Leiston G.S.	H
13 „	Earls Colne G.S.	A
19 „	Sudbury G.S.	H
29 „	Clacton C.H.	A
14 Mar.	Maldon G.S.	A
21 „	Old Boys	H

Cricket

7 May	Ipswich School 2nd XI*	A
9 „	Felixstowe G.S.	A
16 „	Woolverstone Hall	H
23 „	Stowmarket G.S.	H
30 „	St. Joseph's College	H
6 June	Maldon G.S.	H
13 „	Harwich C.H.	H
20 „	Old Boys	H
27 „	Felsted 2nd XI	A
4 July	Northgate G.S.	A
18 „	H.M.S. Ganges	H

*Not confirmed

Old Boys wishing to be considered for one of the teams to play against the School should contact the following persons :

Rugby:

Mr. N. E. Ward, 4 Rodney Way, Merchiston Estate, Horndean, Portsmouth, Hants.

Soccer:

Mr. T. J. Thordarson, 85 First Lane, Hessle, Hull, Yorks.

Cricket:

Mr. W. Cooper, 37 Rifle Range Road, Kidderminster, Worcs.
G.A.R.

Other Important Dates

Carol Service — Wednesday, 18th December, 1963.

O.B. Reunion — Saturday, 20th June, 1964.

Speech Day — Saturday, 25th July, 1964.

LATE NEWS

GEOFFREY NELSON OXBORROW

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death on August 9th, 1963, of a well-known and respected member of the staff. Mr. Oxborrow had served in the Royal Navy, retiring in 1947 with the rank of Petty Officer. He joined the School shortly afterwards and became our first laboratory steward.

Many boys, particularly past and present Sixth-formers, have good reason to remember the care and thoroughness with which he set up a variety of apparatus for their needs in the three science subjects. At the same time he was always ready to give a helping hand to other members of the staff in his usual cheerful and friendly way.

He had been in poor health for several months, but we were all looking forward to his return to duty after the summer holidays. It came as a great shock to hear of his death at the age of 55, few days before he was due to go into hospital.

We extend our sincere condolences to his sister, Mrs. Kessler, and niece and nephew, who reside in Ipswich.

G.C.E. "O" LEVEL RESULTS (July 1963)

Fifth Form:

- 9 passes : J. R. Hailstone; K. F. Knott; A. C. D. Quade; R. B. Trimboy.
- 8 passes : A. Baxter; B. S. Ruffell.
- 7 passes : D. P. Butler; S. W. Funnell; D. J. Hemlin; C. H. Longworth; J. D. Hough; M. C. D. Pearce; M. C. Rapley; R. D. Thompson; I. D. Tupper; K. Williams.
- 6 passes : L. R. Hooper; T. J. Kenny; M. G. Kimpton; E. T. Moore; N. S. Smith; P. D. S. Pugh.
- 5 passes : N. G. Addy; J. S. Anderson; R. D. R. Finnimore; I. H. Tounley; M. L. Woodhouse.

The following passed in various subjects :

M. D. Baker; A. G. Brewer; R. J. Collins; A. E. Deadman; K. J. Dunn; J. Eckford; E. R. Evans; J. F. Fensome; A. J. Fentum; S. J. Filce; R. F. Grills; N. G. Hancock; M. J. Hill; A. Hobbs; P. T. M. Horton; I. R. G. Hunt; A. F. Lear; P. J. Mackenzie; N. S. Mackinnon; A. A. Morphy; C. P. Myall; C. V. Palmer; R. C. O. Parker; A. F. Polson; P. J. Riley; M. T. Rivett; D. J. Robbins; D. G. Slaughter; P. L. Venables; R. Whittle; J. R. Willson; J. A. Wright.

Sixth Form:

The following passed in various *additional* subjects :

W. A. Baker; P. C. Collins; D. Cook; C. A. Curnock; C. D. de

Burgh; R. Flexman; A. Gick; M. J. Heritage-Owen; M. Holley; C. V. Howard; R. Howe; D. W. Leech; R. J. Shellbourn; C. J. Streeter; A. N. Trimboy; C. D. Trott; M. D. Waterson; B. D. Wellings.

We acknowledge with compliments and thanks the receipt of the following magazines :

Ashore and Afloat; Fisgard; The Shotley Magazine; The Britannia Magazine; Caledonia; The Petty Officer; Officer; The Yorkist; Northgate; The Ipswichian; The Colombo Plan; Brazilian News; Scala International; Zodiac; The Propeller.