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Editorial

*'The generations of living things pass in a short time,
And like runners hand on the torch of life.'*—(Lucretius)

The Chronicle may be seen as the continuing story of St. Edward's, to which each generation of boys contributes a chapter, then passes on, as O.S.E. to be kept well informed of what is happening in the school as successive chapters are written—and to let us know what is happening to them. Within this relatively narrow framework the aim must be to present material as attractively as possible. With this in mind, the response to our new format, particularly by O.S.E., has been most heartening. Above all the sheer volume has shown that people really do care about *The Chronicle*. Many have been as generous with their praise as they, and others, have been in their response to our recent appeal. Of course there has been some adverse criticism—and this is also welcome: where it has been constructive serious note has been taken; where destructive—well at least someone has taken the trouble to write.

At their inception the now familiar advertisements and the Contributions Supplement raised a certain amount of controversy. Each helps to fulfil a real need—the former purely financial, the latter as an outlet for creative ability. However, it is felt that in its present form the Contributions Supplement is too narrow in scope, too bound by regular publication, and rather 'out of place' in *The Chronicle*, as such. Therefore serious

thought is being given to developing a second magazine, in scope literary, artistic, photographic, satiric, and humorous. This magazine would be published only when sufficient worthwhile material had been collected and it would be distributed alongside the 'traditional' *Chronicle*. Several of our contemporaries already produce such a magazine and, while we do not suggest that St. Edward's should blindly follow the lead of others, the publication could perform a valuable function for its contributors and give pleasure and interest to a wide range of readers.

To return to points made earlier, the O.S.E. Section of the magazine acts primarily as a kind of news exchange. These pages are widely read and should it be thought that a change of job, for instance, is too trivial to be of interest to O.S.E. contemporaries, there is much evidence to the contrary; so please do not be backward to come forward in this respect.

The response to our circular 'The Future of *The Chronicle*' has been very generous—over £1,000 has been contributed to date—and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have returned slips or sent cheques. The genuine concern shown is a strong reminder of our responsibility to ensure that 'the future of *The Chronicle*' is indeed a vigorous one.

Calendar

APRIL			
Tuesday	22	Term begins.	
Wednesday	23		
Thursday	24	Meeting of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold and Silver candidates in Big School, 1.30 p.m.	
Friday	25		
Saturday	26		
Sunday	27	3rd Sunday after Easter. Modern Society: 'Antigone' at Headington School, 7.45 p.m.	
Monday	28		
Tuesday	29	Scientific Society: visit to Harwell. Sailing v. Shrivenham (A).	
Wednesday	30	Political Society: The Earl of Longford, 8.15 p.m.	
MAY			
Thursday	1		
Friday	2	O.S.E. Yorkshire Dinner.	
Saturday	3	XI v. M.C.C. (H). Tennis v. Dean Close (H). Sailing v. Radley (H). Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions.	
Sunday	4	4th Sunday after Easter. Air Experience Flying; R.A.F. Section at Kidlington.	
Monday	5		
Tuesday	6		
Wednesday	7	Literary Brains Trust (Removes and VI), Big School, 3.15 p.m.	
Thursday	8	XI v. Authentics (H). 1st and 2nd VIIIs v. Bedford (H). Flying at White Waltham. Classical Verse Speaking Competition for Schools, 2 p.m.	
Friday	9	Summer House VIIIs (1st Round).	
Saturday	10	XI v. Bromsgrove (H). Sailing v. Marlborough (H). Summer House VIIIs.	
Sunday	11	5th Sunday after Easter. Family Communion, 9.45 a.m. Leave Out. Shells Parents' Evening, 6.30 p.m.	
Monday	12		
Tuesday	13		
Wednesday	14	O.S.E. Midlands Dinner. Carmel College and Wallingford G.S. Invitation Regatta.	
Thursday	15	Ascension Day. Holy Communion (sung), 8.45 p.m. Sailing v. Cheltenham (A).	
Friday	16		
Saturday	17	XI v. Harrow (H). Thames Ditton Regatta. Tennis v. Marlborough (A). Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions.	
Sunday	18	Sunday after Ascension Day. Tennis v. Radley (A).	
Monday	19		
Tuesday	20	XI v. Bradfield (H).	
Wednesday	21		
Thursday	22	Use of English Examination. Tennis v. Merchant Taylors' (H). Swimming v. Marlborough (A). Flying at White Waltham.	
Friday	23	Meeting of General Purposes Committee.	
JUNE			
Saturday	24	XI v. Stowe (H). Wallingford Regatta. Sailing v. M.C.S. (H). Achilles Schools Relays. Visit of Prep. Schools English Masters. Junior Plays, 7.30 p.m.	
Sunday	25	Whit Sunday.	
Monday	26	Bradford Martin Reading Prize, 8 p.m.	
Tuesday	27	Scholarship exam begins. Swimming v. Dean Close and Cheltenham (A).	
Wednesday	28		
Thursday	29	Colts and Hedsor VIIIs v. Bedford (A). Swimming v. Stowe (H).	
Friday	30		
Saturday	31	XI v. Cheltenham (A). Reading and Evesham Regattas. Sailing v. Pangbourne (A).	
Sunday	1	Trinity Sunday. Tennis v. M.C.S. (A). C.C.F. Expeditions from 2 p.m.	
Monday	2	C.C.F. Annual Inspection.	
Tuesday	3	XI v. Oundle (A). Sailing v. Stowe (H).	
Wednesday	4	S.E.S. Regatta (first day).	
Thursday	5	S.E.S. Regatta (second day). Sailing v. Bromsgrove (A). Swimming v. Rugby (H).	
Friday	6	Gaudy. XI v. Martyrs (H). S.E.S. Regatta (Finals).	
Saturday	7	Tennis v. Martyrs (H). Thanksgiving Service, 10.30 a.m. Half term begins, 12 noon. Walton and Oxford Regattas.	
Sunday	8	1st Sunday after Trinity.	
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10	Common Entrance exam begins. Half term ends, 9 p.m.	
Wednesday	11	Vigor Schools Regatta (Worcester).	
Thursday	12	Swimming v. Bradfield (A). Whole School Day.	
Friday	13	Half Holiday. Governors' Meeting, 11 a.m. National Schools Regatta (Pangbourne).	
Saturday	14	XI v. Bedford (A). National Schools Regatta (Pangbourne). Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions.	
Sunday	15	2nd Sunday after Trinity. Tennis v. Cheltenham (H). Sailing v. Sherborne (A).	
Monday	16		
Tuesday	17	Army Proficiency Test, 14.00-18.30.	
Wednesday	18		
Thursday	19	Tennis v. Stowe (A). Swimming v. Wellington (A). Flying at White Waltham.	
Friday	20	Conference of Bursars, 11 a.m. Athletics v. Bradfield (A).	
Saturday	21	XI v. Free Foresters (H). Tennis v. Bradfield (A). Sailing v. Rugby (H). Drama Group, 8 p.m.	
Sunday	22	3rd Sunday after Trinity. Family Communion, 9.45 a.m. Leave Out.	
Monday	23	'A' and 'O' levels begin.	
Tuesday	24	Tennis v. Malvern (H).	

Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	O.S.E. Special Gaudy. XI v. Cryptics (H).
		Tennis v. Oxford School (H).
Sunday	29	4th Sunday after Trinity.
		N.S.P.C.C. Garden Show.
Monday	30	O.S.E. London Dinner.
JULY		
Tuesday	1	School exams begin.
Wednesday	2	
Friday	3	
Thursday	4	School exams end. Bumpers (first night).
Saturday	5	Bumpers (second night).
Sunday	6	5th Sunday after Trinity. Green Jackets Cricket Match. House Ensemble Competition, 8 p.m.
Monday	7	Bumpers (third night). School film. Bumpers (last night).
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	
Thursday	10	
Friday	11	XI v. Wellington.
Saturday	12	Term ends. XI v. Radley (A).
Tuesday	15	Cricket Week until 21 July.
Sunday	20	National Youth Rowing Championships (Pangbourne).
AUGUST 6-9		F.I.S.A. Youths' Rowing International (Italy).

FUTURE DATES

Winter Term 1969

Begins Tuesday 9 September.
Half Term Thursday 30 October—
Tuesday 4 November.
Commem.: Saturday 29 November.
Ends Saturday 13 December.

Spring Term 1970

Begins Monday 12 January.
Ends Saturday 21 March.

Summer Term 1970

Begins Wednesday 22 April.
Ends Saturday 11 July.

School News

OFFICES HELD

EASTER 1969

Head Prefect: W. T. D. Mascott.

School Prefects: J. Stanning, D. W. Trow, H. C. Ward, C. McDougall, C. F. Massey, J. C. Stanley, G. H. Osborn-King.

House Prefects:

Cowell's: Trow, Popham, Wickett, Comyn, R. C. Stevens, V. M. Nathwani, R. J. Dawson.

Sing's: Stanning, Syngle, R. L. Foulkes, Mischler, Brock, S. L. Davies, Summerson, Young.

Field House: McDougall, P. M. Heskett, Howe, A. L. Peel, Gruchy.

Macnamara's: Massey, Fardoe, Kuttner, N. R. Pumfrey, Frazer, A. C. Matters.

Apsley: Mascott, Stanley, Hamon, Collins, J. M. Howell, R. H. A. Samuels.

Tilly's: Ward, Bay, Wallis, A. W. Jamieson, A. J. Graham, A. M. Scott, Greaves.

Segar's: Osborn-King, R. J. Ellis, Allan, S. J. Buck, Holmes, P. M. Davies, W. R. Morgan, Morrish.

Captain of Athletics: Q. M. P. Lane.

Captain of Boats: W. T. D. Mascott.

Secretary of Boats: C. E. Gruchy.

Captain of Cricket: S. M. Mischler.

Secretary of Cricket: S. P. Gasper.

Captain of Tennis: A. W. Jamieson.

Captain of Squash: A. W. Jamieson.

Captain of Fencing: R. J. B. Searle.

Captain of Gym: J. G. C. Page.

Captain of Shooting: R. C. Broadhurst.

Captain of Judo: M. J. Garner.

Captain of Swimming: P. M. Heskett.

Captain of Harriers: R. H. Frazer.

Captain of the Tower: P. A. C. Howe.

Senior Librarians: P. Ashby, S. A. G. Kuttner.

Editor of 'The Chronicle': R. H. C. Williams.

Assistant Editors: P. W. Morris, P. Hoon, H. A. G. Lee, M. J. Davies.

Librarians: Kuttner, Ashby, Popham, P. W. Marris, Vernède, Lloyd, Fairclough, A. W. Jamieson, Tonkin, Cain, Bletchley, Emslie, S. P. Mills, Cloke, Anderssen, Wilkinson, Lee.

Bell-ringers: P. A. C. Howe, Greaves, P. M. Davies, R. P. M. Allan Gasper, S. P. B. Badger.

Secretaries of Societies: J. B. Howell-Pryce (Archaeological), A. W. Jamieson (Arts), J. Souter (Chess), P. W. Marris (English), R. J. B. Searle (Fencing), S. P. Mills (Field), A. R. Jellard (Field Sports), A. W. Jamieson (Golf), J. G. C. Page (Gym), M. R. Garner (Judo), D. B. F. Pimlott (Model Building), A. G. Scott (Model Railway), R. M. Frazer (Mountaineering), C. W. L. Cain (Music), C. J. T. Ellis (Photographic), G. P. Blunden (Political), R. L. Foulkes (St. Edward's Press), A. D. Bay (Voluntary Service), N. R. Pumfrey (Debating Society), A. C. Steeds (Modern).

NOTES

Mr. H. E. P. Woodcock, M.A. (O.S.E.), Headmaster of Dulwich College Preparatory School, was elected a Governor at the meeting of the Governing Body held on Friday 7 March 1969.

The Annual Conference of School Chaplains was held at the School on Saturday 25 January.

On Sunday 9 March, 49 boys took part in a sponsored walk in aid of 'Shelter', when a sum of £125 was raised (see Chapel notes).

Parents of boys in the Vth forms visited the school to meet staff on the evening of Saturday 22 February.

The school Play, *French Without Tears*, by Terence Rattigan, was performed in Big School on 7 and 8 March (see review).

Sqn. Ldr. A. Mumford visited the school on Tuesday 18 February and gave a most interesting talk on the Vietnam air war.

Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Oxford on Saturday 8 March, when 65 boys were confirmed.

We were grateful for the assistance during the Easter Term of four student masters: Mr. R. Simmonds (St. Edmund Hall), Mr. G. A. Mulcahy (St. Edmund Hall), Mr. E. J. Turl (Oriel), and Mr. N. A. F. Pritchard (Balliol). Mr. Simmonds will join the 'permanent staff' in September.

In common with other schools involved in the Advanced Level Examinations set by the Oxford and Cambridge Board, we shall not be entering the School Eight, or any other crew, at Henley Regatta in 1969.

In place of Henley, the focus of the Boat Club's activities in the coming season, and so long as a direct clash between Henley and A-levels continues, will be the National Schools' Regatta at Pangbourne on 13 and 14 June 1969. We shall also aim to be represented in the Youth Championships at Pangbourne on 20 July 1969, and, if then selected, at the F.I.S.A. Youth Regatta, to be held in Italy from 6 to 9 August, 1969.

J. B. H. Swift (O.S.E.) coxed the Isis crew in their annual race against Goldie rowed immediately before the Boat Race.

N. D. Floyd (O.S.E.) rowed for the Tideway Scullers First Eight in the Head of the River race.

R. L. Griffiths (O.S.E.) has been elected captain of Oxford University Greyhounds R.F.C.

Saturday 4 January was an important day for two members of the staff—and their daughters. In the School Chapel, Miss Gillian Evans, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Evans (Segar's), was married to Mr. Andrew Pengelly. At Oriel College Chapel, Miss Janet Mather, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. L. Mather (Mac's 1952-67), was married to Mr. Stephen Unwin. The School Chaplain conducted both ceremonies.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. R. E. Adams on the birth of their daughter Imogen, and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ruscombe-King on the birth of their daughter Abigail.

The attention of all O.S.E. is drawn to the arrangements for Gaudy (6 June), the Special Gaudy (28 June), Commemoration (29 November), and to the various O.S.E. Dinners set out in the O.S.E. section.

VALETE

MARCH 1969

- A. R. JELLARD (D). 1965/3. Remove K. Hon. Sec. of Field Sports Soc. 'The Plebians rehearse the Uprising.' Son of 2762. Roll 6209.
- J. H. LAIDLIER (G). 1967/3. IVB. Roll 6452.
- P. N. MILLINGTON (G). 1966/3. VD. Roll 6328.
- J. STANNING (B). 1964/2. Hist. VIb. School Prefect. Hon. Sec. of Boating. Cpl. (C.C.F.). Roll 6061.

- D. W. TROW (A). 1964/3. L.VIA. School Prefect. Hon. Sec. of Harriers. Sacristan. Cpl. (C.C.F.). Morocco Expedition. Son of 3258. Roll 6126.
- J. S. WEAVER (G). 1965/3. Remove G. Roll 6236.

SALVETE

MAY 1969

- M. P. B. BALE (A). Dragon. Son of 3349.
- O. C. BROCKLEHURST (E). St. George's Windsor.
- D. M. L. FARRAR (G). Great Ballard. Son of 3136; Bro. of 6435.
- F. W. C. GUEDEKER (C). Thorpe House.
- A. P. LONG (D). St. Anselm's.
- N. M. MALONEY (F). Charney Hall.
- A. NAZERALLI (G). Beachborough.
- D. A. H. PRICE (F). St. George's, Windsor.
- P. W. PRICE (D). Great Ballard.
- E. A. RUCK-KEENE (A). Beacon. Bro. of 6339.
- J. STUART-HUTCHESON (G). Allen House.

CHAPEL NOTES

After the first Sunday of term the School was divided into Senior (over 16) and Junior Chapel. This arrangement, besides allowing room to sit six boys to a row instead of eight, has the great advantage of making it possible to design services for a narrower age range.

In the absence of an Assistant Chaplain, lay members of the teaching staff took over responsibility for weekday Chapel services alternately with the Chaplain, and this, thanks to the skill and devotion with which the services were designed, proved to be an immensely worthwhile innovation. Some of the Sunday services also were taken by members of the Common Room and we owe a deep debt of gratitude to more than a dozen masters who readily undertook these duties this term, and we hope will do so again.

We are also very grateful to the Reverend E. S. Ragg for coming every Sunday morning to help us at 8.15 on his way to take services elsewhere, and to the Reverend J. Ralphs for his assistance in the administration of Family Communion on the Leave Out Sundays.

Stewarding of Chapel services is now carried out on a House basis by the Chapel Prefect and his assistants, leaving to the original Sacristans the more specialized duties in connection with the Holy Communion. The number of boys trained to serve at the Eucharist on weekdays has been increased from 12 to 32, and at 8.15 on Sundays we have had a member of the Common Room sharing the duties of Server with a boy from the House on duty.

We have welcomed two dynamic visiting preachers this term: the Reverend Nicholas Stacey,



deputy director of Oxfam, came to us on the first Sunday of term, and the Headmaster of Abingdon School preached on 2 March.

On 8 March the Bishop of Oxford came to administer Confirmation to 65 candidates, at 6 p.m. instead of the usual morning hour, and those who were confirmed then had the opportunity of making their first Communion the next morning along with their families and friends.

The Special Choir contributed the music of Byrd (Mass for 5 voices), Tallis and R.A.L. unaccompanied from the gallery to the celebration of the Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday. On the previous Saturday at 9 p.m. they sang the office of Compline from the Memorial Chapel using settings of the Nunc Dimittis and Office Hymn by the same composers.

Evensong was sung by the Chapel Choir on the last Thursday of the term, when the rite of 1662 was followed exactly, and everything except the lessons was set to music.

We have also had the excitement of the new organ's arrival and installation; its six loudspeakers, variously described by the irreverent as mummy-cases, wardrobes or confessionals, were moved around the chapel from sanctuary to gallery in search of the best position for sound; they came to roost finally on the walls of the gallery, and their efficiency in imitating the sound of a pipe organ (the Miller organ is entirely electric) was demonstrated with consummate fluency by Mr. Whitehouse at the Choral Society's Recital at the end of term.

J.P.D.

Sacristans: T. M. Fairclough, R. H. Frazer, P. R. Tonkin.

Chapel Prefects and Assistants:

Cowell's: D. W. Trow, N. J. M. Biggs.

Sing's: M. McL. Young, J. G. Bartholomew; R. J. S. Baldwin.

Field House: C. E. Gruchy, M. A. Buck.

Macnamara's: R. H. Frazer, R. P. Matters.

Apsley: R. H. A. Samuels, J. J. Nunn.

Tilly's: A. D. Bay, S. C. Baldey.

Segar's: R. J. Ellis, S. D. G. Williams.

SPONSORED WALK FOR 'SHELTER'

Congratulations to Remove Divinity Set II for initiating and carrying through with such success their sponsored walk in aid of 'Shelter'. Their families and friends and those who teach them are all considerably poorer since 9 March, but the 'Shelter' organization to provide housing for the homeless is £125 richer, and this is a splendid achievement.

The course for the Walk was a circular one through Bladon, Cassington, and Eynsham, a distance of 19 miles altogether; the weather was fine and the walkers determined and cheerful. Five of the Harriers chose to run most of the course and collected more than £3 from admiring bystanders en route.

Those who took part were: R. C. Abbott, Beales, Benson, Bletchly, Bromiley, N. C. Brown, M. A. Buck, P. W. Clarke, Clinch, Cree, W. Dixon, D. G. Evans, Fairclough, W. H. Fookes, Forbes, G. W. L. Foster, Frazer, A. R. P. Graham, Hardy-Jackson, Hearmon, Herbertson, Hoon, Illius, Ireland, Langmead, R. P. Matters, W. J. Mills, M. C. Morison, Nunn, Page, P. W. Pearce, Povey, Roffey, P. M. Sattin, P. J. C. Saunders, Savage, Sowry, Starks, Stuart, J. P. Taylor, Thelwall, C. G. Thomas, R. M. Thomas, Tonkin, Tory, Trow, Vohora, Whittington, R. B. Wilkinson.

J.P.D.



VOLUNTARY SERVICE

This term has seen two more new and successful achievements in voluntary work.

The first was the introduction of a scheme to help immigrant children in Oxford by showing them around the city and helping them with their English. This is obviously very demanding, but a commendable attitude to the task has helped to achieve considerable success and has ensured that this new venture can become a permanent part of our work.

The other big event was a 19-mile sponsored walk in aid of 'Shelter' undertaken by 49 boys. Virtually everyone completed the course which went through Cassington, Blenheim and Eynsham, whilst five boys decided to run it—and succeeded! The largest amount per mile walked was collected by Hoon who received 24s. a mile. At the time of writing £125 has been collected. This was a highly successful event which everyone apparently enjoyed and which we hope will be repeated. Thanks go especially to Mr. Drake for organizing the whole venture.

On the same day five boys went off to Cowley Road hospital to compete in a trench-digging competition against Oxford School. The hospital wanted a trench dug for a hedge that is to be grown in their new garden for the disabled, and each team had to dig a trench 32 yards long, 2 feet wide and 1 foot 6 inches deep, straightness being taken into account. After 75 minutes of hard digging St. Edward's won, beating Oxford School by more than 30 minutes.

Our other usual activities carried on as normal: tape-recording local news to the blind, visiting at Littlemore, working at old people's homes, and decorating a local Littlemore hostel. The Special choir sang at Fairfield and were well received, giving a commendable performance. A collection of house implements is being organized at present; they will be used to furnish a new home for haemophiliacs in Oxford.

Our thanks go to Mr. M. Evans who has taken over the running of the Society and has been extremely efficient and helpful, contributing much to the success of our services.

A.D.B.

Drama and Music

FRENCH WITHOUT TEARS

To play light comedy is no soft option: it makes very heavy demands on producer and cast alike, especially in the difficult arts of timing and of delivering the 'throw-away' line. That David Howarth achieved so much in such a relatively short time with his production of Rattigan's *French without Tears* is greatly to his credit. In recent years he has achieved signal success in this field and I, along with many others, strongly subscribe to his view that in school drama, no less than in the theatre at large, there must always be a place for the play that asks little else of its audience than to sit back and enjoy themselves. And enjoy themselves the audiences did who attended Big School on the evenings of 7 and 8 March.

With the VIth Form unavailable for 'selection' the cast was necessarily young and relatively inexperienced. All the more encouraging, then, was the level of acting achieved.

Roland Tyler was very much at home as the hearty Brian, with curly moustache, careless chatter, and fast sports car off stage. Although the part asks for, and received, some easy laughs, he was also able to suggest the tragic and pathetic seldom far removed from the superficially comic. Mark Sidgwick gave a very promising performance as Hon. Alan Howard, revealing impressive confidence and polish, and John Merchant, after a slightly nervous start, grew into an hilarious portrayal of Lt.-Commander Rogers R.N. Julian Souter (Mousieur Maingot) is an old trouper in comparison with the remainder of the cast. He spoke French as if he really understood what he was saying and made one show-stopping entrance in Highland fancy dress. Altogether he showed an excellent sense of timing and talent for caricature. James Thomas (Kenneth) and George Wilkinson both made firm contributions to the evening's enjoyment, the latter somehow managing to endow a character, Kit Neilan, who is paper-thin and really rather 'wet', with appealing qualities: a most creditable performance.

The two ladies of the company coped well with relatively unrewarding roles. Natasha Robinson made a very decorative Diana and as Jacqueline, Clare Rimmer gave a most impressive performance. Here is a young actress of considerable per-

sonality and stage presence whom it would be good to see in stronger roles in future productions.

The play itself is not strong. There is a point when one of the characters speaks of "an interesting relic of a bygone age". It would be too harsh to apply this judgement to the play as an entity, but its humour has certainly dated. The idle young men, the selfish flirt, the caricature types, the smart jargon, I found, were as likely to irritate as to amuse. For me the evening was made by the freshness of the acting and the skill of the production. I cannot speak for the rest of the audience—but their delight was clear to see, whatever the source. Full marks to D.J.M.H. and his young cast.

D.S.O.

Cast

Kenneth Lake	James Thomas
Brian Curtis	Roland Tyler
Hon. Alan Howard	Mark Sidgwick
Marianne	Felicity Reeves
Monsieur Maingot	Julian Souter
Lt.-Commander Rogers	John Marchant
Diana Lake	Natasha Robinson
Kit Neilan	George Wilkinson
Jacqueline Maingot	Clare Rimmer
Lord Heybrook	Jeremy Dick
<i>Stage Manager</i>	John Stanley
<i>Assisted by</i> Charles Massey, Robert Illius, Patrick Davidson-Houston, Nick Cunliffe, Robert Hunter, Chris Benson, Steuart Davidson-Houston, Richard Barker, Paul Hardy-Jackson.	

Lighting Mike Stoddard, Russel Samuels, Mike Summerson.

Effects Robert French, Michael Morison
Décor C. M. Ruscombe-King, Esq.
Costumes Fox of London

ELIZABETHAN EVENING

After the Victorians and the Great War, the Elizabethans. "An Informal Evening of Elizabethan Prose, Poetry and Music" presented by Messrs. Malcolm Oxley and Roger Lawrence in the satirical, Joan Littlewood style which we now know so well. And very good entertainment, too, with the accent on humour, and with a high standard of accomplishment, especially considering the short time available for its preparation.

The sources: largely Dover Wilson's 'Life in Shakespeare's England', Kenneth Muir's excellent collection of 'Elizabethan Lyrics', the Madrigal collections, with John Aubrey as the continuity man. Memorable moments: Gibbons's brilliant musical adaptation of London Street Cries, with the Producer's contribution as a broad-bosomed contralto; Anthony Snell's highly accomplished rendering of Campion's 'I care not for these ladies', the singer accompanying himself on the lute, and exquisitely romanticizing (in true Elizabethan manner) the more than earthy witticisms of the verse; Farmer's madrigal: 'Fair Phyllis I saw sitting' taken at a tremendous pace, and with impeccable musicality, by the Special Choir conducted by Roger Lawrence; and, no doubt, for the uninitiated, the debunking of those two distantly golden images of childhood idealization—Queen Elizabeth I and Sir Walter Raleigh.

The overall impression: a broadening of the basis of what most of us know as the 'genius of Shakespeare'—that characteristically Elizabethan mixture of wit, moralizing and earthiness which I suspect is to be found in the societies undergoing violent cultural reorientation (and which usually gives rise to witticism of great quality) but which the special historical-political circumstances of Elizabeth's England, no doubt, endowed with a unique confidence, even arrogance, of spirit.

The reversing of the auditorium in Big School (no doubt originally inspired by the desire to use the gallery for the Special Choir, to evoke the 'Minstrel Gallery' of the Tudor Hall) was altogether satisfactory, enhancing the informality of the evening's entertainment and at the same time improving the acoustic use of Big School quite strikingly.

Readers: Mark Halliley, Prithvijit Hoon, Peter Rose, Jonathan Stokes, George Wilkinson, Mo Ruscombe-King.

Singers: The Special Choir, and Nigel Davies, Peter Stevenson, Nicholas Wetherall, Patrick Wrixon, R. A. Lawrence, M. S. Oxley, J. A. N. Snell.

Instrumentalists: Nigel Blake, Charles Cain, Nigel Davies, Robert French, Mark Hope, Bryn Howell-Pryce, Nicholas Vernède.

Stage Management and Lighting: John Stanley, Michael Stoddard, Russel Samuels.

Musical Direction: R. A. Lawrence

Production: M. S. Oxley.

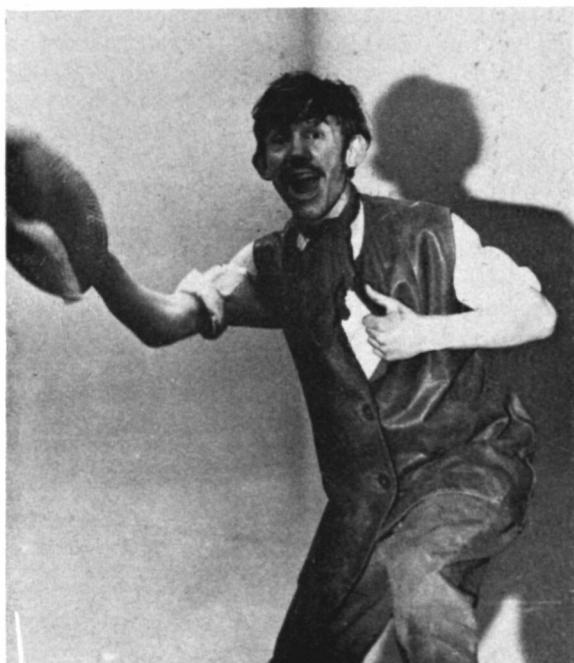
R.W.A.

APSLY HOUSE PLAY

'Ten Nights in a Bar Room'

A Melodrama by William W. Pratt

This term Apsley ambitiously attempted to educate as well as entertain by putting on a Victorian melodrama. It was interesting to see how theatre has changed in just over a hundred years and how the purpose of dramatic representations has altered. *Ten Nights in a Bar Room* is an appeal on behalf of temperance and against the evils of drink. Alcoholism was a topical problem in 1858 when the play was first performed and playwrights felt some obligation to portray the suffering which sprang from it. Throughout the play it is very obvious what is trying to be put across and the method is not nearly as 'subtle' as in modern drama. Every character is either good or bad and the audience cannot fail to distinguish them. The simplicity of characters and plot is reminiscent of the pantomime and it calls for the same emotional involvement and audience participation. One could call it an adults' pantomime with a moral.



Sample Swichel, alias W. Burgess

Of the actors, Willie Burgess was impressive as Sample Swichel, the country local who rambled on about being weaned on Communion wine by his Uncle Creosote Swichel! The play was a little slow at times but with his lively acting he kept it moving. Russell Samuels, as the villainous Harvey Green, also helped to keep the pace going. He



A serious interlude

sported the trade marks of all evil Victorian gamblers: a thin moustache and a long cigar. The audience responded well to his wicked deeds and his entrances were always greeted by boos and hisses. This participation, so typical of Victorian audiences, was soon adopted by the audience and further added to the atmosphere of a Victorian theatre. Racster Dingwall, as the landlord, gave a spirited performance and was very much at ease with his part. Nicholas Dance was a convincing drunkard though at times he was a little inaudible. Paul Marris, playing Romaine the temperance philanthropist, symbolized absolute uprightness and gave a fine performance.

By the end of the play all villains had their just deserts and temperance triumphed, thus providing the happy ending of every melodrama.

M.J.D.

THE COMMON ROOM SHOW

'Patience'

Patience is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's lesser-known operettas. Although, at first, it might seem unsuitable for a Common-Room Show, it was managed exceedingly well. And though limited in numbers—I counted 16 'love sick maidens'—it was a very polished and amusing production. The singing of the 'lovesick maidens' was suitably forlorn, and they executed their little dances reasonably smoothly. Their leading ladies—Angela, Saphir and Ella—all sang well, but unfortunately they were almost inaudible in the gallery.

The Dragoon contingent, on the other hand, experienced no such problem, and though a few looked a little lost at times, they all conveyed their military impression very well—especially the one with the distinctly non-regulation haircut.

The three leading characters, Patience, Reginald and Archibald, all sang clearly and acted well. Reginald was typically Oscar Wilde—as in his aesthetic shamming; Archibald the All night, described on the programme as a 'true Poet', was the ideal image of narcissistic flower child, of an exceptionally modest nature, gone to seed. Patience, the innocent milkmaid, was a worthy goal for their affections. The show, on the whole, was a success, and although it started to drag in the middle, it livened-up—if that's the right word—at the end. Mention must be made of the excellent piano playing, and spirited conducting by the Music Faculty. [and those delightful turquoise carnations!] 'Patience, farewell'.

THE RAG REVUE

After an interval of a year, the Rag Revue returned, not perhaps in its full glory, but nevertheless in a very modern way. All the old imitations were done very well—and looked convincing. The scene was set in Sherwood Forest, for the most part, with the occasional interlude, as a group of boat-club harriers—in those delightful blue singlets—raced across the stage.

The start presents possibilities—to clear the track—and no doubt the masters took due note. David Thom was very elastic as Robin Hood—one spectator went so far—"What an extraordinary body you've got!" (!) His opponent—the ever-so-cool Philip Davies—was thoroughly nasty and wicked. Robin's band of imbecile supporters—and his henchman—the incredible Hulk—performed well. B.J.'s Tarzan swing was impressive, although

Jane didn't appear. Maid Marion, the cast's 'heart throb', talked and looked the part, and that funny, little man in black was just right.

The whole show culminated in the historic unveiling of a china edifice, while the Hulk read the *Beano*. Anyway, it was a well-performed, well-managed piece, which deserved the applause it got.

G.T.N.W.



'The Silver Churn'—M.S.O. and admirers



Three delicately balanced performances
P.N.C., F.W.J.P. and D.J.M.M.

HOUSE SOLO COMPETITION

A small but appreciative audience attended this year's competition held in the Music School on Sunday 16 March. Entries were somewhat disappointing due to the outbreak of Hong Kong 'flu which affected both staff and pupils, and many boys withdrew entries for this reason. Only three boys entered the Organ class and the adjudicator, Mr. Christopher Steel, Director of Music at Bradfield College, awarded first place to W. R. Morgan (G) for his performance of the Fantasia from the G minor Fantasia and Fugue of Bach. N. G. Wetherall (E) produced a stylish performance of the first of Six Metamorphoses for unaccompanied Oboe by Benjamin Britten, the adjudicator commenting on the very high standard achieved in this work. B. A. Everall (E) came first in the Junior Piano Class with his performance of one of the Mendelssohn 'Songs without Words'. This class in many ways produced some rather undistinctive playing, which is a pity in view of the numbers of pianists eligible. A. G. Nockels (G) produced a very satisfying and rhythmical performance of the second movement from the Sonata in C major for Trumpet by Albinoni, and achieved a very comfortable first place from his two rivals. The guitar Class gave us an opportunity to hear the development of guitar playing over the last year. Last year's entries were on the whole nervous and disposed to lapses of memory despite comparatively simple music. This year all entrants were under much more control, giving satisfying performances of much harder works. W. J. Mills (A) won this event with a Gavotte and Musette by J. S. Bach. In the Junior Woodwind H. D. Cocke (G) finally had to withdraw owing to his left arm being in plaster because of a suspected fracture. He made a brave effort to play the Adagio by J. S. Bach but was unable to gain sufficient control: he well deserved the applause accorded to him. This left only two competitors in the field and pride of place went to A. J. Snow (B) for his neat performance of the Pavane for Oboe by Ravel. The Junior Brass Class sported only two entries and these were the two most improbable instruments, namely the Euphonium (R. G. M. Dingwall (E)) and the Tuba (P. L. Davies (D)). C. N. Vernède (E) produced a very satisfying performance of the first movement of the Sonatina in D major for Violin by Schubert in the Class for Strings.

The most interesting class of the afternoon proved to be the last—the Senior Pianoforte. The

standard of playing was high from all competitors and this was reflected in the Adjudicator's marks—only three marks separating all entrants. P. W. B. Stevenson (B) won the event with one of the Debussy Preludes but all competitors are to be congratulated on their performances, which produced a very impressive ending to the afternoon's proceedings.

A.J.F.

CHORAL SOCIETY

St. Edward's Choral Society and members of the Oxford High School.

Treble: Christopher Turner
 Tenor: Nicholas Wetherall
 Alto: Charles Cain
 Bass: William Shimell
 Organ: Peter Whitehouse
 Conductor: John Flower

This term the concert was given in the Chapel, which proved to be a delightful setting for a very pleasant programme of music.

The first work of the evening was the 'Hymn to St. Peter'—a setting of the words from 'The Gradual of the Feast of SS Peter and Paul' by Benjamin Britten. This was an enjoyable performance and the colourful harmony made an interesting contrast with the other choral works that followed.

Then we heard a very pleasant combination of voices in 'The Wilderness' by S. S. Wesley. Shimell in particular produced a rich tone which shows promise.

The concert ended with the 'Easter Cantata' by J. S. Bach—an unusual work as there are no soloists, the whole to be sung as a chorus. The clarity of tone and attack of the trebles were particularly impressive and Mr. Flower must feel very gratified with the performance of the Choral Society this term.

It was with great pleasure that we listened to Mr. Whitehouse exploiting the full range of the newly-installed organ. Interposed between the choral works, he gave us two pieces, the first of which—'Variations on an original theme (Opus 59)' by Flor Peeters—served as an excellent show-

piece for the instrument; and the second, Rheinberger's beautiful Introduction and Passacaglia (sonata No 8 in E minor) was most movingly played. We look forward to other occasions as enjoyable as this one.

H.J.D.

SPECIAL CHOIR

In spite of the fact that this has been a short term, it has been the busiest and most successful so far. The choir performed on six separate occasions in the space of only eight weeks: the Elizabethan evening (24 Jan.); an Evening service at Fairfield Home; two services—Compline (16 Feb.) and Holy Communion (19 Feb.) at School; a group of madrigals in an Oxford Young Musicians' concert in Holywell; and finally a performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' at Benson Church on Passion Sunday. The 'Crucifixion' was on the day after the end of term, so the choir stayed on and rehearsed on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon before the performance at 6.30 p.m.

Stainer's setting of the Easter story is a well-designed devotional offering, but musically it has become much maligned as a result of over sentimentalized and sloppy performances. The aim of the Special Choir's performance was to sing the music simply and directly, avoiding sentimentality and slushy singing, and not allowing the excessive chromaticism of the organ accompaniment and some of the solo passages to interfere with the general flow of the drama. Much of the choral writing is very singable, and the choir's singing of the chorus 'God so loved the world' was extremely good. The soloists, Wetherall and Shimell, sang well and there was some good rich sounds from the tenors and basses in their four part sections.

The choir has been a little larger this term—twenty-one including four members of the Common Room. Trebles (especially good this term): Cocke, N. P. D. Davies, P. L. Davies, Dick, Ratcliffe, Skelton, Turner.

Altos: Cain, Hope, P. W. B. Stevenson, Wrixon, M. S. Oxley Esq.

Tenors: T. J. N. Sanders, Snow, Wetherall, J. A. N. Snell Esq.

Basses: Hoon, Howell-Pryce, Shimell, P. N. Corlett Esq., D. J. M. Howarth Esq.

R.A.L.

Special Articles

SUIVEZ LA PISTE —VOSS, JANUARY 1969

The thought that 'you haven't ridden a horse until you've fallen off it' afforded scant solace to many apprehensive amateur skiers from St. Edward's. If this cliché for the many spectacular and undignified falls was hard to appreciate, enthusiasm for this new sport never waned. The sight of members of the staff leaving the acknowledged ski runs at high speed totally out of control offered stark and, for us, amusing contrast with their unswerving approach in other spheres. Many compromising poses were captured by eager cameramen and will be held as ransom.

Although we had one or two accomplished performers in the party—with R.M.O. almost inevitably the best—we managed to ignore their patronizing manner. After conquering the initial and quite baffling problem of manoeuvring on skis, rapid progress was made by all—although until the end one still resented the blurred vision of diminutive Norwegians sweeping past. Towards the end of our eight days on the slopes everyone must have felt delighted with how much had been achieved—many virtual, and several actual, beginners, were attempting parallel turns and J.J.McP. had mastered the snow-plough stop.

The first cable car up to the snow each morning was invariably manned by us and lunch was usually bolted in an attempt to get as much time on the slopes as possible. I hope it is not arrogant to say that our very friendly instructors claimed to appreciate our approach.

The enjoyment of the ski-ing was admirably complemented by the facilities at our disposal. The hotel was very new—when we arrived—and our invasion virtually took it over. The food was eminently palatable though it was hard to adjust to breakfast as the biggest meal of the day. Lunch at the Hangursbanen restaurant usually consisted of as many pancakes as time would permit and thus dinner, in spite of vast quantities of potatoes, occasionally failed to assuage the appetite of energetic and voracious youths.

The evenings posed something of a problem but even if we missed exotic parties there was plenty

of less exciting night life—a discothèque reminiscent of the seamier side of Oxford; an English-speaking cinema; a skating rink; a wide variety of cafés; and when funds ran low there was always a quorum for cards or similar activities.

The end came all too soon and even the thrill of our impending return to School could not fully compensate for the feeling that personal triumphs, if not perfection, were tantalizingly close. It is almost inconceivable that anyone could have failed to enjoy this holiday and, like Oliver, we want some more.

This flimsy account would be desperately incomplete without recording everybody's gratitude to Mr. Howorth, who performed prodigies of administrative genius—not least in supplying Misses Knight and Fleming who graciously comforted the afflicted.

M.H.S.

The democratically taken decision to go to Norway rather than the Alps this year was amply justified by events. Apart from the tedious necessity of getting ourselves to and from Newcastle, everything went remarkably smoothly—a pleasant flight to Bergen and train journey up to Voss, good snow when we got there and plenty of room on the slopes and lifts, and a few days of sunshine to round it all off. Although the daylight hours were rather short, everyone had plenty of ski-ing and most went in for, and gained, their one-star badge. We were all most impressed by the kindness and competence of the instructors; it was largely thanks to them that the worst injuries suffered by anyone were minor sprains which quickly recovered. The instructors seemed quite impressed with us too—several came down to the station to see us off when we left, and not entirely, I think, to make sure we really had gone!

The success of the trip to Voss encourages us to hope that there may be sufficient support to make a school ski-ing party an annual event. Preliminary enquiries have therefore been set in train for a trip next year, possibly this time to Austria for a change. Details will, of course, be published later, but the aim is to take a party of about twenty or twenty-five for twelve days in late December, possibly in conjunction with one of the Oxford girls' schools.

D.J.M.H.

TEACHING AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

When I arrived to take up my post as visiting assistant professor at Fordham University, New York, in September 1967, I had the good fortune to be helped by a cousin who warned us of the dangers of New York City as he drove us around in search of digs. He scanned the list of addresses I had been given and immediately crossed off two of them.

'You can't possibly go there', he said. 'You wouldn't last a week.'

I didn't care to enquire too closely as to what he meant by the word 'last', whether I would find the neighbourhood uncongenial and leave after a week or whether within that time my battered body would be found up some sinister alley. He was quite emphatic about which districts were dangerous and eventually, after three days' search in the exhausting heat, he found us a suitable home in a very pleasant neighbourhood.

New York is a city of remarkable contrasts. When I took the bus to the university in the morning, I would pass through beautiful tree-lined avenues, as lovely a cityscape as one could see anywhere in the world. But if one went a mile or so south of the university, the district deteriorated rapidly and one entered a depressing area of over-crowded tenements.

Fordham University is situated on an attractive campus and dates back to 1841. Down on Manhattan Island it has a large law school at the Lincoln Centre, but on the Bronx Campus it caters for 2,400 men and 900 women. A small number of students live in halls of residence, but the majority commute, some from a long distance, and this tended to leave the campus somewhat empty in the evenings.

The cultural activities were numerous and varied. The most spectacular in my first term was a piano smash-in. An artist named Ortiz came from Columbia to demonstrate the creation of a new art form. An old piano was trundled up to the Campus Centre and there stood Mr. Ortiz, complete with long-handled axe. The television people had been summoned and the Lecturer in Fine Arts launched into a preamble on the creation of new art forms. After a few minutes, however, the television men complained noisily that they had come to film a smash-in, not to attend a lecture on art, whereupon the Lecturer in Fine Arts withdrew in a huff. When Mr. Ortiz seized

his axe and sent a splinter of piano flying in her direction, the Lecturer fled in terror.

Mr. Ortiz set about his work with energy and conviction. There was a loud crashing, pinging and twanging as the piano, in travail at the birth-pangs of a new art form, disintegrated rapidly. Pieces flew in all directions and there was a wild scramble among the students to seize a piece of wreckage and have it autographed by the heavily perspiring Mr. Ortiz.

We were then invited to his exhibition in a room near by. It was filled with armchairs and sofas which had been disembowelled. Their insides had been twisted and tied into significant shapes and symbolic patterns. I wasn't quite sure whether one was meant to hang these objects on a wall, put them on pedestals or just keep them in the hall to show to one's arty friends, but it was reassuring to feel that one was Really Keeping Up with Art.

One of the star cultural features at Fordham last year was the presence of Marshall McLuhan whose theories on communication were widely discussed. There was considerable debate on which people were audio-tactile and which were visual. It was all very confusing, but a public lecture was arranged, when we were going to receive the real message from the lips of the Master himself. Unfortunately the lecture was cancelled at the last minute, as he had to go into hospital for an operation on the brain.

The students at Fordham were pleasant and hard-working (attendance at lectures was compulsory) and a good deal less scruffy-looking than some of their English counterparts. There was the inevitable quota of progressive thinkers who set about their self-imposed mission of keeping us concerned with contemporary issues.

One of these issues was whether recruiting should be permitted on the campus. Matters came to a head when three young lieutenants from the U.S. Navy were given permission to set up a recruiting stand in the campus centre. There was bitter opposition from a group of students who tore up their pamphlets and hurled abuse at the naval lieutenants, who in turn endured it all with considerable forbearance. Other students became involved and there was a noisy punch-up. Someone then sent for the campus police.

Unfortunately the campus police were for the most part portly, middle-aged men and, though eminently suited for their routine duties of security and janitoring, they were no match for angry

students. Their attempts to restore order ended in a complete débâcle.

It was then that someone remembered that the Football team was practising on the pitch near by, so reinforcements were sent for. A few minutes later, a formidable body of footballers was on the march. American footballers are huge and the sight of these padded Titans bearing down angrily on the campus centre was enough to quench the revolutionary ardour of all but the most dedicated.

The more prudent fled or affected a nonchalantly neutral attitude, but a few heroic spirits remained to defend their principles. The resulting mêlée was short-lived and they were defeated as effectively as they in turn had overcome the campus police. The episode was filmed for TV and broadcast that very evening.

The President of the University was highly displeased and announced that the issue of recruiting on campus would be put to the vote and, provided there was a 25 per cent poll, he would accept the verdict. The result of the poll showed a majority of five to one in favour of recruiting being continued, so the dispute was temporarily silenced.

The crime rate in New York City was giving great cause for concern and one was warned to be very careful. In the first ten months of 1967, 619 people were murdered, which, we were assured, was only half the murder rate in Houston. The causes of murder were carefully analysed and lovers' quarrels came out as first, so it seems that courtship in New York is not without its hazards.

In my department in the university there were three nasty incidents in one month. One young woman was terrorized by a negro. Another was attacked and robbed in broad daylight; she fought back and screamed for help, but no one came to her aid and no one phoned the police.

The third victim was a French instructor, who was walking through a park on his way to the Columbia library when he suddenly found himself surrounded by a group of negroes with knives drawn. They slashed him savagely and, as he turned to run, he fell down a flight of stone steps. He landed on his back and, just as his assailants stood over him with their knives poised, he was rescued by a negro park keeper who had come in response to his cries for help. No one had warned him that it was highly dangerous for any white man to walk in that particular park.

Guns are used with disquieting freedom in the U.S. This was illustrated by a sad episode last July when a young policeman in plain clothes was

driving home. His car broke down and another policeman, also in plain clothes and a stranger to him, drew up to help. The first policeman put his hand in his hip pocket and extracted his identity card, but the other policeman, thinking he was pulling a gun, immediately drew his own gun and killed him. The episode was witnessed by yet another policeman who was passing by, and who promptly fired and seriously injured the second.

It is easy to exaggerate the problem of crime in New York, but one must also remember that millions of people have lived all their lives there without incident. Back at the university we were, for the most part, removed from this. There was a deep disquiet among faculty and students about the ghastly problems that face the U.S. today, but there was also a confidence and drive that I found immensely stimulating. It is an exciting, dynamic society where a man with energy and education can really get on in the world and this spirit was reflected in the university. Here, one felt, were people who were really determined to go places.

J.R.S.

THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

In designing this building the architects (Peter Falconer & Partners of Stroud) have been conscious of the basic need for a structure that is both functional and reasonably flexible, without appearing incongruous. The siting itself has offered an immediate challenge to their ingenuity, since the centre will lie in the shadow of the existing Workblock while casting its own over the Oakthorpe Road. Planning permission has, in fact, delayed the go-ahead but has now been obtained as a result of minor modifications to the windows on the upper floor facing on to the road.

The Classics department will inhabit the ground floor where there will also be a lecture theatre, a technician's room for recording apparatus and the video tape-recorder, and one language room. On the upper storey, Modern Languages will occupy the five rooms, of which one will be a Seminar Room for VIth Form teaching and three will be Audio-Active laboratories (manufactured by Cybervox). These three rooms replace the full laboratory which, at one time, we were planning to install. There are no booths and no tape-

recorders for the student. Instead, he has a headset, comprising microphone/headphone, while the teacher works at a console equipped with a tape-recorder. The teacher can 'monitor' and converse over 'intercom' with any individual student, if he wishes, or with the whole class. The student is able to listen and respond, and hear his own voice reproduced electronically, thus being in a position to assess his accent in a way that is not possible in normal conversation. The advantages of this system may be found in the combination of improved technique with technical simplicity, an invaluable co-operation of man and machine, which should prove especially beneficial to the teaching of German, Spanish, and Russian, the 'beginners' languages' in the School.

With three labs we should be automated sufficiently to give scope to our present teaching permutations, without having to adhere to too rigid a programme. At the same time we can preserve the flexibility necessary to keep pace with the changes that seem bound to occur in this field.

One thing lacking in the AA labs is, of course, the student tape-recorder. In practical terms we feel there is little time for its use in lower school teaching, but clearly it is an important aid for the advanced student. We therefore hope to provide a number of individual tape-recorders for private study and to adopt a library system for the borrowing of tapes. Some of the recorders will be of the dual-channel type (mini-labs) on which boys can compare their responses with those on the master track. Others will probably be of the cassette variety which can be used for listening to recorded broadcasts, records, etc. The tape will here play the role of a book in a library. As for the 'software', it is proposed to establish seminar libraries in the various languages at advanced and intermediate levels and to encourage the concept of a Spanish room, a German room, etc.

The advent of machinery, though far from being a cure-all, has opened up new opportunities for the linguist. To us these come in the form of a purpose-built centre, with its installations and its spaciousness. It should be completed by the end of November 1969 and fully operational in January 1970.

C.W.L.

TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECT WORK

This article attempts to explain the educational value of creative practical project work, and to give an idea of some of the technological project work which is being successfully carried out in the school.

Any new venture can be called a Project, it seems, whether you know where you're going or you don't. If you don't know where you're going, you call it an Open-ended Project.

What is the point of projects in education at school level? The cynical boy, struggling with several projects at once, may think that they provide an excuse for the teacher to have a rest from teaching; for the teacher to say to the student, 'Here's the job to do. Get on with it, solve your own problems'. In fact, the teacher's work here, if conscientiously done, is sometimes very much more demanding than formal teaching. In my opinion a good practical project in science must fulfil the following basic requirements. These requirements indicate, I think, without the need for further explanation, the educational value of a project.

- (1) It should present a problem that the student really wants to solve.
- (2) It should make ample use of the student's present knowledge and skills.
- (3) In trying to solve the problem, the student should be led to the developing of new skills, new theoretical knowledge.
- (4) It should involve a line of inquiry in which there is no single, well-tried, way to the answer: in this way it can allow the possibilities of imaginative and creative thought.

These principles apply to project work which is done within the school curriculum as well as to out-of-school, voluntary projects. The out-of-school projects have their own rewards, among which the chief ones are, as I see them:

- (1) They stimulate boys' scientific and technical interests.
- (2) They make many of the scientific concepts learned in the classroom become a *reality*. As Gerd Sommerhoff, of Sevenoaks School, puts it: 'Volts and ampères become things you have to know about if you are not to burn out your motors, fuse your bulbs, or ruin your transistors'.
- (3) They encourage personal qualities such as initiative, originality, perseverance.

- (4) They can provide hobbies and spare-time interests to be pursued in the future.
- (5) They introduce boys to branches of science for which there is very little room in the curriculum: for example, electronics, computer science, engineering construction and design.
- (6) (The school's pay-off!) They can culminate in the building of a piece of apparatus which is of real use in teaching, or in further project work.

CREATIVITY

This is very much an 'O.K.' word for educationalists. Most of the time the educational experts seem to be trying to decide what it is that makes one person creative, and another not. How many different uses can *you* think of for a paper-clip? This is one of the questions that an educational psychologist might ask a student in order to find out whether he is a 'divergent' (roughly=creative) thinker, or a 'convergent' (roughly=analytic, one-track) thinker. If you can scarcely conceive of a paper-clip as being put to any use other than for clipping papers together, then you are definitely a 'converger'. If you immediately imagine using it to pick locks, clean out fingernails and ears, mend broken watch-straps, to improvise a hair-pin, cuff-link, for an emergency repair on a jammed zip-fly, or to torture worms, then you are definitely a 'diverger'. Divergent thinking is fun—at least for those who can do it—and very often useful. A diverger is not a person who conjurs up novel, imaginative, and intricate designs on paper of machines which could never work in practice: he is the person who can solve a real problem by putting some common article to an unusual use, or who can create new uses for unlikely objects or for combinations of unlikely objects.

At St. Edward's School the opportunities for developing practical creative thinking are several, but not great. There are little pockets of activity, flung far apart. The Metalwork Shop, the Art Room and Pottery Room, the Carpentry Shop, the Model Hut, corners of the Laboratories, and (one must not forget) the elbow-scraping confines of the Horse-Box.

Much of the technological project work which is possible in a school is bound to be on a 'mini' scale: that is, model-making. Many critics will say that model-making is (a) primarily for kids, (b) of negligible value in education. I dare to hope that the points made earlier in this article will satisfy

those critics to some extent. But if you still think model-making is kids' stuff, what about Crick and Watson, the Nobel Prize winners who discovered the double-helix structure of the DNA molecule, with their models made of little balls and springs and wires? Models, provided that one bears in the forefront of one's mind all the time the points of *similarity* with the real thing and the points of *difference*, are essential aids to scientific thinking.

The creative business is by no means just in the mind. In the field of science and technology it is a dialectic: BUILD, TEST AND CRITICIZE, REBUILD. Put the nuts, bolts, paper and string together to try out the idea; play around with the 'lash-up', testing it (quite possibly to destruction) to expose its faults and limitations; dismantle (maybe totally), remake, and perfect. Some of the work can be done in the head, some on paper, but much of it must be done with the 'mock-up' and the model.

Because of the diversity of activity involved in being creative in a practical way, it is a pity that at this school the different activities are not more co-ordinated. It should be possible for a boy to scoot straight from a drawing-board to a carpentry bench, from a lathe to a laboratory; should be able to poke about among books and magazines, and rootle in boxes of bits and pieces, whenever he has the spare time.

A few words on the 'Two Cultures' myth. There is still a strong inherited sense, among teachers and taught, in the country as a whole, that creative skills of the mind are nobler than creative skills of the hand. The sensitive, pensive, poet is a nobler creature than the greasy boffin. I know plenty of persons who, although they do not give *intellectual* assent to this attitude, nevertheless still *feel* it. And one must bear in mind that what a teacher genuinely *feels* is likely to have more personal influence on a pupil than what that teacher *expounds*, however clearly and cogently. A boy who can design a large-print bookrest for a bed-ridden old person is just as creative as the boy who can write a poem to make the reader aware of that old person's loneliness. The one is no more or less valuable than the other. They are creative in different ways, according to their talents. And many a young person can, I believe, be creative in both these ways, at a simple level. And any educational establishment worthy of its name should aim to provide for the fostering, with equal emphasis, of the two complementary types of creativity.

But enough of this philosophizing. Here follow notes on some of the technological project work

now in progress. They constitute only a sample of what is going on. A really representative display of project work is to be mounted at Gaudy in June 1969.

METALWORK

Metalwork is a field of activity in which a boy cannot hope to embark upon a project until he has thoroughly mastered the basic skills.

A 'crash' course in Metalwork is now compulsory for boys in the Science Removes. Some boys take to it readily, others do not. The educational value lies not only in the learning of a little basic skill, but also in having the experience of finding out to what extent materials can be made to perform certain functions, and of trying to put scientific precision into practice.

Some three dozen boys at present do Metalwork in their own free time. Having mastered the basic techniques of precision measurement, use of tools, including the lathe, and how to join metals, they are free to carry out any viable project of their own choice. Photographs are shown of two such recently completed projects: a table lamp, by David Strange; and a gramophone pick-up, by Ian Wilson.

The tuition in Metalwork is expertly given by Mr. Louis Parke, who works at the Churchill Hospital and visits the school on two days each week. Tuition is free of charge, and boys are only charged for the cost of materials which they use in their projects.

CONTROL SYSTEMS

Radio-controlled models provide a hobby for quite a number of boys, although this seems to be very much a 'home' hobby for most of them. Nevertheless, experiments in radio control and other forms of control system are carried out in the laboratories. The particular growing-point of these studies at present is the devising of control systems which are operated by light-beams.

A model of a homing missile control system is being developed by Geoffrey Culbertson. The 'test-bed' for this system is an electrically driven vehicle. It has two light-sensitive 'eyes' by means of which it automatically searches for, and then steers itself towards, any light within a range of about 100 feet. By tilting its 'eyes' downwards one can make it follow a white line painted on the floor. This is a 'fun' machine, yes indeed, but a study of what it will do when presented with a puzzling situation (for example, what it does when

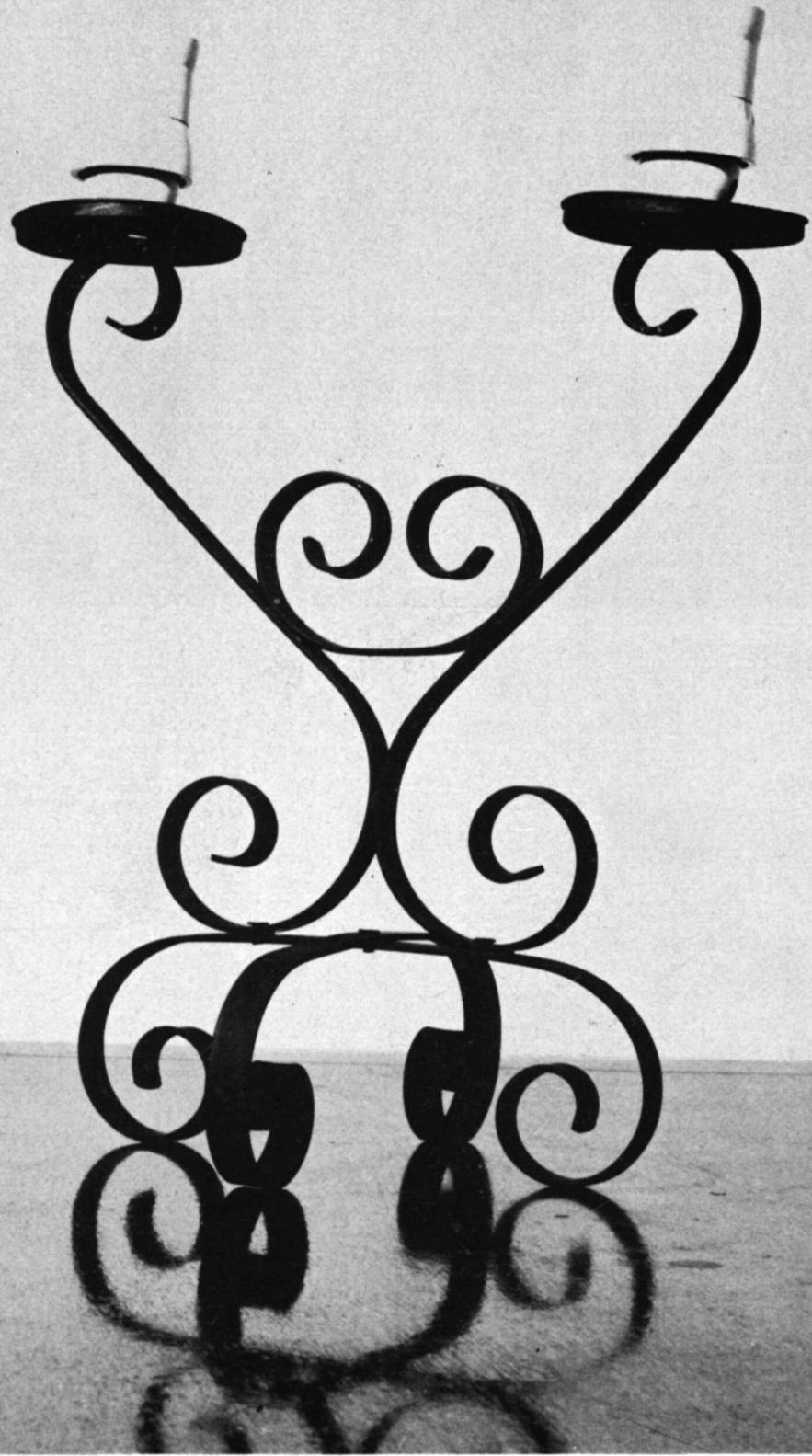
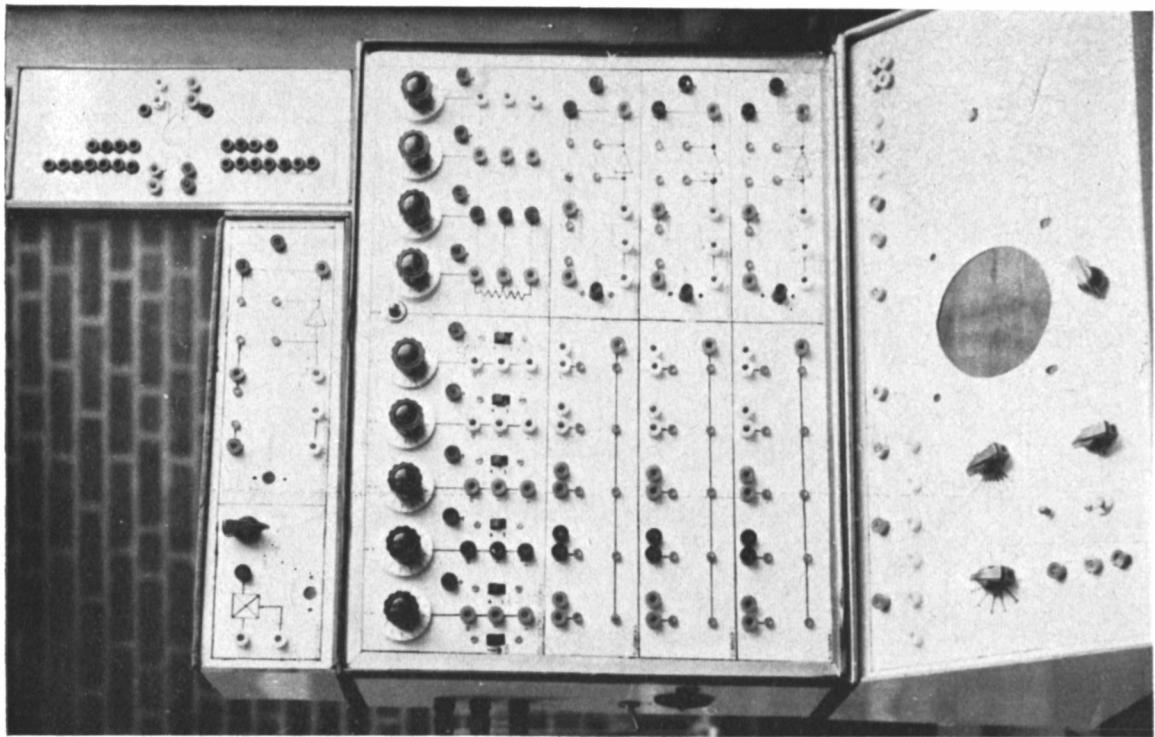
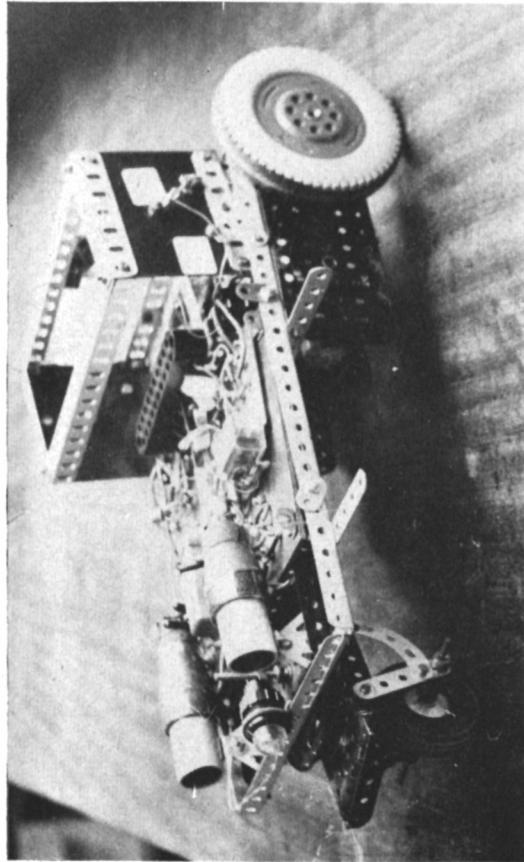


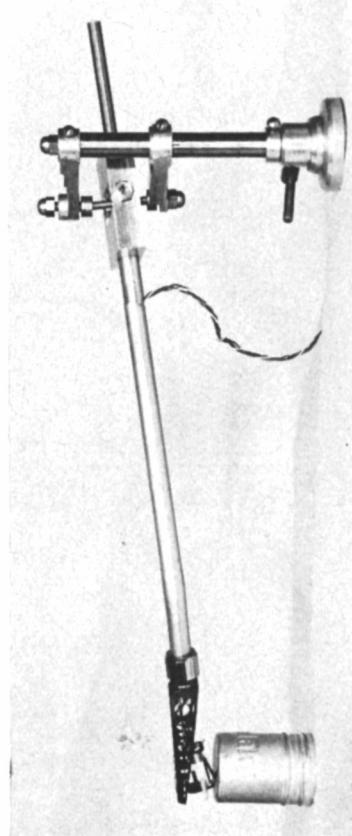
Table lamp (D. Strange)



Analogue computer



Homing missile control system (G. Culbertson)



Gramophone pick-up (I. Wilson)

there are several lights in its vicinity, and what it does when it reaches the ends of a white line) is a perfectly serious study in the field of science known as cybernetics.

Another boy, Edward Brett, is working on another electric vehicle which can be stopped, started and steered, by the beam of light from a torch.

A useful contribution to our resources in the field of control systems was made three years ago by David Squire (O.S.E.), who constructed a set of electrical 'logic modules' and an excellent book of instructions to go with them. These 'logic modules' can be linked together to make a simple digital computer, and in this way provide an excellent understanding of the principles of operation of digital computers. But their more interesting application is in automatic control systems, to make a piece of machinery perform its functions in some specially predetermined sequence, in response to certain command signals. One can, for instance, cause a model railway locomotive to sort out a mixture of two types of railway track, shunting one type into a siding and the other type into another siding. Photo-electric cells are used to distinguish one type from the other. The electrical signals from the cells are fed into the logical control unit, and this unit makes the locomotive perform all the moves in the sorting process, fully automatically.

It is hoped to set up a system like the one described above in the near future, possibly in time for the Oxford Schools Science Fair in July in which it would be part of a composite exhibit under the title 'St. Edward's School Computer Club'. The Analogue Computer (described below) and work done by boys with the IBM Schools Computer, and the Oxford University KDF9 Computer, will also be shown in this exhibit.

WIND-TUNNEL

Over the past three years nearly, about a dozen boys have been involved in the construction of a twelve-foot long, 20 m.p.h. wind-tunnel. Some of those boys have enthused over it, some have given up in boredom. Between them they have, however, done a good job, and at last the fruits of their efforts are appearing. The tunnel is now operational. It can be used for experiments which help a student to understand how aeroplanes fly, and also to try out designs of new shapes for flying models. It is ideal for comparing car body shapes (using scale models) for their efficiency of stream-

lining, for trying out scale-model sail rigs, and for teaching the physical principles of fluid flow. And other uses may be found for it later on.

This project has scope for plenty of further development, in particular the devising of instrumentation for the tunnel. A means of making the air-flow visible has yet to be found. An electrical air-speed gauge would be very useful. And we still have to find a way of controlling the wind speed without disrupting the streamline flow.

The wind-tunnel will be put on exhibition at the Oxford Schools Science Fair in July 1969. The present group of four boys will be preparing the exhibit: Gavin Armstrong, Gavin Hill, Mark Hope and Michael Morison.

ANALOGUE COMPUTER

A group of five boys (William Burgess, Jonathan Green, Bill Good, James Parkhouse, Jonathan Walmisley) has worked for two terms on the making of a small analogue computer, following designs in the *Practical Electronics* magazine. This is now near completion and should be ready for the Oxford Schools Science Fair in July 1969.

This computer (quite different in principle from a *digital* computer, such as the IBM Schools Computer which the School now possesses) will be able to solve, to give just one example, the second-order differential equations which describe the motion of a projectile in two dimensions, with or without the effect of air-resistance. The output of the computer can be displayed by means of a cathode-ray oscilloscope in such a way that the motion of the light-spot over the screen of the cathode-ray tube exactly simulates the flight of the projectile. Variable factors, such as the speed of launch of the projectile, the angle of elevation, and the amount of air-resistance, can be altered by adjusting control knobs; and the immediate effect of these alterations is observed on the screen.

Although full constructional details for this project are given in a magazine, the undertaking is a demanding one which needs clear thinking, careful organization of work, and the following of strictly logical procedures in testing, calibration, and trouble-shooting. The members of the group have shared the practical tasks according to their different skills. So far this has been one of the most efficient acts of self-organization by a project group that I have seen.

St. Edward's School Morocco Expedition

JULY/AUGUST 1969

As this report goes to press, the Expedition has received the official commendation of the Royal Geographical Society. A schoolboy expedition can receive no greater approbation.

The members are: Robert Brock, Jeremy Fardoe, Richard Goddard (O.S.E.), Richard Goodall, Richard Greenway (O.S.E.), Mark Howell, Peter Jones (O.S.E.), Charles Massey, Keith Page (O.S.E.), Russel Samuels, David Trow, Jeremy Watson, Brian Williamson (O.S.E.).

Soon after entering Morocco the Expedition will begin its ascent of Jebel Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa. At nearly 14,000 feet this massif will provide exciting opportunities for all types of mountaineering and for exploration treks with pack animals.

In Ouarzazate, south of the Atlas Mountains, the Expedition will present £600-worth of medical equipment to Miss K. Richmond, who runs a welfare unit there. The expedition doctor, who co-ordinated the collection of medical supplies, will work with Miss Richmond while the remainder of the party modifies the interior of the clinic.

From Ouarzazate, the Ammelu Valley lies beyond a desert plain. It is a full day's journey over dry river beds, passing low mud villages and winding over the passes of the Anti-Atlas mountains. It is the last ascent from Tafraoute which reveals the crescent-shaped Valley of the Ammelu. Small villages look over the olive groves and gardens of this fertile valley to the steep-sided Jebel Lkst.

It is here the Expedition will be making its geographical analysis and compiling the mountaineering guide. The geographers will map the region and then divide into groups to carry out surveys on soils, agriculture, local industries and population. During this time the mountaineering party will investigate, map, and describe climbing and mountaineering routes, at the same time observing and identifying the local flora, fauna and geology. Thus a wide knowledge of the area will be gained.

From this basis the whole party will be able to work on each project, thereby gaining further experience in both mountaineering and geographical field work.

At first sight the work of the Expedition, particularly in the Ammelu Valley, may appear to be

solely concerned with scientific and mountaineering projects. However, the whole Expedition is based on a belief in the importance of making contact with the local people.

Morocco affords not only remote areas ideal for the proposed investigations but also a totally different culture and civilization. The Expedition must keep its "academic" aims in perspective and retain a broad outlook on the country and people of Morocco. To return with only mountaineering and geographical data would not justify the trip. Equally as important will be the memory of the football match against the Tapaoutis, the mint tea ceremony in a villager's home, sitting in a café learning to speak Arabic; important also the recollection of a crisp dawn and the call to prayers.

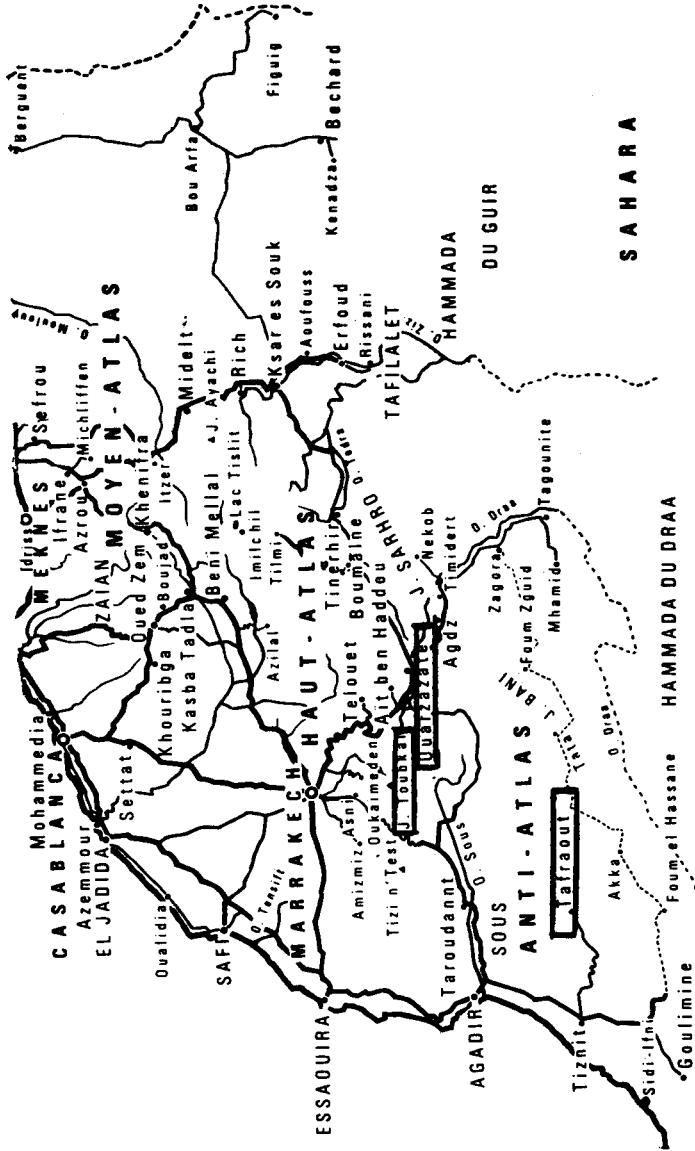
Romantic, perhaps. The flies and the heat and the work will make it all memorable. But more than that, direct contact will have been made with a different way of life, with people of another race.

Before leaving for Morocco the Expedition will have been on two training camps. The first was in Snowdonia where hard frost and driving snow did nothing to daunt the team's enthusiasm. The second, in the Lake District over Easter, will have further consolidated the party, and at the time of reading final preparations will be nearly complete. Already the major obstacles have been surmounted and it will only remain for the members of the party to justify their own and other people's work for the Expedition.

Outline Programme

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| 10 July | Leave Oxford, 3 p.m. |
| 15 July | Enter Morocco. |
| 19 July | Ascent of Toubkal. |
| 26 July | Begin work in Ouarzazate. |
| 31 July | Arrive in the Ammelu Valley. |
| 19 August | Leave Morocco. |
| 25 August | Expedition disbands, 7.30 p.m. |
- The party is led by M. J. Hodson, P. Mallalieu, G. M. Hand and Dr. G. N. Cash.
- The Expedition is extremely grateful to all those who have assisted with the preparation and planning. Thanks will be formally expressed in the final report.
- It is hoped that a display will be mounted at Commemoration showing the results of this first School Expedition.

M.J.H.



St. Edward's School trip to Morocco 1969. Map showing the area visited. The Atlantic Ocean is to the left, the Sahara desert to the right.



Snowdonia, January 1969



The Lakes, April 1969



CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENT

BY THE WALL

He sat there, dejected, alone, unaffected
by streams of passing children
whose laughing, screaming, crying, didn't pierce
his drink-sodden head.
Grey, tatty, unprepossessing, he sat
by the dustbin, like a dustbin,
motionless.
Nobody knew him, nobody cared,
he had his life: they had theirs.
I saw him each morning: he didn't see me,
his eyelids too heavy, his mind wasn't there.
His grey form merged with the dark wall behind, so
nobody saw him, nobody cared.
Until one morning he wasn't there;
just a name on the wall—
then everyone cared.

N. COLLINS

THE STUDENT

Beneath the exterior
Of bizarre apparel
Is an inside
Of unequalled judgment.
The innocent world,
In a mass of confusion,
Is ruled
By mindless men
On a course of destruction.
Change the world;
It needs help.
We shall be happy
After the Revolution.
Who will then come
To guide the world,
When god is dead
And we are free?

W. SPRAGINS

GARDENER JOE

How many men can speak with trees,
Can flirt with flowers and play with weeds?
There may be more, but one I know,
His name was simply Gardener Joe.

He had no wish for large fast cars,
Silk-lined suits and gross cigars.
His simple pleasure was a coarse black pipe,
And the fruits of his work, pure and ripe.

My greatest joy was to see him work,
His gnarled old hands probed the earth
With gentle care and fragile power,
He raised a seed from shrub to flower.

Oblivious to the hectic turmoil of life,
Joe is serene in a world of natural beauty
That we, mechanized by synthetic, artificial goods,
May envy, or despise, as we please.

CONFIRMATION

Butterflies,
Deep in the stomach.
Clear brow, clean
Shoes.
Starched white
Neat and right
For God.

HATE

I hate cold lavatory seats, warts
And spots, and Maths lessons, on Monday
Mornings. I hate hot showers, cold
Showers, artificial flowers, flats
In towers and lawn mowers
That,
Don't work.

DANCE

Dresses, frills and fancies, jeans and jewels
Was the helicopter bird of clotted colours.
The hall jerked to the rock of the musical fuel,
Gaudy guitars fighting to catch the blasting
Beat drum that flipped from jazz to soul
And blues, lending energy to the frenzied mass.
Rock the boat with love, send me downtown
To yeah and yeah, punch-swinging in reverberating
tempo,
Or long, lazy love, clasped solemnly together,
In mute, dual communion.

PATON

LIFE GOES ON

The dawn is soft and the gentle light
Breathes slowly through the velvet air.
A 'jar burrs, remnant of the recent night;
And God's creatures rise, a new day's life to share.

For some this day will be their last
For Nature is cruel and man is blind
And Death's shadow glides slowly past
Enveloping some of all living kind.

Yet still the sun shines in the sky,
And as time gives birth to each new day
So, too, new lives awake and new souls sigh.
'There is Eternity', Nature's hundred thousand
voices seem to say.

S. A. E. KUTTNER

FLOWERS

The flowers in their garden kingdom
Stand in modest majesty.
Rose, tulip, chrysanthemum, daffodil
Disclose their slow mystery unhurriedly.
Calm, detached, they stand straight
And look reverently to their creator.
But in their infinite pattern
Blazes full-flushed colour
Ravishing the air,
Tearing brightness from the sky,
Spilling delicacy outwards,
Trumpeting heaven through the air,
Hearing never-ending sweetness
In insane order.
Knowing nothing of existence
They throw life,
And boundless loveliness, carelessly
To eternity.
Living only for others,
These overlords of creation
Feel no glory,
Have no knowledge of their perfection,
Stand unaware of their beauty,
Ungilded yet golden,
Unassuming in brilliance,
Untarnished, unsinning,
And guiltless of pride.

T. J. N. SANDERS

TEN WEEKS AFTER
a change came over the earth
this morning:
at dawn the sun rose.
I woke up and,
changed, put on my clothes.

The clothes were the same, hot, black, oppressive.
The water was similar, cold.

The dullness of it all, the blindness
of breakfast and bed-making;
I looked at the paper for the seventy-second time.
Its block print means little to me.
The slushy cornflakes, paper fried-bread.
Even the windows seemed to be made of red brick.
While the rain, now, kills the trees.

The change
was for the better, as it is warmer now;
but the rain is colder, and the sweat of hard work
is colder.
The dawn did not bring red sky this morning
This morning
a change came over the earth.
And it landed on me.

TONKIN

WILDCAT

Silence:

disturbed by the dull rustle
of leaves

—or an echoing cry from deep in the dark depths
of the jungle.

The slithering of a vaguely mirrored snake
—or the scurrying of a tiny nocturnal reptile
too timid

to expose itself to the light
of day—

too timid
to expose itself to the
constant dangers of its natural habitat.

The silence . . . blackness—

but not complete—
two orbs of light red as
sin

burn through the darkness and morbid shadows,
absorbing every detail.

They shift restlessly
large and malevolent, scanning the
dense undergrowth . . .
then they are extinguished.

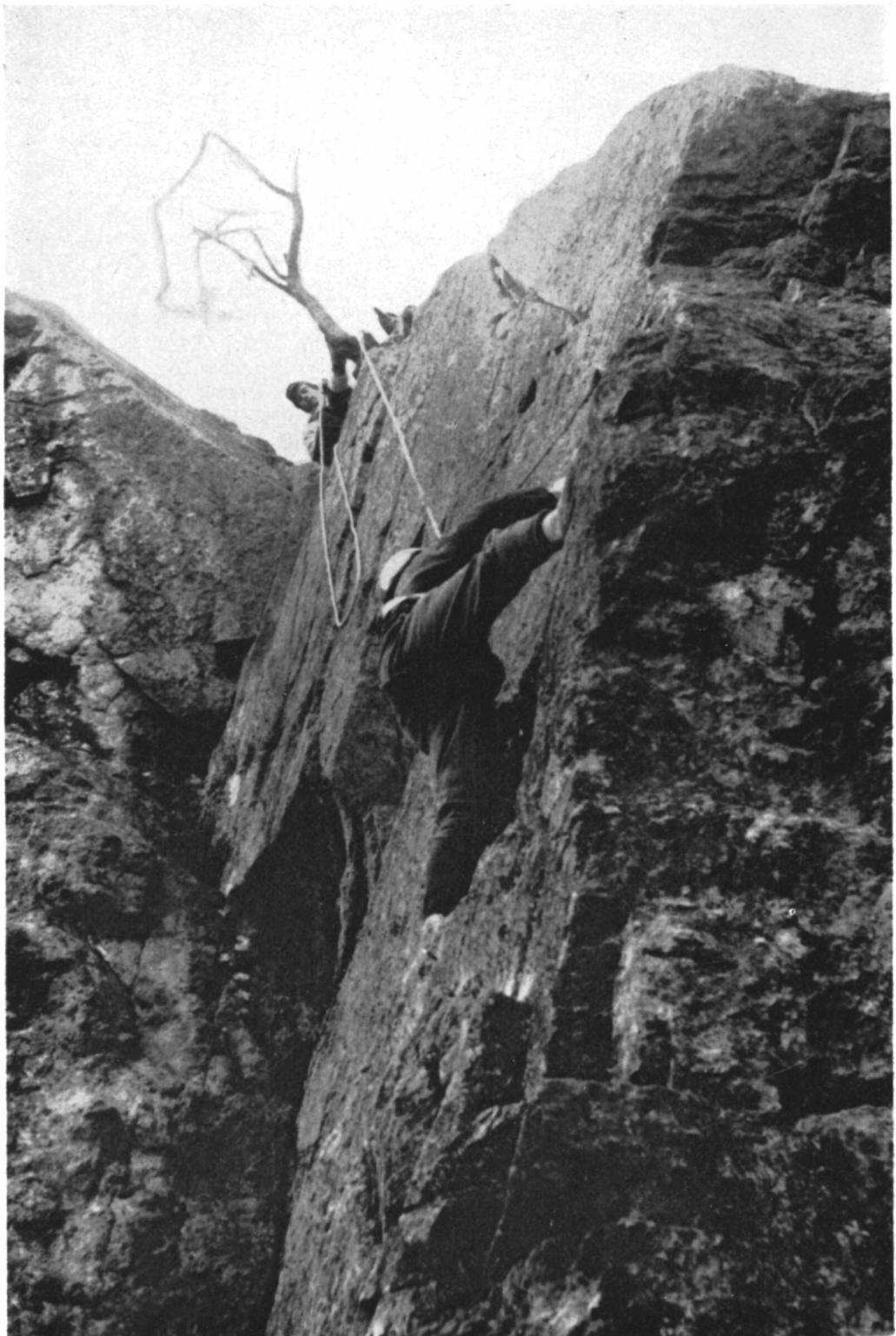
M. CONSTANTINE

THE HEDGEHOG

There he was on Kendall Quad.,
A small motionless lump of prickles,
I stood there, staring
At this queer creature.
A hedgehog, just sitting there—
Where we can't go.
Suddenly he stands up, moves.
I go back to the day room,
Return, he's still there on Kendall Quad.,
Shuffle, shuffle, plod, plod, plod.

Now he's nearer you can see his face:
A sharp, pointed nose,
Two shiny little eyes
And some coarse fur.
Somewhere among that mass of spines
There are two little ears—somewhere.
Suddenly he's at the path,
Shuffles up to me, sniffs.
Then I bend down and feel his spines—it tickles,
Finally I leave that mysterious ball of prickles.

S. G. H. HAYWARD



RETROSPECT

Ninety years ago. 'The new Clock in the Chapel Tower . . . will afford the greatest convenience and satisfaction both to ourselves and the inhabitants of Summertown. The Porter's Lodge and adjoining masters' rooms are rising fast. The Cloister between the present School Buildings and the Chapel is in course of erection.'

Eighty years ago. 'The success of the Bumping Races this year was so great that there seems a general wish to let them become an annual event. The School turned out "en masse" and we were gratified to see a fair muster of ladies as well as Old Boys on the tow-path.'

Seventy years ago. 'The Easter Term at any rate ends uproariously and the Prefects' Concert this year was certainly no less uproarious than its notorious predecessors.'

Sixty years ago. 'You come back to School along South Parade; but its real name is Double Ditch, and that linked the fortifications, which guarded the two north roads against the Parliament men from Banbury.'

Fifty years ago. 'The numbers—167—have beaten the record by one . . . and a new dormitory has been opened in Field (*Corfe*) House.'

Forty years ago. 'A large entry has raised our numbers to 342. . . . The Subway is finished, lighted, and in full use. At the opening ceremony the procession, headed by the famous mace given by Charles II, was most picturesque, the Right Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors being in full robes, and accompanied by the Warden and Masters in gowns and hoods.'

Thirty years ago. 'This year's Gaudy was distinguished by the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, who honoured us by opening the Cowell Memorial Gateway and presenting the prizes.'

Twenty years ago. 'The Reverend Canon R. C. Mortimer was consecrated Bishop of Exeter in Westminster Abbey on St. Mark's Day.'

Ten years ago. 'A plaque, sculptured by T. Huxley-Jones, showing St. Edward riding his charger, has been placed on the outside wall of the new Science Laboratories. The inscription acknowledges the gift of this extension from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools.'

Sport

HOCKEY 1969

FIRST XI

The XIs of the last few years have been very strong and have played consistently mature hockey; the 1969 team, it seemed likely, would be less sure technically. As it was, the weather did little to help them, and although only three matches were cancelled, often days went by when practice on the pitches, or even round the edges, was impossible. Luckily we were able to use the hard tennis courts, and here stickwork, movement off the ball and the techniques of team-possession were learnt.

The side can be well pleased with its season's record: only two School matches were lost. Similar tactics to last year were employed, though in a less sophisticated manner.

The defence, often fully stretched but always determined, usually managed to hold out. Here Graham was skilful moving out of defence and was a fast tackler, Gell hit the ball cleanly, and Gasper kept his head in most crises. The others, Rathbone, Summerson and Williams (with Fry for part of the season) gained in positional sense and willingness to support the forwards—and were always tenacious. The defence may not have been the fastest boys in the School but they stuck to their job, tackled strongly and usually covered well. As the season went on they came to realize the dangers of rushing into the tackle. It must have given them great confidence to have Holmes in goal behind them, always safe, and often, with the minimum of fuss, saving brilliantly: he fully deserves his Schoolboy Trial.

If the defence was a little slow, the attack ran with rare dash; and with four front-runners spear-headed by the power and strong running of the captain, Davies, and the skilful dribbling of Mischler, always threatened to score goals—even when they had less of the game than their opponents. If we had managed to perfect the short-corner drill, which at times was deplorable in execution, scoring would have been heavy.

The warm-up games in which, this year, the full XI took part, were won convincingly against useful local opposition. In the first major school-match Holmes kept brilliantly and the defence

battled successfully against constant Wellington pressure: the result a brave nil-all draw. After ten minutes the School were 2 down to Radley who a few days before had scored 8 against M.C.S. Once again the character of the team showed itself by a fight back to 2-2 and 3-3, only to succumb finally to some fine corner striking by the Radley captain. Bradfield were defeated in an untidy game, and our now regular victory (how laughable that remark would have been seven or eight years ago!) came against M.C.S. who lacked score-power but deserved some return for their hockey. An exciting if not very skilful game against Stowe resulted in a sharing of 6 goals, but the defence just failed to hold a strong Dean Close attack and the last match was lost 1-2.

Perhaps the best hockey was played against the Martyrs, a skilful but not fully fit side, though for once chances were not accepted. This and the Radley game were perhaps the only times that the ball ran at all fast and true, and it was not surprising that it was on these two occasions that the School's hockey was at its best. The full Occasionals side came, and but for their habit of hitting the ball away at free hits showed us many of the skills of the game, especially support of one another, and passing away from the direction of the body's movement. They were made to fight hard for their goals.

Congratulations should go to Davies who led the side well and scored many goals himself—for the season was not an easy one. The memories that remain most clearly are of mud, rain, frost and snow: the cancellation of Senior House Matches in the last ten wet days of the term summed up the disappointments that had gone before.

For the Oxford Festival at the end of March the weather was sharply cold but pleasantly dry. The first two games saw the XI at their best, and their game was at its most effective in the 1-0 defeat of Felsted; whilst Davies scored all 4 goals when Oundle were defeated. The hockey during the remaining three games—against Solihull and Uppingham—were drawn.

The following made up the XI: P. M. Davies; S. M. Mischler; F. P. J. Holmes; A. J. Graham; J. P. C. Gell; S. P. Gasper; M. F. Rathbone; W. M. Summerson; S. P. B. Badger; R. H. A. Samuels; S. D. G. Williams. R. J. C. Fry also played a number of times, and with S. J. G. Day played in the Oxford Festival.

RESULTS

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
15	6	4	5
v. Oxford School			Won 3-0
v. Abingdon			Won 7-1
v. Wellington			Drawn 0-0
v. Radley			Lost 4-6
v. Occasionals			Lost 0-4
v. Bradfield			Won 2-0
v. M.C.S.			Won 3-0
v. Martyrs			Lost 2-3
v. Stowe			Drawn 3-3
v. Dean Close			Lost 1-2

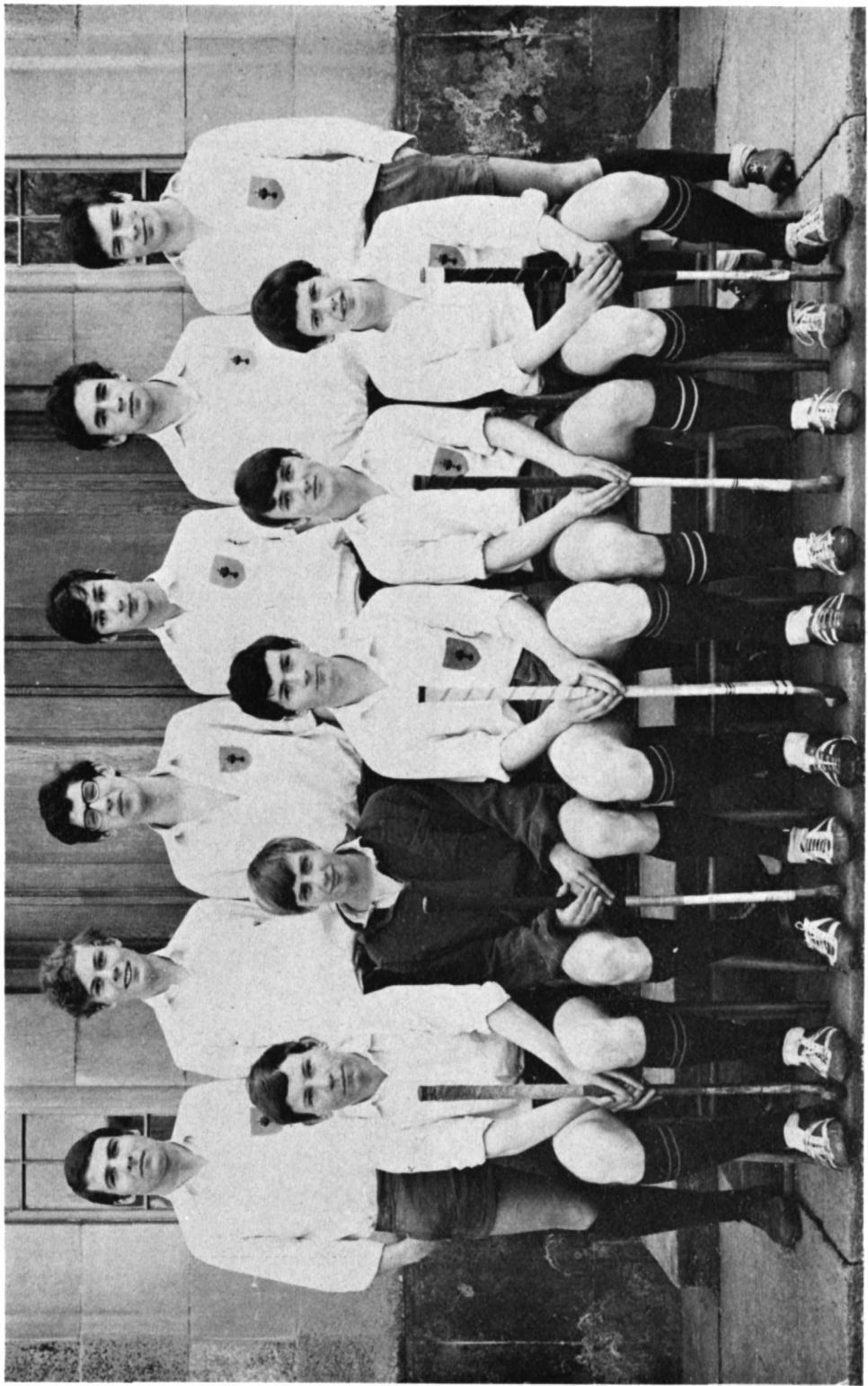
Results at the Oxford Hockey Festival:

v. Oundle	Won 4-0
v. Felsted	Won 1-0
v. Strathalan	Lost 1-2
v. Solihull	Drawn 0-0
v. Uppingham	Drawn 2-2

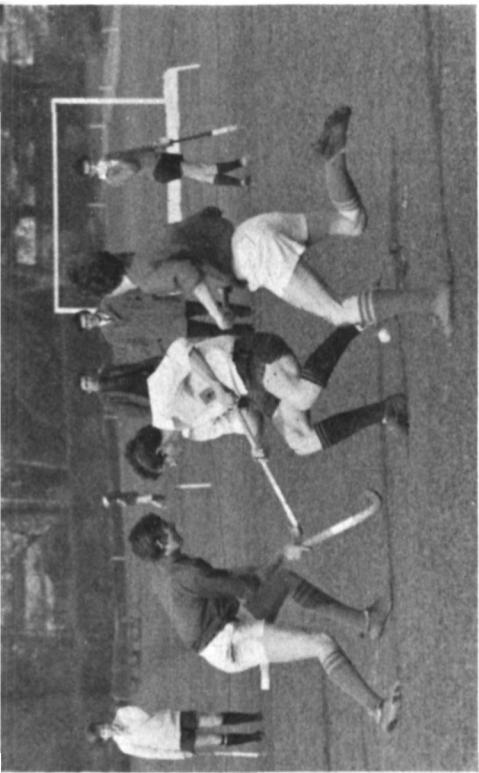
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THE HOCKEY XI 1969



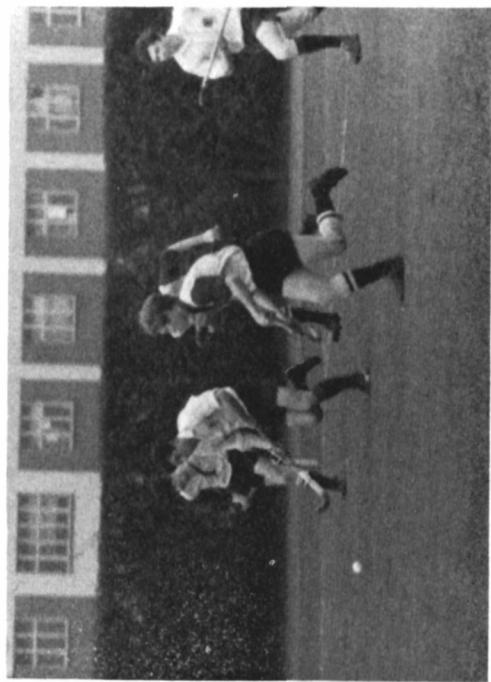
Back row (L. to R.): W. M. Summerson, S. D. G. Williams, S. P. Gasper, M. F. Rathbone, S. P. B. Badger, R. H. A. Samuels.
Front row (L. to R.): J. P. C. Gell, F. P. J. Holmes, P. M. Davies, S. M. Mischler, A. J. Graham.



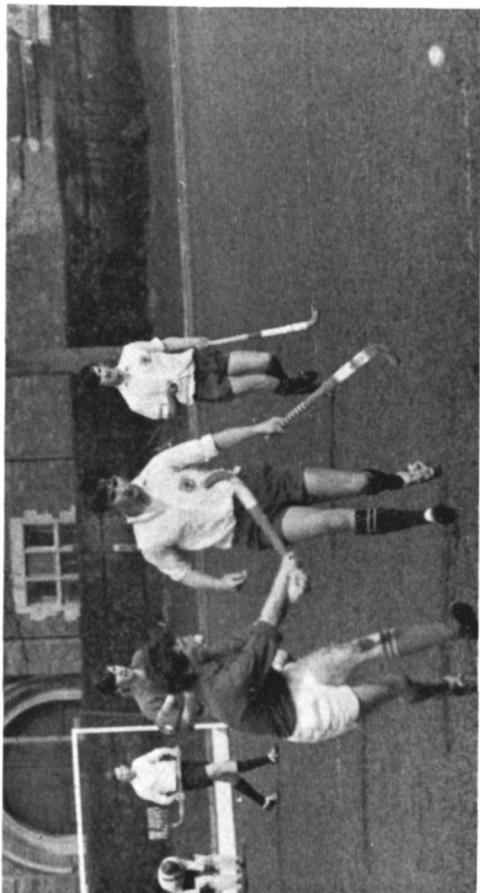
Davies takes on two Stowe defenders



R. J. Moss 'crosses' for the Martyrs



Badger breaks against Dean Close



Mischler too late to intercept v. Stowe

SECOND XI

The ravages of the weather undoubtedly took the edge off this team as much as any other and a side of limited hockey skills was often hard put to to adapt to the conditions, which varied from the hard tennis courts to the bog of Lower III.

Despite this, the side gave a good account of itself in all games, particularly against M.C.S. and Radley, both of whom might well have been beaten.

We were fortunate to have such a good goal-keeper in the captain, Scott, and his ability reduced our opponents' efficiency on many occasions. The backs at times looked as though they had mastered the basic skills of their trade, but too often charged the oncoming forwards. Nonetheless, they remained an enthusiastic rearguard. The halves marred their game with a tendency to wander, with the result that too often our opponents had too much room in which to work. The forwards were probably most hampered by the poor conditions and were prone to lose control of the ball at the vital moment. In drier conditions the dash of Watkeys and the skill of Fardoe and Garner might well have brought more goals.

In all, this term served to show the need to master the basic skills of hitting, which was poor, and stopping, which was variable, rather than as a memorable term of hockey.

Colours: A. M. Scott, Kenyon, S. Buck, Hamon, Fry, G. Morgan, S. Day, Garner, Watkeys, N. M. Paton, Fardoe.

Team chosen from: A. M. Scott (Capt.), Kenyon, S. Buck, Cree, Fry, G. Morgan, S. Day, Boult, Hamon, Garner, Walkeys, N. M. Paton, Fardoe.

RESULTS

v. Abingdon	Won 1-0
v. High Wycombe	Drawn 0-0
v. Wellington	Lost 0-4
v. Bradfield	Won 3-0
v. M.C.S.	Lost 0-2
v. Martyrs	Lost 1-3
v. Stowe	Drawn 1-1
v. Dean Close	Lost 0-2

R.M.O.

THIRD XI

The Third XI played some good hockey at times on a variety of surfaces, ranging from the ice at Shiplake to the mud of Cheltenham. The composition of the side remained unsettled over much of the term, because of the lack of match practice.

Once decided, the team played probably its best hockey in defeating a competent Stowe XI. The most persistent opposition otherwise came from a keen Fourth XI captained by Greaves. Owing to the bad weather they were restricted to one School match, drawing against Stowe.

Third XI

Team from: Hickes, R. Searle, Boyd, R. H. C. Williams, Howell, P. B. Smith, A. C. Steeds, Boult, Stanley, G. P. Blunden, P. M. Sattin, J. G. Anderson, Sidgwick, P. Nathwani.

RESULTS

v. Shiplake	(away).	Drawn 0-0
v. Magdalen	(home).	Won 4-0
v. Cheltenham	(away).	Lost 0-2
v. Stowe	(home).	Won 3-0
v. Dean Close	(away).	Won 2-0

C.W.L.

COLTS HOCKEY

In retrospect this was a season which barely began. The mildness and dampness of January followed by the coldness of a frozen February, coupled with the 'flu epidemic, leaves the impression of a term's hockey which never achieved any long-term co-ordination—we popped out and played when we could.

At various times during the term—mostly towards the end of February and the beginning of March, five matches were played, three of which were won and two drawn. It could be said that a 100 per cent record was missed by about 1 minute since Bradfield scored their equalizing goal with 20 seconds to go and Stowe accomplished a similar feat 40 seconds from the final whistle.

From the beginning of term it was obvious that the forwards were likely to score goals but there were several problems behind them, and one of the most cheering aspects of the term was the application shown by both backs and halves in solving these problems and in learning the lessons of rapid covering.

In goal, Flavel did many good things, had a good idea of positive action, and shows signs of becoming a definite prospect. Slater and Gee emerged as the regular backs, but French must count himself desperately unlucky. Slater was one of the most improved players during the term, his timing of the tackle and his rapid interceptions being regular features of the later games. On the left Gee was a little more clumsy but he never became flustered.

The halves were a strong line and C. W. Rose and Allum were always quickly up in support of their forwards. Allum, positionally, was probably the best player in the side. P. J. C. Saunders at centre-half had to fill a difficult gap with the promotion of S. D. G. Williams to the First XI. Though not always very assured in his stickwork, he worked tirelessly and covered vast areas of the pitch.

The forwards were a lively and forthright attacking force led with rare dash by Lee at centre-forward. R. W. Heskett on the right wing made some telling incursions into mid-field and Sears on the left wing was always quick and well-balanced. S. R. Gidman at inside-right introduced some deft touches and some of his interpassing with Lee was of a high order. At inside-left, Seton found some of the heavier grounds not to his liking but he produced a masterly display on a beautiful pitch at Stowe. A. J. T. Wilson was a more than able substitute for any of the forwards struck down by 'flu.'

The opening game at Abingdon allowed the forwards to reveal their potential. Four goals were scored before half-time but Abingdon came back well in the second half and some poor defensive play allowed them to score twice.

Three weeks later, after the games against Wellington, Pangbourne and Radley had all been scratched by the weather, a very heavy pitch at Bradfield made play difficult for both sides. A single goal, midway through the second half, seemed likely to secure a victory, but then came their dramatic equalizer.

At home to Magdalen College School an early goal was followed by long periods of defence. Scarcely one attack was mounted in the second half, but the defence tackled and covered magnificently and remained intact.

The game against Stowe was the highlight of the season. On a beautiful pitch, against an able side, the whole team raised their game and produced a fine display. A single goal midway through the second half looked to be the decider, but again that fateful last minute!

The final game was played on the all-weather pitch at Dean Close. The forwards found this very much to their liking and a lethargic defence allowed them to score 4 goals before half-time. Dean Close tightened up in the second half in which we had the added excitement of a penalty flick—which was saved.

This was an able and enthusiastic Colts side

which improved enormously—a full season might have led to them becoming very good indeed. Physically, they were a big side, and they learnt that hockey is a vigorous and taxing game, a feature not always present in Colts hockey. Lee led the side splendidly and revealed himself a most able captain both on and off the field.

The following received their Colts colours: Allum, Flavel, French, Gee, S. R. Gidman, R. W. Heskett, Lee, C. W. Rose, P. J. C. Saunders, Sears, Seton, Slater, A. J. T. Wilson.

RESULTS

v. Abingdon	(away).	Won 4-2
v. Bradfield	(away).	Drawn 1-1
v. M.C.S.	(home).	Won 1-0
v. Stowe	(away).	Drawn 1-1
v. Dean Close	(away).	Won 5-1

The Colts Second XI, under the auspices of Mr. Anderson, were an enthusiastic side with a good deal of ability. They won both their matches decisively.

M.D.P.

JUNIORS

A win by 4-1 against Radley at the beginning of term suggested that a good season might follow. Alas, this was not the case and despite some good games of Hockey no more victories were recorded.

Perhaps the best game was also our worst defeat, for the all-weather pitch at Dean Close gave us a chance to play a fast constructive game. Unfortunately, the home side was even more constructive and scored three good goals.

The team was splendidly captained by Constantine and owed much to the quick reactions of Bruce in goal.

Team: Bruce, R. C. Blunden, Channell, P. E. O. B. Davidson-Houston, R. J. Baldwin, Northcote-Green, Skelton, Constantine (capt.), Womersley, T. J. Smith, C. R. Badger.

RESULTS

1st XI v. Radley	Won 4-1
2nd XI v. Radley	Drawn 0-0
A XI v. New College School	Lost 2-3
1st XI v. Bradfield	Lost 0-1
1st XI v. Stowe	Lost 0-2
1st XI v. Dean Close	Lost 0-3

The final of the Junior House Hockey matches was won by Sing's who beat Cowell's.

P.N.C.

THE BOAT CLUB The Senior Squad

Tubbing, when the demands of rugger and other activities allowed it on Wednesdays, and a certain amount of gym-work enabled us once again to select a Senior Squad of nineteen oarsmen during the Christmas Term, ready to begin more intensive training in January for the Reading University and Tideway Head of the River Races in March. Not unexpectedly, I'm afraid, this number gradually reduced itself during January and February as for one reason and another boys reckoned to find the demands of top rowing too much for them, though this has been compensated, in two cases especially, by enthusiastic and productive help with coaching.

We divided the eight weeks of training from the beginning of term until Reading into two sections of four weeks, only moving into eights for the second of these periods, and concentrating exclusively on work in scullers and in the coxed and coxless fours for the first month. Despite the regrettable inexperience in scullers of far too many of the aspirants for seats in the First and Second VIII's, and despite the difficulties of apportioning nineteen oarsmen among four fibreglass and two 'coxes' scullers, there is little doubt that this experiment has been a total success. Younger oarsmen hoping for future honours should note now that proficiency in sculling is a 'must'. I can also add, happily, that we have now added four new fibreglass scullers by Lightweight Laminates Ltd. to our fleet, in addition to the Sims wooden boat bought last year to encourage open racing by senior boys who have reached a competent standard.

The Reading University Head of the River Race

The provisional First Eight that raced at Reading on 15 March, contained four of the beefier members of the 1968 Henley crew, rowing in the 7, 6, 5 and 4 seats, and was stroked by Colin McDougall, our invaluable 'import' from Choate School, U.S.A. The crew enjoyed its row, largely because it started in the humble position of No. 76, and so overtook a number of opposition crews, which always makes for enjoyable racing and some sense of euphoria. The row was, though, in many ways not totally satisfactory: the crew were thoroughly chilled by a very long wait at the start; a headwind had got up between the running off of the First and Second Divisions; no overtaking was permitted over a considerable extent of the course owing to the very fast flood stream which all but caused the total cancellation of the event;

cox encountered considerable difficulties, possibly being penalized for touching the stern of St. Mary's Hospital (stroked by R. C. P. Graham, O.S.E.) as the crews swept round Keel Bend, and certainly having to proceed down most of the Regatta Course well out of the stream alongside numerous other crews whom we were in the process of overtaking. We were scarcely satisfied with our finishing position of 53rd, equal with Shrewsbury, but well behind many other schools and Junior crews. The Second Eight rowed well to finish 87th, 10th among the Novice crews, having started 103rd.

The Tideway Head of the River Race

Our first venture into this event was an unqualified success. After Reading, the First Eight moved into the Sims boat, and took aboard the Second Eight stroke (in the bows) in place of a crew member who had to get back to Germany for the holidays. As soon as term ended on 22 March we moved off to London, where parents of members of St. Paul's School crews were kindly accommodating those of us without *pieds-à-terre* in London, and Thames R. C. (thanks to David King, O.S.E.) were housing our boat, and providing us with food. Here we got in about 90 miles of training: some most useful rows with Durham University II and Isis (coxed by Jamie Swift, O.S.E.); a visit to George Howe, O.S.E. and Sir John Gielgud in *Forty Years On*, which included a special Teddies 'plug' for our benefit; and innumerable sessions of bar football! Blisters, coughs and gastritis all did their best to get us down, and there were even whispers of appeals for Half Holidays and of unfavourable comparisons with the arduousness of arduous training; but all was forgotten on the day (29 March) in a smooth row, superbly coxed, which resulted in overtaking eleven crews on the Mortlake to Putney course, to rise from our starting position among the new entries at 306, to finish 34th and winners of the Junior Class in a time of 19 minutes 39.04 seconds, behind only Radley (19. 8.17) and Emanuel (19.24) among the Schools.

The crews

At Reading. 1st VIII: J. G. Anderssen (bow); P. A. C. Howe; H. C. Ward; B. J. S. Burch; W. T. D. Mascott; F. S. Wallis; C. E. Gruchy; C. R. D. McDougall (stroke); P. W. Clarke (cox).

2nd VIII. R. C. Goodall (bow); J. P. Watson; H. M. Collings; N. C. Dance; R. C. Thomas; R. J. Dawson; A. C. Matters; G. M. J. Culbertson (stroke); B. S. Emslie (cox).

At Putney. G. M. J. Culbertson (bow); H. C. Ward; P. A. C. Howe; W. T. D. Mascott; B. J. S. Burch; F. S. Wallis; C. E. Gruchy; C. R. D. McDougall (stroke); P. W. Clarke (cox).

HOUSE ROWING

In an effort to revive enthusiasm and interest in House Rowing, we decided this year to experiment with decentralizing all Spring Term rowing, except for the Senior Squad, into the Houses. Each House was asked to produce an eight to compete in the Spring House Eights Regatta on 7 and 8 March, a two-lane repêchage event. House Fours would also race during the following week.

Enthusiasm—and indeed better rowing—undoubtedly resulted at any rate from the House Eights, from which Colts and Hedsor (boys with at least a further year's rowing in the School) crews were chosen in the last fortnight of term. The weather triumphed for the Eights, although it boomed badly for the Fours, which had in the event to be a Head of the River Race, because of the heavy stream which also knocked the House Sculls out altogether.

The repêchage caused some eyebrows to be raised, though they were admittedly not, on the whole, the aquatic ones. It had the advantage of ensuring at least two races for all competitors, but the disadvantage of permitting one of the finalists to have lost two of its three previous races. On balance, it is certainly worth retaining, even before one considers the usefulness of repêchage experience in preparation for the National Schools Regatta at Pangbourne and F.I.S.A. Youth Internationals.

Tilly's were certainly worthy winners, despite their first-round defeat by Apsley (largely a race between two frantic coxes—but Tilly's, at any rate, learnt by its mistakes), and went on to give an energetic and useful performance as 'St Edward's III' in the Reading Head the following Saturday, where they started 138th, and finished 121st out of the 128 starters.

RESULTS

Spring Term House Eights (Perch-Black Bridge)

- Friday:** Sing's (5 minutes 27.8 seconds) beat Field House (5 minutes 35 seconds)
 Mac's (5 minutes 49.8 seconds) beat Cowell's (5 minutes 51.4 seconds)
 Apsley (5 minutes 25.3 seconds) beat Tilly's (5 minutes 29.9 seconds)
- Saturday:** Sing's beat Cowell's by $\frac{1}{2}$ length (no time taken)
 Tilly's (5 minutes 31.7 seconds) beat Mac's (5 minutes 43.7 seconds)
 Apsley (5 minutes 32 seconds) beat Field House (5 minutes 38.6 seconds)
 Tilly's (5 minutes 30 seconds) beat Sing's (5 minutes 41.1 seconds)
 Cowell's (5 minutes 37.4 seconds) beat Apsley (5 minutes 38.1 seconds)

Final: Tilly's (5 minutes 31.3 seconds) beat Cowell's (5 minutes 49.2 seconds)

Tilly's crew: W. H. Lambourn (bow); M. J. Hanna; D. P. Saunderson; T. J. S. Kemp; J. C. Duncan; D. B. F. Pimlott; S. J. Bower; J. T. Armstrong (stroke); E. J. H. Taylor (cox).

[Note: Segar's had to withdraw as a result of illness.]

Spring Term House Fours (Perch-Black Bridge)

1st: Sing's (6 minutes, 21 seconds); 2nd: Tilly's (6.23.1); 3rd: Segar's (6.30.8); 4th: Cowell's (6.55.9); 5th: Field House (6.56.1); 6th: Mac's (7.11.6); 7th: Apsley (7.34.8).

Sing's crew: A. F. G. McGuinness (bow); J. C. Culbertson; S. R. Taylor; S. H. Pickford (stroke); P. N. Lawrance-Owen (cox).

R.W.A.

FENCING

Fencing has had a rare term as far as competitive fencing is concerned. It is the first time for eight years (a truly long space) that the team has been unbeaten! This seems to indicate a bright future and more testing opposition ahead.

Our first commitment was the Bucks., Berks. and Oxon. senior and junior foil championships. In the case of the former we were somewhat put off by the intricacies and Gordian knots of electric equipment, but Tyler acquitted himself honourably and took fifth place in the final. The juniors, though not so successful, gained valuable experience.

In the first of our three matches, a foil triangular, the opposition was very varied. However, we remained unruffled, despatching Wellington with ease and fencing sensibly to defeat Southampton University as well. This was a most satisfying performance, for which Good and Tyler deservedly received their colours.

We followed up this success by defeating Radley in a rather untidy match. But Mawson showed great promise with the sabre, where we were harder pressed than at foil. It is a pity we shall not have his potential much longer.

Against Stowe our polish had dulled considerably, for which I suspect the end-of-term atmosphere was responsible. Nevertheless, after defeat at foil, which should have been a decisive win but for strange physical and mental casualness on our part, we recovered in the sabre and scrambled home, victorious by three hits.

Finally, we should like to extend our heartiest thanks to both Mr. J. T. Seddon and Mr. R. H. Holmes for their enthusiasm and devotion of their time to the organization of the club.

The following made up the team: R. J. B. Searle, W. M. Good, R. A. H. Tyler, Mawson, E. S. J. Holt.

R.J.B.S.

HARRIERS

Prospects looked bleak indeed before the season began, as no regular member of last year's Senior team remained. We had high hopes for three runners only; H. C. Ward fully justified these by some magnificent running until the 1st VIII claimed him later in the term; Rose showed what a good natural runner he is on the rare occasions he was available; Osmond was proving how good he could be, until a bout of illness curtailed his ability and, somewhat naturally, his enthusiasm. The Captain, R. H. Frazer, can look back with satisfaction on the results achieved—we did in fact, win more School matches than we lost, and the credit for this must be his. He personally made himself into a surprisingly good runner by sheer sweat and application to the sport, and his example undoubtedly affected the spirit of the teams. He probably surprised himself at the great improvement he showed over his last year's performances, for in every match he was up with the leaders. He was ably supported by his Secretary, D. W. Trow, who with his usual cheerful grin would be the first to admit that he should be categorized not under the 'natural' runners but the 'plodders'. Both he and Souter, of somewhat similar heavy build not conducive to cross-country running, more than justified their inclusion by being up among the 'scorers' on nearly every occasion, and by their high positions in the School Steeplechases. One of our 'finds' this season was Flavel who, after coming in 6th in the Steeplechases, was able to join the team on too few occasions owing to his Hockey commitments.

Among the Juniors, Hunter and Williams were outstanding, running several times for the Senior team. Buck, who will still be a Junior next year, excelled himself, particularly in the later races, and his potential for the future is most promising.

The highlight of the team's achievements was probably the excellent win over Abingdon and Radley, both of whom beat us easily last year. Against Stowe, our runners put up some best individual performances with very fast times, and were certainly not disgraced in losing to an exceptionally strong side.

Finally, we must express our appreciation and gratitude to the Masters in charge of Hockey and Rowing for their co-operation and helpfulness in releasing their members whenever possible to run for the Harriers.

RESULTS

v. Bloxham and Shiplake (away).

Senior: S.E.S. 39; Bloxham 45; Shiplake 91. (1st Ward 22.45; 3rd Frazer; 5th Osmond; 9th Brown; 10th Hunter; 11th Clinch; 19th Souter; 20th Trow).

Junior: Shiplake 35; S.E.S. 68; Bloxham 72. (4th Buck 22.45; 6th Williams; 9th Burgess; 12th Matters; 17th Sattin; 20th Stephenson).

ROAD RELAYS

v. Shiplake and Abingdon (away)

Senior: Abingdon 39.06; S.E.S. 41.49; Shiplake 42.36. (Teams: Lane, Brown, Clinch, Frazer; and Cunliffe, Souter, Trow, Hewitt.)

Junior: Shiplake 39.56; S.E.S. 43.36; Abingdon 44.10. (Teams: Williams, Buck, Constantine, Hunter; and Burgess, Matters, Willison, Saunders.)

v. O.U. Tortoises and Martyrs (home)

Tortoises 29; S.E.S. 84; Martyrs 88. (10th Ward 30.08; 12th Frazer; 13th Brown; 14th Clinch; 16th Hunter; 19th Souter. In this match the Martyrs team was depleted because of travel conditions, but Milroy and Hardscombe came in 3rd and 4th after two Oxford Blues.)

v. Radley and Abingdon (home)

S.E.S. 51; Abingdon 51; Radley 69. S.E.S. win under A.A.A. rules on tie, with 6th man home first. (2nd Ward, 29.25; 7th Frazer; 8th Osmond and Brown; 12th Clinch; 13th Williams).



C. W. Rose wins the Junior steeplechase

v. Stowe (home)

Senior: Stowe 30; S.E.S. 50. (2nd Ward 27.11; 6th Brown; 8th Frazer and Flavel; 12 Souter; 13th Osmond).
Junior: Stowe 38; S.E.S. 41. (1st Rose 12.40; 3rd Buck; 6th Saunders; 7th Hunter; 11th Burgess; 13 Matters).

O.U. ROAD RELAYS (away)

Official times and placings not yet available, but it is believed we came 8th out of 16 schools. This date clashed with our usual fixture with Marlborough and Wellington, both of whom came in well ahead of our team, the former winning the event.

v. Cheltenham and Dean Close (home)

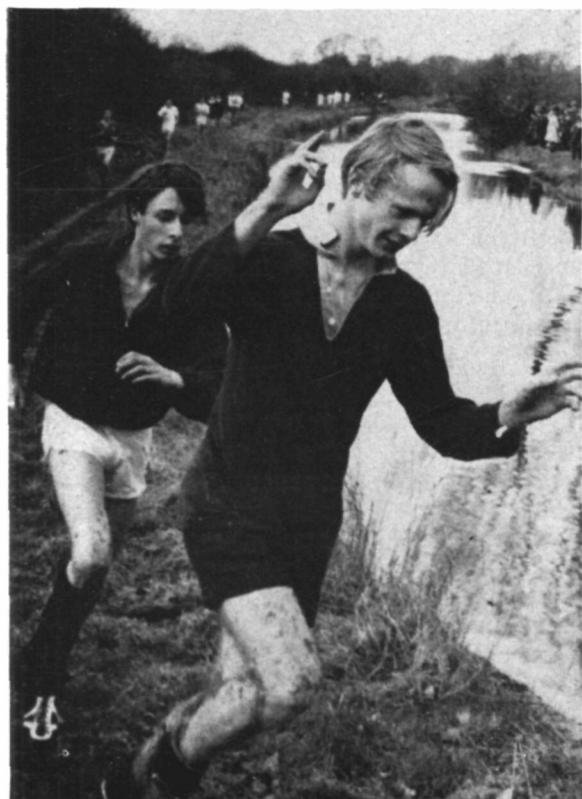
Owing to the decimation by 'flu of the teams from all three schools this match was a friendly, Cheltenham not being able to bring a Junior, and Dean Close a Senior, team.

Senior: S.E.S. 39; Cheltenham 39 (6th man home first). (3rd Frazer 30.06; 4th Brown; 5th Clinch; 7th Page; 8th Evans; 12th Trow).

Junior: Dean Close 35; S.E.S. 44. (1st Buck 14.22; 4th Johnston; 6th Stevenson; 9th Sattin; 11th Sowry; 13th Bales).

SCHOOL STEEPELCHASES

The Senior event was won by Tilly's, after an exciting finish with Mac's, Cowell's giving both of them a scare by taking three places in the first nine. In the Junior race, Field Houses had their expected success, winning comfortably with five out of the first eight places.



The Senior 'chase. A. M. Scott leads P. Flavel

Seniors: 1st Ward (F) 18.54; 2nd Frazer (D); =3rd Osmond, Clinch (A); 5th Brown (D); 6th Osborn-King (G); 7th Graham (F); 8th Souter (F); 9th Trow (A); 10th McDougall (C); 11th Evans (F); 12th Jasper (C); 13th Fardoe (D); 14th Rathbone (F); 15th Page (D) (Flavel (E) ran into 6th place unofficially as Aspley were unable to raise a Senior team).

Juniors: 1st Rose (C) 16.49; 2nd Williams (A); 3rd Buck (C); 4th Hunter (E); 5th Constantine (C); 6th Saunders (C); 7th Lee (B); 8th Smith (C); 9th Bower (F); 10th Bowdler (F); 11th Hill (B); 12th Baldwin (B); 13th Wilson (C); 14th Morrison (B); 15th Womersley (F).

SQUASH

Thanks to an extremely full term of thirteen matches the squash team has gained much in experience and success. Of these thirteen matches we enjoyed eight victories. After last term's rather disappointing results this was certainly encouraging.

The term started off badly with two defeats at the hands of Stowe and Bradfield. Stowe are extremely strong this year and victory seemed unlikely but the critics felt we perhaps should have overcome Bradfield.

Our next opponents, Mill Hill, presented little opposition and were easily beaten 5-0. This victory seemed to increase the confidence of the side and suddenly everyone started playing far more decisively and in the next eight matches, seven victories were gained.

Unfortunately the term ended much as it began with two more defeats, this time delivered by Rugby and Merchant Taylors'. Rugby were not a strong side and our defeat was merely due to hockey obligations.

The juniors also had an extremely full term, playing ten matches. Unfortunately they did not show their best form until towards the end of the term and only managed to chalk up three victories.

The success and enthusiasm that has been apparent this term is mostly due to the boundless efforts of Mr. Montgomerie, whose coaching on the court and encouragement off has been a great asset to School squash. To him our thanks must go. I should also like to thank the Hon. Sec., C. S. Irving-Bell, whose efficiency has led to the smooth running of a particularly hectic season.

RESULTS

SENIORS

v. Stowe (away); S.E.S. lost 0-5

A. W. Jamieson v. G. F. Fairley	Lost 1-3
C. S. Irving-Bell v. T. G. Ball	Lost 1-3
A. J. Faith v. A. T. Thompson	Lost 1-3
S. P. Gasper v. A. P. Dawn	Lost 2-3
R. J. Ellis v. L. Goodright	Lost 0-3

v. Bradford (away); S.E.S. lost 2-3	A. W. Jamieson v. T. A. Hammond C. S. Irving-Bell v. N. P. Pope A. J. Faith v. C. B. Goodwin S. M. Mischler v. T. S. Fife R. J. Ellis v. J. A. Bennington	Lost 3-1 Lost 3-1 Won 3-0 Won 3-1 Lost 0-3	v. Rugby (away); S.E.S. lost 2-3	A. W. Jamieson v. J. T. Stark C. S. Irving-Bell v. C. Worsley R. J. Ellis v. C. S. Drummond A. J. Snow v. A. W. Mount A. Peel v. T. V. Stagg	Won 3-1 Won 3-1 Lost 1-3 Lost 0-3 Lost 0-3
v. Millhill (away); S.E.S. won 5-0	A. W. Jamieson v. G. B. Wigg C. S. Irving-Bell v. A. Astell A. J. Faith v. J. G. MacIntyre S. P. Gasper v. P. L. Flint R. J. Ellis v. H. Dennison	Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Won 3-1 Won 3-1	v. Merchant Taylors (home); S.E.S. lost 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. A. P. Freeman C. S. Irving-Bell v. J. E. Robinson A. J. Faith v. B. T. Smith S. P. Gasper v. H. Poynton R. J. Ellis v. P. E. Hunt	Won 3-1 Lost 1-3 Lost 0-3 Lost 1-3 Lost 2-3
v. Oundle (home); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. I. W. Nobes C. S. Irving-Bell v. D. Amos A. J. Faith v. J. H. James S. P. Gasper v. T. R. Skinner R. J. Ellis v. O. A. Skelton	Won 3-2 Won 3-1 Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Lost 2-3	JUNIORS	v. Stowe v. Bradford v. Millhill v. Oundle v. Eton v. Harrow v. Radley v. Rugby v. Merchant Taylor's v. Wellington	Lost 0-3 Lost 1-2 Lost 2-3 Lost 2-3 Lost 0-3 Lost 1-2 Won 3-0 Lost 1-2 Won 3-0 Won 3-2
v. Eton (away); S.E.S. lost 2-3	A. W. Jamieson v. H. L. Syms C. S. Irving-Bell v. A. Hall A. J. Faith v. T. D. Conway-Hughes R. J. Ellis v. P. N. Morgan A. J. Snow v. Q. C. Schofield	Won 1-0 Won 3-2 Lost 0-3 Lost 0-3 Lost 0-3	Played for Juniors: Snow, Sexton, R. M. Burgess, N. W. Jamieson, J. E. Pearce.		A.W.J.
v. Bradford Grammar School (home); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. H. Clues C. S. Irving-Bell v. C. Skipton A. J. Faith v. D. K. Hawkes S. P. Gasper v. N. M. Davies R. J. Ellis v. F. R. Turnbull	Won 3-0 Won 3-1 Lost 1-3 Won 3-1 Won 3-0	GYM	Although the major sports this term have tended to monopolize the gym, attendance has been quite constant. The general standard has been high, which helps us to build up a display for the summer, and also is gratifying as many of last year's team have left. Next term the amount of gym periods a week will be increased so that people will have more time in which they can improve their abilities in gymnastics and trampolining.	
v. Harrow (home); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. C. T. Trollop C. S. Irving-Bell v. H. Cooper S. P. Gasper v. R. T. Handley R. J. Ellis v. R. Wingate-Gray A. P. Peel v. R. T. Crawford	Won 3-0 Lost 1-3 Won 3-1 Won 3-0 Won 3-1		Our thanks go to Mr. Seddon who devotes so much of his time not only to gymnastics but also to all the other activities in which the gym is concerned.	J.G.C.P.
v. Escorts (away); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. D. T. Barlow C. S. Irving-Bell v. G. P. Davies R. J. Ellis v. J. W. Mason A. J. Snow v. L. J. Williams A. Peel v. T. Masterman	Won 3-1 Won 3-0 Lost 2-3 Won 3-0 Won 3-0	JUDO	This term, unfortunately, we only had one match. This was against Eton and we won by 49-36. Everyone fought soundly, but nobody stood out particularly. Wuerzer, however, did very well against a more experienced opponent and Strubell was impressive for his energy.	
v. Harwell (away); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. B. P. Stopford C. S. Irving-Bell v. F. Flynn S. P. Gasper v. C. R. Holland R. J. Ellis v. T. R. Simpson A. J. Snow v. G. Winter	Won 3-1 Won 3-1 Won 3-2 Won 3-1 Lost 1-3		Attendance became slacker as the term wore on. Regular attendance would mean that a progressive course could be followed and the members would advance much quicker. I should like to thank Mr. Seddon once again for his dynamic enthusiasm and, finally, I should like to congratulate S. P. Mills on being awarded his Representative tie for Judo.	M.J.G.
v. Radley (away); S.E.S. won 4-1	A. W. Jamieson v. C. R. Benson C. S. Irving-Bell v. C. F. Patrick A. J. Faith v. B. W. Atkins S. P. Gasper v. J. Povadano R. J. Ellis v. C. D. Ripley	Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Lost 1-3 Won 3-0 Won 3-0			
v. Cheltenham (home); S.E.S. won 5-0	A. J. Jamieson v. F. Walker C. S. Irving-Bell v. D. E. Watt A. J. Faith v. M. A. Hopker S. P. Gasper v. C. P. Farr R. J. Ellis v. D. J. Fallon	Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Won 3-0 Won 3-0			

Societies

ARTS SOCIETY. The one function of the term was a trip to London to see the Bicentenary Exhibition of the Royal Academy at Burlington House, followed by John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* at the Criterion.

For those who had expected a varying range of art at the Royal Academy, disappointment was in store, for the exhibition was made up of works of past members of the Academy, and the majority of the pictures were of late 18th-century and 19th-century origin. However, there was one splendid exception in the form of a Michelangelo carving, one of the two pieces outside Italy. The one rather aged security guard looking after the work told us in delight that the Americans had offered £27,000,000 for the piece! The play was enjoyed by all.

As always our thanks must go to Dr. Alexander, without whom the Arts Society would not be so flourishing.

A.W.J.

THE SUB-AQUA CLUB. Skin diving is one of the most recent pastimes to be taken up by man, but at the same time, it is a rapidly expanding one, both in enthusiasts and experience. This Club is, therefore, being formed in the hope that it will be able to introduce this new sport to young people. Although we would very much welcome enthusiastic support, it is necessary to point out that the introduction can only, at the moment, be a basic one.

P.W.C.

ASTRONOMY SOCIETY. Yet again, the Society has suffered from certain superfluous clouds, but even so, quite a substantial amount of observing was organized, especially near the beginning of term. The 4-inch refractor was used on several occasions, and opened up new horizons (as they say!). It is, however, really too heavy to carry up each night, and so it is hoped to set up a permanent stand. Colin Hunt (O.S.E.), has very kindly offered to help in this.

During the past, the Society has shown a tendency to disappear during the summer term, when the 'nights' come late. I hope that next term it will continue to exist, and I will try to arrange some supplementary 'amusements'.

W.J.M.

CHESS CLUB. Not much has happened this term, although we did manage one match against Stowe. Membership of the Club is about fifty, but at the four meetings, we had an average attendance of five. At the beginning of term, I wrote to six schools for matches. Three did not reply and out of the three which did, two of their Clubs had closed down, owing to lack of support. We may have to follow the example of Cheltenham and Wellington if only a small percentage of the Club can make the effort to turn up to meetings.

But, as I said, we did play one match against Stowe. This, not surprisingly, we lost 1-5 with our top two boards missing. Theoretically, if they had been present, the match would have been drawn. So the standard of play is reasonable, but the enthusiasm is nil.

However, our thanks go to J. P. Drake, Esq., for his help and interest, and also to the faithful five. Would the other forty-five please take note, and try to use some effort and attend the meetings of the Club which they have joined? J.S.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING. This has been a very successful first term to what promises to be an established minor sport next term. Under the supervision of Mr. Edrich about ten members have shot once a week for the last half of term. Next term we hope to hold matches with other schools, and with parents at Gaudy; the Club will be limited to fifteen members.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Edrich for his administration, and the time he has given towards helping the Club 'off the ground'.

R.M.O.

ENGLISH SOCIETY. On 20 February, Miss Elizabeth Jennings gave a reading of her poetry to a large audience. As is usual with 'public' readings, prior familiarity with the poems was essential. Miss Jennings read her poems clearly, though without any particular distinction. She tempered her material to an eminently digestible amount, avoiding the recurrent fault of readings, that of satiating the listeners. The value of the reading lay, I feel, in her asides particularly, and also in the discussions, both formal and informal, consequent upon it. She had some very interesting remarks to make, especially with regard to form. Her poetry is of a personal, one might even say, confessional, nature; and merely meeting Miss Jennings, and hearing her speak, caused one to return to the poetry with renewed interest, not to say curiosity.

One hopes similar readings from other local poets will produce equally satisfactory results. I thank Mr. Alden, upon whom the burden of arranging this meeting fell.

On Thursday 13 March, Mr. P. S. A. Taylor read to the Society a paper on the poetry of Coleridge. The talk was extremely well constructed, having the biographical approach, which Coleridge's work demands. When the discussion opened, the small attendance at the meeting was to prove its virtue! The discussion ranged widely, putting Coleridge into the broader perspective of the Romantic Movement, and dealing more closely with several of his poems. A number of pertinent questions were asked by A. M. Halliley. Perhaps inevitably, the discussion was expanded with ample hunks of Dylan Thomas's work! The meeting was extremely successful, and one yearned for yet more on *The Ancient Mariner*.

P.W.M.

FIELD SOCIETY. For the enthusiastic there has been a full programme this term and we have been able to encourage most of our members into some activity. However, there is still a regrettable tendency for members not to support our functions, which seems the more ridiculous when these same people frequently complain of boredom.

We have attended three ornithological lectures in Oxford: On Irish waterfowl, Birds of Ghana, and wader ringing Shidies in the Wash. This latter was particularly memorable, being comprehensibly delivered and having much relevant and useful data on modern ringing techniques. On Sunday 26 January we showed three films on animal behaviour which were extremely interesting but perhaps too scientific for some of our younger members. On Sunday 16 March we organized an outing to the British Falconry Centre in Hereford. Although we were only there for a few hours we learnt much about this obscure sport. On Wednesday 12 March twenty members attended four R.S.P.B. films in the Town Hall. The first, 'Birds of Strathspey', is an old classic with a variety of fine sequences depicting Scottish birds. The other three 'After the Torrey Canyon', 'Operation Osprey', and 'Snowy Owls', were all short documentary reports on recent R.S.P.B. activities. These films were excellent and much enjoyed. Finally we showed the R.S.P.B. film 'Island of Birds' on Sunday 16 March. Again this was a very good film, but attendance was disappointingly low.

S.P.M.

FILM SOCIETY. The Season commenced with *The Knack*, a film which was greatly appreciated by all and sundry. We were fortunate to obtain for the other film *Le Jour se lève*, a French film, with English subtitles, a classic in its own right, which maintained the high audience figures. We continued in the Hilary term, with *Greengage Summer*. The response was very satisfactory, considering the film's comparative obscurity in our environment. The season was concluded with, yet again, a film of a novel, *Room at the Top*.

We regret to announce the forthcoming resignation from the Society of J. L. Todd, Esq., owing to other pressures; and we are looking forward to the arrival of the Chairman-elect, J. S. Donald, Esq., at the commencement of the Michaelmas Season.

W.M.S.

MACKWORTH SOCIETY. Unfortunately it was impossible to arrange any meetings this term, several prominent members of the Society having left the School. It is hoped that a number of new members will be chosen for the Summer term as there are plenty of eligible people who would make interesting speakers.

A.J.W.

MATHEMATICS SOCIETY. For the past two terms, the Society's programme has been drawn largely from functions of the Oxford Mathematical Association. This has resulted in there being a small number of interesting but possibly somewhat abstruse lectures, which large numbers of visitors attended.

The first lecture in the Winter term was on 'Traffic Waves' a topic which is susceptible to mathematical analysis because it is so difficult to disprove any elegant conclusions by means of empirical data.

The next lecture was given to the Society alone by Dr. F. Garside of Magdalen College School, on 'Knots and Braids'. Dr. Garside has done some original work in this field.

The one lecture heard this term was given by Dr. W. A. Sutherland of New College, on 'Topology'. In the short time available Dr. Sutherland discussed some topics of this wide field.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. D. Tinsley who still manages to find the time to organize the meetings.

A.J.W.

MODERN SOCIETY. On the whole, this has been a successful term for the Society, although the School play and exams have tended to divert members' attention from its activities. Early on in the term, a small party went to the 'Maison Française' to see two plays by Fernando Arrabal, playwright of the absurd: the plays, produced in rather amateur conditions, were greeted with mixed opinion, people finding them more 'interesting' than 'good'. However, the production of Molière's *Don Juan*, at Bristol, was met with much greater enthusiasm, and it was generally agreed that the play was acted very well by a cast of English students.

On two occasions later on in the term, we joined Headington Girls' School, in play-readings of Albert Camus's *Caligula*, and Jean Anouilh's *Le Bal des Voleurs*. The standard of reading of both plays was perhaps more fluent than ever before, and it seemed that they were both enjoyed, as was shown by the informal atmosphere in which they took place.

Next term J. G. Heller is to assume the position of Honorary Secretary of the Society; I am sure that he, encouraged by Mr. Lane's unflagging energy and enthusiasm, will continue to conduct the Society in an even more flourishing manner.

A.C.S.

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB. The Club started the term with an illustrated lecture on 'Caving', given by Dr. J. C. Ball. This proved both informative and enjoyable, and encouraged by its success, we hope to invite many more people to come and lecture to the Club in the future. Owing to the brevity of the term, the Club has been unable to undertake any expeditions by itself. However, members were able to go climbing on the C.C.F. Field Day, at Cleeve Hill.

Because of the extreme cold, handholds were impossible, and only one climb was attempted. Although there was no climbing, the day was not wasted, as it was spent in elementary caving, where useful experience was gained by all.

We hope to organize expeditions to new climbs which are further away, during the course of the summer term. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Mallalieu and to Mr. Snell for all they have done for the Club.

R.H.F.

NOËL HUDSON SOCIETY. The Noël Hudson Society was formed at the end of the Michaelmas term of last year, and is named after Bishop Noël Hudson (O.S.E.). It is, *in esse*, a reformed 'Theological and Philosophical' society, which has grown from the interest, recently displayed in the form of the 'Anti-Compulsory Chapel' demonstration of last year.

The Society held two meetings this term, both very informal, with the express purpose of inviting visiting churchmen to attempt to answer questions on religion. Both of these meetings, I am happy to say, were highly successful. The visiting churchmen were Reverend James Naters, S.S.J.E., and Reverend John Gilling, Chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford.

I must express gratitude, on behalf of the Society, to the Chaplain, whose enthusiasm, organization and encouragement were impeccable.

P.N.S.H.

POLITICAL SOCIETY. Owing to the shortness of the term, the Society managed to hold only one meeting, but its high quality more than compensated for this.

The meeting was held on 20 February, when Roger Opie, a don at New College, spoke on 'The Civil Service and the making of Economic Policy in the British Isles'. He propounded a profusion of theories combined with wit, providing the vice-president with a new collection of outrageous statements to replenish his present well-worn stock. The high and varied attendance demonstrates the wide degree of interest aroused by the Society in its short existence. We hope, and indeed feel sure, that it will continue.

Once again, the Society is most grateful for the encouragement and support it has received from Mr. M. S. Oxley.

G.P.B.

STAMP SOCIETY. This term, the Society continued to thrive and generally progress in a satisfactory way, despite the fact that there were no lectures or films. The success of the Society is due mainly to having a meeting each week, and having it in the morning, so that it does not 'clash' with any other Societies or Television.

I think, and hope, that it will flourish in the Summer term, which has always tended to be a poor one for the Society.

W.M.G.

SAILING CLUB. I was very glad to hear that Nigel Hill—our ace sailor last year—was ‘posthumously’ awarded his Representative tie after he had left S.E.S. I hope you will accompany me in congratulating him and also in thanking him for the hard work he put into the Club last year.

This year we welcome Dr. C. E. Evans as master i/c sailing. Boat maintenance has been carried out under the control of P. Vargeson, helped by J. Day and M. Constantine—to name a couple. Membership has soared and we hope it will soon be over one hundred. This is very promising as dinghy-sailing is fast becoming a very popular sport. In six years we have extended our list from four to ten matches and we feel that this must be of some consequence as we are still only a minor sport. We have also purchased several new boats to cope with the large numbers sailing.

We look forward to a very successful term.

S.M.H.

TRAVEL SOCIETY. Owing to a slight administrative hitch, the Travel Society report for last term was not published in *The Chronicle*. As a short résumé, suffice to say that three film shows were given as well as an illustrated talk by A. D. Bay and H. C. Ward about their Travel Scholarship through France.

This term there were three film showings of topics which included car racing, Africa, South America and the Far East. The most notable event of the term was Mr. M. S. Oxley’s highly entertaining and interesting talk on Czechoslovakia and the Russian invasion, of which he was an eye-witness.

Once again Mr. Howarth’s continual devotion to the Society has been the biggest influence in its existence.

A.D.B.

O.S.E. Section

NEWS OF O.S.E.

O.S.E. are encouraged to send to the Hon. Secretary news which they consider will be of interest to their contemporaries and to the Masters at the School.

1915 (A) A. C. T. Brotherton, living in retirement at 5 Spring Close, Hillcrest, Natal, reminds us that he will be delighted to see any O.S.E. who may be able to call there.

1917 (B) G. M. Haddock, fully recovered after an operation, now lives in retirement in Boulder, Colorado.

1921 (C) J. A. J. Nicholas has now retired from the Board of Directors of Texaco Ltd., on the completion of 35 years’ service with that company.

1924 (F) A. G. P. Way, Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard, was in charge of the special detachment of police sent to Anguilla in March.

1927 (C) Dr. C. V. Cooper, after ‘brushing up’ his Medicine over here, has returned to Perth, Western Australia.

1936 (B) J. H. Gauntlett has sent news of various O.S.E. in the United States. He is now living in Chester, Virginia.

1941 (C) P. W. B. Semmens has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry and, as a Member of the Council for the British Association for the Advancement of Science, was the United Kingdom Delegate to the 56th Indian Science Congress at Bombay in January.

1942 (G) R. P. Tilley, after working for two years on the D.E.W. Line in Canada’s Arctic and a further five years teaching at St. George’s School, Vancouver, graduated in 1967 from the University of British Columbia. He has for the last two years been Production Manager for the Cascade Electronics at Port Moody, B.C.

1942 (A) J. E. Goldsworthy is now Group Secretary for Regional Hospitals of West Cornwall.

1942 (D) P. G. Pollett is a Solicitor in private practice in Nottingham and has recently, on the reorganization of the T.A., retired as 2 i/c of the South Notts Hussars Yeomanry.

1943 (B) The Hon. R. T. Fisher will be leaving his Housemastership at The Hall at Repton when he marries, and will be starting from September as Headmaster of Bilton Grange near Rugby.

1944 (C) D. R. Redpath has bought a small Mill at Ambleston, near Haverfordwest and is in the process of setting himself up as a Weaver of Welsh Tweeds.

1945 (D) H. Wolfe is now Manager of Marks & Spencer, Gillingham, Kent, and has four sons.

1950 (G) C. King-Smith has been appointed Managing Director of W. Inson & Son Ltd., of Barford, near Warwick. He succeeds his father, who remains on the board of this family Road Transport business.

1951 (B) I. D. Kenyon moved to Sydney, N.S.W., in the Spring. He is joining his father-in-law's light engineering business there.

1955 (D) H. E. Tweed is spending two years in Geneva with the British-American Tobacco Company.

1955 (F) B. J. Roberts is teaching at St. Christopher's School, Richmond, Virginia.

1955 (C) Lieutenant P. C. Abbott, R.N., was Navigating Officer on H.M.S. *Minerva* when troops were landed on Anguilla in March.

1956 (B) M. B. Thorold is currently working on two books: *Maurice, Prince Palatine*, for the Roundwood Press, and, with Brigadier Peter Young, *The Great Civil War*, for Eyre and Spottiswoode.

1958 (A) A. B. Worden has been elected to a Junior Fellowship in History at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

1958 (G) T. E. T. Greaves leaves this month for Los Angeles in his job with the British Steel Corporation, which he has joined after nearly five years with the G.K.N. Group of Companies.

1960 (F) P. J. C. Mosse, who takes his Finals at Brasenose, Oxford this year has been awarded a Thouron Scholarship from September next at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. He will be following E. C. Davies (1959 (E)) at the Wharton School of Business there.

1960 (C) P. J. M. Milroy represented Buckinghamshire in the Inter-Counties Cross-Country Championships in January.

1963 (C) G. R. I. Howe is currently appearing in *Forty Years On* at the Apollo Theatre.

BIRTHS

KENYON.—On 15 January 1969, to the wife of Ian. D. Kenyon—a daughter (Julie Charlotte).

THOROLD.—On 29 January 1969, to Carolyn (*née* Pollock), wife of Bernard Thorold—a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

HENDERSON—BALDWIN.—Crispin J. Henderson to Jenny Marie Baldwin.

TINNE—MCCORMACK.—John A. Tinne to Patricia McCormack.

BROADY—HUNTER BAILEY.—Roger D. Broady to Rosemary Hunter Bailey.

DRABBLE—HUNNYBUN.—Richard C. Drabble to Jane Hunnybun.

EALAND—GILL.—Hugh M. F. Ealand to Penelope Frances Gill.

TWEED—AUGER.—Hugh E. Tweed to Jacqueline Colette Auger.

WARBURTON—COLE.—Paul E. Warburton to Hilary Anne Cole.

FISHER—LE FANU.—The Hon: R. Timothy Fisher to Clare Margaret Le Fanu.

DUNCAN—DAVIS.—Michael D. Duncan to Mary Jane Davis.

MARRIAGES

CORY—WILLIAMS.—On 29 June 1968, John P. F. Cory to Elizabeth Sheila Williams.

GREAVES—WEST.—On 3 May 1969, Timothy E. T. Greaves to Susan Elizabeth West.

FROST—HUDSON.—On 26 April 1969, David S. Frost to Margaret Hudson.

WILLIAMS—LANG.—On 19 March 1969, Lt. K. Mark Williams, R.N. to Josephine Mary Lang.

OBITUARY

COLDHAM.—On 8 January 1969, Philip John Hamilton Coldham. May 1893—December 1898. Roll No. 832. Aged 86 years.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS 1969

Friday, 6 June: GAUDY.*

Saturday, 28 June: SPECIAL GAUDY AT THE SCHOOL FOR THOSE WHO ENTERED S.E.S. BETWEEN JANUARY 1945 AND MAY 1950 INCLUSIVE.*

Saturday, 29 November: COMMEMORATION.

* Further details of these events are printed below the list of 1969 O.S.E. Dinners.

O.S.E. DINNERS 1969

Monday, 30 June: LONDON. The Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, 7.15 for 7.45 p.m. (D. Henderson, Cowells 1939/44, will be in the Chair. Dinner Slips are included in this *Chronicle*, and any further details can be supplied by the Hon. Secretary at the School.)

Friday, 3 October (provisional): CARDIFF. The Royal Hotel. (D. P. G. Thomas, Little Meadow, Mill Road, Llanishen, Cardiff.)

Friday, 17 October: MANCHESTER. (W. H. Cowburn, Oakroyd, Faulkner's Lane, Mobberley, Cheshire.)

Saturday, 29 November: OXFORD, The Randolph Hotel.

* GAUDY 6 JUNE

Details of Gaudy and of the London Dinner are again included in this *Chronicle* together with the London Dinner return slips. Individual Gaudy notices are not sent to O.S.E. The Gaudy Programme is designed, as last year, to allow boys a general leave out from the School from after the Gaudy Service on Saturday morning until 9 p.m. on the Tuesday evening. This service for the whole School will be held at 10.30 a.m., and any parents and O.S.E. will be most welcome. It will, as always, be good to see O.S.E. at Gaudy and they are asked to inform F. H. Prichard at the School if they are able to attend. The Warden extends a warm invitation to any O.S.E. and their ladies who may be able to come to his house or garden (depending on weather) for Sherry after the Service on Saturday morning. This proved a delightful occasion last year. It is important to know numbers in the case of those attending Prizegiving, the Garden Party, and the School Concert on the Friday. Luncheon will be available for limited numbers in the Marquee on prepayment. Enquiries about availability and exact charges should be addressed to the Bursar.

O.S.E. who have sons in the School are asked to use the Bursar's reply card in answer to the official School invitation, which will be sent out to parents as usual, later in May.

GAUDY PROGRAMME 1969

Thursday, 5 June

SOME OF THE TIMES ON THE FRIDAY
ARE EARLIER THAN THOSE GIVEN IN
THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME IN THE
LAST "CHRONICLE"

8.30 p.m. School Concert (local O.S.E. are asked to attend this performance).

Friday, 6 June

11.15 a.m. Prizegiving.

12.30 p.m. Luncheon in Marquee (see above).

1.00-6.30 p.m. First XI v. St. Edward's Martyrs.

3.45 p.m. Garden Party.

8.30 p.m. School Concert.

There will be Gymnastic and Swimming Displays during the afternoon.

Saturday, 7 June

10.30 a.m. Gaudy Service. All parents and O.S.E. welcome. Leave out for members of the School from after this service until 9 p.m., Tuesday, 10 June.

SPECIAL GAUDY: Saturday, 28 June 1969

There will be a Special Gaudy at the School on Saturday, 28 June, for all those who entered St. Edward's between January 1945 and May 1950 inclusive. Wives will be most welcome. Details will be sent separately in May to all the O.S.E. concerned. The programme will start with tea in a marquee on Upper One. There will be sherry and supper in the School and refreshment for those who can stay on after supper. We very much hope that many O.S.E. will be able to attend. Any enquiries to the Hon. Secretary at the School.

LONDON DINNER 1969: Monday, 30 June

The Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, 7.15 for 7.45 p.m. Chairman: D. Henderson, Cowell's 1939-44. Tear-off slips for this Dinner are included in this *Chronicle*.

OLD ST. EDWARD'S LODGE No. 5162

The Lodge had its Installation meeting at the Criterion on 29 March, when Geoffrey Goddard duly installed Guy Buckton as his successor in the Master's Chair. The new Master then appointed J. A. Green and J. R. Freebairn-Smith to be his Wardens.

The next meeting will take place at Oxford on 21 June, followed by a Ladies' Dinner to be attended by the Warden as chief guest. J. E. Baldwin, the Secretary, will be pleased to give details. Addresses: 2, Wetherby Mansions, Earls Court Square, London S.W.5 (01-373 3174); and 2c Sussex Heights, Brighton BNI 2FQ (24189).

LONDON O.S.E.

There is an entirely informal meeting of O.S.E. in the Green Room Club, 8 Adam Street, London W.C.2 (just off the Strand and opposite the Adelphi Theatre), from 5.30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. (London Secretary, K. A. Mackenzie (1947-52 (F)), Wey Bank Cottage, Meadow, Godalming, Surrey. Tel. Godalming 596.)

O.S.E. EXETER DINNER 1969: Friday, 28 February

The Exeter Dinner was again held at the Chevalier and twenty-eight sat down to dine.

Now, twenty-eight is really just the right number to make this the friendly, informal gathering which it always is. We are very lucky to be able to meet in the splendour of the Palace drawing-room, thanks to the Bishop, and this annual dinner is nearly always held within walking distance of the Palace. It is nice to see a wide range of age groups and this year we stretched over forty years, with our youngest O.S.E. having left Teddy's within the year. We are always delighted to see the Warden's party from the School, who do so much to make this occasion the success it is and who come so far to attend.

A. T. E. Marsh was this year's Chairman and, after the Toasts, he thanked all those who had put in so much hard work to entertain us. In reply, the Warden was as amusing as ever and finally our Secretary, Richard Daw, said that he would welcome suggestions for improving future Exeter dinners. I doubt whether there could be many except, possibly, that it would be nice to see a few more new faces to mix with those who support this dinner over the years.

The following attended: The Warden, H. B. D. Beales, F. H. Prichard, P. N. Corlett, J. J. Vernon, J. T. Seddon, P. Mallalieu from the School and A. T. E. Marsh, The Bishop of Exeter, The Rev. M. C. Browning, G. K. Collyer, The Archdeacon of Totnes (The Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse), G. S. B. Peel, Major R. T. Baldwin, D. B. Crosse, J. R. F. Daw, Colonel L. T. Tomes, E. F. Bennett, H. C. L. Farrar, L. D. Lanham, W. H. Rees, The Rev. R. M. Fookes, Dr. J. N. McCaig, J. P. Crosse, P. M. Danby, M. J. Hodson, I. P. Gasper, K. R. M. Page.

ENDOWMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Forty-seventh Combined List (1 July to 31 December 1968). Subscriptions have been received from the following: R. H. J. Brooke, J. H. Smithes, A. M. Emmett, H. M. D. Parker, J. H. A. Barnes, W. F. Browning, V. L. Billington, R. C. Mortimer, A. L. Spence, B. E. Toland, E. Cann, G. J. H. D. Collins, Dr. J. B. Searle, D. K. Smith, H. Wuerzer.

Total to 31 December 1968, £60,802 of which £985 is earmarked for the Improvement Fund.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

A. C. Davidson-Houston, M. V. Spurway, Mrs. N. Rodwell, Mrs. M. W. Dittmer.

MARTYRS CRICKET

The dates for 1969 are:

Sunday, 25 May: The first Round of 'The Cricketers Cup', Harrow, at Harrow 11.30.

Friday, 6 June: The School. Lunch 12.45; start 1.30.

Tuesday, 15 July: Radley Rangers, 11.30.

Wednesday, 16 July: Cryptics, 11.30.

Thursday, 17 July: Cryptics, 11.30.

Friday, 18 July: Rugby Meteors, 11.30.

Saturday, 19 July: Rugby Meteors, 11.30. Tiddington, 2.15.

Sunday, 20 July: Shipton under Wychwood, 2.15.

Monday, 21 July: Stowe Templars, 11.30.

All matches played at the School unless otherwise stated.

Please write to R. H. M. Arkell at the School, or to R. L. White, 5 Rutland Court, Old Hill, Chislehurst, Kent, if you would like to play in any of the above matches. The match v. Harrow in the Cricketers Cup will be by invitation from the Committee.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF THE ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL SOCIETY 1968

President: The Right Reverend N. B. Hudson, D.D., D.S.O., M.C. (until November 1968); E. F. Bigland (since November 1968).

Hon. Treasurer: Group Captain J. Butterworth.

Hon. Secretary: F. H. Prichard.

Assistant (London) Hon. Secretary: K. A. Mackenzie.

Hon. Auditor: D. K. Adams.

Committee (ex officio): The Presidents, the Warden, the Hon. Secretaries, the Past Presidents, and the Branch Secretaries of the Society.

Elected until November 1969: R. C. Balfour, G. M. Brock, D. Parnwell, J. J. Love, D. L. Thomas.

Elected until 1970: G. A. Stillingfleet, The Hon. I. T. M. Lucas, Major J. R. A. Bampfield, C. F. Dobson, D. J. Wethey.

Elected until 1971: I. K. Woodroffe, P. A. Fabian, J. D. Palmer-Hall, D. L. Hosie, J. S. Wallace, A. G. P. Way.

(1) *New Members:* 114 have joined the Society during the year.

(2) The Committee report with regret the deaths of the following O.S.E. during the year: H. V. Acland, A. S. Lee, M. H. Spence, J. D. J. Ward, H. B. Ingram, J. M. Handford, Dr. J. C. Hutson, W. L. Cox, B. P. Johnson, F. J. A. Walsh, K. Redpath, R. N. Gibson, F. H. Brown.

(3) *Annual Accounts.* The Hon. Treasurer reported that the accounts for 1968 were still subject to audit, but the draft accounts showed that we were not, in the words of his oft-repeated cliché, 'keeping our heads above water'. Our total income, excluding those funds (Endowment,

Development, War Memorial and some Centenary Appeal Subscriptions) which were collected on behalf of the School, was approximately £870. This sum is, of course, mainly the life subscriptions of boys leaving School, which came to £836. Our expenditure amounted to about £878. Thus on the year's accounts the expenditure exceeded income by £8. The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer would be examining ways and means to overcome the effects of inflation and rising costs, the full brunt of which was borne in 1968. For the present, however, there was no need to raid our reserves of approximately £250 in Savings Banks, since at the beginning of the year we were holding cash balances of £60, and in effect, therefore, we would start 1969 with rather less balance at the Bank than was comfortable.

(4) A General Meeting of the Society was held on 1 December, at which 49 members were present. E. F. Bigland was elected President, *vice* the Rt. Rev. N. B. Hudson. The following were elected to serve on the committee until 1971: I. K. Woodroffe, P. A. Fabian, J. D. Palmer-Hall, D. L. Hosie, J. S. Wallace.

(5) *Endowment and Improvement Funds.* Balances of the Improvement and Endowment Funds increased by £402 and £273 to £985 and £59,817. £56,750 of the Endowment Fund is on loan to the School for housing. Interest provided £3,468 towards scholarships, prizes, etc. The total given or promised for the Centenary Development Fund at 31 July amounted to £137,386.

(6) *Branches of the Society.* Hon. Secretaries: Lancashire and Cheshire, W. H. Cowburn, Oakroyd, Faulkners Lane, Mobberley, Cheshire, and M. F. Macadam; 16 Barcombe Road, Barnston, Wirral, Cheshire. Yorkshire, B. E. Bell, 10 Ashfurlong Road, Dore, Sheffield, 1. South Wales, D. P. G. Thomas, Little Meadow, Mill Road, Llanishen, Cardiff. West Country, J. R. F. Daw, Exton Lodge, Exton, Nr. Exeter. Midlands, R. A. Dawes, 52 Berkeley Road, Deerfield, Kenilworth, Warwicks.

In addition to the usual Commemoration Dinner in Oxford, dinners were held during the year in London, Cambridge, Exeter, Bingley, Yorks, Wolverhampton and Cardiff.

(7) *St. Edward's Martyrs.* In 1968, 67 O.S.E. joined the Martyrs. Of these 8 joined the Cricket Club, 13 the Boat Club, 2 the Golf Club and 11 the Hockey Club. A general meeting was held in December. The following form the Committee:

President, G. R. Cooper; Hon. Treasurer, Gp. Capt. J. Butterworth; Hon. Secretary, B. H. Gale; Representative of Martyrs Cricket Club, D. L. Hosie; Representative of Martyrs Rugby Football Club, B. H. Gale; Representative of Martyrs Boat Club, R. W. Alden; Representative of Martyrs Hockey Club, N. Minty; Representative of Martyrs Golf Club, I. M. Judge; Representative of Martyrs Sailing Club, J. Ridehalgh.

(8) *Martyrs Cricket Club.* After the poor response to the Week two seasons ago, 1968 was most encouraging. The Week was very well backed and a new fixture with the Radley Rangers was much enjoyed. Then came the news of our entry into the Cricketers Cup in 1969 with a first-round match at Harrow; and team selection is already in progress with the new Secretary, D. L. Hosie working hard.

The account of the 1969 Week and the arrangements for 1969 appear separately in *The Chronicle*.

(9) *Martyrs Boat Club.* The Commem Sherry Party was held as usual in November 1968, though on this occasion it was held in the Old Library (Room 18) by kind permission of the Warden, who, together with the President of the S.E.S. Society, graced the gathering. Members and their ladies were also able to inspect J. W. Tate's Archives Exhibition during the Party, and to meet leaving members of the School's Senior Rowing Squad, who acted as hosts on this occasion. It is hoped that the successful 1968 gathering will be the pattern of similar occasions in succeeding years.

At the Annual General Meeting at Commem, held in the Clubroom at the Boathouse with the President, Col. C. M. Kirby-Smith, in the Chair, D. L. Thomas was elected Hon. Secretary *vice* M. J. P. Lancaster who felt he should resign now that he lived so far away from Oxford. Col. Kirby-Smith was re-elected President, and D. Parnwell Hon. Treasurer for a further year. A vote of thanks was passed to M. J. P. Lancaster for his work as Hon. Secretary covering the fifteen years since the Club's inception. M. J. P. Lancaster, Dr. F. W. J. Pargeter and H. J. Twiss were elected to the Committee in addition to the *ex officio* members. The Club's accounts were presented and passed, and a grant of up to £100 to the School Boat Club, to go towards the acquisition of a trailer for towing boats, was agreed. A sub-committee was also formed to look into the updating and reorganization of the Honours Board in the Clubroom at the Boathouse. It was agreed

that two Committee Meetings *per annum* would be held regularly on the first Saturday of the Autumn and Summer Terms, at 6 p.m. in the Clubroom at the Boathouse. The next Committee Meeting would therefore be held on Saturday, 26 April 1969. It was also agreed that future A.G.M.s should be held at the School, rather than at the Boathouse. The question of helping to finance a coaching launch for the School Boat Club was raised. Prior to the meeting a carved seat in memory of his father (Mr. H. J. S. Beesley—'Gramp') was presented on behalf of the Martyrs B.C. to Mr. Horace Beesley, the School Waterman, to remain in perpetuity in front of the Clubroom for the use of members of the School Boat Club.

The Club welcomes the following new Life Member (March 1969): J. Stanning.

It is hoped to raise one, or if possible, two eights to row against the School First (and Second) crews at Gaudy, 1969 (Thursday, 5 June or Friday, 6 June). Will any members interested in taking part please write to Hugh Twiss at Leander Club, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon., as soon as possible,

stating their preference (if any) for bowside, stroke-side, or cox's seat, and also which of the two suggested dates they would prefer (Friday, 6 June, is the day of the Gaudy Garden-Party).

(10) *Martyrs Golfing Society*. The Gaudy Cup Competition was held at Burford on 8 June. The South/South-West Qualifying Round of the Grafton-Morrish Trophy was held at West Hill on 22 June. The Martyrs unfortunately failed to qualify in a very strong field which contained a good proportion of Halford-Hewitt Schools, despite some quite good scoring in bad conditions. More detailed accounts of these events appear in *The Chronicle* for September 1968.

(11) *Martyrs Hockey Club*. Two XIs played against the School on 9 March. In 1969, 8 March is the day.

(12) *The Society of Friends of St. Edward's*. During the year 19 new members joined the Society.

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