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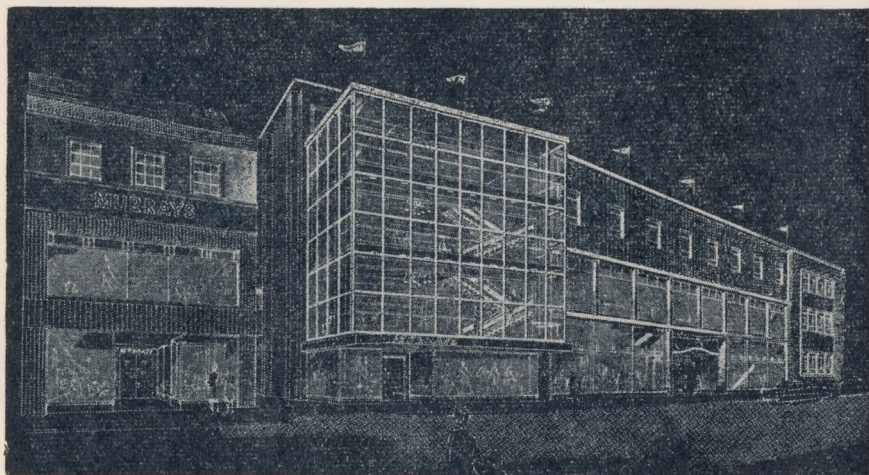
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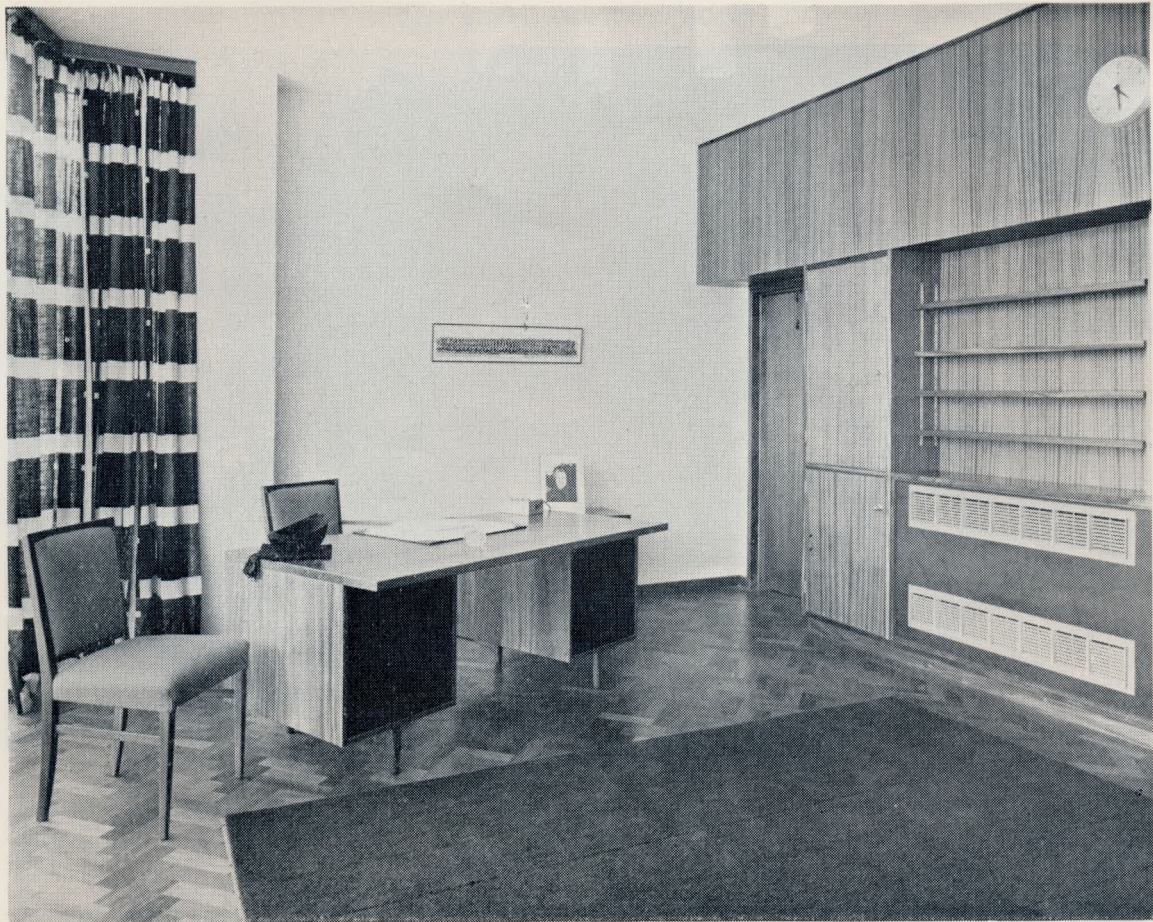


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EDITORIAL

The final completion of the new buildings at the front of the School must be greeted with great pleasure. Its interior is truly magnificent, and future generations at the School will be fortunate in the variety of amenities which are provided. However, buildings alone, although very important, are not enough. Education covers a wide field—it is a training, above all, for democracy and citizenship. The burden on the teaching staff is heavy and they have a grave responsibility. Of course, the teaching staff's role is very important but, of equal if not more importance, is the curriculum which is taught at secondary schools, like this one.

During his stay at a Grammar School, the young student is passing through his most receptive period. Thus, with an intelligent and far-sighted curriculum, a student can be given an insight behind the facade of modern society. Thus, having reached maturity, the student is better equipped to play his part as an effective citizen.

For most students, the most receptive period coincides with his presence in the sixth form. However, the process of becoming involved with the community is retarded by the demands of a narrow, highly-specialised, curriculum. The British sixth form is highly praised because of its atmosphere of intellectual activity and specialisation. On the first count, the praise is certainly justified. Thus, it is gratifying to see the new sixth-form Division Rooms in the new buildings. Here, in comfortable surroundings, there can be informal discussions between students and master.

However, the degree of specialisation reached in the majority of Grammar Schools nowadays does not merit praise. For many

pupils, the choice of their sixth-form course has been determined by a degree of specialisation starting in the second year at the School. Such specialisation breaks the unity of knowledge and its all-important relevance to contemporary society. However, this criticism is not directed solely toward the schools. For, initially, the school curriculum is directed in such a way as to satisfy the requirements of the University Examination Boards. During recent years, entrance to universities has come to depend, more and more, on gaining high marks in specialist subjects at Advanced Level. In order to meet these requirements, a high degree of specialisation is necessary. It is "depth rather than breadth." Similarly, during further university education, the emphasis is maintained towards Honours Degrees rather than General Degrees, in spite of the more liberal approach at some of our newest universities.

Undoubtedly, after a certain stage, specialisation is inevitable. Especially for those of the highest academic standard, a deep knowledge of a subject is both essential and remunerative. However, even within the present requirements, there is room for a broader general course. Periods dealing with aspects of modern society could be included. The tendency toward generalisation should be encouraged. For example, before Ordinary Level, a course in General Science would be preferable to specialist courses in Physics or Chemistry.

Nevertheless, it is essential that universities should give the lead by reforming their examination syllabuses. However, individual schools can still introduce improvements. In a well-organised syllabus, two periods could be given over to Comparative Religion and to Current Affairs. Further, themes such as "The Influence of Science on Modern Thinking" should be developed. Such reforms, as an aid to understanding the modern world, are obvious. And these reforms can be integrated into the present system, as Michael Hutchinson and Christopher Young have shown in their book *Educating the Intelligent*.

The purpose of this editorial has been to emphasise the role of education as preparing the student for society. Specialisation need not be an obstruction because it becomes increasingly inevitable. Nevertheless, in all secondary schools, subjects concerning current affairs or the contemporary administrative or governmental system must be encouraged, because they are so relevant to contemporary society. Discussion or debate about the teaching profession must be encouraged, because a well-educated younger generation is the greatest asset to a particular community. It is an investment in the future which will be repaid ten-fold.

STAFF NEWS

With our larger staff the numbers joining and leaving us grow every year. Both Mr. N. H. White, who came in 1948, and Mr. J. B. Benson, who came in 1951, will be remembered, not only for their excellent teaching, but for their extra activities for the good of the School. Mr. White ran the school tuck shop and was an officer in the R.A.F. section of the C.C.F., while Mr. Benson was an officer in the Naval section. Also leaving us are : Mr. G. W. Roberts, Mr. I. H. C. Waters, Mr. W. B. Watmough, Mr. C. R. Watts and Herr C. Weiler. To all of them we extend our thanks and best wishes for their future.

On a happier note, two members of the Staff, Mr. A. Parry-Jones and Mr. R. A. P. Wilson, have announced their forthcoming weddings. We wish them every success and happiness.

In the Autumn the staff will be joined by : G. L. Smith, Esq., B.A. (Cantab.), C. R. Pollard, Esq., B.A. (Bristol), N. L. Jones, Esq., B.A., who come to teach modern languages, R. Duffield, Esq., B.A. (Oxon.), R. M. Strickland, Esq., B.A. (Cantab.) to teach mathematics, and D. J. Authers, Esq., B.A. (Oxon.), who joins the classics department. The science staff will be augmented by J. Phillipps, Esq., B.Sc. (Nottingham), who will teach physics, and N. J. Selley, Esq., B.A. (Oxon.), B.Sc., who will teach chemistry. B. W. Poll, Esq., B.A. (Bristol), Dip. (Loughborough College), comes to specialise in physical education. Finally the new French Assistant will be M. F. Eigler, and the new German Assistant will be Herr G. J. Cuffia.

SCHOOL NEWS

For many boys the shadow of examinations, both G.C.E. and School, mars the Summer Term, which should otherwise be a carefree, sunny period of their youth. Examinations certainly exert a damping influence on school activities. However, although societies, generally, have been less active, this term has had several significant events.

The most important one was the ceremonial opening of the new buildings by Brigadier Sir Henry Floyd on Saturday, July 13th, an historic event fully described in another article. During arctic February, considerable agitation was caused by the burning down of the boarders' Scout Hut. This was attributed to the oil stoves inside it. One night just after G.C.E. had commenced in June there was a fire in the masters' main staff room. The walls and windows were blackened and several of the masters lost their notes. The police were called in and arson seemed a strong possibility. For a while the staff occupied the upper

library as well as the second staff room. Now they have the magnificently furnished rooms in the new buildings for their use.

The annual inspection of the C.C.F., this year by an R.A.F. officer, on June 13th, was curtailed by persistent heavy rain. The Army Field Day on July 18th was also hit by rain, though only mild and intermittent.

On the sporting side, our cricket and tennis teams have been successful this summer. Right at the end of the term, the new Queen's Hall received a musical baptism by the performance of Handel's "Messiah".

THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDINGS

This term the final phase of the quarter-centenary celebrations was marked by the somewhat belated official opening of the new school extensions. As a result of the severe winter, this climax was some six months behind schedule, but neither this fact, nor the grey, overcast day which greeted the Lord Lieutenant detracted from the general air of excited expectancy which permeated the whole ceremony.

The formal opening was preceded by a civic Luncheon in the old School Hall, given by the Headmaster and the Governors to repay the hospitality which the Mayor and Burgesses of High Wycombe had shown to Queen Elizabeth I, in 1562, when she presented the School with its charter. After the luncheon, a procession of civic and educational dignitaries moved slowly from the old school, past the Guard of Honour and the band, gently cooling in the rain, into the Queen's Hall, where its members took up their places.

Alderman Roland Clarke, in his address of welcome to the many distinguished guests, began by recalling to mind the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in April of last year, when she had unveiled a plaque in the partially-built shell of the extensions. Although she could not be present at the actual opening, as had been hoped, the Queen had, in fact, witnessed the beginning of the good work, and, he continued, we were very fortunate in that Sir Henry Floyd, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, had graciously accepted an invitation to perform the opening ceremony. Alderman Clarke pointed out that the School had for some time needed new accommodation, for the numbers had grown so large of late that the existing Hall and Junior School were quite inadequate. It was for this reason, he continued, that ten new form rooms and School Hall were welcome and necessary additions, and the School owed a great deal to Buckinghamshire County Council for financing the buildings. Alderman Clarke then congratulated the County

Architect, Mr. F. B. Pooley, on the design of the extensions, and Mr. Peter Lovell, director of the building contractors, who had played such an important part in the realisation of Mr. Pooley's plans. He went on to praise the efforts of the harassed General Foreman, Mr. Everest, whose ceaseless labours had not only mitigated the effects of the winter, but had also brought about a miraculous change in the site during the three days preceding the opening. Lastly, he pointed out the amazing progress which the School itself had made under the masterly direction of Mr. Tucker : not only had it gained a distinguished scholastic record, but the Headmaster's fine services "for the public weal" had made it into one of the foremost schools in England.

In reply, Mr. Tucker expressed the pride and satisfaction that he and all those present felt when reviewing their past history, and he went on to suggest that the progress made by the School during the last sixty years of its four centuries had been quite phenomenal, and unsurpassed in the history of any other school in England in the same period. Even in his own time, he continued, numbers had grown from 350 to 1090, and the numbers of boarders and sixth-formers had grown correspondingly. The School had changed from an independent school to a voluntarily-aided institution, and its academic achievements were considerable, for in the last four years 58 state scholarships and 32 open awards at Oxford and Cambridge had been gained.

Referring to the building of the new Science Block Laboratories and the conversion of the old Chemistry Laboratory into a school chapel, the Headmaster said that the facilities for teaching science in this school were unrivalled by any other school in the country ; and the chapel had since been further endowed with an organ, a set of stained glass windows giving on to the quadrangle and a commemorative tablet to the memory of his wife. Moreover, he added, now that these marvellous new buildings, the fruits of British craftsmanship, had been completed, it only remained for the new dining rooms and swimming pool to be built, and the buildings of the School would be absolutely ideal.

After this brief outline of the history of the School, the Headmaster continued by saying that he hoped many more boys would join the Sixth Form from Secondary Modern Schools. Quoting the case of a gifted boy who came to the School some years ago and gained a place at University, the Headmaster said, "I look forward to seeing far greater numbers coming to us . . . There is excellent material in the top streams if only they can come to believe in themselves". Since it was now possible for boys to come from Secondary Modern Schools, he continued, why was there any need for the Comprehensive School? Did not the present system, whereby a boy could transfer to a Grammar

School after taking his Ordinary Level Examinations, fulfil satisfactorily all educational needs ?

After the Headmaster's speech, Alderman Clarke called upon Sir Henry Floyd to open the New Buildings. The Lord Lieutenant began, as usual, by talking to the younger element in his audience, and he said how gratified he had been by the high standard of turn out of the Guard of Honour and, indeed, of the whole School. In an age where it seemed fashionable to appear in a somewhat unwashed state, he was glad that the boys present ably demonstrated that there were still some people who were not allergic to soap and water. However, moving on to a more serious note, he told those boys present that they were heirs of a marvellous heritage : the youth of today knew nothing of the hardships of the two World Wars, or the depression of the 'thirties. This did not mean that young people nowadays were going to have an easy job, he hastened to add, for in this generation "you are going to have a tough time. This land is certainly going to be under great pressure and competition. If we are to remain a great nation, and we shall, you are going to have a long, long struggle." However, unlike some of the more pessimistic characters in the country, Sir Henry stressed that he had every faith in the rising generation, and the confidence of the Government itself had also been shown in the £1,500,000 it spent annually on school building. "Just as the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, so the battles of the future will be won here, for we have every confidence in you. I believe that, by and large, the youth of this country is as good as ever."

After a last exhortation to the boys, in which he urged them to show some spirit of adventure in their choice of a career, Sir Henry turned his attention to the staff. He reminded the masters that theirs was a most important job, since in their hands lay the future of the country, for they had a profound effect on the boys passing through their control. However, he concluded, he had every confidence in the staff of this school, for they produced young men of character who were capable of serving the country under God and the crown in a most commendable manner, as generations of old boys had ably demonstrated.

Viscount Curzon, Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Education Committee, then delivered a most entertaining vote of thanks to Sir Henry, a past-master at opening school buildings. He congratulated the Lord Lieutenant for the fire and sincerity with which he delivered his speech, and commented upon the fact that Buckinghamshire was fortunate in having a Lord Lieutenant who, in spite of his many other official commitments, found time to take a lively interest in the state of education in the County. Viscount Curzon went on to say that he was glad that these extensions had been finally completed, for on large school

functions, such as Speech Day, which he regularly attended, the shortage of space had been growing more and more pronounced. Now this school was the largest Grammar School in the country under the control of a local authority, and the whole County was justifiably proud of the establishment. It was true that the cost had been very high, but surely it was worth every penny, since builders have got to be kept somehow! After lamenting the passing of the fine neo-Georgian facade of the old building, and praising the fine new quadrangle, Viscount Curzon again thanked Sir Henry for giving up an afternoon at Silverstone in favour of opening the New Buildings.

A prayer of dedication was led by the School Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Skipp, and afterwards guests inspected the new buildings, the Chapel and the Science Laboratories.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

General Certificate of Education—Advanced Level—July, 1962.

(Italics indicate distinction in the subject)

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J. H. Andrew (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. D. Butterworth (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), I. K. Cocking (Physics, Chemistry), T. J. Coleman (Physics, Chemistry), D. S. Culley (*Higher Mathematics, Physics*), C. L. Day (Pure mathematics, *Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. N. Fowler (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), C. D. Henry (Geography), W. P. Howlin (Physics, Chemistry), K. E. Jones (Pure Mathematics, Physics), B. C. Matthews (Pure Mathematics, Applied mathematics, Physics), R. H. Mayo (Pure Mathematics, *Applied Mathematics, Physics*), D. C. J. Pallett (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. M. Peach (Physics, *Chemistry*), A. S. Peck (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), K. G. Sansom (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. R. Shoosmith (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. S. Sloss (Pure and Applied Mathematics), R. A. L. Smith (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), E. A. Speight (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), D. A. Walker (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), W. D. Warde (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics).

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R. N. Broadley (Chemistry), N. H. Freeman (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), D. J. Thornton (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), W. R. H. Andrews (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), P. G. Ayres (Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology*), R. G. Beavis (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), D. G. Cawson (Chemistry, Zoology), J. N. Clare (Chemistry, Zoology), R. A. Clegg (Physics, *Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*), A. Dunn (Physics, Chemistry, Zoology), R. G. Harbinson (Physics, *Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*), R. A. Laskey (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), D. W. Lovegrove (Zoology), P. R. Kern (Physics, Chemistry, Zoology).

General Certificate of Education—Ordinary Level.

(Numbers in brackets indicate subjects passed)

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BENEVOLENT FUND

Once again it is a pleasure to record that the members of the School have been donating very generously to the Benevolent Fund. The Fund was originally established in order that everyone in the School might contribute a small weekly sum, with the purpose of helping others less fortunate than themselves. This was four years ago, and the enthusiasm with which it is

supported has never dulled, a total of £730 now having been collected. The collection is solely in the hands of the prefects, and the amount collected by each form reflects their diligence. During the Summer Term forms have had two prefects, temporary ones taking over the job while the regular ones have been involved in examinations; it is interesting to compare the amounts collected by the regular and temporary prefects.

This term began with a meeting of the Benevolent Fund Committee, consisting of the Headmaster, four members of the staff and four prefects. A total of £68 had been collected last term in the ordinary fund, while a further £60 was subscribed in a copper collection to aid the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. The latter was increased to £85 from the Fund and sent to the Mayor of High Wycombe to help boost the town's target. The remainder of the money, £45, was distributed to various charities, with the emphasis on the improved welfare of children, although a small proportion was donated to the Cheshire Homes and Cancer research. Allied to the above collection for the F.F.H. campaign, several members of the School collected in High Wycombe on two Saturdays in May.

A total of £51 has been collected this term by both the regular and temporary prefects. This is a commendable amount for a term which is badly upset by examinations, but alas, it could be bettered. The standard of collection must be maintained, with neither the diligence of the prefects nor the generosity of the boys failing in the coming terms.

P. J. HEWETT, *Hon. Sec.*

MESSIAH

The School Choir was honoured by giving (on July 13th, 1963) the first public performance in the Queen's Hall after its opening. The work chosen for this occasion was, almost inevitably, Handel's "Messiah". Previous School performances of this work had been given in 1951 and 1957, and a few boys still in the School sang in the latter. The complete Oratorio takes three hours and a quarter and is rarely given complete. For a School Concert it was decided to select about one and half hour's music from it. Part One was given complete as the first half of the Concert. For the second half the Hallelujah Chorus from Part Two was followed by two solos and several choruses, including the final ones leading up to the Amen chorus, from Part Three.

The Soprano Soloist, Miss Jean Buck, and the Contralto, Miss Pauline Hughes, were new to the School, but the Tenor, Mr. Alan Green, of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, and the Bass, Mr. Kenneth Tudor, of Westminster Abbey, have both sung for us on previous occasions. We were pleased to welcome them all and appreciate very much their professional singing, which was an inspiration to audience and choir alike and added much to the performance.

The Orchestra was drawn largely from High Wycombe and nearby, and included several boys still at school and some old boys. The Leader was Miss Marjorie Croxford, who was formerly a member of the Halle Orchestra ; her help was invaluable and contributed considerably to the high standard of string playing. Handel's original orchestration was used : it is for Strings and Continuo, in this case played on the piano by Paul Drayton, and occasionally with trumpets and drums added. It is fresh and sparkling, and allows the voices to be heard with perfect clarity.

The Choir numbered about one hundred and sixty, and the fact that so many boys are brought into contact with such great music and take part in its performance is perhaps the most important factor in a performance of this kind. The music is far from easy, it is complex at times and demands some considerable vocal skill, and the Choir acquitted themselves nobly. In particular the Hallelujah Chorus, because it is so thrilling, was sung with great vigour, and the runs in other choruses were surprisingly clearly sung, partly because the singers were not daunted by the technical difficulty. The Treble tone was particularly bright ; the Altos held their part extremely well and sang with unusual boldness ; the Tenors, with some help from Staff, and in the second half the soloist, excelled themselves. The Basses were perhaps a little light in tone but, as one member of the audience said afterwards, often more accurate than many adult choirs. One slight criticism might be voiced that there was a general tendency to keep heads down and in the copies, but of course there were a lot of difficult passages and entries which had to be watched. There is room for many more singers to bring the choir up to the appropriate size for a school of over a thousand.

The new hall, the Queen's Hall, is a tremendous asset to the School. Its acoustics are generally satisfactory and in comparison with the old hall excellent. Its facilities make its use a pleasure to all concerned. The audience present numbered between seven and eight hundred and the performance was a great credit to all concerned. In particular, Mr. J. S. Dawes, who conducted the choir and Orchestra, is to be greatly congratulated on a very fine concert—a worthy baptism for the Queen's Hall.

“SPOTLIGHT”

Last November, two glass cases appeared overnight on the wall of the main changing-rooms. A few days later, the first edition of “Spotlight” went out, consisting of about eight sheets of foolscap, covered with typewritten articles of “pith, wit and humour”. The first article was devoted to a description of how the entire “Spotlight” staff, all four of us, tested the fire-hoses, and found them far from satisfactory—an interesting portent of things to come!

We all expected that “Spotlight” would grow and that we would have articles coming in every day. Alas! our disillusionment was soon to come. Twelve fortnightly editions later, the editorial staff still consists of four, and the average number of articles is one a fortnight, if not less. Since nowadays no *Wycombiensian* article is complete without mention of “apathy”, we must admit that this is our main trouble.

In retrospect, we would not say that “Spotlight” has, on the whole, had much effect on the School. We have criticised, and, in some cases, with effect. We have amused and sometimes angered our readers. We have the advantage of being topical, but require considerably more original material.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. A. J. Mactavish, who has been of considerable help both as a censor and last-minute contributor.

C. R. SABINE, C. K. WILLIAMS.

OXFORD : FROM THE OUTSIDE

To the medieval traveller Oxford must have presented an awe-inspiring sight. Today the complex of the University itself is hemmed in by the trammels of suburbia. Oxford is surfeited with Victorian-Gothic, an architectural style which contrasts violently with the mellowed buttress and cornice which so distinguish the older colleges. But for the extensive parks and gardens Oxford would become unbearable, but as it is the inner sanctums of the colleges themselves provide a reservoir of peace and quiet.

Just what sort of a city is Oxford? It is an industrial town, a market town, and a university town rolled into one. Its inhabitants are equally hard to analyse. Of the natives of Oxford it can be said that they are Philistines to a man. The students have as much identity as students anywhere, and if you naively visit the town in the hope of seeing a real, live academic you will be as unfortunate as the hordes of American tourists who perambulate aimlessly about the streets.

If you stray from the amenable atmosphere of the colleges into some of the older side-streets opening off St. Aldate's you are in another world. It needs little stretch of the imagination to think oneself in Salford or Leeds. You come across an occasional car-park, or one of those tiled-fronted pubs so typical of our industrial cities. Oxford has its more permanent relics of Victoriana: the rows of villas in North Oxford, or best of all Keble College, which has a strange similarity to Wormwood Scrubs in the ponderous bulk of its Chapel. It is enough to turn any aspiring clergyman pale.

To regain one's composure, it is advisable to return to some historic street like the Broad. Here you may have an even chance of glimpsing a real academic. By far the most intriguing sight in Oxford is the Master of Balliol's front door, which opens directly on to the pavement, hewn out of the inscrutable facade of that college. It is said that you may see the great man himself putting out his empty milk-bottles, provided you rise at the crack of dawn. Being a Scotsman, one wonders what he does with his crates of the "hard stuff". If there is anything so banal as a tradesman's entrance at Balliol it is not in evidence.

Oxford is finding it hard to change with the times today, as it did in the days of the "Cutteslowe Walls". Cynics can point to the fact that "Blackwell's" bookshop recently carried out an experiment with closed-circuit television to apprehend book-thieves. What would Dr. Jowett have said? To complete the ignominy that other hallowed institution "Parker's" is now housed under no less an establishment than the "Taj Mahal" Indian Restaurant, all the wonders of the East, and many more besides, presumably. Its clientele includes those men of Ibadan and Rawalpindi, who can be seen wielding tennis-rackets about the playing-fields, as their forebears did the assegai. Others are more prudent, and return to their lodgings up the Banbury Road to dine on baked beans and "bangers".

R. C. SNELLING, VIM2.

BELIEF

First of all, why do we believe? We believe because it gives us satisfaction, consolation, hope, and we say it gives significance to life. Actually our belief has very little significance, because we believe and exploit, we believe and kill, and we believe in a universal God and murder each other. Belief has brought misery to the world.

Is belief in God a powerful incentive to better living? Surely our incentive is a projection of our desire to live simply and cleanly. Looking to an incentive shows that we are not interested in making life possible for all, we are merely interested in

our own incentive, which is different from the next man's—and this is bound to cause strife. Because of a lack of intelligence we accept the idea of a super-intelligence which we call God ; but this will not give us a better life. The lead to a better life is intelligence : but there can be no intelligence if there is belief. We believe in different ways, but our belief has no reality whatsoever. Reality is what *is*, and belief is an escape from this fact.

Now, what is reality, what is God ? God is not the word, the word is not the thing. To know that which is immeasurable, which is not of time, the mind must be free from time, which means it must be free from any belief in God. What do we know about God or truth ? The answer is nothing except words and experiences of others, or some moments of rather vague experiences of our own. This is not reality or God, this is not beyond the field of Time. To know that which is beyond Time, the process of Time must be understood, Time being thought, the process becoming the accumulation of knowledge. That is the whole background of the mind ; the mind itself is the background, both the conscious and the unconscious, the collective and the individual. So the mind must be free of the known ; which means that the mind must be completely silent, not *made* silent. A disciplined mind is not silent and still. Stillness comes only with the understanding of the process of thought, because to understand the process is to end it and the ending of the process of thought is the beginning of silence.

When the mind is completely silent, not by any effort, then only does the timeless, the eternal come into being. Therefore God or truth or what you will is a thing that comes into being from moment to moment, and happens only in a state of freedom and spontaneity, when we face the fact of what *Is*.

ANON.

COLLECTING

It all started when I visited that Motor Museum, goodness knows where it was. When I saw all the old cars and their shiny accessories, I knew that this was the life for me. Some people collect stamps, engine numbers, 'bus tickets, street signs, junk, and even obsolete lamp-posts, but I am different.

I collect parts of cars.

I have a whole attic full of parts. Some brass, some chrome, some old, some new. I go round rubbish dumps mainly, but sometimes I take my spanner and screwdriver into car parks. Once I had taken a very nice spotlight before I realised that I was behind the Police Station.

My hobby is verging on kleptomania, but I don't take any old thing—I specialise. My biggest scoop was a Rolls Royce spare wheel, but I have many interesting things. At one end of

the attic, light is supplied by a pair of brass headlamps. They look proudly down from a running-board shelf on to a pair of Lotus twin carburettors. When I want to go out in the rain, I get out my Model "T" folding roof, fix it to my scooter, and off I go. Why a scooter? If I had a car, it would be in bits in the attic before I had written the number down!

I am now being slowly cured of this habit and resisting temptation. Gazing out of my cell-window towards Block "B", I can feel the urge to dismantle cars gradually waning. When I get out, I will clear all the bits out of the attic and start my new collection with warders' hats . . . !

T. REID, VR.

"THERE'LL BE A WELCOME"

Llanwchtrisilio-Fowdre Upper is a small town in one of the remoter parts of a West Wales valley. At least, its inhabitants call it a town: for our purposes we will call it a village. At first sight, Llanwchtrisilio looks like any other Welsh village and, in fact, it is like any other Welsh village.

It contains a few hundred people and sheep, and has for many years quietly made its contribution to Britain's national effort (most of the locals have become reconciled to being part of Britain). The main street is on both sides of the only classified road in the area, the B.4648 running up to Ystraddcwmner. Leading off this are a few streets all containing the same dirty stone and slate "back-to-backs". A stranger would perhaps notice that it seems to rain more here than elsewhere, and that there is an unpleasant aroma in the air that seems to come from the River Nant-llech. However, no one seems to mind.

Of course, the village has the usual Welsh divisions: those who drink at the Beaufort Arms Hotel and the Prince of Wales, as compared to those who frequent the Miners Arms, and those who occasionally attend St. Illyaid's as compared with those who always attend Mount Sinai Evangelical Progressive Alliance's Gospel Mission ("Marriages Solemnized: All Seats Free"). There are only two other places of note, these being the Mechanics Institute and the Rugby Ground. The former was built for performances of "Stabat Mater" and "Elijah". It is now only used for Bingo on Thursdays and the St. John's Ambulance Dance every three months.

Until the "Great Depression", the village had a healthy industrial history as the several large "tips" on the valley-side near witness. In 1950, the N.C.B. started on a new mine which was to be a show-piece for the world. It was opened in 1959 by Henry Brooke—visited in 1960 by a Russian Trade Delegation—in 1961 by a French Trade Delegation, and closed by Lord Robens in 1962. Fewer tons of coal left the mine than there were people present at the opening ceremony.

However, today, all was closed because it was Saturday and the day of the "Match"—the match against Pwll y Fyryddau and Pont-rhyd-y-mynydd Athletic. This was the rival team from the next valley, and last year they had won by three points after one of their forwards had broken Dai Rees' leg, when the referee wasn't looking. A victory for the home team would mean a higher place in the league and revenge for last year, while defeat—the shame, the humiliation of the whole village; it was unthinkable! This was the day everybody had waited for.

The throngs of people were surging towards the ground, some singing, but most of them were shouting. Class barriers were broken down for the afternoon, only the "pubs" were open. Even the children had left the television to pay sixpence at the "Boys". This was the one big day of the village and it was always the same. The older men were recounting past games which they had seen or played in. They remembered past heroes like Billy Jones and Griffith-Williams, who had worn the scarlet jersey of his country fourteen times, but was lost in the Great War. His memory was perpetuated by the "Griffith-Williams Gates" at the entrance to the ground. It seemed that this enshrined hooker once evaded every member of the opposition to run the full hundred and score the winning try, although his toe was broken. In all, Llanwchtrisilio had been the cradle from which eleven players had risen to play for their country.

The match drew nearer, one man would shout across the road nervously to another :

"Hello, bach, going up the match, is it?"

"Yes, Mun, you going?"—both knowing full well that the other would be there. As the "pubs" closed, the ground began to fill, and there was a general air of expectancy and excitement over the whole ground. The pre-match scuffles were taking place and opposition spectators were being led away by the local police. The Work's Brass Band was doing its best with "Arhydy vas" and "Sospen Fach". Eventually, a couple of minutes early, the two teams emerged. With some difficulty, the two captains were persuaded to shake hands. The coin was tossed. The home team won. The referee blew his whistle and the ground erupted with a deafening roar. During the following eighty minutes, the fate of Llanwchtrisilio was to be determined.

Its honour was saved. Pwll y Fyryddau and Pont-rhyd-y-mynydd Athletic could not repeat their success of last year, losing by three points to six. That night the landlords made no small profit, and for once everybody was talking to each other. The village was united in victory, and the heavens had it impressed upon them that this was the Land of our Fathers. Even the minister slept soundly, for tomorrow was Sunday, and he, and his congregation, would repent together.

C. S. GRIFFITHS.

PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY, EASTER 1963

After its cancellation last year because of the Algerian trouble, the annual Paris Cultural Holiday for senior sixth-formers studying French was resumed in the last Easter holidays. Four members of the R.G.S. joined the 1,196 other students—male and female—from schools all over Great Britain to spend ten days both learning and enjoying themselves in the heart of Paris.

We were accommodated in some of the vast, old and celebrated lycées of the student quarter, and although we slept fifty-five to a dormitory and had to wash in twenty-foot-long troughs of cold running water, the beds were comfortable and the food was excellent.

The mornings were mostly taken up by lectures on A Level set-books in the "amphithéâtres" of the ancient Sorbonne University, where the favourite lecturers were soon sorted out—indeed a certain Monsieur Gérard was lecturing to packed houses and had the girls all but screaming and rolling in the aisles with his vivid gesticulations and facial contortions. Sight-seeing trips were organised in the afternoons, but were apparently not compulsory, since many of us went off on our own to explore the obscurer corners of the Latin quarter and to try to see something of life beneath the surface.

Various excursions and trips were arranged. The whole party took over the Comédie Française for a first-class performance of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" and also on another occasion, a suburban cinema-cum-theatre to see an amateurish but nevertheless good production of "Le Malade Imaginaire". Anglo-French relations were supposedly strengthened when we were received *en masse* at the Hôtel de Ville for an exchange of compliments and general *bon accueil*, but they were undoubtedly weakened again when we spent a rowdy *soirée d' adieu* in the ballroom of the Hôtel Continental, one of the finest in Paris.

Other trips included a morning at Versailles, a boat trip on the Seine, and a tour of illuminated Paris. Social evenings were held at the American Students' Centre, where there were facilities for dancing, swimming, table-tennis and other relaxations.

Although there was not much opportunity for speaking the language, the lectures proved very useful and interesting. The name of the holiday is very apt. Culture was provided by the lectures and visits to art galleries; it was a holiday in that we met new people, enjoyed their company and a student's freedom. Paris, the remaining word, is equally apt, since everybody came away with both a working knowledge and a profound impression and memory of Paris.

A. M. PRATT.

PORTRAIT OF PADDY

Paddy tells me that now the new building has been completed, some of the workmen are leaving the site, but he is staying on to work on the swimming pool. I am very pleased about this, as I have learnt so much from him about the art of living, and his deep understanding of human nature leads me to believe that he is a unique being—a completely happy man.

Paddy's face expresses a great deal of his personality. The skin has been burnt brown by constant exposure to the sun. His wispy, fair hair always at the mercy of the elements, spills down over his forehead, where it sticks to the sweat on his brow, until it is swept back by a hard, capable hand. This gesture, performed automatically throughout the day, regardless of what particular job he is doing, results in this unruly lock of hair becoming coated in a mixture of cement and brick dust, the weight of which prevents it from lying flat. His eyes are the deepest blue, reflecting all the brilliance of an azure sky with sunbeams trapped in their depths, to escape and flood his face with warmth and humour. Paddy is not old, but he has a crinkly face, which is never still. Even in repose, his features are alive, and although I have never heard him laugh heartily, his lips and eyes are always on the brink of humour, as though everything around him gave him pleasure, as if every second of life is a precious moment and must not be ignored, as it is soon swallowed up for ever in the dark unfathomable chasm of time past.

As with all deeply sincere people, his great sense of humour is tinged with sadness, which is all the more touching, as he never refers directly to it. He is fiercely proud of "the old country", although on his own admission he had a hard upbringing. He speaks frankly and without bitterness of his childhood, and philosophically compares his own schoolroom to "the posh school" he is now working at. Unlike Cassius, the fault is not in him but in his stars, and as it is not possible to control the destiny of one's star, he is at peace with life, and he does not allow petty jealousy or resentment to tarnish this gift.

D. ROSE, Vs.

AN ASPECT OF BOOK-COLLECTING

Many people are collectors. They collect a variety of things. The great pity is the rising number of people who collect for the pecuniary value of their pieces. People should learn to take a pride in the dignity, beauty and, moreover, the character, as Heraclitus would have said, of their collection.

This is particularly true of books. The "learned tomes", that so many incontinently fear, are not "musty old things that you can't read anyway, full of woodworm". They were once the pride of the craftsman who made them, and the men who owned them. The monks, in the Middle Ages, would spend their lives over one book. The book that King Alfred first read was, reputedly, a work of art. What a difference can be marked between these and the lurid paperbacks of today, some of which are only fit for burning.

When I enter a bookshop, I am all expectant ; I often spend hours browsing through piles of "useless" books, as any book-lover should be content to do, deciphering the names and dates of forgotten printers and authors. The most shocking thing that can happen to a book is "salvage". This means re-pulping. Unfortunately, this often happens. A library will even buy them for their bindings—as furniture. Even in this school there are books such as this—artistically arranged in a glass case.

I have books that would once have cost a man his week's wages, and more. They can now be bought for a few shillings from any book-seller ; but no one wants them—Milton, Scott, Dickens and many other authors are no longer widely read. In another hundred years, the language may alter so much that these authors will no longer be understood by the "man in the street".

"Peace is despaired, for who can think
Submission? War then, war, open or
Understood, shall be resolved, and passions die."

M. LOWE, IVx.

C.C.F. NOTES

ARMY SECTION

This year it was the turn of the R.A.F. to provide the Inspecting Officer for the Annual Inspection, and Group Captain J. L. Mitchell, M.V.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., accompanied by a staff officer from each of the three services, carried out the inspection with the wet weather programme in operation. Weather conditions made the ceremonial inspection impossible and the Inspecting Officer was received in the Assembly Hall by the Commanding Officer with a very smart Guard of Honour and the usual flourish of drums, bugles and fire-arms.

The inspection was confined mainly to hearing classroom instruction, which test Senior N.C.O.'s withstood nobly.

For the Annual Camp this year a completely new locality was chosen in the Peak District at Bronte Cottage, near Hathersage, on the Derbyshire–Yorkshire border.

The district, rich in its associations with the famous author, in legend of Robin Hood and Little John, in scenery of the Derbyshire Dales and undulating hills leading to Kinder Scout and other famous rock-climbing centres, provided a splendid centre for Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions.

The party was blest with a most enjoyable week of sunshine which contributed very largely to the good spirits which prevailed amongst the eighty campers, though the signs of heat exhaustion caused no small anxiety to those who had planned the routes of the expeditions, and several cadets given the discretion of short-ended routes were quick to accept them.

The Gold Award party, however, consisting of D. M. Davies, M. J. Gooderham, M. H. Anderson and M. H. Kefford, made light of the difficulties that faced them and completed the circuit of the expedition in admirable fashion.

Many will have returned with their own personal recollections of a very pleasant camp, some will remember their achievements on the rock face of Stanage Edge, some will have a sense of confidence gained through navigation through "unknown" country, but all will remember the contentment of satisfied appetites due to the efforts and unsuspected talents of the "*Chef du jour*".

R.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

As the unit strength has been maintained at about 200 cadets the formation of two squadrons within the unit, referred to in the last report, has proved most beneficial and contributes to the smooth running and effectiveness of the training programme.

It is pleasing to report the award of a Flying Scholarship to Cadet M. T. Brooks, who will, in all probability, train at the West London Flying Club at White Waltham in the Easter vacation in 1964.

Training for the Gliding Proficiency Certificate at Number 613 Gliding School at R.A.F. Halton continues to be very popular. In addition to three cadets who successfully completed a course at Easter, three cadets enjoyed a continuous course at Whitsun. Four cadets have also attended "weekend" courses and four cadets will be attending continuous courses during August. There are now many cadets in the unit who have achieved the distinction of wearing the Gliding Proficiency Badge.

The Summer Camp is to be held at the end of July at R.A.F. Coltishall, near Norwich, and will be attended by 32 cadets.

The appointment of Flt/Lt. N. H. White to a post at the College of Further Education at Bracknell means a very great loss to the R.A.F. Section which he has served so well. For a period of 15 years the Section has had the benefit of his loyal support and assistance in all its activities. His cheerful and energetic co-operation was particularly valuable at many R.A.F. camps and there are large numbers of cadets who will recall their special indebtedness to him in this connection. All present and past members of the R.A.F. Section will wish to express their sense of gratitude to Flt/Lt. White for his work for them and to offer him their sincere good wishes for the future.

E.M.

R.N. SECTION

This term has been one of normal training, interrupted by two major activities. For more than a month the training programme had to be over-ruled by practices for the General Inspection—only to be rewarded on the day by torrential rain! This meant that the march past was cancelled, but it did not deter the Section from putting forward a good and varied show of training. The Naval Liaison Officer from Portsmouth offered his congratulations on the smart turnout of the Section—being particularly impressed by the Drill Squad.

The other major event of the term was the Field Day, spent at Portsmouth. The Section, reduced by apathy to eighty cadets, travelled down there on the Wednesday afternoon and returned on the evening of the following day. After a night spent at the Barracks of H.M.S. *Victory*, ten fortunate cadets crewed an ocean-going yacht over to the Isle of Wight and back, while the remainder of the Section visited H.M.S. *Dryad* and inspected the installations. Whether sailing or learning, a worthwhile time was had by all, and our thanks must go to the Section Officers for organising the trip.

This summer there is a wide range of training taking place : at Loch Ewe (a shore base in Scotland), in H.M.S. *Sutton*, and with the Dartmouth Training Squadron. Also a party of cadets is to crew a motor launch during August for a week, under the auspices of the Section Officers—this is certainly one of the most enjoyable forms of training.

At the end of the term, Lt. Benson has to take his leave of us to take up a post at Peter Symonds School, Winchester. We wish him every success in his new post, and express our thanks for the tremendous amount of work he has put in for the Naval Section, both on Thursday afternoons and during his spare time.

R. P. AYRES, *Cox'n.*

BOARDING HOUSE REPORTS

SCHOOL HOUSE

This term the House has been pervaded by the fever of preparation for examinations, notably the G.C.E., but also internal papers, and we are all at present awaiting the results of our attempts with varying degrees of anxiety.

At the moment the only definite leaver is J. Clemens, who is joining the ranks of the day boys, whilst R. N. C. Harrison, who is trying to gain a place at Sandhurst, and B. J. Hankey are possible leavers.

As far as sport is concerned, the House has, as usual, contributed more than its fair share to the various teams. We are able to boast three members of the 1st XI, of which R. A. Dorkings deserves special congratulations for being awarded his colours. C. R. Iliffe, A. R. Nottingham, P. M. Berks and C. Settington have represented the School in other cricket teams. However, it is not only on the cricket field that the House has been so successful. We have provided three members of the School Athletics team, and also four members of the highly successful Shooting team in the Country Life competition.

C. R. Iliffe, as well as being captain of the School Shooting VIII, must be congratulated on gaining a Royal Naval Scholarship to Dartmouth. This is worthy of special mention as it is only the second such scholarship gained in the last five years by a member of the School.

The House has had an extremely successful year, both in academic and sporting spheres, and several of our members will be receiving prizes at next term's Speech Day. So, despite the constant changes and attractions of other houses, the School House is wearing well and is playing an important part in the boarding life of the School.

R. A. FEWTRELL.

TYLERSWOOD

The Summer Term, as usual, has been uneventful, examinations being foremost in everybody's mind. No inter-house sporting contests have taken place, and J. Thornley is the only new member of the House. Thus there is little to relate with regard to changes in personnel.

It is always a source of surprise to members of this House that few day boys have any notion of where Tylerswood is, their usual idea being that "it is somewhere up the road, just past Terriers". I feel that a course of instruction upon Tylerswood, rather than the usual house report, is called for this term.

Tylerswood is a delightful nineteenth-century residence, situated in the little hamlet of Hazlemere, which is to be found deep in the wooded Buckinghamshire countryside. The house lies in its own extensive grounds, opposite Hazlemere recreation ground. It was at one time the home of Sir William Ramsey, that eminent Victorian scientist who discovered many of the inert gases, and whose ghost is still said to roam the older parts of the house. High Wycombe, with its many amenities, is only a six-penny bus ride away, and the School a mere fifteen-minute walk, with a following wind.

Guest accommodation includes five beds, two wash rooms, two lavatories and one bath ; it is an interesting custom, dating from time immemorial, for the inmates to call the bedrooms "dormitories". All dormitories command a fine view of Amersham Road in the front of the house, and at the rear of the quaint old common room. This latter construction is of further historical interest, and was in fact erected as a temporary building during the wars of good King George VI.

The dining room is spacious, and tastefully decorated in pastel shades of pink and blue, and based on the cafeteria principle of self-service. Recreational facilities include billiards, snooker, table-tennis, two lawns big enough for tennis to be played on, and a television set with a nine-inch screen with B.B.C. reception only.

Tylerswood can accommodate thirty-two guests. No dogs or children please ! Fees are one hundred and eighty-five pounds per annum. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to . . .

P. G. AYRES.

UPLYME HOUSE

This Summer Term has been clouded, for the seriously-minded, by the imminent threat of examinations. For this reason there have been no inter-house activities. However, R. W. Douglas has managed to gain his 2nd XI Cricket colours, and has taken more wickets for them than anybody else this season. J. Hume and D. Lewis both represented the School at Athletics.

This term N. Durkin joined the House from Mill End School, hoping to join the sixth form next year, and we wish him the best of luck, as he has settled in very well. Also, we have the pleasure of welcoming back "Jean-Louis" for the summer. He has returned because he enjoyed his previous stay so much.

Of the leavers, A. G. Cawson has secured a teaching post in Ghana for the year before he goes up to University, while M. S. Rothwell is going to Newland Park Teachers' Training College. C. B. Anthill remains evasive about his future plans, except that he has "one or two things lined up". There is little left to do now but wish all the examination candidates the best of luck resultwise.

C. B. ANTHILL.

GAMES HOUSE REPORTS

ARNISON HOUSE

Once again the House has had a very successful year, sharing first place in the House Championship with Fraser. We have now won the competition four times during the five years that the six-house system has operated.

Our success, unlike in past years, has been mainly due to our results in the more major events. We won the Rugby, Cross-Country, Athletics and Boxing, while our performances in the Hockey, Shooting and Badminton were not particularly impressive.

Since the last edition of the magazine six House activities (Tennis, Cricket, Chess, Shooting, Badminton and Athletics) have been completed. Our fortunes have been much worse than those experienced in the earlier part of the year. Our greatest achievement was probably our surprise win over Fraser in the Athletics, only clinching first place in the final relays. This result was due to a good entry in all the sections (apart from the Open), with Laxen, Hume and Kefford each winning their respective individual championships. Unfortunately only three boys condescended to enter the Open event. This really is a disgusting state of affairs and I only hope that there will be a vast improvement next year.

We again achieved second place in the Tennis this year, mainly thanks to the excellent play of Moores and Lane, who formed an impressive partnership, only losing to King's House, the eventual winners. We were also runners-up in the Chess. Myant played extremely well and was ably supported by Gatland and Simons. As these three players are all comparatively young, it is hoped that they can improve our position next year.

In the other competitions our results were very poor indeed. We could only manage fourth place in the Badminton and a miserable fifth in the Shooting, in spite of a fine performance by Seymour. One of our most disappointing efforts was in the Cricket. By virtue of a bye, we finished third equal, losing abysmally to Queen's. This may seem rather unfair on Fraser, since it was the final and deciding event in the championship and enabled us to finish equal with them, but this, in no way, made up for the skills of some senior members in Fraser which were used in persuading the officials of the championship to institute a Hockey competition, which they promptly won, and to change

the regulations of the Badminton competition to their advantage, after they had lost their first match.

On the whole it has been a very successful year for the House. This, it seems, is mainly due to the performances of boys in the Lower and Middle School. Unfortunately many senior boys take no part in House activities and appear not to worry whether their House is first or last in the various events. This is inexcusable, as they should be setting an example, especially in things like the Athletics, a competition in which everyone can and should play a part.

In conclusion, we should like to wish the best of luck to all members of the House who are leaving, particularly Fox, Bunce and Taylor, whose hard work in arranging and selecting teams has considerably helped in our success.

M. HARRIS.

DISRAELI

This year has been far happier than last, and one cannot but be satisfied with the general response. Although this has not been very great it has compared well with the other houses. Our final position was fourth, which was much better than our position at the bottom of the table last year.

Our greatest success this term was our comfortable win in the Shooting competition and our congratulations must go to D. A. Healey, who captained the team. It was a good effort by the juniors that secured fourth position for the House in the Athletics competition, and a little effort from the senior section would have secured third position. The Tennis team, under our colour M.E.J. Panter, put up a very creditable performance to reach third position. In the Cricket we narrowly lost to King's in the first round, despite a fine score by K. E. Jones.

On the whole, therefore, it has been a successful year. The main effort has come from the juniors, and this is an encouraging sign for the future. Our success has depended upon a small group, and I should like to see a greater general effort; but this, I should imagine, is the complaint of all house captains, and Disraeli is really no worse than any other house.

C. J. PACKMAN.

FRASER

This school year has been one of the most successful Fraser has enjoyed for many years. The enthusiasm displayed on the

part of the Middle and Lower School, however, was disappointing, and does not augur well for future years.

The results of the Shooting, Chess and Badminton competitions were announced at the beginning of the term. In both the Shooting and Badminton, we managed second position, but in the Chess we only came fifth. The Chess team consisted of the school captain Mobbs, Kenyon and Floyd, all of whom will be able to play next year, when it is hoped they will do much better. The Athletics is a competition in which every boy has the opportunity to represent his house, points being awarded for the first six places in all events and for reaching a standard, which is never very high. The actual entry for the Athletics was very poor, the majority of points being won by a few senior members of the House ; this was enough, however, to give us second position. Fraser was beaten in this competition by Arnison, not because they had good individuals, but by the huge number of entries they received from the Lower School. We realised that our Tennis team was weak, and we were not surprised at the final position of fifth. S. Breed and A. Daines, our second pair in the Tennis, did very well to come second in their group. Our Cricket team consisted of five first eleven players this year, and repeated last year's victories by beating King's easily in the second round, going on to beat Queen's comfortably in the final. Arnison House were unexpectedly defeated by Queen's in the second round, and this left the whole House Championship depending on the play-off for third and fourth positions. Unfortunately, owing to bad weather, this play-off had to be abandoned, and so the House Championship ended in a tie between Fraser and Arnison. We feel that if we had had the full support of the many boys, who do have the potential ability but cannot be bothered to use it, we would have been able to win the championship outright.

The committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. D. G. Jones and Mr. R. C. File for their help and advice throughout the year, and also to thank Mr. A. J. Mactavish for this interest and encouragement.

M. D. H. PRIESTLEY.

At the end of this term we are sorry to say goodbye to several senior members of the House, the two most notable losses being M. D. H. Priestley, who has been House Captain for the last three years, and D. J. Stubbs, who has been a tower of strength over the last two years. M. D. H. Priestley, during his period of office, as well as giving an excellent example, has never ceased to encourage the younger members of the House, and a great effort will have to be made by those returning next term to ensure that Fraser is able to remain one of the strongest Houses in the School.

R. A. FEWTRELL.

KING'S HOUSE

This year we have, thanks to the efforts of a few boys, managed to finish the year in third place in the House Championship. This is a very creditable performance, and it is hoped that the rest of the House realises that, with a little more effort, the first place in the championship can be theirs.

The first competition of the Summer Term was the Athletics, and the fact that there were no recognised athletes in the House, combined with the almost total lack of support, resulted in the House finishing the competition in last place. The major upset of the events was the defeat of the King's All-Star Tug-Team. It was afterwards discovered that R. E. Hickman, our Hon. Sec., whose portrait can be seen in the Prefects' Room, was pulling the wrong way.

There were only two other competitions this term, Cricket and Tennis. The House again won the Tennis Championship, though not, it must be admitted, by so great a margin. Our representatives were D. G. Orchard, A. M. Davies, A. Cowan and R. Grove.

The Cricket Championship which, for the third year, was a six-a-side "knock-out" competition, was won by a strong Fraser side. In the first round, we played Disraeli and, batting first, made seventy. We managed to get the runs with the loss of only one wicket. In the semi-final, we lost to the Fraser side. The play-off with Arnison, for third place, was washed out by rain, and the points were shared. The House team was: J. M. Barlow, G. M. Seale, J. Rivers, R. Patterson, R. Greenwood and I. M. Macwhinnie.

Finally, I should like to thank our Housemasters, Mr. Scott and Mr. Leighton-Jones, for their continued support, and I wish the House the best of luck in the future.

QUEEN'S HOUSE

Near the end of this term an "Any Questions" panel consisting of members of the staff was asked whether they thought apathy existed in this school. Almost unanimously it was decided that such apathy did exist, and that prospects were bleak for the School unless the rapid spread of this apathy was controlled.

Every field of school activity is being affected by lack of interest. House Committees can no longer rely on voluntary support, while certain sixth-formers with reasonable "O" Level passes have to leave because of persistent absenteeism and refusal to work.

From a reasonable third position in the House Championship last year, Queen's has slumped back to its miserable fifth of two years ago. When one considers that Queen's won the Chess, the Badminton, and an important event in the Athletics (which saved the House from bottom position), it can be seen that the standard in other activities was shocking. In fact, the only other event worth mention is that owing to a fine effort by M. J. Bowler Queen's came second in the Cricket competition. Perhaps one should also record as a success that a team from Queen's beat a team from Disraeli in an inter-House "Top of the Form" competition.

We are sorry to say goodbye to R. ("Ricky") Watanangura at the end of this term. He has been House Captain this year and an immensely popular member of the House almost since its formation.

YOUENS HOUSE

Youens came last in the overall House Championships this year. The main reason for this is apathy, which my predecessor condemned in the last issue of this magazine. Also, much could be done to improve if more attention were paid to the less significant House activities, namely Chess, Badminton and Tennis, in each of which we came last. I am sure that among the uncooperative ranks of the House there must be some moderately good people, who just cannot be bothered to give a little time, which would not be wasted.

This term's activities got off to a good start when we retained third place in the Athletics. There is no reason why this should not improve because it was due to the efforts of just thirteen boys.

The positions of 5th equal in both the Cricket and the Tennis are due purely to lack of talent. Our only distinguished cricketer was Jones, and the only tennis star was Farmer. However, in the first cricket match, which we lost to Queen's, Collins surprised us all by taking three wickets, and in our first batting over, 18 runs were scored.

In the Tennis Tournament, Farmer and Gooderham played well together, but the second pair failed to win a set.

Both Jones and Jenner have been a constant help in running the House during my short term of office and deserve mention. This year has been unsuccessful as far as results go, but those who have competed have enjoyed themselves. Those "outside" have missed a great deal.

R. FOUNTAIN.

SOCIETY REPORTS

JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY

Thanks to a faithful dozen or so, weekly record sessions have continued, mainly in the outback which is W.2, with occasional elevations to the Music Room. Records played were very much the mixture as before : Mingus, Monk, Parker, Adderley, with occasional ventures into the '30s.

Trips were very thin on the ground : although no coach was laid on, tickets were obtained for those who wished to see the Ray Charles package in May. This tour had a very mixed reception, depending on whether one's tastes were for jazz, pops, or comedy. A suggestion of going to see Nat King Cole and Ted Heath met with either blank amazement or superior sneers.

All in all, a term of marking time. We can hope for more activity in September, especially in the way of visiting artists.

A. W. DINGLE.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Nearly all society reports for the Summer Term are similar, in as much as they reveal a sudden and dramatic reduction in activities. Owing partly to the generally prevailing atmosphere of summer and partly to the influence exerted by examinations, our society has not escaped this fate. The only evidence of our existence this term has been two lunch-time films—one about the Paris skyline and the other on French railways. But despite everything, we do continue to exist, and the Autumn Term should see a revival of our activities.

M. R. FERGUSON.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

As usual during the Summer Term, examinations have hampered the showing of films. There was a short series of four films at the beginning of the term, finishing the society's lunch-time meetings for the year.

A visit to the Radiochemical Centre at Amersham proved to be the most interesting visit of the year.

Four members of the committee have been personally concerned with the progress made on the new buildings during this term. Any boy interested in electricity would be intrigued with the installations needed to light and heat the new school. We were specially concerned with the provisions made for lighting the stage in the Queen's Hall, which should provide many hours of enjoyment for future officials of the society.

A. H. DIXON.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

During the latter part of the Spring Term, the society held a rehearsal reading of Euripides' play "Hippolytus", in which several members who had not acted in the "Alcestis" were able to display their talent. Later came the Latin reading competition, which was poorly supported by seniors, though an encouraging number of boys entered the junior section. Out of only four entries, R. L. N. Harrison won the senior prize; of the juniors, M. Lowe from IVx gained first prize, with A. P. Potts and A. D. Bisset, both from Vx, second and third.

This summer several members went to Reading University with the Headmaster, the Chairman and many of the staff to hear a lecture on the "Linear B" script given by Professor Chadwick. Our congratulations go to Christopher Rogers, our secretary until March, who has gained an Open Scholarship to Pembroke College, Oxford.

In the Autumn the Classical Society will stage Euripides' tragedy "The Bacchae" on November 22nd and 23rd, 1963, which it is hoped will be well attended.

D. REES.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Apart from an extremely interesting lecture given by two R.A.F. Officers and a visit to the B.O.A.C. Headquarters at London Airport, little has happened in the Aeronautical Society this term. This is mainly because of G.C.E. and other examinations.

The lecture on "The Development of the Concord Aircraft" was given by Squadron Leader Craven (an Old Boy of the School) and Squadron Leader Wells. Both officers came from the R.A.F. Technical College at Henlow to give the lecture. This lecture was very well attended, and it is hoped to arrange a further lecture by these officers next term.

The visit to the B.O.A.C. Headquarters also proved interesting and enjoyable in spite of almost continuous rain. At the Headquarters we visited the Engineering Base and looked over one of B.O.A.C.'s Boeing 707 aircraft.

C. A. FAIR.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

As stated in the last report, the club membership has not reached the phenomenal figure of a quarter of the School, as it did last year. It does, however, appear that a larger percentage of the members are keen, and not of the variety that so often emerges who only join to be able to boast "I am a member of every society in the School". (True, maybe, but the only active

part he plays in any of them is when he goes to their free films.) The building of the club layout has therefore advanced with great strides. Although by no means completed, it is in very good running order, and members are now able to run their own stock on it. There is still plenty of scope for modellers, artists, electricians, and in fact anyone who is willing to "do" and not to "watch". Here is a wonderful opportunity, especially for boys in the Junior School. If you are a "doer", please come along one dinner-hour and we'll find you something useful and constructive to do.

We have had four very successful trips since Easter—more than any other society in the School. Two of them visited London motive power depots, which means that at one time or another the society has visited nearly all the M.P.D.'s in the London area. At Whitsun we visited Swindon Works and Museum, together with three Western Region M.P.D.'s, and at the end of term we honoured the British Transport Museum at Clapham and the Science Museum with the pleasure of our company.

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P. HOSKINGS.

THE TWENTIETH-CENTURY OPINION SOCIETY

Although activities have been impeded by examinations, the society has carried off several meetings with substantial success. However, the size of the audiences varied considerably from a mere nine who attended Mr. Brown's talk about "The Political Scene in Canada", to the record one hundred and twenty-nine who attended the staff debate on "O Tempora! O Mores!"

Michael Horrex, a member of the upper sixth, gave a talk on the meaning of the Liberal policy and it is hoped that two other boys will put forward the Conservative and Socialist policies next term.

The debate run by four boys on Hanging was greeted with apathy and a very small audience came. This fortunately did not detract from the interest of the meeting.

The society needs more support from people in the first year sixth and upper fifth forms, so when this magazine is published, anybody in these forms who feels himself capable of speaking on any subject should tell the chairman or the secretary or see Mr. D. G. Jones. Even if you do not feel capable of speaking, say that you are interested and willing to support Society functions.

Next term's programme includes a talk by Mr. Hett on "The Decline of Manners in the Twentieth Century", and a staff balloon debate. Do come and support all the Society's functions.

M. G. BAKER.

RADIO CLUB

This term the Radio Club has kept up its usual Friday lunch-hour meetings, either for a film or a lecture. At one meeting, the club held a competition to find the best piece of home-made equipment. There were over a dozen entries, and the judge, Mr. R. A. P. Wilson, had great trouble in selecting a winner. The first prize of 5/- plus free membership for a year, went to H. D. Coltman for his miniature scope. The judge said that it was the most versatile piece of equipment on show. The second and third prizes, each consisting of free membership for one year, went to Meakes and Mullick, for their transistor radios. Other entries included: power packs, valve radios, a signal injector, and a C.R. bridge. The Radio Club ended the term with a trip to the electronics centre at Mullard Ltd.

M. J. MARSDEN.

CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club has had another very successful year. The highlight of this was, without doubt, the completion of the new dark room, for which we should like to offer our thanks to the Headmaster, without whose help the project would never have been started. We can now give all members who so desire the use of this at any time convenient to them. The club possesses its own enlarger and full facilities for processing films. It is hoped now that more members will take their hobbies so seriously that they can claim the title of "True Amateur". After all, photography does not stop once the shutter has gone "click".

We had quite a number of films this year, but there was a marked lack of support, and unless this improves they will have to be discontinued. The blame cannot entirely be placed on the audiences, as they cannot be expected to enjoy a film when certain groups of senior boys take it upon themselves to create a nuisance. We have held two exhibitions which, to say the least, were controversial. Plans have been made to hold different kinds of exhibitions next term, but these are tentative at the moment.

Unfortunately we could not hold a trip this term as proposed, as we were going to the "Photo-fair", but the dates were too early in the term. This will be put right next term.

E. M. CAPRON.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

During the past term two atheists have regularly attended our meetings. They have shown deep interest and have provided lively opponents in our debates. When the Rev. Edward Crew spoke on "What should I lose if I shut out Christianity?" we were not only able to demonstrate our views to non-Christians but were also able to understand why an atheist thinks as he does.

If atheists take so much interest in the Christian way, why do those who call themselves Christians not bother to attend? After the age of fourteen they seem to think they have done enough to make themselves mature Christians, so they do not come. How wrong they are!

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The junior section is still enjoying success. These youngsters show far more enthusiasm than the seniors. During last term two film-strips were shown and several speakers kindly came sometimes long distances to speak to them. Quizzes seem to have gone out of fashion. May God help the committee for next year to keep up the work.

XVth HIGH WYCOMBE (ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL) SCOUT TROOP

Contrary to popular belief, the School Scout Troop is still running efficiently under Mr. Lawrence, although the activities of the Junior Troop have been curtailed by the fact that the Scout Hut was razed to the ground, whilst in the possession of the School House boarders. We have made great progress, however, and we hope that the size of the Troop, nine senior Scouts, will allow us to have a new hut at the School.

Camping was carried on last term, our equipment being stored at the headquarters of another Troop, thus escaping the fire. Our bookcases and shelves have also been saved and are being used in the School Chapel. Last term Mr. L. Lawrence, N. F. Avery and M. J. Dalley won Red Cross first aid certificates in the town, at the B.R.C.S. Headquarters. Previously the inter-County Shooting Shield was won by the shooting pair consisting of M. S. Rothwell and N. C. Fairley. We hope to retain this honour in the next contest.

Regular meetings have been held at Mr. Lawrence's house, and many thanks are extended to Mrs. Lawrence, who put up with us during these difficult times and prepared all the refreshments. Many thanks are due to Mr. M. M. Davies, the Housemaster at Uplyme, and the only supporter of the Scouts on the staff side, who allowed us to keep late nights. The whole Scout Troop consists of Uplyme boarders.

We hope that the C.C.F. will give us a return "Initiative Test" in conjunction with the B.R.C.S., similar to the one arranged last year, resulting in a Scout victory.

TRUOP LEADER.

SPORT

CRICKET CLUB 1963

First XI

Captain : J. Barlow *Vice-Captain* : R. Fewtrell

Colours : J. Barlow, R. Fewtrell, M. Harris, J. McLoughlin

This has been an eventful season in more ways than one. Mr. H. Johnson, who has looked after the School cricket for many years, left us at Christmas. Five of last year's Colours were still available, but beyond them the outlook was dim. This pessimism, however, proved to be ill founded. We managed to get through the season without desperate phone calls to Mr. Johnson, coaches arrived on time and only one team at a time to play us. Six more players were found to make a team and won more matches than any school team for several past seasons.

The success of the team was mainly due to hostile bowling supported by good fielding, sensibly led by the captain, John Barlow. The batting, to say the least, was fragile but not without its moments. Only one batsman was consistent, John Hayter, who, after several fifties, scored a maiden century, the first for the School for seven seasons. It was an excellent century made in difficult conditions. M. Bowler, a promising opening bat, was an excellent partner to J. Hayter. M. Priestley, R. Fewtrell, M. Harris and C. Homer had their moments with the bat, but unfortunately they were too few and far between. The side too often for comfort took the field with far too few runs behind them.

R. Fewtrell was the main spearhead of the attack and for most of the season was in devastating form. It was good to see R. Dorkings, who at the start of the season was playing second fiddle to Fewtrell with the new ball, improve so much as the season progressed. J. McLoughlin, after a rather uncontrolled start to the season, settled down to bowl impressively.

The fielding, except for two lapses, varied from good to excellent.

J. Barlow is to be congratulated on his captaincy. Few school captains handle their sides on the field very well ; this is only to be expected, as good captaincy can only be acquired with experience, the one thing that all school boys lack. J. Barlow learnt from early errors and did his job well ; this was particularly heartening, as he wasn't having much luck with the bat and ball.

We were all sorry when Mr. Beeson was suddenly taken to hospital early in the season and are pleased to know that he is making good progress. This has meant that we have had to prepare our own wickets. Although often a worry, this proved to be enjoyable work, from which the team has benefited. I don't think that any of the helpers will take the pitch for granted when they play cricket in the future.

The following were awarded their colours : M. Priestley, E. Janes, R. Dorkings, R. C. Jones, M. Bowler.

M.J.E.

FIRST XI RESULTS

Played 18, Won 9, Lost 5, Drawn 1, Abandoned 3, Cancelled 5

- v High Wycombe C.C. "A" XI, home.
High Wycombe "A" 65 (R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 20, J. N. McLoughlin 2 for 10, Homer C. 2 for 15, Jones R. C. 2 for 19).
R.G.S. 67 for 5 (Bowler 26 not out).
- v Sir William Borlase School, home.
R.G.S. 192 for 3 dec. (Priestley, M. D. H. 89, J. Hayter 63, Bowler 27 not out).
Sir William Borlase School 116 for 6 (J. M. Barlow 3 for 40, J. N. McLoughlin 2 for 27). Rain stopped play.
- v Leighton Park School, away.
R.G.S. 86 (Bowler, M. J., 29).
Leighton Park School 87 for 7 (R. A. Fewtrell 5 for 23).
- v Bishopshalt School, home.
R.G.S. 169 for 4 dec. (J. Hayter 61, Homer C. 46, Rivers 27 not out).
Bishopshalt School 71 (J. M. Barlow 4 for 12, R. A. Fewtrell 3 for 19, J. N. McLoughlin 2 for 12).
- v R.G.S., Guildford, away.
Guildford 80 (J. N. McLoughlin 4 for 26, R. A. Fewtrell 3 for 16, Homer C. 2 for 6).
R.G.S. 46.
- v R.A.F. Medmenham, match cancelled.
- v Emanuel School, home.
R.G.S. 68 (M. Harris 22).
Emanuel 57 (J. N. McLoughlin 4 for 21, Dorkings R. A. 3 for 21, R. A. Fewtrell 2 for 13).
- v Culham College, home.
R.G.S. 114 (A. Parry-Jones, Esq., 49).
Culham College 81 (R. A. Fewtrell 5 for 20, J. N. McLoughlin 3 for 13).
- v Royal Masonic School, away.
R.G.S. 139 for 9 dec. (J. Hayter 64).
Royal Masonic 113 (J. M. Barlow 4 for 36, R. A. Fewtrell 2 for 16, J. N. McLoughlin 2 for 46).
- v R.A.F. Halton Apprentices XI, home.
R.A.F. 183 (Jones, R. C. 5 for 27, R. A. Fewtrell 2 for 51, J. M. Barlow 2 for 56).
R.G.S. did not bat, match abandoned.

- v Watford Grammar School, away.
R.G.S. 123 (J. Hayter 30, R. A. Fewtrell 23, M. Harris 21).
Watford Grammar School 75 (Dorkings R. A. 4 for 33, R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 37, Jones R. C. 2 for 2).
- v St. Benedict's School, home.
St. Benedict's School 147 (R. A. Fewtrell 7 for 60).
R.G.S. 119 for 7 (R. A. Fewtrell 39).
- v R.A.F. High Wycombe, home.
R.G.S. 108 (M. Harris 53 not out, A. Parry-Jones, Esq. 22).
R.A.F. 44 (R. A. Fewtrell 7 for 25, Jones R. C. 2 for 9).
- v St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury. Match cancelled.
- v Tiffins School. Match cancelled.
- v Staff XI, home.
R.G.S. 166 for 5 dec. (M. D. H. Priestley 56, Berry, R. 38, R. A. Fewtrell 30 ;
A. Parry-Jones, Esq. 2 for 23, M. M. Davies, Esq. 2 for 50).
Staff XI 140 (R. A. Fewtrell 6 for 40, Dorkings 2 for 43 ; A. Parry-Jones,
Esq. 87, F. E. J. Hawkins, Esq. 29).
- v Abingdon School, away. Match cancelled.
- v Royal Liberty School, Romford, away.
R.G.S. 46 (J. Hayter 23).
Royal Liberty School 47 (R. A. Dorkings 6 for 12, R. A. Fewtrell 2 for 19).
- v R.A.F. Halton Apprentices, away. Match cancelled.
- v Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, home.
R.G.S. 148 for 5 dec. (J. Hayter 101, Bowler, M. J., 30).
Queen Elizabeth's 20 for 4 (R. A. Fewtrell 3 for 8). Match abandoned.
- v Old Wycombiensians C.C., home.
R.G.S. 176 (R. A. Fewtrell 44, J. N. McLoughlin 27, Rivers 25, Bowler,
M. J., 24).
Old Wycombiensians 61 (R. A. Fewtrell 7 for 20, J. N. McLoughlin 3 for 13).
- v Trinity School, Croydon, home.
Trinity School 214 for 9 dec. (R. A. Dorkings 3 for 41, J. N. McLoughlin
3 for 60).
R.G.S. 119 (M. J. Bowler 47).
- v R.G.S., Worcester, away.
R.G.S. 80 (J. M. Barlow 20).
Worcester 81 for 5 (R. C. Jones 2 for 25).

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Completed Innings</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. Hayter	415	16	101	25.94
M. J. Bowler	230	13	47	17.69
M. Harris	170	10	53*	17.00
M. D. H. Priestley ...	173	11	89	15.73
R. A. Fewtrell	228	16	44	14.25

Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. A. Fewtrell	213.4	64	502	65	7.72
R. C. Jones	70.5	12	194	16	12.13
J. M. Barlow	41.5	5	180	14	12.28
J. N. McLoughlin ...	94	9	342	27	12.66
R. A. Dorkings	132	28	326	23	14.17

Catches : E. H. Janes, M. Harris 10, J. M. Barlow, M. J. Bowler 8.

Stumpings : M. Harris 13.

SECOND XI

The School 2nd XI have had a reasonably successful season, beating Borlase, Leighton Park, Bishopshalt, Emanuel, St. Benedict's and Wycombe Technical School, and losing to R.G.S. Guildford, Royal Masonic and Watford Grammar School. Matches against Wycombe Technical and Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, were rained off and an excellent draw was played with Trinity School, Croydon.

R. E. Jones was a cheerful captain and organiser who very quickly realised that captaincy on the field was only the very beginning of the job. He often swung his bat to good effect and generally handled his bowlers well. Berry batted well against Bishopshalt for 44 and until he moved into higher circles showed that hitting fast bowlers back over their heads often had a demoralising effect. Anderson played two good innings against Borlase and Culham, and with his left-arm "banana" balls showed he could stake claim to being the all-rounder of the team. Daines and Seymour both played match-winnings innings against St. Benedict's. Seymour realised the value of watching the ball right on to the bat and, although his strokes were limited, was always difficult to dislodge.

The opening bowlers, Douglas and Nottingham, bowled very sensibly. They realised that bowling on a good length, straight, medium pace, was often far too much for opposing batsmen, and made R.G.S. low totals into winning ones. Douglas took 7 for 26 *v.* Emanuel, 7 for 22 *v.* Bishopshalt, and 5 for 21 *v.* Leighton Park; while Nottingham took 7 for 34 *v.* Queen Elizabeth, Barnet and 5 for 14 *v.* Wycombe Technical School. Iliffe occasionally bowled his beamers to surprising effect and with his vigorous batting was briefly entertaining.

Cant's wicket-keeping improved throughout the season and his innings of 68 against Trinity, Croydon, was undoubtedly the best of the season, where he was ably assisted by Hewitt in saving the game. Pettit, Browne and Wills were keen and enthusiastic members of the side who, although not scoring many runs, showed that many runs could be saved in the field. Hall made a belated appearance as an opening bowler and shows promise for the future.

2nd XI colours were awarded to : Cant, Iliffe, Anderson, Daines, Seymour, Douglas, Nottingham.

2nd XI selected from : Jones, Cant, Iliffe, Anderson, Daines, Seymour, Douglas, Nottingham, Hewitt, Browne, Wills, Pettit, Hall.

COLTS XI

Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 1

After several very successful seasons the Under-15 XI had one of those inevitably lean years. Only two of last year's team remained within the age limit : Simons, who captained the side, and Rivers, who spent most of the season, in fact, playing for the 1st XI. Of the new players, several were very promising. Barratt bowled with remarkable speed and accuracy for this kind of cricket and only in one match did the opposing team play him with any assurance. Seymour was a very steady off-spinner, and, despite his size, batted with stylish aggression which unfortunately proved too rash on most occasions. Culley, after being a mainstay of the Junior's bowling last year, took up wicket-keeping with great exuberance (perhaps with too much) and took, I think, all the stumping opportunities that Simons' leg-spin gave him.

Such talents, however, were only to be seen when the side was in the field. The batting was brittle, to say the least. Little Whitwham in the latter part of the season batted with great courage and made one or two good scores when they were most needed, although his stance was enough to make any purist wince. Hudson, Saunders and Fox, B. J. B., all looked good at one time or another, but their techniques contained too many flaws to give them the consistency the team needed. In many respects the four main bowlers, Simons, Barratt, Seymour and Gatland, proved as good as anyone else with the bat. Alas, a tail is no place for all the backbone. Consequently, although other schools could be dismissed for what would normally be regarded as low scores, they were usually winning ones.

R.C.F.

JUNIOR COLTS

Thanks to an outstanding team spirit, the Junior Colts enjoyed a very successful season. Every member pulled his weight enthusiastically, with the result that only a couple of matches were lost. Clark captained the team throughout the season with authority and maturity, and at the same time considerably improved his wicket-keeping. The batting was never particularly strong, but Hipgrave has rarely failed to make the total presentable, and he was supported by Darbyshire, Debnam, Highfield and Gamester, a very promising second-former, all of whom helped to give the bowlers something to bowl for. It was in the bowling and fielding that the strength of the side lay, with McIntosh, Reitz, Huggins and Berks leading the attack vigorously with spin support from Darbyshire and Settingington. The whole side suggested that cricket at the School has a bright future for at least several years to come.

TENNIS 1963

As can be seen from the results, we have once again had a very successful season. However, this season was strange in the respect that it was the first time a school match had been lost in three years. This loss was against King's College, London, and it is only against teams like this that we can gauge our true strength. Our best win was against Highgate, who defeated us in the Glanville Cup last year.

After much thought and a few experiments, it was decided to play the team in the following pairs : Moores and Farmer, Panter and Seale, East and Orchard.

The first pair were usually much too strong for the opposition and their only loss was to King's College first pair. Farmer showed his best form in this partnership and produced some really sparkling shots. More care over his service (especially the second) and fewer wild spells on the forehand could make him into a really fine player. Moores, as usual, showed us and the opponents his beautiful range of strokes, all powerfully executed. Peter has achieved the greatest honour yet to be bestowed upon a Bucks tennis player, in being chosen to represent Great Britain in the International Junior Invitation event held in the second week of Wimbledon.

The second pair of Seale and Panter did not always achieve that which at times they looked capable of achieving. Lack of finishing power at the net marred otherwise good play. Seale was the dominating partner in this pair and on occasions showed some of the really fine doubles play of which he is capable. He showed considerably better form this year than in past years and his greater experience told in sticky situations. Panter, who in other years was renowned for his hit-or-miss shots, played much more error-free tennis this year, and towards the end of the season seemed to have found a better compromise between force and consistency than in the past, and introduced more discretion into his play. His strong service was an asset to this pair.

The third pair of East and myself, though not spectacular, usually won a large enough quota of matches to achieve our part in a winning result. East has played steadily all season, although not up to his best form, being preoccupied with "O" Level exams.

David Davies, who played quite frequently, showed much promising potential and should be valuable next year.

Our thanks must be given again to Mr. M. M. Davies and Mr. H. Clark for the onerous task of arranging fixtures and looking after the team, and to Mr. Howarth for arranging the much appreciated teas.

D. G. ORCHARD.

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Youll Cup

At last we've done it. The Tennis team covered itself with glory on the tennis courts of Eton on Friday, August 2nd, 1963, when it defeated Charterhouse in the final of the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association Youll Cup. The captain, David Orchard, and Peter Moores formed our 1st pair, and Geoffrey Seale and Maynard Panter the 2nd pair. They played good fighting tennis throughout the week and on the way to the final, defeated Abingdon, St. Paul's, Winchester, Marlborough and Bradfield.

It is true that as the *Daily Telegraph* tennis correspondent put it, "the team leaned heavily on Moores", but there were times during the week when each man played a vital part in the eventual victory.

Many years ago when we first entered a team for this competition, it was done purely for experience, but when Moores and Orchard appeared on the scene tennis entered a new era at the R.G.S. The winning of the Youll Cup now became a possibility and the standard of tennis improved rapidly. Last year Charterhouse beat us in the quarter-finals—this year we had a good draw and beat them in the final. The four boys played splendid tennis and were in every way a credit to the School.

A word of thanks is due to Mr. C. M. Haworth, who contributed in no small way to our victory. He looked after the team throughout the week, nursed them along during the very considerable tensions of such a hard-fought tournament, and the boys knew he was always there.

M.M.D.

YOULL CUP

The 1963 knock-out competition organised by the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association was held at Eton College instead of at Wimbledon, where the Davis Cup European finals were being played. Eighty-five schools fielded teams at the start of a week of gloriously hot weather: on Friday afternoon, August 2nd, the School team beat Charterhouse by three rubbers to two in an exciting final. Stowe's four-year run of success was ended, and the cup was brought to High Wycombe in triumph and Mr. Davies' venerable car. It was Charterhouse who had beaten us in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon last year.

In the previous rounds the School team had beaten Abingdon, St. Paul's, Winchester, Marlborough and Bradfield, and from the

start of the competition they had looked to be possible winners. Our first pair, D. G. Orchard (captain) and P. J. Moores, had not lost a set in these five matches ; but twice (against Winchester and Bradfield) the second pair, M. J. C. Panter and J. M. Seale, were beaten by the opposing second pair, so that each time Moores had to play and win a deciding singles match.

In the final round the situation was reversed : the strong first pair for Charterhouse got the better of Orchard and Moores after losing the first set. Their retrieving was magnificent, their defence solid and well planned. All seemed lost, for our second pair was thought by those who had been watching the earlier rounds to be too unsteady to have much chance of winning against Charterhouse II. To their great credit, Panter and Seale rose to the occasion. They won their first set and lost the second more or less unwatched, but when the match between the first pairs was over, the spectators moved over to their court in a body, and the tension increased. Both sides played cautiously, with much use of ballooned lobs and a wise reluctance to risk a full-blooded smash. From this nerve-racking ordeal our pair came out the winners by six games to three.

After the first pairs had beaten the second pairs, the score stood at two rubbers all, and everybody wondered whether R. M. C. Gilliatt, an excellent all-round games player, could hold his own against Moores. With a wonderful display of skill and controlled nerves, Moores reassured his delighted team-mates and supporters by winning in two sets, 6—3, 6—4, against a determined and intelligent opponent equipped with powerful ground shots.

Having had the pleasure of watching the team throughout the week, I know that the School has every reason to be proud of them and to congratulate the captain on his team's deserved success. The President of the P.S.L.T.A. presented the team with the cup and gave each of the four players a silver spoon.

C.M.H.

2nd VI

The Second VI fixtures again carried out the task of providing matches for those just below the first team standard and for bringing on the younger promising players in the School who would otherwise have no opportunity of competitive play. There was never a really regular team since there were eight people of very similar standard from which to pick the team. An endeavour was made to give each person an equal number of games, and next year we should have a very strong second team again. Gooderham and Grove improved greatly during the course of the

season, which was very gratifying and speaks greatly for the value of second team fixtures. All the other members played competently and Ray was an efficient captain. Those who played were Ray, Davies, D.M., Tomkinson, Pratt, Gooderham, Grove, Beasley and Lane.

D. G. ORCHARD.

ATHLETICS

The season started off well when a team of four boys, Fountain, Fox, Stubbs and Priestley, won the Buckinghamshire junior trophy in the A.A.A.'s Championships at Aylesbury. The points for this victory were obtained from successes in the Shot, Discus and Long Jump, the 100 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds. and the Relay. The School entered a full team in the District Sports, and there were many promising performances by the younger members of the School. Greenwood, Fox, Stubbs and Priestley were all successful in their respective events in the County Schools Championships. These same four boys were chosen to represent the County against Derbyshire, Hertfordshire and Leicestershire at Leicester. Greenwood, Stubbs and Priestley were picked to compete in the All-England Schools Championships at Chelmsford, in which all three put up creditable performances, Priestley gaining fourth place in the Senior 440 yds. final.

The School entered the St. Nicholas Trophy meeting at Northwood Grammar School, in which six other Grammar Schools took part. The School team, which consisted of several of the more promising younger members of the School, managed fourth place. Hume, Greenwood, Lewis, Turmezei and Loxen all showed great promise and with continual training and advice from Mr. J. Williams, the School should soon be able to boast a fine all-round Athletics team.

SPORTS DAY

This year Sports Day was rather badly hit by the weather, for although the day itself was reasonably fine, the heavy rain of the previous few days had made the track soft and greasy, and the gusty wind, instead of drying it, merely hindered the competitors in the track events. However, although the performances on the track were sound, rather than outstanding, the results in the field events were far above average, and four records were well broken. M. D. H. Priestley, D. J. Stubbs and M. H. Kefferd set new records in the open high jump (5ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.), the open shot (47ft. 5ins.) and the pole vault (8ft. 7ins.) respectively, while

Kefford and Priestley tied at 38ft. for a new best performance in the hop, step and jump.

M. D. H. Priestley as usual, one might almost say, won the open championship cup, being placed in ten of the twelve events in which he was eligible for entry. His excellent performance contributed greatly to Fraser's well-earned second place in the overall competition. Arnison claimed the other three cup winners, however, and after an exciting struggle, eventually beat Fraser by a short head. M. H. Kefford, by winning two open events, narrowly beat C. J. Packman, who made a clean sweep in the shorter track events, and was awarded the Senior Colts Cup. J. W. Hume, after a fine all-round performance, in which he won not only all the track events he entered, but also the shot, won the Junior Colts Cup, and D. P. Laxon won the Junior Cup after commendable performances, especially in the 100 and 220 yds.

It is worth noting, in passing, that Fraser and Arnison could only muster seven open competitors between them, and these, aided by Youens House captain, accounted for nearly every point awarded in the open competition. Since the standard of athletics in the School as a whole rests firmly on the shoulders of its senior members, one hopes that the enthusiasm shown by this year's Senior Colts will result in far greater competition, and a correspondingly higher standard, next year.

<i>Event</i>		<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
75 yds.	(F2) ...	Woodford (F)	Pettit (D)	Turner (K)
100 yds.	(Jnrs.) ...	Laxon (A)	Thain (Y)	Kavanagh (D)
	(Colts) ...	Hume (A)	Lewis (D)	Fox (A)
	(S. Colts)	Packman (D)	Kefford (A)	Ferguson (D)
	(Open) ...	Fountain (Y)	Priestley (F)	Fox (A)
220 yds.	(Jnrs.) ...	Laxen (A)	Ireland (A)	Kavanagh (D)
	(Colts) ...	Hume (A)	Lewis (D)	Hudson (K)
	(S. Colts)	Packman (D)	Malec (F)	Rhodes (Q)
	(Open) ...	Priestley (F)	Fox (A)	Fountain (Y)
440 yds.	(Colts) ...	Hume (A)	Lewis (D)	Hudson (K)
	(S. Colts)	Packman (D)	Greenwood (K)	Malec (F)
	(Open) ...	Priestley (F)	Fountain (Y)	Fox (A)
880 yds.	(Jnrs.) ...	Kavanagh (D)	Woodford (F)	Perfect (D)
	(Colts) ...	Hume (A)	Lewis (D)	Gostlow (Y)
	(S. Colts)	Malec (F)	Jenner (Y)	Douglas (A)
	(Open) ...	Priestley (F)	Stubbs (F)	Taylor (A)
1 Mile	...	Taylor (A)	Ellerton (Y)	Greenwood (K)
High Jump	(Jnrs.) ...	Waller (F)	Laxen (A)	Huggins (F)
	(Colts) ...	Hampton (Q)	Royffe (K)	Tinton (Y)
	(S. Colts)	Turmezei (A)	Kefford (A)	Frankland (A)
	(Open) ...	Priestley (F)	Stubbs (F)	Davies (A)
Long Jump	(Jnrs.) ...	Highfield (F)	Lambert (Y)	Perfect (D)
	(Colts) ...	Gostlow (Y)	Royffe (K)	Lavender (F)
	(S. Colts)	Malec (F)	Ferguson (D)	Frankland (A)
	(Open) ...	Fountain (Y)	Priestley (F)	Stubbs (F)
Shot	(Colts) ...	Hume (A)	Lavender (F)	Lewis (D)
	(S. Colts)	Kefford (A)	Thomas (A)	O'Shea (Y)
	(Open) ...	Stubbs (F)*	Priestley (F)	Fewtrell (F)

Javelin	(Colts) ...	Hampton (Q)	Tinton (Y)	Dixon (F)
	(S. Colts)	Frankland (A)	Packman (D)	Kefford (A)
	(Open) ...	Stubbs (F)	Fewtrell (F)	Priestley (F)
Discus	(Colts) ...	Gatland (A)	Hume (A)	Hampton (Q)
	(S. Colts)	Collins (Y)	Wareham (K)	Jones, R. C. (Y)
	(Open) ...	Stubbs (F)	Fewtrell (F)	Davies (A)
Cricket Ball	...	Stubbs (F)	Priestley (F)	Collins (Y)
Pole Vault	...	Kefford (A)*	Frankland (A)	Douglas (A)
Hop, Step & Jump	...	Kefford (A)*	Priestley (F)*	Stubbs (F)
Relay	(Jnrs.) ...	Arnison	Fraser	Disraeli
	(Colts) ...	Arnison	Youens	Disraeli
	(S. Colts)	Disraeli	Arnison	Fraser
	(Open) ...	Fraser	Queen's	Youens

* denotes a new record

Individual Champions

Open Champion	...	...	M. D. H. Priestley
Senior Colts Champion	...	...	M. H. Kefford
Colts Champion	...	...	J. W. Hume
Junior Colts Champion	...	...	D. P. Laxon

House Positions

1st	...	Arnison	4th	...	Disraeli
2nd	...	Fraser	5th	...	Queen's
3rd	...	Youens	6th	...	King's

SWIMMING

Although the School suffers from the disadvantage of not having a pool of its own yet, it does contain a number of keen swimmers who entered the Wycombe and District Schools' Swimming Gala on the 21st of June. The team consisted of eleven boys, only 1 per cent of the School.

In the 11—13 age group, R. Parr swam well against strong opposition to win the first heat and the final of the free style. In the breast-stroke K. Kavanagh finished 2nd, but was disqualified for not turning correctly. R. Waller won the back-stroke by half a length in a good swim. In the diving, held the following Tuesday, R. Waller came 1st and D. Crees 4th.

In the 13—16 age group, heat 1 of the free-style was a very fast race, with R. Andrews coming 2nd and J. Darville 3rd; they both went through to the final, R. Andrews coming 2nd and J. Darville 4th. P. Watts had an easy win in heat 1 of the breast-stroke. In the final he and M. Stevens, of Wellesbourne, were level up to the last length, fighting hard; P. Watts just lost on the touch by .6 of a second. D. Wilson won the back-stroke by half a length.

In the 16—19 age group P. Pescod had an easy win in the breast-stroke. In the back-stroke C. Challis won with a lead of three-quarters of a length.

Relays were held for each age group. In the 11—13 relay the team was K. Kavanagh, R. Parr, D. Crees and R. Waller and they had a good win over the four other teams competing. The 13—16 relay was also won, the team being D. Wilson, J. Darville, R. Andrews and P. Watts. In the 16—19 relay the closest finish of the evening was fought ; at the end of the third length, P. Pescod was three feet ahead of the Technical School. N. Wynyard-Wright, of the Technical School, who had won the free-style in a record time, was to swim against C. Challis of the R.G.S. As Challis entered Wynyard-Wright was at his heels, they fought their way up the pool, C. Challis touching .5 of a second ahead, so securing the third relay win. The team was R. Waller, M. O'Shea, P. Pescod and C. Challis.

The R.G.S. came first in the final position of the boys' schools with a lead of 15 points over the Technical School, who came second. Three boys were chosen from the R.G.S. to represent the Wycombe District at the County Gala held at Aylesbury on July 5th ; they were R. Waller, P. Pescod and C. Challis. In the 13—15 back-stroke, R. Waller was second at the turn, but was disqualified for not turning correctly. P. Pescod was 1st equal at the turn, lost a little ground and then made a very good spurt but did not catch his opponent up, so finishing second. C. Challis was ahead at the turn, but lost ground by a bad turn which he was unable to make up, so finishing second 2.4 seconds behind.

R. Waller, P. Pescod and C. Challis will attend a practice at Slough for the Divisional Gala, in which Beds., Bucks., Berks. and Oxon. compete : they will also be awarded the Buckinghamshire Schools' Swimming Association badge.

SHOOTING

In May we learned the result of the Country Life Competition, which was shot off in the Easter Term. The first team was placed 4th and also judged the team which had shown the greatest improvement in position over the last year. As a result, we won a large shield, which was presented by the Inspecting Officer at the General Inspection and which may be viewed in the Quartermaster's Stores. R. H. Mayo is to be congratulated on scoring 97 out of a possible 100, the third highest score in the competition.

The Second Team also distinguished itself by being 1st of the second teams, for which they earned a set of very fine bronze medals.

The two internal competitions, the Rifle Club Trophy competition and the Individual Challenge Cup competition, were both shot off in the Summer Term.

R. C. A. G. Iliffe won the Individual Challenge Cup by the narrow margin of 1 point from T. J. O'Brien, to whom we are sorry to say goodbye this term, as he is leaving to go to another school.

At the time of writing, we are about to start the two main .303 competitions of the year, the Gale and Polden competition and the Ashburton Shield competition. A lot of practice has been put in throughout the Summer Term, and in a few days we shall see how much it has been worth.

As always, we must thank Captain Cooper and Sergeant Harrison, whose unstinted help has contributed greatly to our past and, we hope, our future successes.

R. C. A. G. ILIFFE.

CHESS CLUB

Half-Colours : M. J. Mobbs (Captain), A. T. Ludgate (Secretary).

Contrary to previous years, the Chess Club has remained open throughout the Summer Term. This reflects the increased interest in the game. The knock-out competitions were quickly completed. The junior one was won by D. Rance (IIISA), and the senior one by M. R. Myant (IVx). The inter-House competition was also completed, the final result being :—

1st, Queen's ... 25 pts.	4th, Disraeli ... 15 pts.
2nd, Arnison ... 17 pts.	5th, Fraser ... 13 pts.
3rd, King's ... 16 pts.	6th, Youens ... 4 pts.

In the past the House Chess Competition has not really been a great success. The small circle of keen chess players was invariably very unevenly divided between the six houses. Those House secretaries lacking a ready-made team chose anyone they could find. As a result, several representatives were not only weak players but, being uninterested in the game, made little or no effort. This year, however, it was contested with considerable spirit and the standard of play was distinctly higher. It seems likely that this improvement will continue.

A. T. LUDGATE.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

Births

- WING, R. C. (1947-52). On June 5th, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wing, a daughter, Joanne.
- SIMMONS, D. F. (1950-55). On July 13th, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. David Simmons, a son, Mark Andrew.
- REDRUP, A. J. (1946-50). On July 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Redrup, a son, Andrew Paul.

Marriages

- HUMPHRIES—JORDAN. On March 9th, 1963, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, R. B. Humphries (1948-56) to Miss Valerie Margaret Jordan.
- RAYNER—COX. On May 18th, 1963, at Seer Green Parish Church, G. C. Rayner (1937-45) to Miss Jane Mary Cox.
- SMITH—MOOD. On June 29th, 1963, at Newcastle, C. J. Smith (1951-57) to Miss Dorothy Mood.

Deaths

- G. H. STEVENS (1924-27), on April 23rd, 1963, at his home "Durlston House", Lighthouse Road, Swanage, aged 50 years.

George Henry Stevens had been a leading figure for many years in Swanage and his death shocked the town. In addition to building up his firm from a small butcher's shop with two employees into a big wholesale and retail organisation with nearly forty employees, he was prominent in many aspects of the social life of the area. He was president of R.A.F.A., former president of both the Chamber of Trade and the Rotary Club, and a leading Mason. He was a devout churchman all his life.

G. H. Stevens was born in High Wycombe in 1912 and when he left the R.G.S. he joined the business of C. Stevens and Sons Ltd. founded by his great-grandfather in 1824. He served throughout the war in the Royal Air Force, gaining a mention in despatches in January 1944 for distinguished service. He went to Swanage with his family in 1946, where he built up his business. He was a member of the Ford Model Club of America and an enthusiast for old Model T cars. He and Mrs. Stevens travelled extensively in Canada and America and he owned a Model T van of 1924.

He leaves a widow, a daughter (Mrs. Susan Halpin) and a son (Neil) aged 15 years.

B. M. WILLIAMS (1954-59), killed in a car accident at the age of 20.

Bryan Melville Williams, of 19 Cressex Road, High Wycombe, was on a sandwich course with the Rootes Group at the Manchester College of Technology at the time of his tragic death.

Staff

G. W. ARNISON, Esq. (1905-33). On August 6th, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Arnison were married. On August 6th this year, as they celebrated their diamond wedding, the members of the Club sent them flowers and expressed their affection and the wish that they might have many more years of happiness together.

E. R. TUCKER, Esq. (1933-). At the end of the Summer Term 1963, Mr. Tucker had completed thirty years as the Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School. The Old Boys' Club congratulates him on all the achievements of those years and with affection wishes him all that is good for the future.

P. L. JONES (1916-). Mr. Jones hopes to teach until the end of the Summer Term 1964, by which time he will have completed fifty years as a schoolmaster. The Club is proud of his record of service.

The REV. A. M. BERRY (1914-33) read Mr. Arnison's comments on the date of his birth in the last issue of the magazine and writes as follows :—

“Until I was about 14 I had not heard of any date for my birthday except February 12th, 1873, and when I needed a copy of my birth certificate I found that it gave February 13th. Since then I have always given February 13th as the date if there is likelihood of a certificate being asked for. I think the explanation is quite simple—my father, who registered my birth, never had any idea of dates—he did not know his own age. My baptismal certificate gives February 12th.”

D. T. NIGHTINGALE, Old Boy (1940-45), Staff (1953-61), is very happily settled in his new post as Housemaster at Scarborough College. He became the proud father of a third daughter a few months ago and thus emulates the feat of R. E. SYRETT (1942-47). Has any Old Boy any advice for them on sons !

I. H. C. WATERS, Old Boy (1943-51), Staff (1959-63), has just left to take up a post as Head of the Department of German at Woolverstone Hall, near Ipswich. This is an L.C.C. Boarding School.

OLD BOYS NOTES

BRIAN ASHBY (1950-51) has returned to this country with his wife and three children (a boy and two girls) from Australia, where he spent three years, and can now be contacted c/o 26 Stamford Street, London, S.E.1 His brother CLIVE (1950-54) is now married and was an England Rugby trialist last season. Clive has just been elected Vice-captain of the Wasps Rugby Club for next season and will be playing with other Old Boys J. E. WOODWARD (1944-48), R. E. SYRETT (1942-47), F. E. J. HAWKINS (1948-55) and T. J. GILDER (1953-57). The youngest Ashby brother DAVID (1953-58) hopes for success in his Bar Examinations Finals this summer. All three brothers have recently visited South Africa, where their father now lives.

JOHN BAKER (1954-60) has just completed his degree in Chemistry at Cambridge and is going to the University of East Anglia in Norwich to do research on the heterocyclic chemistry of nitrogen. He will be working under Dr. Katsitzky, who was lecturer in organic chemistry at Cambridge before being appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of East Anglia.

J. H. COMER (1956-50) has won the first prize in the undergraduate poetry competition for the Leeds University poetry magazine "Poetry and Audience". A. J. PAINE (1953-59), A. W. FOUNTAIN (1957-59), K. R. MILLER (1952-58) and B. A. BARRATT (1952-59) have all graduated this summer at Leeds.

D. S. CULLEY (1955-61). While working for a consultant engineer in Victoria Street, London, he applied to the Civil Engineering Trust for a scholarship and has been awarded an Association of Consulting Engineers Scholarship tenable at Cambridge to the value of £100.

R. A. FRENCH (1957-60) is now able to give a more permanent address—R.A.F. Scampton, near Lincoln, where he is a Navigator Radar with 83 Squadron (Vulcan Mk.II's).

S. E. GOULBORN (1928-36) is now Senior Master and in charge of History at Beaconsfield Secondary Modern School. He served on the Wycombe Town Council for nine years until last March and was Chairman of the Clearance Area, Development and Housing Committees and served as Deputy Mayor. After the last election, Sidney can be described either as licking

his wounds or enjoying a rest. He hopes to seek re-election when the opportunity offers. He still has a fair amount of public work, including the Hospital Management Committee, Wycombe Show (Chairman of Finance Committee) and West Wycombe Parochial Church Council. Peggy, his wife, taught at the R.G.S. from 1944-46 and begins teaching at Godstowe in September, after having been Deputy Head of Castlefield Infants School. His son Robert appears to have to work far harder in the 6th Form than his father did thirty years ago.

C. S. GRIFFITHS (1955-62) has been elected editor for next year of the University College of Swansea magazine "Dawn". As it is supposed to be a sort of cultural artistic magazine, he says he feels something of a charlatan !

J. R. H. HERRING (1953-60) is to be congratulated on obtaining a 1st Class Honours Degree in Physics at University College, London. He will be staying on there for three years to do space research on X-Ray Astronomy under Professor Boyd and should get his Ph.D. out of it. When he does this, he will have caught his mother up !

R. E. HESTER (1949-51). The Headmaster was at Jesus College, Cambridge, recently and heard that an Old Boy was doing post-doctorate research there. It proved to be R. E. Hester, who left school after his "O" Levels to work in the Courtaulds Research Laboratory in Cookham. He went from strength to strength there and during his military service succeeded in gaining a Science Degree at the Royal Military College at Shrivenham. From there he proceeded to Leeds University to obtain his doctorate, and now he is married with a family and obviously climbing another rung of the ladder at Cambridge.

JOHN HODDER (1952-59) obtained his B.A. degree in Administration at Manchester University and is now proceeding to Sheffield University to do his Diploma in Education.

R. G. HOLLINGWORTH (1953-60). We congratulate him on obtaining a 1st Class Honours Degree in Electrical Engineering at the Imperial College of Science. He is going to Canada in September to do post-graduate research for his M.Sc. degree at the New Brunswick University. In May last, while erecting a wireless aerial on an O.T.C. Signals scheme and on a dark night, he established contact with overhead power lines. He now knows what it feels like to have 11,000 volts pass through him !

KEITH JAMES (1944-52), after completing his degree in Modern Languages at Cambridge, went to work for Cooper, McDougall and Robertson, a firm selling livestock products, insecticides, dog products, etc. He is now going to Cali, Colombia, South America, for four years as Sales Manager and is taking his wife with him. He married Miss Janetta Lake, at Berkhamsted, on March 25th, 1961.

F. H. M. MEADE (1915-23) is enjoying life in Portugal very much. He has been out of touch with the Club for some time—the last time he remembers was playing rugby for the Old Boys' Club in the 30's. He hopes to tie the bonds tighter from now on because he will be bringing his twin sons to the R.G.S. soon.

D. C. J. PALLETT (1955-61) writes from Derby, where he is an Engineering Apprentice in the Aero Engine Division of Rolls Royce Ltd. He is studying for an external B.Sc. in mechanical engineering at the new Derby and District College of Technology. Rolls Royce held a vocational school at Easter and Pallett met ROGER MAYO (1955-62) there. C. D. WALLER (1953-59) is up there too, but Pallett hasn't tracked him down yet.

M. R. PATTINSON (1953-60) has graduated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and next year stays on to obtain a Diploma in Education. He has been captain of the University Small Bore Rifle Club, he has fired for three years in the 303 (full bore) team, for which he was awarded his Blue. He had a very successful full-bore season at Bisley this year, shooting for England with the match rifle and finishing 17th on the final day of the Queen's Prize.

MICHAEL PAYNE (1954-60) writes a long newsy letter from St. John's College, York. He has just been elected Vice-President of John's, which is a Church of England Training College with 450 men and expanding rapidly. From time to time he catches the train to Leeds to see old friends—JOHN BURNELL (1954-60) and MICHAEL WADSWORTH (1953-59). Wadsworth has now recovered from his illness and hopes to become a probation officer, like his father, or teach.

IAN PEDDER (1936-42). We congratulate W/Cdr. Ian Pedder, D.F.C., who was awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He formerly lived in Gerrards Cross but has been based at Singapore since April 1962, where he now lives with his wife and three children. He has recently been in command of R.A.F. operations in Thailand and Brunei.

W. L. PENDER (1953-58). We have received a letter from H.Q. Southern Command to inform us that Pender has passed the Regular Commission Board and will be given a regular commission shortly. His hopes, expressed in the last edition of the magazine, could well come true.

JOHN PURSEY (1946-53), who at the moment is Assistant Classics Master at Blackburn, writes to thank the Headmaster for the testimonial which helped him to get the job as Head of the Classical Department at Darlington Grammar School. At the age of 27, this is good going and we hope to congratulate him on a Headship in due course.

A. J. RILEY (1955-61) is now working with Osram G.E.C. at Wembley. He is doing a conversion course to get his Higher National Certificate in Applied Physics at the Watford College of Technology.

PETER READ (1950-57). Peter Read, L.R.A.M., writes from Balliol College, Oxford, that he has accepted the post of Director of Music at the King Edward VI Grammar School, Retford. He follows in the footsteps of a man who has gone to Worcester as Assistant Organist at the Cathedral and who has built up a fine musical tradition. Read would like to think that he may be able to take on the Retford Church, where his predecessor was organist. Mr. P. L. Jones taught at this school before coming to High Wycombe.

GEOFFREY SHERLOCK (1947-53) taught at Rotherham Grammar School for four years and has now obtained the post of Producer Programmer Assistant, School Broadcasting (Sound) for Geography—age groups 9-10 years. From Christmas his job will be Primary School Travel Talks and Geography. He will be glad to come South from Sheffield and hopes to live in the Amersham area and take up an interest in Old Boys' affairs.

C. J. SMITH (1951-57). Christopher Smith writes from the Department of Plant Science, University College of Agriculture, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, giving news of himself. He left the R.G.S. in 1957 and went to work at the Grassland Research Institute at Hurley for a year. Then he went to King's College in Newcastle to read Agriculture. In 1962 he obtained his B.Sc. degree and this year he takes his Honours Degree Examination in Agricultural Botany. Last June he married Miss Dorothy Mood, a librarian in the University library, and by now they are in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where Smith is taking up a Research Fellowship in the Department of Agriculture at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

MICHAEL ZANDER (1946-49), who gained a Triple 1st in Law at Jesus, Cambridge and also studied further at the Harvard Law School, wrote a leading article in *The Guardian* of May 14th. The article was entitled "Unfettering the Law Lords" and in it Zander presented the arguments for and against the House of Lords being bound by its previous decisions, rather suggesting that he would like to see them be free.

P. M. M. SLATTER (1919-25), manager of the High Wycombe branch of Martins Bank, has joined the management of the Whitehall office of the Bank. He will not be moving house from High Wycombe and will continue his interests in the town and county, which include that of producer and honorary treasurer of High Wycombe Musical Entertainments Society, and honorary treasurer of Bucks County Cricket Club.

PETER UPPARD (1957-61). In his first year at the Royal Academy of Music, Uppard came second out of 200 first-year piano students in the annual examinations and was highly commended for the pianoforte professor's prize.

G. W. ATKINS (1927-30) has been elected President of the West London and District Photographic Association for the second year running. Atkins now lives at Northolt and has an international reputation as an exhibition photographer.

A. J. MAHONEY (1953-59) has gained a second in Law at Bristol University and is to be articled at Messrs. Winter-Taylor, Woodward and Webb, solicitors, of High Wycombe.

C. D. WALLER (1953-59) has gained his B.A. Degree in Modern Languages at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he has now been offered a research scholarship.

R. V. SCRUTON (1954-61) is to be congratulated on gaining a 1st Class in Moral Sciences in his Preliminary examination at Cambridge.

GLYN PYE (1942-48) writes from P.O. Box 862, Orland 95963, California, U.S.A., requesting a copy of the School History and enclosing 10 dollars, the remainder to go to the Alberta Tucker Memorial Fund. Pye has been living in Orland for two years. He works on one of the biggest dairy ranches in the area—actually he has been off work for a year now owing to an accident on the farm which resulted in two back operations. On doctor's orders, he has to laze in the hot sun and swim in the creek which runs by his house. The people around are very kind and Pye gives them a lot of pleasure with his English accent,

which is slowly giving way to American. He has given several talks on England and has aroused some considerable enthusiasm for us among his friends. When next he comes to England he hopes to bring many of them with him and they will certainly visit the School. Pye would like to meet any Old Boys in the area or passing through.

R. D. SMITH (1955-60), of 15 Heath End Close, Great Kingshill, has gained top honours at the R.A.F. Technical College at Henlow, Bedfordshire—he was the winner of the College's Sword of Honour. Earl Mountbatten, Admiral of the Fleet, presented the sword at the passing-out parade. The sword is presented to the senior technical cadet who distinguishes himself in study, sport and the general influence for good.

J. P. WHITTINGTON (1959-60), a student at Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot, has been awarded his National Diploma in Agriculture at Leeds University after gaining his College Diploma at Seale-Hayne. He plans to go back for a third year to take a post-diploma course in farm management and later to take up a post as lecturer in agriculture.

E. J. BELCHER (1953-58), now a 2nd Lieutenant in the R.E.M.E., has been selected to read for a degree at the Royal Military College of Science.

A. S. PECK (1955-62) is now reaching the end of his year's training at Crewe under the British Railways' engineering scholarship scheme. He says that British Railways is not nearly such a bad institution as is generally imagined, but Crewe is rather dismal—nobody lives in Crewe, they only change there.

P. B. NEWITT (1953-61) is doing a degree course in Social Science at St. Andrew's and hopes to enter the Probation Service afterwards. He is Honorary Secretary of the Christian Union. He sees P. R. KERN (1955-59) and G. K. BALFRY (1953-60) frequently.

J. C. BRIDEN (1949-57) continues to enjoy all sides of University life in Canberra. He is doing research in palaeomagnetism (to do with ancient rocks) and should get a doctorate at the end of it.

R. P. H. GREEN (1953-61) is to be congratulated on gaining a 1st in Honour Mods. at Oxford.

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