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Lent Term, 1961

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EDITORIAL

Our attention has recently been drawn to the momentous and perplexing problem of crime and punishment. Indeed the question in one form or another has featured in every scholarship general paper this term. Juvenile delinquency in particular holds the headlines, and no-one would doubt that it is an appalling social evil for which the community has much to answer. Experts in criminology tell us that the increase in juvenile crime is rising at an alarming rate. But Modern Youth is neither vicious nor iniquitous, it lacks neither respect, enterprise, nor courage; it is not, as many would hold, one big problem child. But it lacks a challenge, an opportunity to prove itself. To our fathers and grandfathers there was the challenge of war and conflict, to our great-grandfathers the challenge of imperial expansion and the industrial revolution. To us such a challenge seems to be lacking. We are fully aware that we live in a competitive world, where promotion to higher office is by merit and not by birth; but life is presented to us on a velvet cushion, while workers of the Welfare State dance in attendance, and television is provided to fill our leisure hours.

To a certain extent National Service offered that challenge. It was a release from the ease and comfort of home life. To a young man it presented serious problems. Perhaps he had to face the novel experience of living with his fellow men; perhaps he had to leave his family many thousands of miles across the seas; perhaps to fight; perhaps to die. For some, military service provided a respite from the *cursus honorum* of school, university, and profession, when qualities other than intellectual ability were sought in a young man.

Education too can provide that challenge, and must prove in the long run the only real solution to the question of juvenile delinquency. We make no hesitation in saying that if every child born into the country today were given the opportunity of a boarding education at a school run on the same lines as Abingdon — and here we flatter ourselves — the problem would cease to exist. We do not pretend that the Direct Grant School is perfect and free from all limitations, it is not; but it embraces those age-old principles of discipline, punishment, responsibility, and learning with that new ideal of equality of opportunity.

We shall always remember Mr. W. M. Grundy, Headmaster, 1913–1947, as a man who saw and recognised the fullness of youth, its vigour, keenness and energy, who always strove to present it with a challenge whereby it might prove itself to be not lacking in the qualities for which its forefathers were famed. During his long tenure of office the School increased in size fourfold; the C.C.F. then known as the O.T.C. came into existence; and Abingdon first enjoyed the privileged status of a Direct Grant School. It is with a sense of thankfulness and not regret that we can look back on his life as a life devoted in the fullest sense to the well-being and advancement of youth.

SCHOOL NOTES

The past term was overshadowed by the sudden death of Mr. Grundy which occurred on Wednesday, 16th November, at his home in Faringdon Road. Let other pens record how much the School owes to him. Here we would merely offer our profound and affectionate sympathy to the sisters who mourn his loss.

We heard with regret too of the death of Mr. Ballantyne, former headmaster of St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury, which took place only one month after he had assumed his new appointment as Headmaster of Cranbrook. The Headmaster and Mr. Willis represented the School at the Memorial Service which was held in St. John's Church, Newbury, on 25th November.

We offer our sympathy also to Alderman Barber on the recent death of his wife. There are many in Abingdon who will cherish memories of her cheerful friendliness.

We congratulate Mr. John Hooke, Governor and Old Boy, on his re-election as Master of Christ's Hospital — an unusual honour, this.

One of the most cheering sights in the dreary late autumn days of this term has been that of Mrs. Cobban once again up and about. We hope that she is now well on the road to recovery and that we shall be seeing much more of her in 1961 than we did this year despite the fact that she will be on holiday with the Headmaster for a quarter of it. Two conditions attached by the Governors to their proposal that the Headmaster should take three months' leave of absence were that part of his time should be spent abroad and that all work must be left behind. Whether the Headmaster is capable of fulfilling the latter stipulation is a matter of doubt to all who know him — but perhaps we shall be able to whisk him off to some uninhabited island in the Antipodes.

During his absence, Mr. Willis will act as Headmaster and Mr. Mortimer as Housemaster of School House.

We welcome (belatedly) Miss Jones who has succeeded Miss Peachell as Assistant Housekeeper in School House; and we are grateful to Miss Thompson who 'stood in' as lady cook for the better part of the term pending the arrival of our new chef.

We note with an interest which we hope will remain purely academic that the Headmaster has been appointed Chairman of the Juvenile Panel of the Abingdon County Bench.

During the Lent Term we look forward to welcoming the following student masters:— from Cambridge, Mr. R. G. Allibone (Pembroke College, Cambridge: Classics); and from Oxford, Mr. R. J. Apietu (University of Cork: Classics), Mr. A. Henderson (Merton: Mathematics) and Mr. R. J. Woollett (Merton: History).

We are grateful to the family of the late Dr. J. West, D.Sc., who have generously presented to the School a vast and magnificent mahogany cabinet which now graces the Headmaster's Study.

In the unavoidable absence of the Headmaster at the Headmasters' Conference, Mr. Tammadge did the honours when a large contingent of overseas administrative officers visited the School on 28th September.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term was 542 — a record number — of whom 193 were boarders.

We congratulate K. N. Haarhoff on following the example of P. J. Ford, his predecessor as Head of the School, and adding one of the coveted Trevelyan Scholarships to his Open Major. Of course a candidate who is invited by the BBC to produce a broadcast on the Trevelyans, before the election, is in a pretty commanding position. We hope that next year's Head of School, whoever he may be, will keep up the tradition.

Congratulations also to P. A. Bretscher on being awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Science at Caius College, Cambridge. Perhaps too those who taught Geoffrey Sheppard Science in the Third Form, before he moved to Dorset with his family, can claim some minute part of the credit for the Open Major Scholarship he has just won at Wadham College, Oxford.

Also to R. W. Ellaway on the award of the Sixth Form Scholarship (known *pro hac vice* as the Bennett): to D. J. Brice on being accepted (in the same week) for admission both to R.M.A. Sandhurst, and to the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth: to J. A. Roberts on the award of a Royal Naval Scholarship: to S. A. J. Richardson on the award of a 'reserved naval cadetship'; and to G. Bromley, T. P. Henson, N. G. Mackenzie, and M. J. Neilan on securing County Major Awards.

A Parents' Evening, for the parents of all new boys, was held on Thursday, 20th October. This was the first major function to be held in the new Court Room, which emerged from the ordeal with credit. So too did 'No Tumbled House', though synchronisation of tape and film must by now be making increasing demands on the expertise of Mr. Horrex. It was pleasant for the Headmaster to be able to point out to the parents that one of the actors who took a minor part in the School film is now taking major parts at the Old Vic.

This term has brought with it more than the usual quota of lectures, conferences and entertainments outside school. On 22nd October a party of Sixth Form historians attended the Oxford Historical Association's One Day Conference, while on 10th November some very senior classicists accompanied the Headmaster to a lecture on 'How the Latin Classics came to England' given by Professor Mynors under the auspices of the Oxford Classical Association. The modern linguists of the School know how to combine business with pleasure, for they have been to the Playhouse for a performance of Molière's 'Ecole des Femmes' and on 10th November they saw 'Jedermann' (Everyman) — a mediaeval Mystery play given by the Oxford University German Society and the German Speaking Lutheran Congregation in St. Aldate's Church. Even the senior biologists tore themselves away from the

sanguinary delights of their dissecting tables to attend a series of lectures on Woodland Ecology, organised by the Forestry Department of the University.

Under ostensibly educational auspices the Lower Sixth Form Chemistry Sets paid a visit to Messrs. Morlands' Brewery on 8th December. Our information does not tell us whether they sampled the wares of this noble industry, but it was observed that the party returned in high spirits . . . Earlier in the term, on 10th October, a school party went round the Clarendon Press in Oxford.

In addition to these mass invasions we also sent small representative groups to several conferences and lectures. On 24th October a party of senior boys attended a C.E.W.C. Conference held in Southfield School, where Professor Beloff spoke on "Nationalism in the Modern World." Although Abingdon School was not represented in force, its presence felt for a question from K. N. Haarhoff — on the speaker's estimation the hardest of the afternoon — caused the Professor much difficulty. Nearer home three very senior boys were present at a meeting on "The African Dilemma" held at Fitzharry's School on 15th November. Africa was also the theme of a lecture on "The Wind of Change in Africa" given to the Fourth Forms on 3rd November by Mr. K. L. Lye, of the Africa Bureau. Earlier in the term, on 13th October, the same forms had heard a talk on "Leather" by Mr. P. A. Wilkins, of the Leather Institute — two examples which show how widely 'education' is now interpreted in the Middle School.

Students of English literature did not miss a chance of seeing the Old Vic Company perform almost on their own doorstep. A large party went over to the New Theatre in Oxford to see "Macbeth" during the company's tour of the provinces.

This taste for the West End did not, however, dull anyone's appetite for home spun talent, and a large party went to see the Abingdon Dramatic Society's production of "The Diary of a Scoundrel", in which Mr. Horrex in the leading part gave an excellent performance which earned him a well deserved panegyric in the local press. Also in the cast were Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Schofield, both of whom were admirable; it was pleasant to see our old friends Mr. Sawbridge and Mr. Pole in the audience on the Friday evening. A fitting correlation of all this play-going experience gained by the School was a talk by Mr. Alan Kitching, entitled "The English Theatre", given on 28th November under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon.

When discussing drama this term, one automatically thinks of the School play. Although this is adequately dealt with elsewhere, it is perhaps worthwhile to note that a veritable revolution took place this year when for the first time, thanks to the co-operation of St. Helen's School, real live girls took the female parts. It is reported that initially the die hards of the School Dramatic Society viewed this startling innovation with hostility, but by the seventh or eighth rehearsal toleration was seeping in, and rumour even has it that by the time the

last curtain fell certain actors said they actually liked having girls in the play. Was it our imagination, or had the stagehands really washed during play week this year . . . ?

Despite Subscription Concerts, carol parties and other treats which are fully covered hereafter, the school musicians wandered further afield in their insatiable desire for yet more entertainment. Several of them went off to the Oxford Town Hall on 13th November to listen to the "Magic Flute." A visit to the Abingdon Amateur Operatic Society's production of "Merrie England" on 28th October was another big occasion in the musical calendar.

A perennial feature of the Michaelmas Term is the October Fair. Once again boarder prefects and house prefects were given leave to attend. Most of the biggest and brawniest prefects spent most of the night and most of their money trying their skill at the coconut shy — but alas returned to school empty handed. There were several red faces in lunch the next day when the Headmaster mentioned in passing that Hilary Cobban had won two nuts the day before.

On 5th October normal lessons would suddenly be interrupted by a photographer from Photo Reportage who descended upon unsuspecting forms and recorded them for posterity. So ubiquitous and unpredictable was the photographer that certain members of the School felt it necessary to walk round the whole day with hideous fixed grins on their faces. The rumour that Matron had several cases of lock jaw next day has neither been confirmed nor denied.

Those who had missed their moment of glory on the fifth were assured of a picture two weeks later when the whole school had photographs of a different nature, for on 18th October the mobile X-Ray van returned to Abingdon.

On 13th November a strong contingent of the School C.C.F. took part in the Remembrance Day parade at the War Memorial and subsequently at St. Helen's Church. It is worthy of record that on this occasion the list of volunteers was over-subscribed. Provision of the buglers and the Guard of Honour is one of our privileges which we value more highly than most. Competent judges consider that the Last Post has never been better played than it was this year. The buglers (T. H. Day and A. F. Redgrave) did a similar duty at Sutton Courtenay service in the afternoon, while the School provided a third bugler, B. G. Mackay, to play at Brightwell in the morning.

On 17th November members of the Corps enjoyed the half-holiday granted at the request of this year's Inspecting Officer. The date was chosen to give them an opportunity of watching the match between O.U.R.F.C. and Major Stanley's XV.

The visit of the Springboks to Oxford gave devotees a chance to watch another first class game. The classic match of the term in which the Abingdon Harlequins pitched their skill against the robust tactics of the Third Fifteen also had a large 'gate'. There cannot be many schools of this size where the Staff can field a complete Fifteen of reasonably competent calibre.

Visitors this term have included Mr. Scrivener of the Central Youth Employment Executive on 3rd October, and our Naval Liaison Officer, Commander J. R. Tournay on 12th December.

Tuesday, 4th October saw all keen scientists off to a lecture by Dr. D. G. Kendall of Magdalen College, Oxford (in connection with the Oxford and District Branch of the Mathematics Association) on "Epidemics".

Ten days later the School gave strong support to a whole-day Sixth Form Conference organised by the Student Christian Movement at Didcot Girls' Grammar School.

Yet all work and no play is no fun, and the social aspect of the term has not been neglected. On 18th November some young bloods attended the first-ever Civic Ball, and on 2nd December the young ladies of St. Helen's invited many gentlemen of the School to their Sixth Form Dance.

On 2nd November boys from the School handed into the Roysse Rooms a number of sacks of clothing as part of the School's contribution to the Town's collection for refugees. Some of our number too have been giving practical help at the Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, where the Ockenden Venture has established a home for refugee children.

The P.T. Competition on 12th December added yet another cup to Bennett's grand total. This House has certainly been Victor Ludorum of the term and has won a formidable array of trophies. We are most grateful to Mr. G. Bailey of Larkmead School who adjudicated the Competition.

The Ruri-decanal Conference was held in the Court Room on the afternoon of 9th November after a short service of intercession in the School Chapel.

Once again the high-light of the entertainment at the annual 'Eranos' of St. Nicolas' Church, held on 5th December, was provided by a Staff Quartet — consisting this year of Messrs. Horrex, Keating, Montague and Pratt. A quite masterly series of versions on the theme 'Three Blind Mice' (as written in the manner of various composers from J. S. Bach to a modern 'pop' composer) was succeeded by songs and by an extravaganza on the early days of the film which was not only wildly funny in itself but also extremely evocative to those of us who can remember the technical imperfections of the early films.

On the evening of 15th December the annual Boarders' Christmas Parties took place. Extra weight gained by a huge consumption of turkey and plum pudding was soon sweated away in the subsequent 'party' games in the Gym, where School House competed with Crescent in varied conflict. The sight of four senior prefects larding the Gym floor while locked immovable in a quadrangular tug-of-war is one we shall long remember.

This was the year when the Old Berkshire Hunt held their Boxing Day Meet in Abingdon Market Place. We gather that hounds had a

blank day. Which must make it all the more galling for any hunting man who reads these notes to learn that a brace of foxes was recently seen, by sober and credible witnesses, in our own Lower Field.

It is no mark of disrespect to our other visiting lecturers in the Saturday Series if we say that the contribution of Major General Hackett, the Commandant of the Royal Military College of Science, was quite outstanding. His story, told to us, appropriately, on the eve of Remembrance Day, of his adventures while concealed by a Dutch family after the battle of Arnhem, had a moving simplicity which held two hundred boys rapt — and that is saying something.

We are grateful too to — Mr. Richard Owen (8th October — 'Dakar to Mombasa'); Mr. Sidney Harrison (22nd October — 'Two Hundred Years of Piano Playing'); Mr. M. Evetts (19th November — 'My Experiences in Swaziland').

Feature films this term have been 'The Big Store'; 'The Living Desert'; 'I was Monty's Double'.

During the Christmas holidays a record number of our members are taking part in the activities of the Abingdon Holiday Orchestra, that admirable institution organised by Mrs. Kitching which is fast acquiring a more than local reputation. Rumour has it that they will be joined by Mr. Sawbridge and a party from Haileybury, some of whom will be staying in the School.

If O.A. Notes can intrude into this column, it is worthy of note that the School was (fortuitously) represented by a junior member, in attendance on his father, when Sir George Sinclair received the accolade from the Queen at Buckingham Palace on 25th October.

The big local demand for Winnie Ille Pu (a Latin version of A. A. Milne's immortal work) as a Christmas present would seem to show that the propinquity of Atomic Research is not necessarily fatal to the older cultures. It was a pleasant conceit on the part of the Dene Bookshop to give notice that it was completely out of stock — in Latin.

We are glad to note that the tomb of John Roysse has shared in the quite magnificent metamorphosis effected by the restoration of St. Helen's Church: and his shield is now resplendent in its correct heraldic blazon.

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THE FIRST FIFTEEN



13th NOVEMBER, 1960



W.M.G.

This portrait, by Bernard Hailstone, was commissioned by the Old Boys and presented to Mr. Grundy on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, 13th November, 1951.

WILLIAM MITCHELL GRUNDY

The death of William Grundy which occurred peacefully and suddenly at his home, Heathcot, in the early evening of Wednesday, November 16th, brought to a close a life of outstanding service.

He was born on 13th November, 1881, and was educated at Malvern, of which school his father was the Headmaster. Thence he won a scholarship as a bible-clerk of All Souls', where he read Greats. His other interests included golf and chess, in both of which he represented Oxford against Cambridge.

After a spell as Classical Tutor at the Borough Road Training College he was appointed Classical Sixth Form Master at Oakham in 1905. Three years later he moved to a similar appointment at Loretto which he held until 1913.

In that year he was selected to succeed the Rev. Thomas Layng as Headmaster of Abingdon. For various reasons, all quite outside the control of either the Governors or the Headmaster, the School was then at a low ebb. His first objective therefore was largely in the nature of a holding action. After the First World War came opportunities of expansion, and it was due to his initiative that the valuable Waste Court property was secured by the Old Boys for the School. Yet for him expansion did not mean dilution of quality. He maintained the reputation of the School for sound education and scholarship, and the achievement, both at the universities and in the world at large, of those Old Boys who were at the School between the two wars is a proof of the high standards he set and created.

Then came 1939. W.M.G. was one of the few headmasters who had to face the burden of a second world war, with all its attendant problems of black-out and rationing and shortage of staff, and with the knowledge that the names of more and more of his beloved Old Boys were being added to the Roll of Honour. But he weathered the storm magnificently, and when he retired in 1947 he left the School in good heart and with its course for the future clearly charted. The numbers had increased fourfold in his time, he had secured for it the coveted status of direct-grant, which has enabled it to play its part in the national system of education without loss of independence, and he had laid firm foundations for further expansion.

His duties as Headmaster and as Housemaster of School House, combined with an extensive teaching time-table, would have been quite enough for any normal man. But he found time — somehow — to take an active interest in public life. He served on the Berkshire County Council from 1922 to 1931, and again, after his retirement, from 1949 to 1955. He was also a member of the Abingdon Borough Council from 1947 to 1954; and in 1942 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Berkshire.

It was the School, however, that was the focus of his life, and in its service he drove himself with an almost daemonic energy. But what

made him a great headmaster was not so much his administrative ability or his material achievement as his tremendous personal influence. He had a remarkable power of inspiring the devotion of all who worked either with him or under him. Boys especially fell quickly under the spell of such a benevolent autocrat, a spell the secret of which lay partly in his personal charm but even more in his single-minded interest in them and in their welfare. Nor did his influence cease when they left the School, for an ever-growing circle of Old Boys continued to regard him as mentor and as friend. Some indication of their feelings for him could be gauged by the reception that was accorded to him — or indeed to any mention of his name — at Old Boys' functions, or by the ready response to the invitation to subscribe towards the painting of his portrait to commemorate his seventieth birthday. He suffered the fate of becoming a legend in his own life-time, and wherever two or three Old Boys of the 'twenties were gathered together the talk would soon turn to some story of W.M.G. which would illustrate his many-sided vitality.

In his retirement growing physical infirmity cribbed and cabin'd, but could not contain, his dynamic personality. To the end he retained his zest for life, his keen interest in anything connected with the School; and the house into which he had moved on the Faringdon Road — strategically situated to the north-west of the Waste Court Field — became a natural place of pilgrimage for his Old Boys when they revisited the School. Crippled as he was, he continued his public activities, and right up to his death he played an active part as Chairman of the Managers of Dunmore School, and as a Governor of Larkmead School and a Manager of the Summerfield Hostel. When no longer able to play golf, he found solace in chess, in bridge, and in listening to the radiogram presented to him by the Old Boys on his retirement.

No record of his life, however brief, would be complete without reference to that simple Christian faith in which would be found, ultimately, the secret of his greatness. W.M.G. loved his God, and he loved his neighbour as himself. To him it was people that mattered, so much more than things. It was to people, the individual boys in the School, that he devoted his life.

It would be ungracious too not to record how much he owed first to his mother and subsequently to his sisters. Without such support, the burden on a bachelor headmaster — even a man as tough as W.M.G. — would be well-nigh intolerable. The School too owes them a debt that can never be repaid. To Miss May Grundy especially, who stood by his side for so long, we offer that deep and sincere sympathy which is the only way in which we can express our gratitude.

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And so he died, as he would have wished, with his mental powers undiminished, and secure in the affection of all who knew him. It was right and proper that representatives of Church and State, of local government and of the judiciary, should join with Governors and Staff

and boys in remembering him before God at his funeral service. But most significant of all was the great number of Old Boys who gathered from all parts of England to say farewell to him in the School Chapel and to stand by his grave in the dull November rain. And as they stood, grief was tempered by the thought that somewhere that rich infectious laugh of his, freed from the shackles of his worn body, was sounding afresh down the corridors of eternity as he entered into the joy of his Lord.

J.M.C.

As a complement to what the Headmaster has said, we append an appreciation of Mr. Grundy which has been written for the magazine by an Old Boy who was at the School during the early years of his reign, and who has kept in touch with him ever since.

"I was eleven years old when I first knew W.M.G. and he naturally seemed to me an old man, but forty-seven years later in many respects he had aged little. Of course in 1913 he was a really young headmaster with unbounded energy, enthusiasm and optimism. His favourite expression "Push ahead" was indicative of his own pent-up energy, and those who sought to restrain him bounced off him as we did on the football field, for we soon discovered that though he never learnt to kick a soccer ball properly he was the hardest and boniest player that one had ever had to tackle.

I think it was his vitality that impressed me most; he was always busy, and like all truly busy men he could always find time to help others in their difficulties however trivial. The School was small in those days, so small that it was rather like a large family, and no father was more devoted to his family and made greater sacrifices for it than W.M.G. did for his school. His generosity was unbounded and unobtrusive, and he looked for no reward.

As a teacher of the Classics he had a style of his own and to have read the *Antigone* with him was an experience never to be forgotten. He knew the play by heart and took his lessons without a book in front of him. In his later years I accompanied him to many a Greek play and discovered that his memory was phenomenal, and his intellect undulled.

There are so many scenes that pass before my eyes — W.M.G. complete with sword on the first uniformed parade of the O.T.C. — W.M.G. "pushing ahead" on a route march forgetful of our short legs, but standing us all tea at the "Dog House" in compensation — W.M.G. skating madly on the ice at Sutton Wick and regaling us with chocolate — W.M.G. astride the roof of the boathouse in course of construction — W.M.G. at the harvest camps working twice as hard as anyone else — W.M.G. playing the violin to cure his tooth-ache — W.M.G. surrounded by electric wires and gadgets of all sorts — W.M.G.

convulsed with laughter on hundreds of occasions with his eyes shut and his body shaking with mirth. Yes, there was always a bit of the boy about W.M.G. and that was the secret of his success; to be able to escape from the cares and worries of his high office; to be able to temper sternness and insistence on discipline with gentleness, humanity and understanding; this it was that inspired the respect and devotion of the hundreds who passed through his hands and whose temporary grief is eclipsed by the lasting joy of having known him."

O.A.

"MR. WIBLIN"

Alfred Wiblin (it is strange to think that this is the first time I have ever used his Christian name) joined the administrative staff in 1920, as a young man of twenty-five; and with one short break at the beginning of the Second World War he served the School loyally and well for forty years.

I suppose his official position was that of Head Porter, but his duties were so multifarious that it was difficult to find a name that was comprehensive enough to cover them all. He knew, and I think loved, every brick of the School buildings, every hidden stop-cock, every blind gas-pipe, every recalcitrant flue. An ingenious handyman, he could — and did — cope with every minor emergency from a broken lock to a blocked drain. Imperturbable, cheerful, self-effacing, he kept the machinery of the School running, and two Headmasters and a Bursar have cause to bless his name. I don't suppose he had ever heard of fixed hours of work. Certainly you never knew when you would find him about the premises, and a great comfort it was too to know that he was there.

He earned the affectionate respect not only of the Staff but also of the boys. No boy, however senior, would take liberties with Mr. Wiblin. Two trivial memories of my own will perhaps illustrate the position he held in the School. The one is of a Prefects' Party where we were playing the game of 'historical characters'. One prefect stood with head on one side and said 'Yes, sir' — and immediately we all shouted out (correctly) 'Mr. Wiblin'. The other is of a small boy to whom (like James Forsyte) I was complaining that nobody told me anything. "But sir" he said in excuse "I told the Bursar and Mr. Wiblin, and I thought they were the only two people who mattered." That small boy was on to something.

Outside his duties, the Army was undoubtedly the main interest in Mr. Wiblin's life. He joined the T.A. as long ago as 1911 (under age?), and served with the then Royal Berkshire Regiment throughout the First War, being discharged as a Sergeant in 1919. Shortly after

joining the School Staff he became associated with the O.T.C. He rejoined the T.A. in 1929 and was Sergeant in charge of the Abingdon Drill Hall for the next ten years. Embodied just before the outbreak of World War II, he played an active part in the mobilisation of the regiment. Found unfit for overseas service he spent the first year of the war as A./Q.M.S. first with the Royal Berkshire Regt. and later with the Royal West Kents. He was discharged, unfit for regular service, in 1940, and returned to the School. He promptly joined both the School O.T.C. and the Home Guard, where he reached the rank of Sergeant-Major, and he took over the Drill Hall when it became the headquarters of the Home Guard. In 1945 he ceased his final connection with what was now the J.T.C. but later re-associated himself with the C.C.F. as Instructor in Shooting. It must have been a proud day for him when the School VIII, for whom he had done so much, went to Bisley for the first time.

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We are too often inclined to take the work of the School servants for granted. Indeed, it is a measure of their efficiency when we are able to do so. But I think Mr. Wiblin knows that his services to the School have been appreciated. Certainly the many presentations that were made to him at the end of the term were a pretty clear token of our gratitude. I have an idea that the tankard presented to him at one of the last Assemblies of the term by the Head of the School, on behalf of all the boys, may have moved him most of all, for as he himself said, it had always been the contact with the boys that had kept him young.

To him and to Mrs. Wiblin we extend our warm good wishes for many happy years of retirement. Never can they have been more richly deserved.

J.M.C.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A note by the Headmaster)

By October all four tenants were in occupation of their houses in the Faringdon Road — the *quartier Latin* of Abingdon. Now that their gardens are beginning to take shape it is clear that the block, while strictly functional, is going to look by no means unattractive.

The new class-rooms were (just) ready for use at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term and we are much appreciating the additional elbow-room that they have provided — though I should stress that all

the additional teaching accommodation of recent years has done little more than keep pace with the growing requirements of the School. We are finding the large Court Room particularly useful. Normally it is divided into a class-room and a room twice the usual size which serves admirably for organised private study. When the partition is opened we have a room of considerable dignity which is spacious enough to cope with Parents' Evenings, concerts, lectures, film shows — and examinations.

We deliberately encouraged the builders to concentrate on the class-rooms even though this meant that the construction of the School Shop dragged a little behind schedule. But it too is now structurally complete, and it will open its doors on 16th January, the day the boarders return to School. I am glad to announce that Mrs. Smithson, wife of our head-groundsman, has kindly agreed to act as Manager. It is an arrangement that promises to work very well.

The next item on our 'shopping list' is the Swimming Bath. Here I can report considerable progress. At their recent meeting the Governors agreed that it should be sited in the eastern half of the walled garden in Waste Court, which is indeed the only place in the School grounds which fulfils all the obvious requirements, and that its construction should be entrusted to a specialist firm of constructional engineers, Messrs. Gilliams, who have had considerable experience in such work. They are in fact engaged on a similar, though much larger, project at Radley at the present time. A very good friend offered to help with the preliminary excavation and this should naturally reduce the total cost. Assuming (and this, we are assured, is a fair assumption) that we obtain the necessary planning permission without undue delay, we can reasonably hope that this, the second objective of the Quatercentenary Appeal, will be complete and ready for use by the coming summer.

The bath will be open and, at any rate in the first instance, unheated. It will be 75 feet by 36 feet in size, so it will be wide enough to provide for as many as six 'lanes' if required. There will be an efficient system of purification, and simple changing accommodation will be provided both for staff and for boys. To have a swimming bath of our own will of course add enormously to the amenity of our life during the summer term. We shall always be grateful to the Corporation for the generous way in which they have allotted us our own times in the Corporation pool in the Abbey Meadows. But there is a big difference between joining an organised expedition, at a fixed time, to a bath nearly a mile away, and being able to take a quick dip 'on the premises' after a game of cricket or fives. There will be much more opportunity too for swimming lessons — possibly, for junior forms, in school-time: and I hope that the combined effect of the opening of the new bath and of Mr. Coleman's enthusiasm will soon enable me to boast that no boy leaves the School unable to swim.

Looking further into the future I can say that the consultant architect has now produced his first sketch plan of the Library that is to be made out of Big School, and a very exciting conception it is. More of this, much more, in future issues.

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The past term has of course been overshadowed for us all by the death of my predecessor. I have paid my tribute to him on another page. Here perhaps I may say that I have never been more conscious of what Abingdon School stands for — and of the heritage into which I have entered — than when I stood in the Chapel at his funeral service and saw those crowded ranks of old boys of all ages who had come to do him honour.

For the rest, our abiding memory of the term will be of rain, rain, and then more rain. It was small comfort to us that we seem to have fared less badly than most schools. Yet in spite of the bad weather and the consequent disruption of ordinary games, the health of the School was unusually good. Only my wife continued to let down the side. She spent Christmas at home (in bed) but is due to return to the Masonic Hospital on 18th January — I hope only for a short time. I have already written to all parents to inform them of the extraordinary generosity of the Governors, who have instructed me to take three months' leave of absence, from 1st March. We plan to begin with a voyage to the Canaries for an extended stay in the sun which will I hope put my wife completely to rights. I am not going to pretend that I shall not enjoy (and benefit from) the holiday myself. We shall miss Abingdon dreadfully and I shall think wistfully of the Old Boys at the London Dinner and of the parents (shivering?) on the War Memorial Field on Sports Day, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that School and House will be in the capable hands, respectively, of Messrs. Willis and Mortimer. To them, as indeed to the Governors, to the Bursar, and to all my colleagues who will be carrying various jobs for me, we can never be sufficiently grateful: and we look forward to ten or twelve years' hard after that!

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And, as a tail-piece, may I once again thank those many Old Boys who cheered our Christmas with their greetings? The post-marks of over a score of countries showed that Old Abingdonians are still playing their part in bearing what remains of the White Man's Burden (though I must admit that Das Island foxed me for a time). We appreciated just as much those which came from less romantic addresses. All of them will be on display in the School at the beginning of the term — including at least two home-made ones of distinct artistic merit. Thank you all — very much.

J.M.C.

QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

A generous response by the parents of the new boys gave the Appeal Fund a welcome boost in the early Autumn, and lifted the total amount covered to about £28,000. We are still hoping that with an intensive drive during the interim period we shall come pretty near to the target figure of £50,000 before the end of our quatercentenary year. The opening of the School Shop, the first outward and visible result of the Appeal, will shortly be followed, if all goes well, by the construction of the Swimming Bath. We hope that the completion of these two objectives will convince some of those who may still be hesitating that the Appeal Fund deserves their support, and will persuade them to 'invest in success'.

As far as comparative totals are concerned, the parents have so far contributed much more than the Old Boys. There are good reasons for this: but we should like to feel that as many Old Boys as possible had a share in the Appeal, even if in many cases their individual contributions could not be very big. Many members of the Committee of the Old Abingdonian Club have very kindly offered to write personal letters to their contemporaries to remind them of the Appeal. We hope that the recipients will respond generously.

While the primary purpose of the Appeal is, frankly, to raise money, there are some pleasant by-products. The publication and dissemination of the Appeal has already enabled us to re-establish contact with Old Boys with whom we had lost touch; and many of the contributors have enclosed letters of goodwill which have done much to cheer the Secretary in his labours. I have just seen one such letter, from the Rev. H. F. Shepherd, in retirement in the Isle of Wight, in which he informs us that he was present at the opening of the Chapel Block nearly sixty years ago and (with his three elder brothers) at the 350th anniversary celebrations in 1913. He has promised, God willing, to attend the celebrations in 1963 when we shall see that he is given a place of honour.

If he can contribute, as he has done, let not the younger Old Boys be laggard!

J.M.C.

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Lower Sixth Form Arts: A. G. Stuart-Lyon.

Lower Sixth Form Science: R. M. Johns; C. J. Pickup.

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Form 5B: J. A. Roberts; R. L. D. Smith.

Form 5C: R. Cooksley (*left 18th May*); A. Grant; P. J. Hall; A. J. Millard; P. A. Mitchell; N. H. Moss; M. J. Smith; J. D. Taylor; T. G. Trinder; M. A. Wade.

Form 4A: P. D. Prebble.

Form 4C: P. Conybear; C. E. Kear.

Form 3A: M. E. Fraser; W. F. Marzluff (*left 1st June*).

Form 3X: K. W. Johns; J. S. Moak.

Form 2X: J. V. Crawford (*left 5th July*); D. D. Johnson.

Form 1X: J. R. Hirte.

Salvete — came 1st September, 1960.

Upper Sixth Form Science: R. I. S. Walker.

Lower Sixth Form Arts: R. B. Hicks.

Lower Sixth Form Science: J. C. Charlet.

Form 5C: M. H. Culm; J. H. Maund (*came 23rd September*); T. J. Tilby.

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Form 3X: P. A. Bartlett; D. M. Caradoc-Evans; C. J. Corps; A. C. Hoddinott; D. N. Laybourne; M. S. Livingston.

Form 3Y: N. P. J. Bell; J. D. Charlet; M. N. Hyman; J. King; P. C. Neville-Rolfe; J. B. B. Percival.

Form 2X: M. Gm. Martin.

Form 1X: S. P. B. Allen; R. A. Balbernie; M. A. C. Ballinger; A. Barnes; T. C. C. Beckett; J. P. H. Bosley; R. E. N. Bradfield; D. J. W. Bradley; P. Butcher; D. Button; M. T. D. Carr; J. A. Carter; E. P. Caton; J. D. Clark; M. A. Cockerill; S. S. Coe; R. G. Coulbeck; R. Crothers; E. A. C. Crouch; M. S. A. Davis; D. M. Dickson; C. M. Dobson; G. B. Edwards; R. A. Egelstaff; J. S. Elks; J. D. Evans; D. J. Faires; P. A. Foulkes; P. E. Gibbs; R. H. Ginger; C. B. Grierson; L. J. W. Herbertson; A. W. Hills; N. Jotcham.

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(The long arm of coincidence must have smiled complacently when it saw two new boys admitted in the same term, each of whom bore the name of Michael G. Martin. Hence the somewhat clumsy differentiation in School lists between M. Gm. (Graham) and M. Gy. (Geoffrey). Similarly, the Scottish patronymic of A. McI. King is emphasised to differentiate him from his senior near-namesake A. M. Q. King—Ed.)

CHAPEL NOTES

Although few of us had the honour of being among the personal friends and acquaintances of Mr. Grundy, his memory was, and still is, very near to our hearts. Others have spoken with more knowledge than we could about W.M.G., but it is not inappropriate in these notes to associate ourselves personally with that deep sense of longing and regret which we all felt on the news of his death.

It was deeply moving and gratifying to see how many Old Boys came to do homage to his memory at the funeral service, the first part of which was held on 21st November in the Chapel which he loved and served so faithfully for so many years. The service was conducted by the Chaplain who was assisted by the Rev. J. F. R. Goodwin of Ripon Hall. The lesson (I Corinthians 13 — Mr. Grundy's favourite passage) was read by Sir George Sinclair (O.A.) and the Headmaster gave a short address. Interment took place subsequently in Abingdon cemetery.

Among those present, apart from the family mourners, were the Mayor of Abingdon; the Vice-Chairman of the Governors (representing also the Chairman) and other members of the Governing Body: Admiral Clifton-Brown: the Chairman of the County Bench: the Master of Christ's Hospital: the President of the Old Abingdonian Club: the Bursar and members of the School Staff, past and present: the School Prefects and all those members of the School whose fathers had been at school under Mr. Grundy: representatives of other local schools: and a large number of Old Boys and friends.

As Miss May Grundy was unable to be present owing to ill-health, a complete tape-recording of the service in the Chapel was arranged for her benefit.

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On the Second Sunday in Advent, 4th December, the Lord Bishop of Oxford held a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel. Those confirmed were: C. J. D. Bailey, A. T. Barrett, S. P. Bowen, P. E. Cable, C. W. F. M. Cox, D. J. Creese, P. H. Davis, J. W. Dickenson, A. G. Fairlie, N. H. Finney, A. M. Forsyth, M. D. Fortescue, G. A. Hall, R. D. Hall, P. B. Havelock, A. R. L. Hewison, D. J. Hoddinott, M. C. E. Hodge, F. R. Howlett, E. D. J. Hunter, R. C. Leatham, C. J. Leeson, W. R. Lynn Robinson, J. J. Mackenzie, B. Marks, I. W. D. Matson, T. B. Moore, T. R. Morris, D. J. Munson, I. Nayler, R. J. Ormerod, E. J. Roblin, M. H. Tarran Jones, R. P. Thompson, C. D. Turnbull, J. D. Urwick, A. W. Varney, M. P. S. Wood; also Diana Cobban, Katharine Short and Mr. S. C. Parker.

After the service confirmands, parents and godparents, staff and representatives of the School were invited to tea in the School Dining Hall where they were introduced to the Bishop.

Most of the confirmands made their first Communion in the Chapel on 11th December — the last Sunday of the term. It was heartening to

find that in spite of the fact that many connected with the School Play had had a series of late nights the total congregation was much larger than is usual on such occasions. The word 'record' is perhaps out of place in this context: but certainly a total of 114 Communicants would seem to be an encouraging indication of the spiritual vitality of the School.

The Headmaster preached at the School Service held in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term, 16th September.

Our Harvest Festival was held on the 24th and 25th September, and the produce, a very bountiful offering, was as usual taken to Dr. Barnardo's Home at Oakley House.

On 15th October a strong party of senior boys attended the annual Service of Holy Communion in St. Nicolas' Church to commemorate the birth of John Blacknall. On the following evening some of us had the honour of hearing Sir John Wolfenden preach at a service for Education held at the Methodist Church, our very close neighbour. The School was again represented at a similar service at which the Headmaster preached in Sutton Courtenay on 23rd October.

Of our weekly collections this term, the following have been allotted to outside charities:

Trinity XV: Hostel of God	£9 11s. 6d.
Trinity XXII: British Legion Appeal	£8 2s. 10d.
Advent II: New Guinea Mission	£7 1s. 7d.

In addition the collections at the School Service (£8 6s. 0d.) was given to St. Helen's Church, which also shared with the Church of England Children's Society the retiring collection taken at the Festival of Lessons and Carols (£24 6s. 0d.). The Carol parties which toured the town on the evening of 14th December collected a further £7 9s. 2d. for the C. of E. C.S. The collection taken at the Confirmation Service (£24 5s. 8d. — a record figure) was divided between the Bishop's List and our own Chapel Furnishing Fund. Finally, the contents of the Alms Box this term were given to swell the School Appeal for the Northcourt Church Extension Fund. To the latter cause were also devoted three of our weekly collections in Chapel.

The Rev. Graham Neville, M.A., Rector of Culworth, near Banbury, will preach at the School Service in St. Helen's Church on the first day of the Lent Term, 17th January.

Other visiting preachers whom we look forward to hearing will be as follows:

29th January: Rev. W. G. Fallows, M.A., Principal of Ripon Hall.

12th February: Rev. F. C. T. Lancaster, Vicar of Drayton.

19th February: Rev. D. L. Graham, M.A., Headmaster of Dean Close School.

5th March: Rev. J. H. S. Dixon, M.A., Vicar of Abingdon and Rector of St. Nicolas.

We are most grateful to Mr. Coleman for the gift of a beautifully worked wooden collecting bowl, especially in view of the very personal effort and attention that went into the making of it. We are also indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, the parents of one of our confirmands, for their gift of four richly woven collecting bags: to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Graham for very generous donations which have enabled us to order four more 'state' prayer-books for the masters' stalls: and to the many parents who have presented hymn-books or psalters to mark the Confirmation of their sons.

The Chapel Council held a lively meeting in the Heylyn Room at Lacies Court on 17th October. Discussion ranged from the purchase of a carpet in the Apse, a dream which we hope will be realised in the not so distant future, to the possibility of variations in the form of Sunday Evening Chapel. As a result we experimented one Sunday by substituting for the ordinary evening service an organ recital given by Mr. Pratt; this was the more effective because of the full scale reconstruction of the organ which took place during the Summer holidays.

Readers of the magazine will remember that in our last issue we mentioned that we proposed to raise £100 during the course of the Michaelmas Term to present the Tithe Barn at Northcourt, which is being adapted as a new church, with a specific article of furniture, which we can now say will take the form of altar rails, to record our ancient association with the mother church of St. Nicolas. We are glad to report that we have well exceeded that target, thanks largely to a very generous response from some of the junior forms. We hope that when the ambitious task of reconstruction is completed many will take the opportunity of visiting the new church to see the altar rails in position.

The obvious success of the Leavers' Service on the Sunday evening after Founder's Day, at which it was a joy to see so many leavers and their parents and friends, has prompted the introduction of a corresponding service for New Boys (and their parents), which will be held in St. Nicolas' Church on the day before the beginning of the Michaelmas Term. We like to feel that the Chapel is the centre of School life, and there could be few more fitting ways of introducing a new boy to his first term at the school.

Christenings

On Sunday, 27th November, by the School Chaplain, Stephen Peter Bowen, Francis Raymond Howlett, Martin Hugh Tarran-Jones.

T.A.L.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The annual Service of Lessons and Carols was held in St. Helen's Church at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th December. Heavy fog reduced the number of our visitors; but those who struggled through to the Church were rewarded by the satisfaction of taking part in a service which on balance, in spite of one or two unfortunate hitches, maintained the standards we have come to expect. Change of Director of Music inevitably means a change — real though intangible and indefinable — in what one may call the atmosphere of the service. If this year the organ was rather more prominent than usual, it was a joy to hear what Mr. Pratt can do when confronted with an instrument worthy of him.

As usual, the musical side of the service gave a fair share to Choir and Congregation alike. Yet what most of us will remember most poignantly is the first verse of the Introit sung solo by T. J. Wood and the New Boy's Lesson read with such assurance by T. C. C. Beckett. The remaining verses were read in turn by a dayboy (E. C. R. Evans), a boarder (T. A. Libbv), the Head of School, a master (Mr. H. M. Gray), the Chaplain, the Vicar, a Governor (Mr. Howard Cornish) and the Headmaster.

We are grateful to Miss Mary Stewart for the following short appreciation of the service. But before we print it, let us add a special word of thanks to our own bell-ringers. The fog blanketed but could not entirely muffle the fruits of their handiwork.

"Carols originate from a desire for a spontaneous expression of Christian joyfulness amongst the people of the Mediaeval Church. Their language and music are full of sincerity and gaiety, and are of a kind that can be enjoyed and shared by all. They provide today, as they did in the fifteenth century, a wonderful way of rejoicing in the birth of Christ, and it is thus appropriate that they should still be an essential part of the way in which Christians keep one of their greatest festivals. The service of nine lessons and carols combines the revealing of the wonder and true meaning of the Incarnation through the words of the Bible with the opportunity for the practical expression of our own joy in the singing of carols, chorales, and hymns.

The Carol Service this year, as always, was certainly a joyful occasion, judging by the lusty singing of the large congregation. Despite the disconcerting presence of metal scaffolding enshrouding the Choir stalls, the Choir sang clearly and expressively. Their balance and the quality of the solo voices were very pleasing. The crisp diction and sensitive rhythm emphasised in a particularly memorable way the gaiety of "Past Three o'clock" and the simplicity of the "Rocking Carol". The lessons were read, as is traditional, by members of the School both governors, staff, and boys. In addition to the "playing of the merry organ and the sweet singing in the choir", the service was preceded by half an hour of bell-ringing, as though to spread as far abroad as possible the Christmas rejoicing which the service so worthily expressed."

ROMEO AND JULIET

(December 8th, 9th and 10th)

This year, the Dramatic Society returned to a Shakespearian production. With "Romeo and Juliet", however, they broke new ground by combining with St. Helen's School, a venture upon which the producer, Mr. Griffin, must be congratulated. The play's success was attested by the favourable Press comments and by the bigger than ever audiences which filled the Corn Exchange on all three nights. We print below a critique of the play, for which we thank Mr. Raymond Cripps.

"Last term's Shakespearian production was a memorable event, since for the first time female parts were played by girls, an innovation that must have delighted producer and cast as much as it did the audience. 'Romeo and Juliet' was an excellent choice to begin what one may hope will be a long association in drama between Abingdon School and St. Helen's.

The production itself was of a high order — too high indeed to be judged by normal school production standards, and if this criticism seems to carp a little on occasion, it is simply because your critic has made his comments from this standpoint.

First impressions of a production are of vital importance, set and costumes making an immediate impact for good or ill, and first impressions of 'Romeo and Juliet' were favourable indeed. The set was excellently designed and executed, and the costumes, appropriately sumptuous, were worn with ease and grace both by boys and girls. Perhaps one could have wished that the early characters had been more aware of the meaning of their lines, but this was soon forgotten in the excitement of the first inter-family quarrels which sped along at a cracking pace.

A note on the programme reminded the audience that the production 'aimed more at dramatic effect than accuracy of detail', a note that was needed from time to time as the initial set was utilised throughout, sometimes with great skill and sometimes less effectively, as in the balcony scene, where the arches and pillars silhouetted against the sky hardly fitted Romeo's claim to be in an orchard.

This particular scene might have been better played, with curtains drawn, entirely on the apron stage, thus preventing Romeo from upstaging Juliet so frequently as she craned her head through the balcony window. Both of them, and the audience in the front rows, whose necks must have been badly cricked, might have been considerably helped if the balcony itself had been a foot or two lower. The set, on

the other hand, came very much into its own in the final scene, minor alterations conveying dramatically the atmosphere of the tomb.

It is always a little invidious to single out individuals in a production of this kind, but mention must be made at least of the principals. Elizabeth Johns as Juliet for instance, as delightful to listen to as to look upon, outplayed many a Juliet of the repertory stage, and brought to this most famous of parts a quite touching sincerity and warmth, P. A. H. Dawson's Romeo, though a little effeminate and surprisingly offhand at times when deep tenderness was demanded of him, had moments of moving greatness particularly in the banishment scene in Friar Laurence's cell.

Of the other main characters, Lesley Dunthorne as the Nurse, unimpressive at her first appearance, built up her part as the play ran its course and reached a high peak of acting ability in the discovery of her young mistress' apparent death.

Mercutio, played by J. S. Kelly in loud-voiced, swaggering manner, though altogether too noisy and lively as a dying man, was a likeable character thoroughly deserving of applause, as was N. P. Loukes who, as Friar-Laurence, played with dignity, sympathy and commendable restraint a part which would have been ruined by over-characterisation.

The older members of the Capulet and Montague families, Benvolio, Tybalt, Paris and Escalus, Prince of Verona, were all most competently portrayed. If they had a fault it was perhaps that their emotions, whether of anger or grief, seemed artificially 'whipped up' for the occasion rather than deeply felt. This was particularly so of the otherwise commanding Prince, whose wrath could have been much colder and more biting, and of Father Capulet who seemed to summon his rage at his daughter's disobedience from nowhere.

The overall impression which lingers in the mind is of a beautifully dressed, well-presented and well-lit performance, far more mature in interpretation than one would have believed possible from so young a cast, and refreshingly free from the prompting and faulty make-up which so frequently mars a production involving young people. May 'Romeo and Juliet' be the first of many productions in which the boys of Abingdon School and the girls of St. Helen's share the honours."

R.W.C.

(Apart from Elilabeth Johns and Lesley Dunthorne, we welcomed as our partners in this production the following ladies of St. Helen's — Margaret Rose, Susan Brough, Brenda Chumbley, Madeline Smith and Gillian Wiggins. Perhaps too we can break the anonymity of the stage staff by paying tribute to Mr. Fairhead whose setting maintained the standards set in the past by Mr. Cooper — Edd.).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN

The team was, perhaps, fitter at the beginning of the season than has been the case in recent years and as a result we were able to make an impressive start with excellent victories over D. O. Willis' XV, Reading School and St. Bartholomew's, Newbury. It was apparent from the first game, when the School pack held and outplayed the strong, heavy scrum brought against them by Mr. Willis, that our strength was forward. Indeed, except for somewhat lethargic games against St. Edward's and Bradford, the pack improved with every match and accounted for some 39 of our total points.

Unfortunately, the back division was not as good as we had anticipated. The main trouble lay in the centre where there was little thrust and too often high, ineffective tackling. In such circumstances, Ganf and Bampton, RWJ on the wings were given little of the ball and then mostly only when there was no room to move in. Both of them played many fine defensive games but only on two occasions — in the first game and against Radley — was Ganf able to show his paces. In the centre, we persisted for a long time with Davis and Talbot, neither of them really good but both capable of good play on occasion, but in the end Davis had to drop down to the 2nd Fifteen, his place being taken by Robey after Matson and Bunce had proved not to be the answer. Davis' true place is on the wing; in the centre he is not constructive enough and has a dangerous tendency to give up after a mistake. Talbot, in spite of his much criticised high tackling, proved the better centre, having a good, attacking kick and, when on form, a powerful run — yet he has a lot to learn. Of the backs, Robey — a wing forward last year — was by far the best. At stand-off half, where he played for most of the season, he was very good although unhappily much that he initiated broke down in the centre. For the final games, Robey played in the centre because Bunce, an adequate stand-off, was not quick enough for that position. The scrum half position proved to be more of a problem. Hurd was very good indeed for the first half of term but tailed off so badly that he was replaced by Ford, a comparatively inexperienced but promising player. On the other hand, at full back, Nurton although perhaps a little slow in covering, played a number of excellent games: there is a touch of class about him on occasion albeit he is not always reliable.

Of the forwards, Louth, Whitton and Rosevear were outstanding. Ably supported by Merriman, a tough scrummager, and Allison at wing forward, they were responsible for a great deal of fine attacking play. Much of the team's success came from the high kick ahead and the fast follow up by the pack and in this these particular forwards were always prominent, Rosevear indeed getting more than his share of tries. Walker, an excellent lock forward at the start of the season, lost form towards the end whilst Budden, although a good hooker, was sometimes slow in

the loose. Bampton, RJC at wing forward was for a time overshadowed by Moss who replaced him for four games but came back into his own with grand games against the O.A.'s and Bloxham. Moss, wonderfully quick about the field, must learn to put his man down.

Of matches played, we recall with particular pleasure the very excellent games against Solihull, R.G.S. High Wycombe and the Old Boys; and with considerably less pleasure the comparatively poor shows we put up against Bradford and M.C.S. It was grand to welcome Bradford on tour though regrettably at half term when most of the Fifteen, recalled for the occasion, were obviously off form. Nonetheless, we were impressed by the hard, fast and determined Bradford play and it did us good to experience such opposition from the North.

It is worth recording that in spite of the excessive rainfall this term only one 1st Fifteen match, that against Leighton Park School, had to be cancelled.

During the season, the following Colours have been awarded: Full Colours — Rosevear and Whitton; Half Colours — Allison; Bampton, RJC; Bampton, RWJ; Bunce; Budden; Ford, MS; Merriman; Nurton; Talbot and Walker.

The final arrangement of the team was: M. D. Nurton; G. G. Ganf (Capt.), J. M. Talbot, D. A. Robey, R. W. J. Bampton; J. M. Bunce, M. S. Ford; P. G. D. Whitton, R. F. W. Budden, B. R. Rosevear, G. D. Louth (Sec.), P. A. Merriman, R. Allison, R. I. S. Walker and R. J. C. Bampton.

The following have also played: C. M. Davis (7 times); J. R. Hurd (7 times); A. J. Mackenzie (twice); A. G. D. Matson (twice) and I. W. Moss (4 times).

Results

v. D. O. Willis' XV (h). Wed., 28th Sept.	Won 25—3
v. Reading School (a). Wed., 5th Oct.	Won 21—8
v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 11—0
v. Pembroke College (h). Sat., 15th Oct.	Lost 3—6
v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (a). Thurs., 20th Oct.	Lost 0—3
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost 6—8
v. Bradford Grammar School (h). Mon., 31st Oct.	Lost 3—17
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 2nd Nov.	Lost 0—16
v. Radley College 2nd XV (a). Sat., 12th Nov.	Won 11—6
v. Oratory School (h). Wed., 16th Nov.	Won 18—0
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 19th Nov.	Lost 5—11
v. Southfield School (a). Wed., 23rd Nov.	Won 6—0
v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 26th Nov.	Won 3—0
v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Lost 3—8

D.O.W.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The spirit and general keenness of the side has been most praiseworthy and results consequently good — of the seven matches played only two were lost and these by narrow margins. Unfortunately two games, those against Leighton Park and M.C.S., had to be cancelled because of bad weather and the state of the grounds. Inevitably, as the term progressed, the team was obliged to release some of its better players to the 1st Fifteen — Bunce and Ford thoroughly deserved their promotion whilst Matson, Mackenzie and Moss all had several games in the senior side. Of the remainder, Long proved himself a dependable full back often joining the line in attack and kicking well, Goodwin hooked well and combined with Brice in some excellent line-out work, Mackenzie, too, was first class in the line-out and Winfield was admirable in the loose. The backs in general went well and were reasonably good in defence.

The final arrangement of the team was: S. R. Long; G. A. Hall, T. A. Marsh, A. G. D. Matson, M. J. Nelson; C. M. Davies, J. R. Hurd; A. J. Oxley, D. M. Goodwin, D. J. Brice, K. N. Haarhoff, A. J. Mackenzie, I. W. Moss, C. R. Winfield and J. S. Kelly (Capt.).

Also played: R. J. C. Bampton, R. W. J. Bampton and P. W. Briten (once each); J. M. Bunce, M. S. Ford and P. L. Hedges (4 times each); T. J. Pegram (once); D. C. Pollard (3 times); D. A. Robey (once); R. S. Thompson (5 times) and K. M. A. Wood (twice).

Results

v. Reading School (h). Wed., 5th Oct.	Won 24—8
v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 3—0
v. Oxford R.F.C. Colts (a). Sat., 15th Oct.	Won 10—9
v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost 6—11
v. Wallingford Gram. Sch. 1st XV (a). Wed., 9th Nov.	Lost 3—9
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 9—3
v. Southfield School (a). Wed., 23rd Nov.	Won 51—0

G.M.K.

THIRD FIFTEEN

This year's team played with commendable spirit and rather more skill than has been shown before. All the games were enjoyable to watch and the successful were well deserved. Briten was a good and helpful captain who set a fine example by his own courageous play. He was well supported, in particular by Weir, a talented full-back, and K. M. Wood, who always played a plucky game whether at wing forward or scrum half, and on the whole by the fine team spirit. Hook led the forwards well but he must remember that in scrum-leading 'actions speak louder than words'.

The final arrangement of the team was: D. Weir; P. Rainey, A. P. H. Wood, J. C. M. Watts, A. C. Bowker; P. W. Briten (Capt.), K. M. A. Wood, C. D. Turnbull, D. R. Gerring, P. A. H. Dawson, C. B. Gosling, A. J. Williams, S. R. Wilson, P. L. Hedges, R. T. Hook.

Also played: D. J. Hoddinott, D. C. Pollard, R. P. Thompson and T. J. Pegram.

Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 9—3
v. Abingdon Harlequins (h). Mon., 17th Oct.	Lost 0—3
v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 2nd Nov.	Won 14—6
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 9—0

B.C.W.

COLTS FIFTEEN

The term cannot be described as a successful one although the points tally was plus by thirteen. Four wins and an equal number of losses does not reflect, however, the way in which the pack ably led by Foster tamed heavier opponents in every match except that against Stowe and in this we were under the handicap of a reserve front row. The packing was tight and low and the second row and No. 8 were able to use their shove to full effect because of the straight backs of Willey and Flint up front.

Warburton and Blair were a splendid pair of wing forwards with the former in his element in a spoiling role. Blair linked up intelligently with his backs but he must develop his defensive ideas next year. We lacked tall jumpers in the line-out but Evans later in the term was jumping well.

Behind the scrum, things were disappointing on the whole. Apart from Redgrave, who always played hard, only Hounslow showed any natural ability. The basic skills of running, passing and tackling were lacking in all the other prospective backs and thus the pack got used to the idea of keeping the ball close. Simms, a converted forward, played some plucky games on the wing but it was not until Jennings and Mackenzie joined the team at the end of the Junior Colts' season that the backs began to look dangerous in attack and safe in defence. The results at High Wycombe and against Stoneham proved this decisively. In the Stoneham match, the pack gave the backs plenty of the ball and seven tries, mostly scored by the wings, pleased them thoroughly. Late in the term, Matson developed as a place kicker and it was surprising how this duty raised the standard of the rest of his play. His fifty-yard run for a try against Stoneham was a joy to watch.

The final arrangement of the team was: R. J. Crumly; I. W. D. Matson, A. R. F. Redgrave (Capt.), C. J. Dean, J. A. Simms; B. Hounslow, G. F. Bailey; I. R. Flint, A. C. L. Fraser, M. E. F. Willey,

A. W. Foster, R. M. Kirby, R. A. Warburton, M. J. Evans and P. J. F. Blair.

Also played: D. A. M. Bent and K. W. R. Dixon (once each); J. Fairlie (4 times); C. T. Gresswell (once); J. R. Jennings and E. G. B. Joseph (twice each); P. J. Leather (once); J. J. Mackenzie (twice) and A. E. W. Willey (3 times).

Results

v. Reading School (h). Wed., 5th Oct.	Won 18—0
v. Stowe School (a). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost 0—14
v. Berkhamsted School (h). Sat., 3rd Nov.	Won 3—0
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 5th Nov.	Lost 3—25
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 17—6
v. Pangbourne Nautical Coll. (h). Wed., 23rd Nov.	Lost 6—8
v. Stoneham School (h). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Won 29—3

On Wed., 2nd November a Colts 'B' XV played Cokethorpe Park School (a) and went down 0—29. The team was as follows: K. W. R. Dixon; E. G. B. Joseph, I. W. D. Matson, R. Knight (Capt.), M. R. Kelly; J. H. Maund, E. N. Broadway; I. J. Newbold, P. J. Leather, A. E. W. Willey, C. T. Gresswell, B. A. F. Burn, H. F. Flint, A. S. Harrison, and R. N. Carter. B.J.M.

JUNIOR COLTS FIFTEEN

Matches this term have been won by large margins and lost by small ones for the team has given little away and been quick to take advantage of opponents' weaknesses. Our peak was against Oratory when — to their credit — the pack did not score themselves but fed the backs constantly so that some fine threequarter movements were seen and every threequarter scored — one wing six times. A great strength has been the large number of good reserves who have enabled us always to field a strong side in spite of illness: it is good to see so many more keen players than usual coming up from below.

The final arrangement of the team was: D. A. M. Bent; A. E. Johnson, A. J. Cheary, J. R. Jennings (Capt.), J. J. Mackenzie; A. T. Barrett, C. C. Ford; E. D. J. Hunter, M. A. Bisby, C. W. F. M. Cox, R. A. Hall, R. D. Booker, T. R. Morris, V. A. Marsh, and J. Bowthorpe.

Also played: S. J. Baker (3 times); P. G. Henderson (twice); J. Kandiah (twice); and F. J. Stiff (once).

Results

v. Reading School (a). Wed., 5th Oct.	Won 29—0
v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 8th Oct.	Lost 3—6
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 12th Oct.	Lost 6—8
v. Southfield School (a). Sat., 15th Oct.	Won 14—0
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Won 3—0
v. Oratory School (h). Wed., 16th Nov.	Won 31—0
v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 23rd Nov.	Lost 0—6

K.M.D.H.

JUNIOR FIFTEEN

After a bright start to the season, there was a slump due in the main to slipshod tackling. The forwards, though lacking the weight of the past few seasons, were beginning to develop into a constructive pack. Except in the Reading match, the threequarters failed to function as a line; they must learn to work together both in defence and attack.

The final arrangement of the team was: D. W. Penny; P. B. Godfrey, S. A. Marsh, D. S. Partridge, R. D. R. Ray; B. S. Avery, P. N. Shellard; P. H. Blackburn, M. R. Louth (Capt.), D. H. Willis, S. P. Sewry, P. J. Evans, M. C. G. Holloway, P. V. Bosley and J. J. F. Burn.

Also played: N. D. Brice (3 times); D. M. Caradoc Evans (twice); R. B. Davis (3 times); S. J. Denny (twice); A. G. Rowson (5 times).

Results

v. Reading School (h). Wed., 5th Oct.	Won 29—0
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 12th Oct.	Won 8—3
v. Southfield School (a). Sat., 15th Oct.	Lost 0—22
v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost 0—24
v. Radley College (a). Wed., 9th Nov.	Lost 0—25
v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Drawn 0—0

M.N.W.

VACATION RUGGER

During the holidays, Ganf and Whitton played in the Berks. Schools' Rugger Trial at Reading on 17th Decem̄ber. Subsequently, Whitton was selected to play for the County against Dorset and Wiltshire. It was nice to see N. M. Parker, who left us in 1957 to go to Eastbourne, playing in the same match.

D.O.W.

HOUSE MATCHES

The Senior Knock-out matches provided excellent entertainment for those hardy enough to defy the rain. In spite of heavy grounds all three games were delightfully open. On Sat., 5th November, Bennett managed to put Tesdale out of the competition by a 6—0 victory. The two Bennett tries were scored in the second half, the first by Bunce who received the ball on the Tesdale '25' and ran strongly over; the second try came some ten minutes later, the result of some nice play by Weir who passed out for Bampton, RJC to go over in the corner.

The game between Blacknall and Reeves, played on Wed., 30th November, was a very keen struggle indeed, although more of a forward battle than the earlier match. Whitton and Oxley scored unconverted tries for Reeves, both the result of good forward rushes, but the early lead thus given to their House did not prevent defeat. Blacknall, largely through the fine kicking of Briten, were able to undo the work of the Reeves pack. Blacknall's tries came from Briten and Kelly and since Nelson converted both, Blacknall emerged the victors by 10 points to 6.

The final between Bennett and Blacknall on Wed., 7th December was an excitingly close game. Bennett scored first by a fine try from Bampton, RJC, who ran some twenty-five yards down the touch-line before cutting in to ground the ball. Bunce converted. There followed a vigorous attack by Blacknall with Briten well to the fore and some twenty minutes after the first try, Briten scored an unconverted try, the reward of persistent Blacknall pressure. After about ten minutes play in the second half, Rosevear forced his way over for a try which was not converted this making Bennett's score 8 points. By this time both sides had been reduced to fourteen men. Nonetheless Blacknall continued to attack and were rewarded by a fine push-over try from a scrum on the Bennett line. This was not kicked over so Bennett had the satisfaction of winning the Lin Cup by an 8—6 victory over last year's holders.

The Junior House League Competition was also fiercely contested by at any rate three of the Houses. Results of the League matches were as follows: Bennett defeated Blacknall 17—10 and Reeves 32—3, but lost 3—12 to Tesdale; Blacknall beat Tesdale 24—8 and Reeves 35—0 whilst Tesdale gained the heaviest victory by defeating Reeves 38—6. Thus in the League although Reeves gained no points at all, the other three Houses were equal with 4 points each. It was therefore agreed to decide the winner of the Robinson Cup by playing the three Houses against one another on a knock-out basis. In this, Bennett disposed of Tesdale by 18—12 but subsequently lost to Blacknall 3—6 who became the winners of the League.

D.O.W.

CROSS COUNTRY

Michaelmas Term 1960 will be remembered as one of the wettest ever. The Cross Country Club can certainly vouch for this. Most training runs have included a liberal amount of oozing mud and water splashes while no fewer than five of our members have taken an involuntary bath during the season.

There have been fewer seniors than usual in the Club, but more juniors are finding it possible to continue cross country with ruggie, which augurs well for the future. Bett has run consistently well and set

a fine example to his team, and Aplin and Cunningham, the former a new-comer to the Club, have greatly improved and have thoroughly deserved the Athletic Half-Colours awarded to them.

We offer our congratulations to R. W. Harvey, last year's captain, on his Half-Blue for Cross Country in his first term at Oxford. We are also pleased to hear that J. A. Sheard has run for the University 2nd team.

The following have represented the Club this term: Cunningham, IM (5 times); Aplin, DJ; Bett, MJ; Bretscher PA (4 times); Avery, BS; Butt, JPG; Hann, JF; Riddick, DWG; Woodham, CH (3 times); Gresswell, CT; Sewry, TA; Venn, AA (twice); Day, TH; Matson, AGD (once).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

8th October v. Westminster College, Oxford (h).

1st—Westminster 28 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 53 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 2, Cunningham 7, Bretscher 8, Woodham and Riddick = 11, Day 13).

22nd October v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).

1st—R.G.S. 22pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 66 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 6, Bretscher 10, Cunningham 11, Aplin 12, Venn 13, Gresswell 14).

9th November v. Exeter, Worcester and University Colleges, Oxford.

1st—Abingdon 37 pts.; 2nd University 43 pts.; 3rd Exeter 64 pts.; 4th—Worcester 76 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 3, Matson 5, Aplin 8, Cunningham 10, Bretscher 11).

23rd November v. Culham College (a).

(Run over a road course owing to floods)

1st—Culham 31 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 53 pts.

(Scorers: Aplin and Cunningham=2, Bretscher 9, Woodham 12, Butt 13, Avery 14).

30th November v. The Queen's College, Oxford (a).

1st—Queen's 27 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 28 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 1, Aplin 3, Cunningham 5, Woodham 9, Butt 10).

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

A week before the start of the races, parts of both the Senior and Junior courses were flooded to a depth of several feet, and training had to be transferred to the "Jones' Run" — a course round the gravel pits between the Radley Road and the railway line.

The Junior Course remained impassable, and so on Tuesday, 13th December, afternoon school for the second and third forms was can-

celled, and two buses transported the runners to the Oxford Preservation Trust land on Boars Hill. To our own dismay we found that the fog there was quite thick and so we decided to shorten the proposed course to three laps of the circuit round the two clumps, with spectators stationed every thirty yards or so. As expected, Avery was soon out in front, and the rest of the field had lost sight of him after half a lap. However there was a keen tussle behind him, and in a tremendous finishing burst Marsh, SA made up a lot of ground, but failed to catch Bosley, PV and Sewry, SP.

An inspection of the Senior Course on the following morning showed that the ice of the previous day had melted and that the water level was lower than for several weeks, so emergency plans to hold the Senior and Intermediate Races round the "Jones Run" did not have to be put into effect.

It was a cold day and the going was very heavy. In the Intermediate Race, Bowthorpe's winning time was the second fastest since the Intermediate race was inaugurated three years ago. A comparison of the times showed that had he been running in the Senior race he would probably have finished tenth.

There were no major upsets in the Senior Race with members of the Cross Country Club occupying the first six places. A feature of the race was the packing of the Bennett team who, with seven in the first twelve and their thirteenth runner home before any other houses had had their seventh, established a lead which ensured that the Cross Country Cup should be theirs for the fourth year running.

DETAILS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Junior: Reeves (137); Tesdale (186); Bennett (268); Blacknall (279).
Intermediate: Reeves (118); Bennett (159); Tesdale (271); Blacknall (338).

Senior: Bennett (286); Blacknall (499); Tesdale (522); Reeves (552).
Over-all Championship: Bennett (713); Reeves (807); Tesdale (979);
Blacknall (1,116).

The first ten home in the Junior race were: Avery (10 min. 2.6 secs.); Sewry, SP; Bosley, PV; Marsh, SA; Janisch; King, SJ; Goldsworthy; Cluble; Corps; Day, CE.

The first ten home in the Intermediate race were: Bowthorpe (24 min. 31 secs.); Grimes; Hann; Barrett; Gregson; Crumley; Kitto, MF; Venn, DCS; Hunter; Marsh, VA.

The first ten home in the Senior race were: Bett (21 min. 31 secs.); Matson, AGD; Aplin; Woodham; Cunningham; Bretscher; Bunce; Bampton, RWJ; Kelly, JS and Gerring.

R.H.B.

FIVES

There has been a lot of Fives played this term, though the Old Court has been unfit for much of the time, owing to bad weather. Oh, for another New Court! The standard has continued to improve, particularly in the First IV, whose training has been aimed at the West of England Public Schools' Tournament at Bristol in January. We are entering for this largely to build up experience, but have been encouraged to think that we shall not be outclassed in view of a respectable show which our First IV put up when they went to Marlborough as part of their training, and played the Marlborough IV. Subsequently, we beat St. Bartholomew's Hospital at Hampstead in our only official match. This last was particularly pleasing. It is also worth noting that several Colts and even younger players have improved very much this term.

In the first round of the House Matches, Tesdale beat Reeves in a most exciting match 46—45, and Bennett beat Blacknall 60—23. Bennett won the Final in good style 120—47, but it is only fair to say that Martin's absence was a handicap to Tesdale which even Veysey's fine play could not redeem.

Once again, thanks to Mr. Roger Freebairn of the O.U.R.F.C. for coming over to help with the coaching.

Result: v. St. Bartholomew's Hospital (away); Won 119—72.

Team: Ogg (captain) and Bailey; Martin and Veysey.

R.S.O.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

This year has seen the change in recruiting policy for the Corps, boys now being eligible to enlist only in the Fourth Form and above. It had been hoped that the majority of boys not previously serving in the C.C.F. would respond to the call and join. In fact the response has been most disappointing — a mere twelve recruits, only one of them from the Sixth Form, against a normal intake of seventy. We appreciate that this is a year of transition and that a change of heart rarely comes overnight, but we look next year for a greatly increased entry, and not only from the up-coming Fourth Formers.

The C.D. Section is now firmly established, and flourishing under instructors from outside. For their Field Day, they were able to visit the C.D. Centre at Kidlington, while in their First Aid examinations at the end of the term twelve out of twelve candidates passed. Well done.

Field Day was held (almost unbelievably this autumn) in fine weather. A Company — R.A. and Signals — spent the day on instruction and exercises with O.U.O.T.C. Upon B Company, Lt. Montague inflicted a day's dose of arduous patrol training: tiring, but profitable — and even the worst of blisters mend with time. C Company had a change

— physically a "cushy" one — a day spent having "flips" in Beverleys and in seeing the Parachute School at work.

On Remembrance Sunday we turned out in usual force, providing Guard and Buglers at the War Memorial, as well as the largest contingent on the parade. The Guard was provided by the N.C.O. Cadre, who for six weeks trained as a body for this special duty. Congratulations are due to those who "qualified" and thanks to all — to those perhaps especially who tried so hard without winning the kudos. Guards and buglers both did their job splendidly; the rest of us, alas — smartly turned out though we were — did not: the March Past was not up to standard. For this, perhaps, we may blame the rather complicated music arrangements; still more, the temporary loss of our Bandmaster, Mr. Jaunet, in hospital for an operation. The shepherd was sadly missed on this occasion. The buglers also performed again with distinction in the afternoon at Sutton Courtenay.

The Contingent was represented at two ceremonial occasions during the term: the Centenary Service and March Past of the Berkshire A.C.F. in Reading, and the Guard of Honour provided by the O.U.O.T.C. for H.M. the Queen on the occasion of her visit in November to lay the foundation stone of St. Catherine's College, Oxford. We are grateful to the authorities concerned for these invitations.

We say goodbye with much regret to C.S.M. Wiblin, whom ill-health now compels to retire, after long years of service to the Corps. By this generation he will be remembered particularly as our shooting coach. Successive Bislev teams owe much to his unflinching enthusiasm in this field. It was a happy thought that prompted them to present him with a pipe, at a ceremonial "leave taking" on the last parade of the term.

During the term, the following promotions were made:

To be C.S.M. i/c — C.S.M. Martin, I. A. D.

To be C.Q.M.S. — Sgts. Libbv, T. A.; Riddick, D. W. G.;

Woodham, C. H.; Kelly, J. S.

S.C.P.

R.N. SECTION NOTES

The Michaelmas term has been one of steady work rather than of excitements. Our new Headquarters have been proving their worth, and we are beginning to get them into order, though much still remains to be done. For Field Day we again split into two parties — the senior half of the section going with S/Lt. Tammadge to Surbiton, while the remainder spent the night in H.M.S. Sultan and went to sea in coastal minesweepers the following day. This was an interesting and fairly typical experience of sea time and we were lucky to have good weather for it.

We have been lucky to have several visits this term from Lt. Cdr. J. L. Lees, and a team of Instructors from H.M.S. Sultan, and we look

forward to more visits from them next term. We are very grateful to Lt. Cdr. Lees for the untiring efforts he makes on our behalf.

We congratulate P.O. Long and P.O. Briten on passing Advanced Proficiency, and we hope that more will follow their lead next term.

We have lost three members of the Section who left at the end of term, and to them all we wish good fortune. L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

The Michaelmas term is always one for restocking and most of the new members have now been invested. There are still a few vacancies if any first or second formers are interested.

Field Day was by custom spent on the School grounds where much of the basic training was practised. A treasure hunt gave food for thought, and it is hoped that all scouts now know what a spindle berry looks like.

Under atrocious conditions two members of the senior patrol spent a night crossing the Downs as part of their first class qualification. So sodden was the ground that they found it impossible to light any fire. On cold rations, however, they managed to survive.

The conditions were comparatively pleasant when the troop was well represented on the Remembrance Day parade.

During the Christmas holidays, two meetings are being held, and it is hoped that as many scouts as possible will be able to attend at least one of them. M.N.W.

SCHOOL MUSIC

In the last number of the "Abingdonian", Mr. Sawbridge ended his Music Notes with a tribute to all the assistant music staff. It is a great pleasure to begin the Music Notes this time with a very sincere tribute to him. Few people know exactly how much the School owes to him, and how far his enthusiasm has built up the musical establishment. Enough to say that music occupies a far greater place in life at Abingdon than it does in the majority of schools. Furthermore his influence did not disappear when he did: almost all the musical activity this term has relied upon his planning and advice and the task of taking over from him has been as nearly plain sailing as he could possibly have made it.

The first two events of the term were the Subscription Concerts. The first was an organ recital by Dr. Bernard Rose, on the organ of St. Helen's Church. The playing left nothing to be desired, and the programme covered a wide variety of music. The Amici String Quartet gave a superb concert in the County Hall a fortnight later and, though a quartet by Bartok fell on some unfriendly ears, Haydn paved the way and Beethoven softened the blow.

The Piano and Organ section of the House Music Competition was judged by Mr. Hugo Langrish of Radley College. His remarks were most valuable to all the performers, and his attitude towards the least as well as the best is summed up in the comment (overheard): "He really seemed to WANT to hear us." There was a large entry for each of the sections and the standard of playing was good. Reeves won the competition by a large margin, thanks not only to a higher individual standard, but also to their keenness in providing a large entry. Individual winners were: N. P. Loukes (Junior Piano), M. A. Faires (Intermediate Piano), I. A. D. Martin (Senior Piano), and F. C. A. Exon (Organ).

The end of term has seen the customary carol parties. Though the night air chilled the two groups of singers and the band, the music warmed the generosity of the passers-by — the collection, for the Church of England Children's Society, amounted to over £7.

A report of the Christmas Concert appears below and one on the Carol Service elsewhere in this issue. G.M.P.

(Although this is not strictly 'School' Music, perhaps we can add here, by way of postscript to what is said in School Notes, that the Holiday Orchestra had an extremely successful session. Apart from Mr. Sawbridge, nineteen present members of the School and seven Old Boys, among them David Wiggins of the Scottish Academy, were among its components. — Edd.).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are indebted to R. G. M. Johnston for the following comments on the Christmas Concert:

"In spite of the chilly surroundings of the Court Room, the Christmas Concert on 11th December was given a warm reception by the audience who heard a programme ranging from Beethoven to Barbirolli. The intonation of all the strings has been much improved since last term, as the Junior Orchestra showed in the "March from Carmen", and the Andante from Schubert's Ninth Symphony. The Senior Orchestra opened the Concert with a lively performance of Arne's "The Judgement of Paris" and closed with Herbage's Suite "The Humours of Bath" and Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" in which the woodwind and brass ably overcame the difficulties created both by the music and by the freezing temperature. In the first half the spirit of Brahms was well caught by N. P. Loukes who played the First Movement of the Cello Sonata in G minor. However the tension in this half reached its peak with a sensitive and delicate performance of Debussy's "Syrinx" by A. G. Fairlie, the flute's pure single melodic line contrasting with the boistrous harmony of the recorder group. It is encouraging to see the revival of interest in this school for recorders, and in particular T. C. Tozer in his performance of the First Movement of Vivaldi's Sonata in F left little to be desired. A. J. Williams, as always, gave an accom-

plished performance in the First Movement of Beethoven's Sonata in D for the violin. The last solo of the evening was a happy little Concerto for the Flute by Barbirolli, based on a theme by Pergolosi, and played with relish by N. H. Finney." R.G.M.J.

(In fairness to the School Architect we should make it clear that there is nothing wrong with the heating of the new classroom extension. Indeed, the system is so intelligent that it knows when to turn itself off over the weekend. We humans must remember in future to inform it in advance if we want the block heated for a Sunday Evening Entertainment. — Ed.).

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are more than grateful to J. A. D. Cox, O.A., for presenting to the Library — in thankful memory of W.M.G. — that magnificent work *Outlines of European Architecture* by Nikolaus Pevsner. Many thanks too to Dr. Howlett for the regular receipt of *Scientific American*: to Mrs. Liversidge for a book on the Mau Mau troubles; to Mr. A. Thornton for two books on Animal Nutrition; to R. G. Simmonds for an Encyclopaedia of Chemistry and R. F. Burton for three books on Cricket — these last as leaving books: to D. Napier & Son for *Men and Machines* and to Mr. Rudd and W. H. Stevens, O.A., for their *Commonwealth and Geographical Journals*.

We should like to see more boys below the Sixth form learning to use the Library. 'Open access' has many advantages to outweigh the drawbacks but it demands a social conscience. If only borrowers would observe the simple rules of procedure they would lighten the labours of the hard worked Library staff considerably. G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

This term we welcomed eleven new members — M. P. M. Hart, R. G. M. Johnston, A. M. Q. King, G. D. Louth, R. C. Luker, I. A. D. Martin, R. E. Moore, D. W. G. Riddick, A. H. Smith, R. I. S. Walker and P. J. V. Willis.

The first meeting of the term was held on the 28th September, when K. N. Haarhoff read a paper entitled 'Youth under Communism'. The reader traced the history of student uprisings in Russia and her satellites, and explained the role and function of the Komsomol. The paper stimulated many questions which the author of the paper and Mr. Emms, whom we were fortunate in having with us, answered. The Soviet education system provoked much interest and discussion.

At our second meeting, A. H. Smith read an excellent paper entitled 'Trends in the Assessment of Men'. After giving a brief account of the development of selection techniques, he explained the methods employed in the services and in industry. The reader analysed in some detail the procedures employed by the W.O.S.B., and came to the conclusion

that present methods are unsatisfactory. During the discussion he stoutly defended his belief that psychologists should take the place of the ordinary interviewer.

At our final meeting, on the 20th November, D. W. G. Riddick read an interesting paper presenting 'The Question of Taiwan'. He gave us an account of the Nationalist Government's retreat to Formosa, and of the subsequent positions that the major powers adopted. During the rest of the evening, Mr. Moore told us of his travels in China, his experiences there, and of his great admiration for the Chinese civilisation. The American attitude to Communist China was critically discussed.

The Society thanks the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban most warmly for their hospitality during the last term. P.A.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term, at which we were pleased to welcome six new members to the society, was held on 6th October, and we are grateful to D. Weir for his kind hospitality. Before the main business of the evening started, new officers for the year were elected. J. S. Kelly relinquished his post as Secretary to become Chairman; R. J. C. Bampton took the vacant office while M. P. M. Hart retained his position on the committee and was joined by J. M. Bunce and C. H. Woodham. I. A. D. Martin then read a paper entitled "Why condemn T. S. Eliot?" In it he dealt mainly with Eliot as a playwright rather than as a poet. He showed how Eliot had introduced a chorus into his plays, but had gradually abandoned it. The discussion afterwards centred mainly round the suitability of poetry to modern plays and whether the verse form added to or detracted from the value of a play.

A return to Shakespeare was made in Lacies Court on 3rd November, when the Society read "Troilus and Cressida." Unfortunately the length of this lesser-known play left little time for discussion.

Modern writers, however, could not be kept out, and, owing perhaps to the recent controversy, D. H. Lawrence made his mark at our last meeting. M. P. M. Hart read an extremely interesting and informative paper on "The Doctrines of D. H. Lawrence." He dealt well with the ideas running through Lawrence's works, and showed how he gradually became more mature.

The discussion was lively and intelligent. The possibility of Lawrence being acquainted with Freud was touched upon, and we talked about the biographical element in the books. We refused to accept his doctrines on points of logic, and also wondered if he took a too material a view on life, feeling that he ignored the intellectual side. We are indebted to Mr. Vallance for entertaining us at Waste Court during the evening. R.J.C.B.

ST. EDMUND'S SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society was held on 22nd September, when the Rev. Eric Sharpe, M.A., Minister of New Road Baptist Church, Oxford, gave us the latest instalment of the series "Branches of the Church." He described the history, anatomy and physiology of the Baptist Church most clearly, and answered excellently the many and varied questions put to him by his audience. As usual we were left wondering what on earth it is that holds the Baptists and the Anglicans so rigidly apart.

At the second meeting, on 29th November, which was postponed from 27th October, we were very happy to welcome Mr. Peter Kirk, M.P.

who spoke on "Christianity and Politics." Some of us had the privilege of being introduced to the speaker personally in the Headmaster's Drawing Room after the meeting, where we learnt much of the intricacies of present-day politics. We have now had both sides of the picture, since we heard Mr. Tom Driberg, M.P., talk on the same subject last term.

Peter Kirk began by questioning the idea that it is especially difficult to be a politician and a Christian. He pointed out that it is difficult to be a Christian in any profession. With a number of good examples, he showed us the difficulties of trying to find a Christian highway to the solution of any problem, and advocated, rather, Christian judgement between similar imperfect secondary roads leading to the same end.

The speaker allowed himself ample time to answer the barrage of questions with which he was faced.

A documentary film entitled "Come Back Africa" was shown for the last meeting of the term on 1st December. It gave a clear picture of the sort of life endured by the coloured people of Johannesburg. One hopes that the film exaggerated their unhappy state.

P.J.V.W.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The inaugural meeting of this new society was held on 14th November in the Tesdale Room. Mr. Keating, the sponsoring-master, outlined to the members the aims of the Society, which were to be discussion and debate on topics of wide range, similar in scope to the Roysse Society. G. A. Brown was asked to be the Secretary of the Society for the Michaelmas and Lent terms.

The meeting then continued with a discussion on the use of corporal punishment. The issue was put to the vote and the Society voted in favour of its use in the home, in schools, and as administered by the courts.

The second meeting of the Society was held on the 12th December in the Young Room with M. R. Mole in the chair. After routine business had been dealt with, D. Weir read a paper entitled "A Defence of Unilateral Disarmament." This was followed by a discussion on the subject, which was hotly contested on both sides. The Society then voted on the issue, and decided by a large majority that it was not in favour of unilateral disarmament.

We should like to express our gratitude to those members of the Society who prepared the light refreshments during the meetings.

G.A.B.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Unfortunately only two meetings could be held this term instead of our usual three.

As our first guest we welcomed Mr. E. Paget, a Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, who showed some colour slides on the West Indies. Numerous topics were illustrated, ranging from the people of the Indies to its geological structure, and Mr. Paget's own intimate knowledge of the area brought to light many facts with which we were unacquainted.

At our second meeting it was very pleasing to welcome a member of the staff, Mr. J. Blagden, who showed us some colour slides of Greece. Much stress was laid on the ancient splendour of this land, and particularly impressive were certain shots of the Acropolis at Athens.

The attendance at both meetings was very heartening, and it is hoped that this trend will continue in the future.

P.G.D.W.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The term began with the Annual General Meeting, at which J. S. Kelly was elected Chairman, C. H. Woodham Secretary, and R. J. C. Bampton, R. S. Capstick and B. R. Rosevear Committee Members.

This has been a very successful term, there being no fewer than four maiden speeches, and it is fitting that the Society should place on record its gratitude to Mr. K. M. D. Holloway, who does so much for the Society, and who once again agreed to remain its sponsor.

At the first debate proper, a packed house decided that A. Varney and R. J. C. Bampton had failed to uphold the motion that "In the opinion of this house, the public schoolboy has a backward outlook on life." Thus the voting was overwhelmingly in favour of the opposition, in the shape of R. S. Capstick and D. J. Brice.

The motion before the House at the second meeting was "In the opinion of this House the exhortation — Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways, and be wise — is one to be followed." This inspired some fine oratory from P. J. V. Willis, its proposer, and G. G. Ganf, the seconder. However despite this fact the House came down heavily on the side of the Secretary and P. L. Hedges, who formed the opposition.

At the last meeting of the term, the fiery oratory of J. Kitto brought the house over to his side, when proposing the motion that "This house agrees that the Punch and Judy is the highest form of dramatic art." He was supported by B. R. Rosevear and the opposition was represented by E. C. R. Evans and R. S. Haynes.

Early in the term there were few speakers from the floor of the house, but about halfway through it was suggested that at each debate a letter of the alphabet should be selected and that all those present whose names began with this letter should speak from the floor. This has proved extremely successful and since it was introduced the quantity, and indeed the quality, of speeches from the floor have been raised beyond all measure. For this innovation we are indebted to our sponsor, whose idea it was. C.H.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Michaelmas term is always the busiest of the year, and it is gratifying indeed that we were able to fit in three meetings despite the fact that members have had so many commitments elsewhere. We first met on the 7th of October for our usual film show, this time held in the new Court Room, which is so suitable for this purpose. The first film was 'War Under the Microscope' and was followed by another called 'Making Tyres', which traced the manufacture of a tyre from the Latex to its final fitting on the rim. The programme was rounded off with another of the excellent 'Panorama' series.

At the second meeting, a fortnight later, we welcomed Dr. W. Elstow from the Public Analyst's Department in Reading who spoke about the work of the department. He outlined the history of the succession of 'Food and Drugs Acts', from the first ideas of food contamination up to the present day, and we were well able to appreciate the problems facing the public analyst of today in his never ceasing battle against illegal contaminants, when so many new products are being put on the market.

The many and varied events of the middle of the term meant that we could not again convene until the 2nd of December, when the Secretary spoke on 'Psychology — The study of the mind.' A brief history of the main philosophies of the mind from classical antiquity

led up to an appraisal of modern methods, and to an elucidation of the more obscure of Freud's theories.

Finally we should like to wish good fortune to the Society in the future and to Peter Bretscher, who will be the guiding force next term as the Honorary Secretary.

K.N.H.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting, our inauguration, gave members the opportunity of putting forward suggestions and deciding upon the aims and purposes of the Society.

The next three meetings consisted of talks given by members of the Society. T. H. Frost revealed the intricacies of the helicopter; C. A. B. Spackman traced for us the history and development of the Boeing Airplane Company of America; whilst T. J. Pegram outlined to us the duties of the Royal Air Force Transport Command — a subject which unfortunately could not be covered in the time available.

At the final meeting of the term, four of our members submitted themselves as a panel for 'Any Questions'.

A. J. L.

BUILDING CLUB

As usual this term we were hampered by both the appalling weather and the consequent lack of light in the evenings. Most of our activities were directed to path-building to overcome the muddy condition of the grounds. We started by building a wide gravel path along to the new Court Room and Lacies Court. This has now settled down quite well and appears to drain effectively. We then turned to the new staff houses in Faringdon Road, building up the gardens and generally levelling them, and then making paths through the quagmire. So far we have got to the stage of a hardcore and gravel foundation but by the time these notes are read we hope at least to have started concreting. As always enthusiasm at the end of term was enhanced by the attempts of house captains to enlist runners for the cross country race.

J.H.K.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We began the term with a membership of fifteen and our first meeting was held at St. Helen's Church when we rang for the Beginning of Term Service. The Society, as a whole, had its first outing on 8th October when we visited Marcham, West Hanney and Stanford-in-the-Vale. Owing to the vagaries of the power supply, ringing was carried out by candle-light on 21st November.

In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Society we rang half muffled at St. Nicolas' Church in remembrance of our former headmaster, Mr. Grundy.

Two members braved the rain to represent the Society when the North Berks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers visited Dorchester, Brightwell Baldwin, and Warborough.

The instruction of our new members in the art of bell-ringing has continued throughout the term under the guidance of Miss M. R. Cross to whom the Society is more than grateful. Practices have been held at Radley, Culham, and St. Helen's towers.

C.C.

CHESS CLUB

The arrival this term of Mr. J. V. Tyson, who represented Cambridge-shire at Chess in 1958, has been followed by a complete renaissance of the Club. A meeting was held at the beginning of the term, to decide on a constitution and policy, during which the following elections were made: President—The Headmaster; Vice-President—Mr. Duxbury; Secretary—J. B. Goodman.

A match was later arranged for the First VI against a Masters' Common Room VI, which the School won 4—1, one match not being played.

Also taking place during the term were various knock-out competitions in the boarding houses — a new arrangement, which, it is hoped, will be repeated in the future.

The last fixture of the term was a match between 3A and the second forms, which 3A won 3½ to 2½.

It is hoped that a match may be arranged for next term against King Alfred's School, Wantage; and the Society also intends to enter a team for the Sunday Times Schools' Knock-out Competition next year.

J.B.G.

FIELD CLUB

Meetings have been held regularly throughout the term to hear recordings of talks broadcast by the B.B.C., a tape recorder being lent by R. G. Parks for play-back purposes.

At the weekends, members have been surveying part of the Ruskin Reserve at Cothill in order to make a map showing the relationship between soil acidity and the positions of interesting plants.

S.D.T.

FILM SOCIETY

This term has seen encouraging changes in the Society. It is now established on a much firmer footing with seventy members, all over the age of sixteen.

The Society has been affiliated to the British Film Institute and elected to membership of the Federation of Film Societies, both very great advantages to us when booking films.

A very enjoyable inaugural meeting, open to all, was held on Friday, 9th December, when a telerecording of "A Tribute to Richard Massingham", and the Oscar-winning film of 1956 "The Bespoke Overcoat", were shown.

The Society can now, therefore, look forward to a future which will be both entertaining and instructive for its members.

R.T.H.

HOLIDAY CLUB

In the summer holidays the Club's Cricket XI entered the Brookes Challenge Cup Competition. As in the previous year we were drawn against a Kennington Youth side, only this time they were the victors.

In the tennis world our six were soundly beaten by Wootton Tennis Club, nine — nil, and so an undistinguished holiday, as far as sport was concerned, was brought to an end. We sincerely thank our Wootton hosts for an enjoyable tea, and for the warm hospitality extended to all of us at the match.

In the Christmas vacation a soccer fixture has been arranged against Abingdon Minors, and a rugger match against Abingdon Town. Plans are proceeding for our Annual Social at Caldecott House, which should take place early in the new year.

J.S.K.

THE FORUM

At the Annual General Meeting, the Society elected the following officers: Chairman—D. O. Willis, Esq.; Secretary—C. H. Woodham; Committee—P. G. D. Whitton, D. J. Brice and R. S. Capstick.

Politics has not in the past been a popular subject for discussion in the Forum but the term has seen so much of interest in this field that a great deal of our time has been spent in discussing world affairs and allied subjects. Always in the fore-front of these discussions have been the three committee members, whose knowledge of such matters would appear to be almost inexhaustible. It was fortunate for the discussion that their opinions often differed.

The traditional ground for Society meetings has been the Heylyn Room, but now that there are more societies this pleasant abode is very much in demand. The Society therefore owes its thanks to Mr. Duxbury for managing to keep it free for our meetings; we realise how difficult this must have been at times.

C.H.W.

JAZZ CLUB

This term the Jazz Club has met four times.

At the first meeting J. V. Comfort introduced a tape recording of Micky Ashman and Dick Charlesworth; at the second C. A. B. Spackman gave a talk entitled 'The Moods of Humph' which he illustrated by some of Lyttelton's earlier recordings.

C. D. Turnbull addressed the next meeting and took the music of Duke Ellington as his theme, giving us a clear indication of Ellington's development and present style. At the last meeting T. H. Frost played a selection of records.

It has now been decided that the Club will achieve far more if its constitution is changed to make it more select, consisting of a limited number of real enthusiasts. This change, the election of a committee, and possible membership of a jazz record library were decided upon at a lunch-time meeting at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

We hope therefore that the future speakers will be able to talk with more experience and knowledge of their subject, especially on lesser known topics and that everyone in the Club will benefit accordingly.

M.P.M.H.

JOINT CLUB

The Joint Club this term has not unfortunately enjoyed the vivacity of former years, partly due to the vagaries of the examination season, which prevented from joining us two of our senior members, whose presence would undoubtedly have had a livening influence upon the proceedings, and partly because this term is always the busiest of the year, and to fit in three meetings which did not clash with other official engagements and to which all members could come, was an extremely difficult task.

However, in spite of all these difficulties, we have had a very full and enjoyable term. In order to get to know each other, we met for our first social beneath the ancient beams of Lacies Court, and here many new friendships were struck up and many old ones took fresh lease of life. The meeting following half-term was this year on Guy Fawkes' Day, and to commemorate this occasion and to celebrate the hallowed even of All Saints' Day, the ladies of St. Helen's entertained us to what was ostensibly a Hallowe'en Party. For this they had obviously gone to a lot of trouble, and it all made for a very pleasant evening.

Our final meeting of the term was held in Lacies Court again. This meeting was inevitably an anticlimax after the superb frolics of the St. Helen's Sixth Form Dance, to which a large number of our members had been invited the previous evening. It was unfortunate again that both sides had had full athletic commitments that day, which further exhausted them after the previous night's revelries. Nonetheless the quiet evening provided a pleasant rest from school for all those present.

No report of the Club's activities could possibly be complete without mention of the help that we always have from Miss Glass and Mr. Sewry, to whom we are always grateful.

K.N.H.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The Mathematical Society, with an enlarged membership, has enjoyed a busy and successful term, and a popular innovation has been the serving of coffee and biscuits after the evening meetings. Two of our members, E. G. Jones and P. W. P. Briten, gave Friday afternoon talks on 'Maclaurin Series' and an 'Introduction to Monograms' respectively.

At our first evening meeting this term the Rev. H. C. Babb, from Culham College, spoke on 'The Golden Section', and illustrated his talk with slides. Another speaker was Mr. Eyres of Radley College who introduced us to some 'Numerical Methods'. We were also pleased to welcome Dr. Kendall, of Magdalen College, Oxford, whose subject was 'Epidemics', and we were able to entertain some guests from St. Helen's School and Radley College at this meeting. It proved a successful experiment which we should like to repeat in the future.

S.R.L.

MODEL BOAT CLUB

The Club has had five meetings this term. Unfortunately, however, owing to the snow on the ground, it was impossible to hold the sailing meeting at Ripon Hall which had been arranged.

Two of our meetings were devoted to discussing the activities of the Club. The other three meetings were held in the woodwork shop where the hull of a Commercial landing craft is in an advanced state of construction.

The membership increased at the beginning of term, and plans are under way for a model dock to be built, and for a film show to be held next term, when we hope to bring out another issue of the Club magazine.

P.S.McK.R.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Winter term was by way of an innovation in the Society, consisting of a series of short talks by members upon various aspects of 17th century French literature — a useful topic for those of our members studying for Advanced Level French, covering as it does the most important period of the syllabus.

At the next meeting we were able to welcome several new members to a preliminary reading of Moliere's 'L'Ecole des Femmes', which prepared us for the Oxford University production at the Playhouse. This proved to be an excellent performance and was a pleasant climax to the term's activities.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip for their kind hospitality.

C.R.L.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Though there has been a regrettable decline in attendance this term, it is encouraging to see a core of regular attenders from the lower forms.

The Society has had the pleasure of hearing two talks this term given by our two new music masters, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Keating. At the first meeting Mr. Pratt spoke on twelve tone music in a talk entitled 'The Lost Key', and at the second Mr. Keating outlined 'The Development of Opera in the Early Baroque Period', illustrating his talk with extracts from Monteverdi's opera *L'Orfeo*. For the intervening meetings there were played recordings of Strauss' *Till Eugenspiegel* and *Don Juan*, introduced by the Secretary; Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*, introduced by A. M. Q. King; and a musical hotch potch at which we heard Wagner's Overture to *Tanhauser*, Suppe's *The Light Cavalry Overture* and excerpts from Kachaturian's *Gayanneh Suite*.
R.G.M.J.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Still-photography has regained a firm footing this term with a keen following of over twenty. Our first concern was to improve the darkroom which had almost fallen into disuse. The darkroom is clean and efficient with two working enlargers and other necessary equipment.

On 11th November we had a celebrity guest speaker — Mr. P. G. Law, F.R.P.S., F.I.B.P., of Ilford Ltd., ex-detective superintendent in charge of photography at New Scotland Yard. He gave a very valuable lecture, illustrated with slides and prints, on 'How to become a Good Photographer'. He explained the basis of good composition and gave us ideas for unconventional approach to subject matter.

In previous years the photographic exhibition on Founder's Day has been disappointing. Our aim this year is to obtain a good response from members so that an exhibition of greater quality and variety can be produced.
D.C.S.V.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, held on 16th October, we read the tragedy by Jean Cocteau 'The Eagle has Two Heads' at which the good attendance was very gratifying.

The second meeting was held on 20th November when Shakespeare's drama 'The Winter's Tale' was read. Unfortunately, owing to the shortage of readers, each member found himself reading two or more parts. Nevertheless, a pleasant evening was had by all.

Each term, the Society tries to read something out of the ordinary. This time, we decided on 'My Fair Lady', that well known musical by Lerner and Loewe. The meeting was most enjoyable, and we are indebted to Mr. Pratt for entrusting to us the use of the hi-fi equipment; also to M. H. Tarran-Jones and P. A. Wedgewood for the record and the tape-recorder respectively.

To end the term, the comedy 'My Three Angels', by S. and B. Spewack, was chosen. At times prolonged laughter interrupted the meeting.

The term has been very satisfying in two ways. We have duly held our 'quota' of four meetings: a Shakespeare, a Tragedy, a Comedy and one other; and we have welcomed many new faces in the Society. Certainly, more would come if they realised how worthwhile and enjoyable the meetings are.

We should like to thank Miss Cobbald for providing the refreshments throughout the term, and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their continued interest in the Society.
I.M.C.

SAILING CLUB

Although officially the closed season, sailing has continued almost right through the Michaelmas term and we have had one match against Radley, to whom we lost by a narrow margin of points. As a result of this match, which took place on Curtis' Gravel pit at Radley, we are considering moving our headquarters from Dorchester to this almost equally suitable site, as it is so much nearer the school.

During the Lent Term, owing to the kindness of Fenn and Wood Ltd., we hope to arrange for a party of members to visit their boatyard at Taplow, an excursion which should prove most instructive and may encourage members to undertake the building of our own craft.

The Club has applied for membership of the National Schools' Sailing Association which is in the process of being formed. This will ensure that we are represented at the major school sailing meetings and will also help the club to secure fixtures. We therefore look forward to a full programme in the summer.

C.R.L.

SKYE GROUP

The first meeting of term was concerned with the election of new members, and the various officers were appointed. P. A. Bretscher was elected to the post of Chairman, with M. R. Mole as Secretary; R. Allison as Quartermaster; and T. A. Marsh as Treasurer.

The next meeting consisted of a general discussion in which the plans for the year were laid down. We discovered that many of the would-be Geologists had had little or no knowledge of the subject, and so the last two meetings of the term were taken up by a series of lectures given by several of the members. M. J. Nelson began with a talk on 'Glaciation', which was followed by 'An Introduction to Paleontology' by D. C. Pollard. P. A. Bretscher finished with a lecture embracing several aspects of the subject.

The term ended with another most interesting and useful talk by P. A. Bretscher who introduced us to the 'Topography and Geology of Skye'.

M.R.M.

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society was started at the beginning of this term, and before long we had eleven members, who all take part in the Society's meetings. Mr. Hillary has kindly agreed to sponsor us and we are grateful to him for coming on both our visits.

Three meetings were held this term. At the first we discussed Roman Britain and were shown some Roman pottery. At the second we examined some coins and some old swords and other Victorian relics including a fireman's helmet and medals belonging to one of the members' grandfather. The final meeting was brief and purely business, to discuss arrangements for the visit to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

Of our two outings, the first was to Abingdon Abbey, and we are grateful to the Curator, Mr. McKeon, who gave us a most interesting talk and conducted tour of the remaining buildings. The second was to the Ashmolean, and in spite of terrible weather was a great success. We saw an immense amount of fascinating relics of all periods of history, especially in the Egyptian Section. Among the most interesting objects on view were King Alfred's Jewel, Guy Fawkes' Lantern, and the iron-lined hat worn by Col Bradshaw at the trial of King Charles I.

A.P.F.

O.A. NOTES**BIRTHS**

- LEIGH.** On 8th May, 1959, to the wife of Colin Leigh (1941), a son, Anthony Richard.
- LITTLEWOOD.** On 31st December, 1960, to the wife of David L. J. Littlewood (1953), a son, Mark David.
- MILLS.** On 3rd December, 1960, to Beryl, wife of John S. T. Mills (1938), a son.
- PENN.** On 2nd September, 1960, to Pamela, wife of Michael Penn (1949), a son, Charles Anthony Stoddard.

MARRIAGES

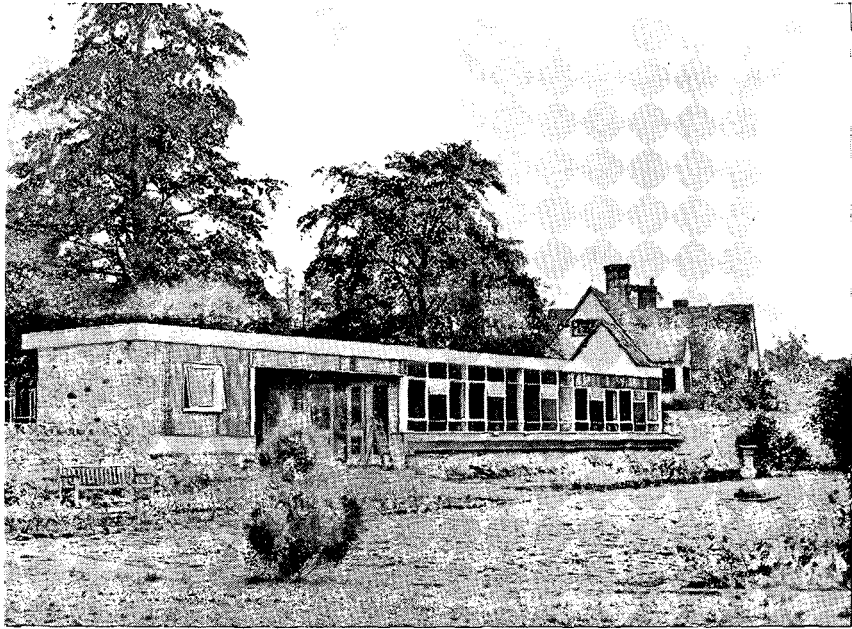
- ENSER-HARTNER.** On 20th August, 1960 at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, Michael B. Enser (1956) to Lottie Hartner.
- KEEPING-BOSHIER.** On 20th August, 1960, at Didcot R.C. Church, John H. F. Keeping (1951) to Jennifer Boshier.
- LIGHT-ALLEN.** On 11th June, 1960, at All Saints' Church, Four Oaks, Peter B. Light (1954) to Joan Allen.
- PAGE-BLACKMORE.** On 24th Sept., 1960, at St. Edyth's Church, Sea Mills, Bristol, James T. Page (1955) to Beryl W. Blackmore.
- TAYLOR-THORPE.** On 24th Sept., 1960, at St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, Richard J. Taylor (1951) to Ann Wray Thorpe, of Saskatoon.
- TUCK-COLLINS.** On 20th August, 1960, at Ardington Church, John Tuck (1953) to Peggy Caroline Collins.
- WHITEFORD-MORGAN.** On 17th Sept., 1960 at Northbourne Church, Didcot, Barrie A. Whiteford (1953) to Anita A. Morgan.
- STACEY-EVANS.** On 1st October, 1960, Brian Edward Stacey (1957) to Elizabeth Hilary Evans.

DEATHS

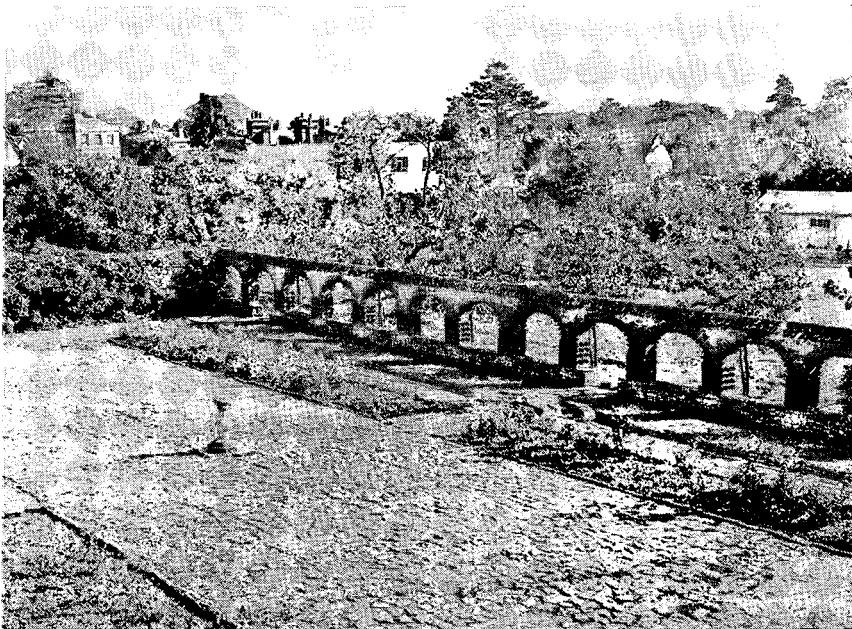
- TOMBS.** On 7th September, 1960, at 43 Bostock Road, Abingdon, Wilfred William Tombs (1909-14) aged 62.
- WESTBROOK.** On 14th December, 1960, at Abingdon, Barry Westbrook (1948-56) aged 22.

Wilfred Tombs, of an old Abingdon family, served in World War I and for 40 years thereafter he was Rating Officer for the Borough of Abingdon.

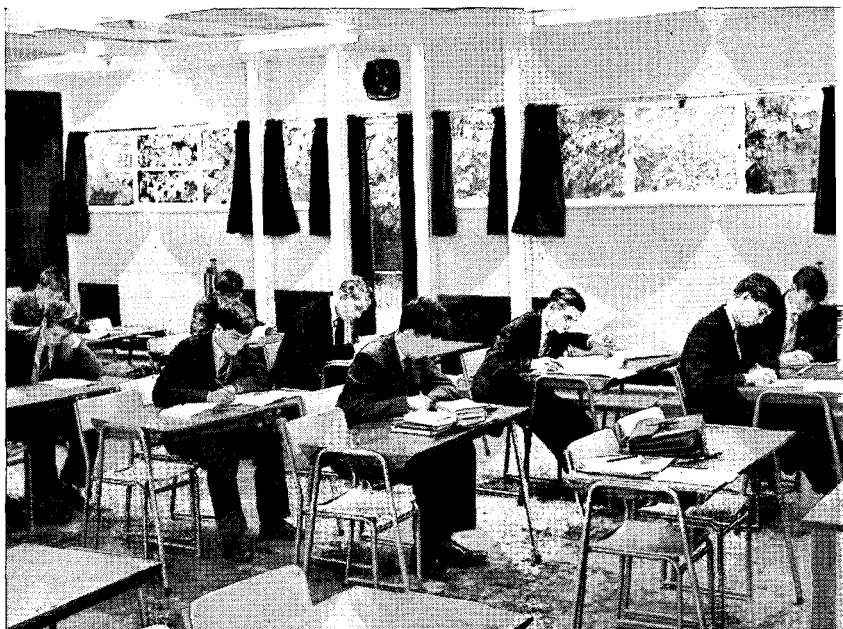
Barry Westbrook, whose untimely death we deplore, was a House Prefect and a useful all-round athlete, in particular at cricket and hockey. On leaving, to do his National Service in R.A., he was a bombardier in Tony Riggott's regiment in Germany for two years, and on his release entered Exeter University, with the teaching profession as his objective. He had just completed his first year there. We offer our sincere condolences to his parents in their tragic loss.



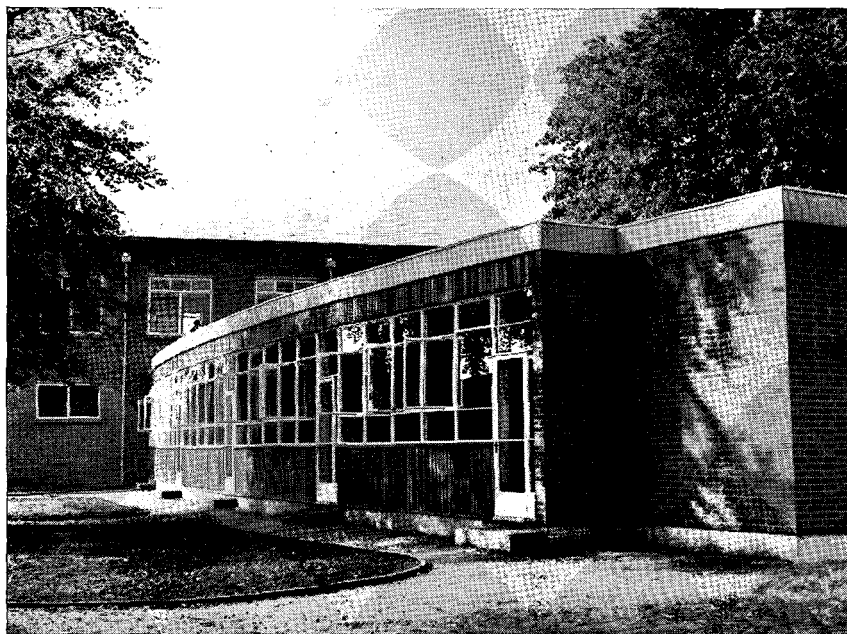
TWO VIEWS OF A SUN-DIAL



THE COURT ROOM



— INSIDE



— AND OUTSIDE

J. D. Lynn-Robinson (1921) has recently retired after long service with Cables & Wireless. His last appointment was Manager at Fayol.

Jim Turnham (1934) late Lt. Col. R.A., is now Sales Manager for Ball-bearing Manufacturers.

John Clarke (1941), a B.P. oil man, is at Das Island, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

Richard Redknap (1954) has emigrated with his family to the Bahamas. He is Spares Manager for Austin Distributors in Nassau.

We congratulate Mr. Wynne, alias Tom Brailsford (1943) on his latest venture, *Nylons Unlimited*, a Club Insurance Scheme for stockings. It had a good press, both in the Dailies and Weeklies, and for the benefit of members and their ladies, not to mention Mr. Wynne, the address is 26 Gay Street, Bath.

Michael Wareham (1951), farming at Faringdon, is also an Evening Lecturer at Swindon Technical College.

Colin Leigh (1941) is now a Main (rather than Branch) partner in his firm of Accountants and is well settled into his new house in Nairobi.

Raymond Owen (1942) is Head of the History dept. at Wisbech Grammar School. He plays tennis for Cambridgeshire and is Captain of Wisbech L.T.C. His brother Mervyn (1945), now married, is in Accountancy at Slough.

David Treacher (1950) is with Standard Cables, Display Dept., kept very happy and busy designing complete stands and displays for Exhibitions at home and abroad.

Michael Culley (1956), after taking London B.Sc. at Portsmouth College of Technology, is with the Marine Research Unit at Portsmouth, with an M.Sc. in view.

Jeffrey Heavens (1954) has been appointed Manager of the Eastgate Hotel, Oxford; and John Mills (1938) is now mine host at the Hal Zephron Inn, Gun Waller, near Helston, Cornwall.

John Becker (1957) is still with Religious Films at Elstree, but is also busy with documentaries, and is going to Bulgaria to make a Government-sponsored colour film of the carpet industry. As a third string to his bow he has his own Still Photography business, known as Oakdene Photographic.

Of our actors, Thomas Kempinski (1956) has been appearing as Tybalt in 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Old Vic; and Tony Gardner (1956), after appearing at Princes Theatre, is rehearsing in a coming production of 'Border Incident'.

Michael Dicker (1954) is with John Dickinson in the Packing Supplies Dept. and lives at Hemel Hempstead. His brother Clive (1955) is now at Longmore after a course at the R.E. School of Civil Engineering, Chatham.

John Tuck (1953) married recently, is Spares and Sales Representative of B.M.C. at Umtali, S. Rhodesia.

John Mobbs (1957) is now on a rubber plantation in Malaya belonging to the Harrison & Crosfield concern. His address is Gelemong Estate, Bentong, Pahang.

David Exon (1958) now with British American Tobacco Co. is engaged in a 22 months' course at Southampton as trainee for an overseas appointment.

Richard Morse (1957) is another "documentary man" with Derek Stewart Productions.

Ian McLoughlin (1956) is now in the Borough Surveyor's Dept. at Newbury.

Geoffrey Wright (1957) has joined the Bank of West Africa at Lagos, where he must be working alongside Tony Maxwell (1955). We congratulate the latter on his recent engagement.

John Barnett (1952) is doing a year's practical work in the Architect's Dept. of Middlesex C.C. after which he will return to the Oxford School of Architecture for his final two years.

James Carslaw (1959) is in London reading for the Bar (among other things).

Graham Morse (1957) is in the Advertising Dept. of the 'Sunday Times'.

Services News

Major D. W. Olliffe (1942), R.A.S.C., is with a Work Study and Technical Advisory Unit, based on Cyprus but taking him as far afield as Aden and Kenya.

Capt. Hugh Leach (1953), R.T.R., is with the Northern Frontier Regt. in Oman, Arabia.

We congratulate W. J. Phipps (1958) on passing out 11th from R.M.A. Sandhurst and thereby gaining a handsome prize. He joins 5th Dragoon Guards.

David Emmett (1956) is Lieut. R. Ulster Rifles and O. M. Jones (1955) 2nd/Lt. Sherwood Foresters, is in Singapore.

Alan Bush (1956), Lieut. R.A., is in Middle East with 42 Fd. Rgt. Sub. Lieut. Christopher Cobley (1957), H.M.S. Dieppe is at Aden and Peter Simmonds (1955) in H.M.S. Dryad.

Alan Aitchison (1958), doing his National Service in R.A.F., is a Meteorological Observer at Benson, after doing 3 months training at Abingdon.

John Milne (1960), F.A.A., is in H.M.S. Osprey at Portland.

At the moment our representatives at Britannia R.N.C. Dartmouth are: C. D. Loukes, D. E. Camplin and M. P. Cross: at R.M.A. Sandhurst, C. J. Pickup: and at Cranwell, J. R. N. Ogle.

University News

The following are believed to be in residence at Universities and Medical Schools in U.K.

Oxford:

Pembroke: M. B. Enser, H. C. Bowen, R. W. Westcott, B. D. Winkett,
I. J. Kirby, J. A. Sheard, A. P. Haynes, G. F. Wastie.

Magdalen: R. M. Marchbanks, G. S. Howlett.

Merton: R. S. Green, D. G. Darroch.

New: P. J. Ford.

Jesus: B. P. Kibble.

Wadham: D. S. Gerrard.

St. Edmund Hall: W. W. Budden, R. W. Harvey.

St. Catherine's: F. Jeal.

Cambridge:

Clare: M. S. R. Broadway, N. A. J. Antrobus (RE).

Gonville & Caius: M. S. Bretscher.

Jesus: S. C. Woodley.

King's: M. J. Scott-Taggart, C. M. Dunman.

Queens': P. M. D. Gray.

Fitzwilliam House: D. G. Dunkley.

Trinity College, Dublin: R. B. Scott-Taggart, J. J. Day, G. R. B.
Farrington, D. T. L. Wright (Eke).

London:

King's: D. G. Morris.

University: G. M. Crow, G. L. Griffiss.

Imperial College: J. H. Thewlis, T. I. Silvey.

L.S.E.: N. K. Hammond, P. W. Kemp.

Queen Mary's: I. A. Oliver.

Goldsmith's: D. J. Griffiths.

Birmingham: C. J. Marchbanks, R. G. Simmonds, T. P. Henson.

Bristol: D. J. Meakins, N. J. H. Grant.

Durham: King's College, Newcastle: A. J. Costley.

Hull: A. F. Pritchard.

Leeds: D. J. Lanham.

Leicester: N. G. Mackenzie, D. H. Bragg, R. B. Blackmore.

Reading: M. Q. King, G. E. G. Brown, M. G. Nichol.

Sheffield: J. Furby.

Southampton: E. R. L. Day, B. P. A. Cork, E. W. Firth,

Aberystwyth: G. W. Jones, D. I. Southern, T. C. Davies.

Medical Schools:

Guy's: J. A. Howard, P. O. Older, M. C. Rallings.

King's: R. K. Le Voi.

London: S. H. Freedman.

Middlesex: P. G. Cope.

St. Mary's: B. L. Smith.

University: J. M. Thistlewood.

Royal Veterinary: J. J. Swainston, S. M. Womar, M. G. Yarkoff.

Birmingham: P. D. Exon.

In Universities abroad we have Edward Lier at Strasbourg (for one year before taking his Medical Degree Course at Imperial College): Martin Mogeay at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.: R. M. Johns at Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia: Paul Glover at Saarland University, Saarbrücken: R. A. Stewart at Cornell University.

Hearty congratulations to R. W. Harvey on his Half-Blue. He ran against Cambridge in the Cross Country race and in the 2 miles event in the Freshmen's Sports. George Darroch also performed in the Freshmen's Weight event against Cambridge.

Congratulations also to Frank Jeal on his First Class in Physics, and to Geoffrey Sheppard (who left us in 1958) on winning an Open Scholarship in Natural Science to Wadham.

We are glad to hear that Robin Dickenson has been accepted by New College for next October: Randell Moll by St. Peter's Hall (conditionally) and Nigel Hammond (for his Dip. Ed.) by Pembroke, Oxford.

Of others who left in July 1960, or later, we have the following news:

- R. L. Antrobus: Shell Mex and B.P. Staff Research Dept.
- R. F. Burton: Articled Chartered Accountants, Didcot.
- R. G. Cain: Articled Herbert & Gowers, Solicitors, Oxford.
- R. M. Campbell: Short Service Commission R.A.F.
- I. M. Cunningham: Critchley, Ward & Piggot, Accountants.
- C. T. Johnson: Battersea College, Diploma Course in Catering.
- A. J. C. Lansdown: Articled Chartered Accountants.
- A. L. Howell: Trainee Executive, Plastics Marketing Co., Sevenoaks.
- R. C. Watts, West Region B.R. Civil Engineering Course, Wandsworth.
- M. J. Neilan: Quantity Surveying Course, London Polytechnic.
- D. P. Heather-Hayes: Steel Company of Wales.
- R. J. Hewison: Farming prior to Reading University.
- R. W. J. Parsons: C.E. Gas Board, Research Laboratories.
- D. F. Perkins: Avebury Research Laboratories, Goring-on-Thames.
- D. M. Taylor: National Provincial Bank.
- C. R. Wright: Scientific Assistant, A.E.R.E. Winfrith.
- A. Henbest: Barclays Bank, Reading.
- M. E. Carpenter: Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance, Newcastle.
- P. D. Hossent: Theological Training College.
- A. R. Chapman: Cartography Dept., Oxford University Press.
- A. H. Lawson: Trainee Sales Manager, Pontings.

- R. K. Paige: Pontings, prior to family Textile Business.
 P. A. Holmes: R.A.F. Apprentice, Halton.
 J. D. Taylor: Farming.
 M. A. Wade: Publicity Dept., Pergamon Press.
 N. H. Moss: Articled Livingstone, Wood & Son, Solicitors, Worcester.
 A. J. Millard: Maidenhead School of Art.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The Annual Dance was held on Saturday, 26th November, the evening of the Rugger Match. We thank Norman Holmes for the excellent arrangements and Mrs. Bevir for the lovely flowers. The number of tickets sold — 164 — was below our maximum but at least the dancers had a little more elbow-room. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and without wishing to sound pompous we should like to commend the young bar-wards on their decorous behaviour.

The notice of the London Dinner appears below, and again we urge all Londoners — and others — who can possibly do so to attend this excellent function. The earlier the slips and money are sent to Stanley Paige the happier he will be.

Arrangements for the coming year are:

Hockey Match — Saturday, 4th March, 1961.

London Dinner — Friday, 10th March, 1961.

Athletics Meeting — Saturday, 11th March, 1961.

Old Boys' Day — Saturday, 17th June, 1961.

A chronological scrap-book is being built up, and we shall welcome any photos, snapshots, newspaper-cuttings and programmes. Please send anything of interest, with dates and names, if possible, to G. F. Duxbury. In particular we lack School groups of 1922 and 1945. Can anyone help?

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