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EDITORIAL

Reform of the sixth-form curriculum is in the air. Certainly, the present pattern of sixth-form studies leaves much to be desired, and it is reasonable to suppose that, as the average sixth form becomes larger, this dissatisfaction will also increase.

The majority of imperfections in the present system—the seemingly unbridgeable gap between the arts and the sciences, the preoccupation with examinations and the early specialisation—are said to be caused by the dictates of university entrance requirements. However, this excuse is becoming less valid now that universities are creating courses of study which embrace subjects from both of the "two cultures". In any case, the importance assumed by the universities in shaping the sixth form curriculum will diminish as sixth forms increase in size and range (the more far-reaching implications of this dilution are another matter).

If larger sixth forms were to exist, obviously the old concept of the sixth form as a compact, and often small, group of very able pupils, all or most of whom were planning to attempt Scholarship examinations, would no longer be a true one. On the contrary, the sixth form of the future would tend to include a relatively small number of Scholarship candidates. Of course, the number of places available at universities would increase as more universities are built. This would tend to raise the number of university candidates, so that the proportion of university candidates to non-university candidates would remain roughly the same. However, there would be a large number of non-university candidates, especially in the first-year sixth. Therefore the present curriculum must be changed, and it must be changed quickly, for it will be insufficient in the future to offer a sixteen or seventeen year old a time-table involving detailed study of three, or even four, academic subjects, when

he does not even intend going to university, let alone pursuing an academic career.

In fact, specialisation in the sixth form as it now exists, must change. The present curriculum, based on the assumption that all sixth-formers will take two or three 'A' levels at the end of their second year in the sixth form must be amended, to become a more flexible system to suit all sixth formers, whether university candidates or not. In fact, specialist courses must obviously remain, but they must exist in conjunction with and in parallel with another system, not so academic, for the benefit of those not intending to go to university.

A skeleton of this new system appears in the Working Paper of the Schools' Council—(No. 5) Sixth Form—Curriculum and Examinations. With its mixture of major, minor and general subjects, it promises to be most complex. However, it is this system, or a system very much like it, which will be in force in the near future. Abingdon, with its sixth form of nearly two hundred, has already taken steps towards it. The future of the sixth form is as exciting as it is uncertain. The next decade will certainly be most fascinating from this point of view to anyone who has ever been in an English sixth form.

SCHOOL NOTES

We send our good wishes for the New Year to Dr. Mary Watson, who has now returned to Oxford to complete her recovery in S. Luke's Convalescent Home; and we look forward to welcoming Mr. Bredin home from that extended visit to South Africa which has been the first-fruits of his retirement.

We salute our H.M.I., Mr. J. S. Wingate-Saul, on his retirement from the Inspectorate, and we offer a very warm welcome to his successor Mr. F. A. Arrowsmith of Oxford—no stranger to the School and one whom we look forward to greeting as a friend.

Congratulations to Major Duncan West, R.R.A., T.A., School architect, Past President of the Old Abingdonian Club and parent, on being selected as first Commanding-Officer of the new Oxfordshire Territorial Regiment and on the award of the M.B.E. in the New Year Honours List.

Our thanks and good wishes go with Mr. Lionel Millard, to whom we are indebted for the critique of 'The Duchess of Malfi' which appears later in this magazine, and who has stood in for Mr. Hillary while he has been enjoying a taste of academic honey as Schoolmaster Student of Christ Church. One hears that next summer's list of the Pergamon Press will show that Mr. Hillary has turned his sabbatical term to good use.

It was very sad that Mr. Knechtel, who was temporarily filling a gap on the Economics side, should have to give up his appointment at

half-term owing to ill-health. We were fortunate in being able to replace him at short notice by a couple of well-qualified part-timers—Mr. Manly, a former headmaster of a northern grammar school, and Mr. A. J. Spicer, sometime Inspector of Education in H.M.O.C.S.

Then in January we look forward to welcoming, more permanently, Mr. Nigel Hammond, who is the first Old Boy appointed to the Staff for at least twenty years. Mr. Hammond was a dayboy at the School from 1949 to 1957. After taking his degree at the London School of Economics he was appointed to Worksop College, where he has since been teaching Economics and Geography. He is well-known locally not only through his family connections but also as the author of an extensive series of studies in local history which have appeared in the 'North Berks Herald'. Mr. Hammond will be living at Heathcot and acting as part-time house-tutor at Larkhill.

We have said farewell this term to two loyal servants of the School, Mrs. Edwards, of the Laboratory Staff, and Miss Gibbons, who has served two headmasters faithfully for over forty years—a record of service as School Secretary which may very well be unique. Miss Gibbons' encyclopaedic knowledge of the School (and more particularly of the Old Boys) will long be remembered. Among the many tributes paid to her perhaps the one that touched her most was the cheque presented to her by the Old Abingdonian Club after this year's rugby match. To both ladies—affectionate wishes for a happy retirement.

We always welcome news of former masters. The Mastersingers continue to make meteoric appearances in press and on radio; Mr. Horrex recently achieved the apotheosis of opening a church bazaar. Mr. Geoffrey Tudor has been appointed Principal of the Star Centre for the Further Education of the Physically Handicapped at Cheltenham. Mr. Emms is enjoying a sabbatical year from Rugby at Groton School, U.S.A. Mr. Sawbridge has been given a House at Haileybury. And congratulations to Mr. Kendall Carey on his recent marriage, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt on the birth of a second son, Nicholas Malcolm, on 9th October.

We were also pleased to hear from the Rev. Mark Williams who wrote most appreciatively of the help six of our Scouts gave him during the Summer holidays.

In the forthcoming term we shall welcome three student masters, Mr. A. F. Murray, B.Sc. (Edin.) in Chemistry, and Mr. E. W. M. R. Rees, B.A (Wales) in Religious Knowledge, both from the Oxford University Department of Education, and Mr. P. G. Commings, B.A. (Cantab) in Geography from Reading. Mr. Murray took part as an athlete in the Olympic Games at Tokyo, so we shall look forward to seeing his prowess.

Once again we have the pleasure of gratefully acknowledging a series of gifts to the School. We thank Mr. Peter Young, Headmaster of the

English High School for Boys at Istanbul, Mrs. Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Potter for defraying the cost of an oak table for use in the Chapel; Dr. and Mrs. Egon Bretscher for a generous contribution to the Skye Group; Captain Hugh Leach, M.B.E., for a cheque for the Boat Club; Mr. and Mrs. Carrington and Dr. Peter Willis for further gifts of roses; Mr. and Mrs. K. D. B. Johnson for a substantial cheque which has yet to be allocated; Mrs. Baecker for some rowing kit; and the Corporation of Abingdon for a valuable lighting console—memorial of the Corn Exchange.

And we have just heard that Miss Margaret Couldrey and her sister Mrs. Page are very kindly sending us another picture by Oswald Couldrey (O.A.).

Visitors to the School from overseas this term have included Mr. Board, the Chief Education Officer for Hong-Kong (24th October); and a large party of teachers from the emergent nations of the Commonwealth, attending a specialist course in Oxford, who visited us in three waves on 3rd, 5th and 6th October.

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term the number of boys on the School Roll was 617, of whom 193 were boarders, 194 members of one or other of the Sixth Forms. This total, an all-time record, will go down a little in January, because of the Christmas leavers.

But conversely we shall welcome two new boys, one of whom deserves special mention. We have recently joined up with the Schools' African Linking Scheme sponsored by the Nuffield Foundation and the Headmasters' Association, and we have been twinned with the Government Secondary School at Abuja in Northern Nigeria. One feature of the scheme is the exchange of boys between the two schools, and we have arranged to entertain for a couple of terms the Deputy Head Boy of the School, Abasiya Ahuwan, who will be flying to England just before the beginning of the term. We hope he settles in as happily and smoothly as our O.P.O.S. scholar, Yani Doganoglu.

We are developing our international contacts in other directions too. The Headmaster's chance meeting with a couple of German eighteen-year-olds on Hinksey Hill during the summer holidays led to the establishment of 'diplomatic relations' with their school, the Ratsgymnasium at Bielefeld; and from the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to the Borough of Thames, New Zealand, on 6th October (a colourful ceremony at which we were represented at all levels) is developing a similar link with Thames High School. Towards the end of term we were glad to welcome a couple of unofficial envoys from Bielefeld whose visit happily coincided with the Carol Service and the Cross-country. A pity though they didn't see us at work.

It looked as if this would be a thin year for Oxford and Cambridge, but so far we have secured seven vacancies, including three awards. Congratulations to I. Campbell (the Abingdon Scholarship, in Natural

Sciences, at Pembroke College, Oxford): C. W. Denny (Scholarship in Modern Languages at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford): and C. S. Downes (Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Oxford).

We congratulate also E. J. Hadley on the award of the Sixth Form Scholarship, to be known *pro hac vice* as the Lady Wantage Scholarship.

The Parents' Evening for the parents of all new boys was held this term in the Court Room on Thursday, 13th October. The programme once again concluded with a showing of 'Letters from America'; but unfortunately, as the sound track is being remade, we had it presented in silent form. The interminable bird-song in the Jekyll Garden was no great loss. But we missed the amusement of the occasional dyschronisation, and the haunting evocation of the background music.

The distribution of prizes (fully reported elsewhere) took place for the first time in the Abbey Hall, which provided a spacious and dignified venue.

Saturday Evening Entertainments this term have been as follows:

1st October — Mr. Duncan Grant, M.A., F.R.G.S., on 'Canada' (with slides).

22nd October — Mr. R. A. Pearson on 'The History and Development of Firearms'.

12th November — Mr. John S. Lawes on 'The Dutch Polders' (with slides).

— and the following feature films: 'Their Finest Hours': 'Cat Ballou': 'The Ipcress File': and 'Some Like It Hot'.

A rather special entertainment was held on 19th November, when we invited neighbouring schools to send parties to the Abbey Hall to join us in listening to the Brass Band of Oakmead School, Bourne-mouth, whose virtuosity has carried them all over the Continent.

On 26th September we welcomed our new R.A.F. Liaison Officer, S/Ldr. R. J. M. David: on 7th October Commodore D. R. P. Gun-Cunninghame of B.I.S.N.: on 17th November Mr. Chant, of the Central Youth Employment Executive; and on 25th November Mr. R. L. Nicholas, Recruitment Officer of the Government Communications Headquarters, at Cheltenham.

We are grateful to Mr. Wilson, who came down to lecture to the Sixth Forms on 11th November on 'De Gaulle and East/West Relations': and to Mr. Sutton, of the National Provincial Bank at Maidenhead, who acted as guest speaker (on the subject of 'Banking') at one of the Headmaster's evening sixth-form lectures (17th November).

It took eight mornings of hard work this year (October 24th–28th, November 7th–9th) for Mr. Eason to give practice interviews to all our up-and-coming sixth formers. We are very grateful to him for helping us in this way.

On Saturday, 15th October, a number of masters and boys attended a very early celebration of the Communion in S. Nicolas' Church to commemorate the birthday of John Blacknall.

We sent an unusually strong contingent of C.C.F. and Scouts to take part in the Parade on Remembrance Day (13th November).

Entertainments outside the School to which we have given support include: a lecture by Professor Hugh Seton Watson on 'Stalin' at the Sixth Form History Conference at Milham Ford School, Oxford (15th October): a visit to the Hydraulics Research Station at Crowmarsh (19th October): a film show on the work of the United Nations at John Mason High School (24th October): O.U.R.F.C. versus Major Stanley's XV, at Iffley Road (17th November): a visit to the National Gallery (18th November): a rigger match between Oxford and Cambridge played to Australian rules (26th November): a Russian play in Oxford (30th November): and an excursion to London to photograph the Christmas illuminations (7th December).

J. B. Lister and A. L. Vernède represented us at a weekend conference at Cowley organised by the Society of S. John the Evangelist (12th/13th November): and on 17th November our blood donors were on parade in the Abingdon Church Hall. Stout fellows!

We are grateful to the Sister Superior of S. Helen's School for once again inviting some of our first year sixth-formers to join their dancing classes.

A special collection was taken on 28th October for the Aberfan Relief Fund; and again on 8th December for those who had suffered in the Italian floods—an effort which elicited a graceful acknowledgement from the Italian Ambassador. We have also provided workers for various Oxfam efforts.

The Chemists of the Lower Sixth enjoyed their annual visit to Messrs. Morlands Brewery in early December. Once again this excursion proved so popular that the party had to be divided into two. We look forward to the day when the Classical Sixth is again strong enough to claim its own privilege in this matter.

Members of the Sixth Form had their choice of parties this term. We were invited to dance—formally but not stuffily—with the young ladies of S. Helen's (at Steventon Church Hall on 3rd December); and also with the ladies of Didcot Grammar School (9th December), Headington High School (12th December), John Mason High School (15th December) and the Abbey School, Reading (also on 15th December).

On the evening of Sunday, 11th December, the Band and the Choral Society combined to give what has now become the traditional carol concert in the Court Room which was once again packed for the occasion. This year for the first time the Recorder Club took part in

the programme. It is possibly the informality of it all that makes this concert one of the most enjoyable shows in the whole year.

The following evening the Court Room was transmogrified for the Junior Dramatic Society's first full-length production, 'Toad of Toad Hall'. And on the Tuesday came the formal Service of Lessons and Carols in S. Helen's Church—both of which are reported more fully on another page. Then on the Wednesday, after the Cross-country races, the Choir sang their carols round the town in aid of Oxfam.

On the last evening of the term, 15th December, the boarders enjoyed their usual Christmas dinner of turkey, plum pudding and dessert. This was followed by community singing in the Court Room after which the houses dispersed—some to gentle games in the Gymnasium, some to their more private entertainment.

During the holidays several of our members played in the Abingdon Holiday Orchestra: some ran, with credit rather than distinction, in the Berkshire Cross-country Championship Meeting on 17th December: and many played representative rugby.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from schools near and far. Especial thanks to John Mason for their Chronicle and for their first literary magazine, 'Creative Cronicle No. 1', which is illustrated both graphically and ideographically.

We were amused recently to read in the papers that Eton College were experimenting with massed inoculation against influenza. We have been doing it for six years. This year five doctors ran though 600 of us on 21st October in an overall time of twenty-five minutes. Good staff work somewhere!

A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes—or rather, on 27th October, a young Stoic, Richard Branson, who for reason best known to himself chose to come over to make a survey of this School.

Another record. The Abingdon School Change-Ringing Society rang its first complete peal, at S. Margaret's Church, Hinton Waldrist, on 10th December. The time taken for the 5040 changes was 2 hours 40 minutes.

And an innovation. A new system of 'break detention' has been introduced which provides prefects with a standard punishment for minor misdemeanour. One purpose of its introduction is to reduce the need for corporal punishment—and so far it seems as if it is going to succeed in this laudable aim.

The '*Southern Daily Echo*' recently devoted four half columns to a lurid description of Lindsay Ewing's adventures during his desultory hike round the world, under the title 'Lindsay wears wild pig's teeth after living with Chocoos'.

And in the matter of literature, Michael Bateman (O.A.) has recently published another book 'Cooking People'. He is also, anonymously,

one-half of Fred Pope, whose 'Canterbury Pewside Book' was one of the best stocking-fillers this Christmas. There's another one under his own name, 'The Wit of the Church', due out in the Spring.

Meanwhile Michael Liversidge's scholarly article on 'James Bourne' appeared in the *Connoisseur* of November. Not bad for one who was a schoolboy when he wrote it. And in the January number of *Apollo* appears another article by him, on the hitherto unpublished correspondence between John Ruskin and Sir William Boxall, R.A. (O.A.).

Those who have read the November issue of *The Mathematics Teacher* will have noticed in it an article by Mr. Tammadge on 'Networks'.

Full marks to the very senior Governor who drew our attention to an inaccuracy in the lighting-up times as given in the Michaelmas Calendar. Did you notice it?

Now that old masters from Dulwich are at hazard we hope someone is keeping an eye on H.M.'s portrait . . . and on H.M.?

The photographs in this issue are by Mr. Milligan, Photographer, R. A. Balbernie, Richard Welch, O.A., and D. G. Nasmyth — to all of whom we offer our thanks.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a term of mixed fortune—epitomised perhaps by a rugger Fifteen which touched its best form only in occasional matches. However, the award of three Scholarships at Oxford shone brightly against a background of otherwise sparse academic achievement, and my Christmas was cheered as I read the reports on the younger members of the Sixth Form and the Remove. It is clear that we have some very good material coming along.

And there has been much of late that I shall remember with satisfaction. This term we have broadened our horizons in two ways—by building up new links with schools in Nigeria, Germany, and New Zealand, and by establishing a new pattern of co-operation in extra-curricular activity with the sixth forms of St. Helen's and John Mason. The School Play, performed for the first time in the Abbey Hall, may have impressed on us how much better Shakespeare was than his near-contemporaries; but I have rarely seen a more sensitive or more moving production. I salute especially de Bosola, who kept going until the end, with virus pneumonia already in his blood and the stage hands all set to draw the curtain at the drop of an actor. It is not always the more obvious forms of courage that are the most admirable. And to turn to more mundane things, it was a joy to receive from a parent, within a few minutes of first reading my terminal letter, a telephone call to

offer me a magnificent grand piano. Frankly, when the Governors invited me to make this particular appeal, I was sceptical. Mr. and Mrs. Roblin, bless them, proved me wrong and I am very grateful to them for doing so.

The considerable sum of money thus saved will make it much easier to meet the other requirements of the Ingham Music School, which now stands four-square at the lower end of Lacies Court and which should be in full use by Easter. Further north we have been enabled, thanks to the generosity of parents and Old Boys, to replant completely two of the large rose-beds in the Jekyll Garden. We hope some day to complete the job by grubbing up and replacing the old stock in the other two beds. School House is still in scaffolding. I suppose the job of re-roofing it is about half-done. The new paths on the Waste Court Field have already made transit more pleasant, if less direct. A most generous gift from the O.A. Trust Fund has brought the Tennis Club Appeal home and dry. During the holidays the major work of maintenance has been the complete redecoration of the School House Kitchens. This will do something to assuage the disappointment the 'Q' side of the School must feel over the unavoidable postponement of the new Dining Hall.

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The retirement of Miss Gibbons removes a landmark. Her patient and loyal devotion to the School over so many years did more than perhaps we realised to keep the show running. I am grateful to her and wish her well in her retirement. I am grateful too to all of those who helped to hold the fort while Mr. Hillary was enlivening the Senior Common Room of Christ Church—not only to our temporary colleagues, but to those members of the staff who carried such of Mr. Hillary's commitments as his form and his athletic house. I think Mr. Duxbury in his heart of hearts must have welcomed the opportunity of acting as contact man with the Old Boys for an extra term.

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If I say little of 'reorganisation' it is because there is not much to report. In our eighteen months of negotiation we have successfully weathered various squalls and kept to our course. Now we find ourselves temporarily becalmed, until we see whether the Department is going to give our proposals a favouring wind—or blow us back to harbour. But in anticipation of a decision we have already started discussing with the County how our new agreement with them can best be implemented.

We are concerned too with our own internal organisation. I am acutely conscious of the need to hand over this School in good running order to my successor in something less than four year's time. It is dangerously easy for schools to become complacent and to continue

quite happily to educate the generation before the last: and a set-up which the Inspectors found quite satisfactory in 1967 may not be the best ten years later on. The prominent part we have played in the development of the Schools Mathematics Project is only one of many proofs that we are not exactly moribund. But to make sure that we are not missing a trick we are in the course of the next couple of terms conducting a radical investigation into every aspect of school life, both in and out of the classroom, to see what changes could be made in order to increase our efficiency and our well-being—bearing in mind the whole time that other things being equal there is a lot to be said for stability!

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I am glad the Editor chose to write on the new pattern of the Sixth Form, with especial reference to the School Council's recent 'Working Paper'. In this age of transition in which we live one of our primary aims must be to maintain our standards at the top of the School. I think it was Lord James who once said that the Sixth Form was the finest contribution that England had made to educational practice. Strong words—but there's something in it. It will be a bad day for this country if ever the claims of quality are disregarded, and the demands of the Sixth Form are made so accommodating that we forget all about the pursuit of excellence.

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As we go to press I hear, with very mixed feelings, of Mr. John Cullen's appointment with effect from September, as Director of Music of Tonbridge School. All I can do for the moment is congratulate him. Later will come the time to say thank you and good-bye.

And talking of staff, we have received from Commander Hoyle some most interesting notes on his twenty years in the Bursary which we hope to publish in our next issue.

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We can't pretend that it was for his sterling work as President of the Old Abingdonian Club that Major Duncan West was recognised in the New Year's Honours List, but it was pleasant news all the same and we congratulate him warmly. And did you see the cartoon in the *Daily Mail* of the police officer firmly leading a gowned figure into the police station and triumphantly claiming that he had found an Old Dulwich Master? I am trying to get hold of the original.

Once again—many, many thanks to the hundreds of parents and Old Boys who remembered me over Christmas. It was exciting to receive cards from H.M.S. 'Tiger' or from the island of Gan. It was no less pleasant to open one from Shippon or from Conduit Road.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The attractiveness of the Chapel since its redecoration is invariably what strikes our visitors first of all. It is frequently commented upon, and the Chaplain of another school, many miles from here, made a special journey to look at our Chapel, because his school were wondering how to brighten up their own. And I still find each morning as I enter the School building, climb the stone stairs, pass along the corridor through the swing doors into the Chapel, that I am surprised by the beauty of the Sanctuary. Nor is this surprise purely architectural: one may be surprised by the noise of boys in the gym below. But I think the real surprise is to discover the Chapel where it is amongst the classrooms and the passages and the gym. It is a place apart and at the same time it isn't. It stands in the midst, and, though there may be times when one wished for a Chapel that could seat the entire School and more, one would be sorry to lose this intimacy.

Recent new features in the Chapel have included the erection of music desks in the four pews occupied by the choir. These have been skilfully fitted by Mr. Coleman. Already the strangeness of their intrusion is giving way as we grow accustomed to them, and they will be a real help to the Choir. A new small table has also been made, in the same design as the Chapel benches, and this is now in regular use at the evening Communion and for occasional baptisms.

Thirty-six boys joined the Confirmation Preparation Classes last May and twenty-seven of these were presented to the Bishop of Oxford for Confirmation in the Chapel on Sunday, 4th December. The Chapel was nicely filled for the Service and two sets of parents returned on the following Sunday to join their sons at their first Communion. My overall impression is of a very promising batch of candidates, and we wish them well. Once again the Cowley Fathers organised two Pre-Confirmation Quiet Afternoons. The boys found this of real value and we were very fortunate in having Brother Cyril, S.S.J.E., to conduct them.

Mr. Eden has continued to run a weekly bible study at his house for third and fourth formers, which has grown in popularity to the extent that it is now necessary to divide it into two. This fills a very great need especially for boys newly confirmed who want to grow in their understanding and sharing together of Christian truth.

The Service of Lessons and Carols at St. Helen's Church was as good as ever. A large Church packed to the doors is always impressive and Mr. Cullen's choice of carols gave full scope for the choir to show its quality and for hearty congregational singing. The lesson readers at this Service were as follows: P. A. W. Rogers (New Boy), A. R. Cunninghame (Chorister), P. A. Foulkes (House Prefect), D. W. Tanner (Head of School), Mr. A. R. Tammadge (Master), The Chaplain, The Vicar of Abingdon, The Mayor of Abingdon (represent-

ing The Governors), and The Headmaster. We append an appreciation of the Service written by a parent who prefers to remain anonymous.

The annual visit to Limehouse Parish took place over the weekend 30th September to 2nd October. The six boys who came with me enjoyed it thoroughly and we are very grateful to the Rector for his hospitality and for the trouble that he takes to make the weekend full and interesting.

Towards the end of term we started a bookstall in the vestry offering 3/6 and 2/6 Fontana paperbacks for sale. This has got off to a very promising start and certainly deserves to be continued.

Once again it has been a pleasure to act as hosts to the monthly meeting of the Study Group of the Abingdon and District Council of Churches.
D.G.S.

The following candidates were confirmed on 4th December: P. M. Annett; R. A. Balbernie; D. N. Baumann; I. S. Bowden; J. W. S. Chalker; J. G. Dowling; J. M. Dyke; C. R. Gibaud; D. A. Hacker; P. G. Henry; A. T. B. Herbert; A. S. Jackson; R. G. Leonard; A. C. McMillan; R. S. Moore; A. G. Muff; S. C. Pegram; D. K. Rice; J. A. F. Ridge; J. Semmence; C. H. Short; C. J. Spearing; M. P. Stevens; R. D. Tammadge; J. H. Walker; J. M. Whittington; N. P. Winton.

The Chapel collections have been allotted as follows:

St. Anne's Church, Limehouse	...	£7 10 2
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	£11 2 3
Feed the Minds Appeal	£8 13 6
The Hostel of God	£9 3 6
Historic Churches Appeal Fund	£7 3 0
New Guinea Mission	£5 18 0

In addition to these the collection at the Service for New Boys and their Parents (£18 15s. 7d.) was given to the Chapel Furnishing Fund. The collection at the Beginning of Term Service (£7 7s. 3d.) was given to St. Helen's Church, which also shared the collection at the Christmas Carol Service (£46 12s. 6d.) with the Church of England Children's Society. The retiring collection at the Confirmation Service (£15 15s. 6d.) was divided between the Bishop's List and the Chapel Furnishing Fund. Four heavy tins were also returned to the British Legion after collections taken over the Remembrance Weekend.

Flowers for the Chapel, once again beautifully arranged by Mrs. Potter, have been provided by the following: Forms Remove, 5G, 5C, The Masters' Common Room, The Junior Knowledge Society, The Film Society, The Roysse Society, The Tape Recording Society, The R.A.F. Section, Games 1 and 2, The Symposium, The Jazz Club.

There will be two Evening Celebrations in the course of the Lent Term, at 6.30 p.m. on February 5th and March 5th: and on three Sundays, January 15th, February 19th, and March 19th, Evensong, at

6.30 p.m. will replace Mattins. On all other Sundays the services will follow the usual pattern.

We look forward to welcoming the following visiting Preachers during the Lent Term:

January 22nd: Mr. R. St. J. Pitts-Tucker, M.A., Deputy Secretary of the Headmaster's Conference, former Headmaster of Pocklington School.

February 1st: Mr. W. M. M. Milligan, M.B.E., T.D., M.A., Warden of Radley College.

February 19th (evening): Rev. J. D. Bodger, Organising Secretary of the New Guinea Mission.

March 5th: Rev. Roger Packer, M.A. (O.A.).

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

"Together with Founder's Day, the Festival of Lessons and Carols is one of the two great occasions of the School Year. It is eagerly looked forward to not only by School and family but by many others in the town who help to fill St. Helen's Church to capacity year after year. As we came together on the evening of December 13th the usual welcoming bells were silent, owing to repairs to the church tower, but once inside the church there was the familiar atmosphere of reverence and anticipation as the pews rapidly filled under the courteous guidance of senior members of the school. Well before 6.30 p.m. places could be found only with difficulty.

After we had appreciated the beauty of chorale preludes by Bach and Brahms played on the organ by Mr. Billington the start of the service was announced according to tradition by a solo treble voice from the Baptistry singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'. This hymn was taken up first by the choir and then by the congregation and organ during the procession of the choir to their stalls.

The singing of the choir upheld the high standard now expected, and even at the back of the Church all the words were clearly heard. Mr. Cullen's work with the choir (and his efforts continued throughout the evening) was well rewarded by the near perfect vocal balance that was maintained. The balance between choir and organ was also notable.

The carols were well chosen and varied. 'Adam lay ybounden' seems to have a firm place in the service and once again it was sung strongly and clearly. In 'Gabriel's Message' the unaccompanied choir produced some quiet, controlled singing and in the last verse of Mr. Cullen's arrangement of 'Away in a Manger' we felt again the correctness of the treatment in which the simplicity of the solo treble voice is effectively heard against the soft background of harmonised lower voices. Some precise singing in 'Torches' (this carol is particularly impressive when in the last verse it has full organ accompaniment) was followed by the peaceful 'Carol of Adoration'. But perhaps the most memorable effect of the evening was obtained with the harmonies and well contrasted

singing of the choir and the original organ accompaniment of David Willcocks' rhythmic arrangement of the 'Sussex Carol'. Here the balance was at its best.

One of the features of this year's service and one which always gives pleasure to the congregation was the descant singing during the congregational carols. These soaring descants greatly enhanced the already joyful sound of nearly a thousand voices.

The reading of the lessons followed tradition and all were read with admirable clarity. They led us from the Garden of Eden, through the story of the Nativity, to the climax of the ninth lesson in which St. John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation. Although many turn to modern translations for a better understanding of the Scriptures, we can never fail to be stirred by the rich language of these well known passages from the Authorised Version.

So, after Prayers and the Blessing, to the recessional hymn, 'Adeste, Fideles'. The always vigorous congregational singing now reached a peak, aided in the last verse by some fine descants from the choir, singing from the west door. This was a particularly effective innovation. While the church emptied, the St. Helen's organ was heard to its best effect in Reger's 'Wachet Auf' and Bach's great Chorale Prelude 'In Dulci Jubilo'.

Earlier, in Prudentius' fine hymn 'Of the Father's love begotten' we had been singing 'Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring'. As we turned from the Church towards Christmas, we took with us some of the feeling with which these words must have been written."

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Letters received from time to time from some of the old people we visit indicate how much these visits are appreciated. Twenty-eight boys took part in the visiting this term. We shall need replacements in January for two of our most faithful visitors, M. J. Adam and C. S. Downes, who have now left School.

I have had a letter from the Rev. M. N. Williams in which he says how grateful both he and his parishioners are for the efforts of the small group of boys who went to help them for part of the summer holidays.

The Auxiliary Fire Service group has had quite a good term, despite disappointingly low numbers. Anyone wishing to join in January should see D. S. Jackson (VI B).
H.T.R.

A VIEW OF THE EAST END

The parish of Limehouse is situated on the North bank of the Thames, and spreads across Stepney's Commercial Road. Generally, its appearance conforms exactly with its rather unpleasant situation, although rehousing projects are being carried out, if slowly, to produce

pleasant semi-detached or terraced blocks of "cottages", and rambling, less attractive flats.

Yet, behind this semblance of ordered development in the East End, the Jewish and Moslem shops, the peeling front doors and the grimy black windows all continue to exist, providing evidence for the popular notions of the East End as a centre for expatriate communities. Indeed, almost every street is its own racial community. It is possible to turn from an obviously Jewish street—full of Kosher butcher's shops and junk shops, into an equally obviously Moslem street—with its arabic script on the café windows, and its moslem names on shops containing, it seems, nothing in particular.

This area, then, provides the situation of an annual visit, organised by the Chaplain, of a small party. The Rector, who kindly acts as host, is a man inspiring great admiration at his efforts in this difficult area. He has lately been attempting to interest the Council in the repair of flats, only recently built, which have fallen into considerable decay. He continues this work in spite of the state of his own large, eighteenth-century church, which is itself almost falling down. No funds are, unfortunately, available. This is not surprising, for his weekly congregations fill merely two or three pews in the church.

Those of us who made the visit, in September of 1966, are very grateful to the Rector, Mr. Watts, and his congregation, who entertained us, showed us the parish and told us of the problems it faces.

A.M.K.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

For this years prize-giving on 30th September, the School was fortunate in two respects. The first was the privilege of having Mr. J. T. Christie, M.A., Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, to distribute the prizes. And the second was the use of the new Abbey Hall for which we are indebted to the Mayor and Corporation of Abingdon; its modern lines and attractive decor make a pleasant change from the more primitive though historic Corn Exchange. This year, invitations were deliberately limited to governors and to the parents of the prize-winners; this decision enabled the majority of the School to be present—a welcome trend for more often than not the pearls of wisdom dropped by the speakers are aimed primarily at the boys themselves.

After the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, had made his introductory remarks, he called on the Headmaster to give his report. The preceding year had not been one of outstanding academic results although a total of five awards at Oxford and Cambridge the previous December represented a real achievement. The School continued to expand physically for the Ingham Music School was now rising from the ground at the bottom of Lacies Court; meanwhile the School's most ambitious project so far, the new Dining Hall, would have to wait

until the economic state of the country had improved. The Headmaster noted the end of an epoch with the departure of the Bursar and Mr. Duxbury the previous July and wished them both well in their retirement.

The Headmaster then reached the most crucial part of his speech and reported on the negotiations which had taken place between the School and the Berkshire Education Authority over reorganization. They had hammered out a draft agreement which would enable the School to draw its sponsored pupils from a wider area and range of ability than at present but which need not affect either the School's integrity or its present high standards; and hoped that it would receive approval by the Ministry.

Following the Headmaster's report, Mr. Stow called upon Mr. Christie to distribute the prizes. In his speech, Mr. Christie began by addressing the parents and reminded them that a great deal still depended on them in the education of their children. Their own unconscious standards were very important and they must never abdicate the responsibility of bringing up their children to the schools. To the boys, Mr. Christie said that school should mean far more than just scholarships and buildings; the ultimate point of a school was what the Americans call the "person to person link-up".

Mr. E. J. S. Parsons thanked Mr. Christie and the proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Parents and prizewinners were invited to tea in the Abbey Hall afterwards.

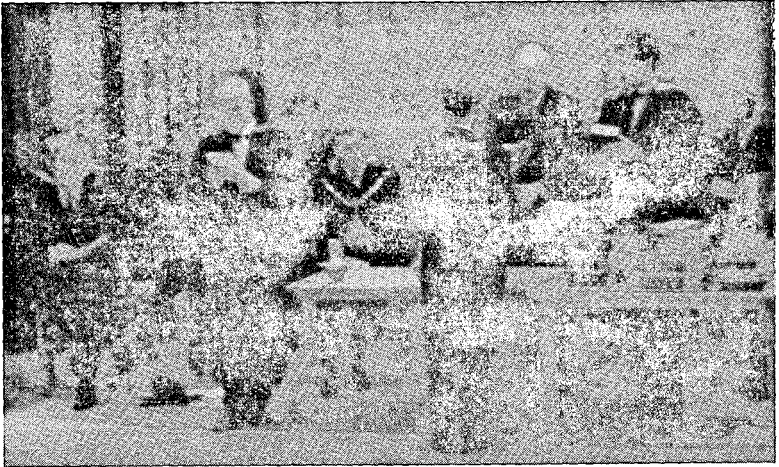
The prize list was as follows:

THE ENDOWED PRIZES

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—R. B. Davis; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—P. A. Sugg; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—M. J. Adam, C. S. Downes, A. C. Putman, H. J. Flint; The Ball Science Prize—D. J. Saunders, L. P. Halling; The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—C. S. Downes, M. J. Adam; The Bevan Essay Prize—M. C. Geary; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—T. W. Hewes, R. O. Plail, A. R. Cuninghame, B. A. Sharpe, B. E. Jones; The Ellis Prize for Character—R. D. R. Ray; The Ingham Physics Prize—D. J. Saunders, E. A. C. Crouch; The Ingham Music Prize—S. J. Denny; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—N. D. Brice, A. J. Varley; The Initiative Cup—T. S. Addison; The Quatercentenary Prize—M. J. H. Liversidge; The St. Catherine's Prize for Intellectual Initiative—M. A. Cockerill; The Fourth Science Times Cup—D. C. L. Murphy.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Alderman John Jones, J.P.)—P. A. Sugg; The Headmaster's Prize—N. P. J. Bell, D. W. Hall, R. W. Schnellmann; The Old Boys' Prizes: English Verse—S. N. Pearson, English Essay—D. J. Brown, History Essay—A. W. Hills, Mathematics Essay—G. A. Macdonald, Divinity Essay—S. J. Denny, Modern Languages Essay—C. W. Denny; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—C. S. Downes; The Prize for General



Achievement—T. R. Giddings; C.C.F. Prize—D. S. Partridge; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—D. H. Parry; The Local History Prize (presented by Mrs. Duffield)—R. D. R. Ray; The Music Prizes: Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.), Senior—M. H. Hampton, Junior A. R. Cuninghame; Pianoforte: Senior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—T. C. Tozer, Intermediate—R. G. Pickavance, Junior—P. E. Scott; Organ (presented by the Director of Music)—G. H. Hallett; Woodwind—S. J. Denny; Brass—S. P. Sewry; The Art Prize—J. G. Millard, M. J. Andrews; The Handicrafts Prize—A. M. E. Brown.

THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form Upper: English—A. L. Leaver, History—R. A. Jackson, Mathematics—D. J. Saunders, Modern Languages—F. R. Howlett; Sixth Form Lower: Classics—A. W. Rendell, English—B. S. Wallan, History—A. W. Hills, Mathematics—E. A. C. Crouch, Modern Languages—A. McL. King, D. J. Ventham; Fifth Forms: Greek—J. C. Beyer, Latin—J. J. A. King, English and History—T. C. C. May, Mathematics—J. H. Batey, Physics—P. J. Munnoch, Modern Languages—E. J. Hadley; Fourth Forms: General Achievement—D. W. Galbraith, Languages—D. H. Parry, Mathematics—S. R. Shield, Form 4L—A. G. Maclean, Form 4F—A. D. Berlyn; Form 3G—N. S. Coulbeck; Form 3L—J. C. Griffiths; Form 3N—R. S. Moore; Form 2X—S. P. Loosemore; Form 2Y—B. A. Sharpe; Form 2Z—H. J. Manning; Form 1L—B. E. Jones; Form 1T—H. T. Tressidder. D.W.T.

VALETE ET SALVETE

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Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): D. Clare; P. E. Comber; R. B. Davis; S. S. Denny; R. A. Forsythe; P. S. Gilbert; I. R. Hewes; F. R. Howlett; A. M. Jell; M. C. Johnson; J. T. W. Kenny; B. C. Orland;

- T. D. Paige; D. S. Partridge; R. W. Schnellman; S. P. Sewry; R. D. Schuck.
- Upper Sixth Form Arts (H): M. J. Arundel; R. J. N. Bennett; D. J. Brown; A. R. Coffee; C. N. Cook; R. Coomber; P. G. Dowling; A. P. Fawcett; J. N. Harper; D. G. Hounam; R. A. Jackson; M. J. H. Liversidge; R. J. Luttman; D. W. Penney; R. D. R. Ray; P. A. Sugg; N. C. Ware.
- Upper Sixth Form Science (B): K. Barnes; N. P. J. Bell; G. P. Candy; R. A. Chaplain; J. A. Cooper; T. Grevatt; R. E. T. Hall; M. H. Hampton; M. C. G. Holloway; S. J. King; C. D. Le Voi; A. J. Longstaff; W. M. Marshall; J. R. Poole.
- Upper Sixth Form Science (M): T. S. Addison; K. A. Berrington; G. M. Cockcroft; M. G. Cockman; D. W. Hall; J. S. Hutchins; R. P. Jessett; M. J. F. King; D. J. Letley; T. Lewis; K. A. Mein; P. H. Painton; J. B. Percival; J. D. Pickavance; M. A. Roden; M. Spencer; N. R. Taylor.
- Lower Sixth Form Arts (L): B. M. Edwards.
- Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): N. Sprent; R. H. Moreland.
- Lower Sixth Form Science (B): C. P. Ridout.
- Remove: A. P. Bretscher; R. S. Passmore.
- Form 5G: P. J. Davis; R. F. Newbold.
- Form 5C: J. D. Arundel; B. J. W. Bradley; A. C. Douglas; R. H. Ginger; D. S. Rogers; T. K. Simmonds.
- Form 4F: P. M. E. Beale.
- Form 2Z: A. J. Horwitz; G. E. Jell.
- Form 1T: V. R. Barnes.

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- Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): J. H. Earl.
- Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): P. C. Medley; P. R. Carmichael.
- Lower Sixth Form Science (M): Y. Doganoglu.
- Form 5G: R. A. Potter.
- Form 4A: P. H. Ayerst; N. J. Beeching; P. C. S. Bradley; R. K. Gyselynck; F. A. A. Maude; J. P. Nicholl.
- Form 4L: D. W. Percival; S. V. Radnor; C. E. Utley.
- Form 4F: R. S. Kirby; K. E. Neilson; S. A. Woods.
- Form 3G: M. T. Bennett; J. C. Dunkerley; A. M. Higgs.
- Form 3L: M. D. Bricknell; R. A. Joseph; M. R. Mackenzie; M. S. Paddison; G. F. Pike; J. C. Rowden; G. R. Smith; C. M. Stake; P. J. Todd; A. W. Wood.
- Form 3N: R. A. Cole; G. R. Halstead; T. J. Hughes.
- Form 2X: J. R. Rawlinson.

Form 2Y: R. M. Braid; T. S. Neilson; S. N. Potter.

Form 1X: P. M. Abraham; D. L. Adams; N. P. Allington; A. M. Bainton; P. M. Bowkett; S. E. Bowkett; H. S. Buss; G. B. Butcher; A. S. Q. Clift; J. M. Evans; D. F. B. Frere; A. P. Gibbs; J. S. R. Leach; A. J. Madin; M. A. J. Payne; D. A. Rastall; H. C. Russell; A. W. Smart; J. B. Spelman-Marriott; P. F. Stimpson; J. A. Urban-Smith; C. F. Vernon; M. S. Webster; C. J. Williams.

Form 1Y: D. M. A. Binks; J. H. Bosworth; J. E. Carrington; A. C. Clift; A. W. Davies; A. C. Glass; D. C. Hares; C. P. Hey; D. Hurley; A. G. Johnstone; A. R. H. Lang; C. W. Lawson; D. W. Lucas; N. E. Matthews; B. R. Morris; C. E. O'Neill; J. D. Peirson; J. F. Sawyer; D. A. Sibbett; J. J. Soffe; P. R. Wait; A. J. Walters; B. C. Waters; T. Wheeler.

Form 1Z: A. C. B. Barter; A. W. Baumann; H. C. Berryman; B. J. Bignold; G. P. Gill; J. R. Gowing; R. W. V. Hall; J. D. Halliday; D. W. Hazeldine; R. A. Jackson; D. I. Lewington; M. J. Loach; S. J. Maunder; J. N. B. Minshall; T. C. Parker; W. A. Pickup; F. J. Pike; F. A. Rae; P. A. W. Rogers; P. Rutishauser; T. J. Savory; D. J. Scott; D. V. Smyth; D. Tetenbaum; M. C. Weeding.

APRICOTS AND HORSE DUNG

THE DUCHESS OF MALFI, by John Webster. Presented by Abingdon School Dramatic Society, in association with St. Helen's School. December 8th, 9th, 10th, 1966. The Abbey Hall, Abingdon.

Lovely Amalfi, Queen of the Sorrento peninsula, rare jewel of the glamorous Costiera d'Amalfi, fragrant with olives and lemons and vines, smiling down on the bluest of blue seas, caressed by . . .

But whatever the leaflets may say about Amalfi of the tourists, Malfy of the Dutchesse is choked by the blackest of fogs and the most sulphurous climate. It is the court of James I, swarming with sychophants, assassins and squalid perversions.

In 1510 a granddaughter of the King of Naples, the Signora Giovanna d'Aragona, having lately married the Master of her Household, fled with him from the vengeance of her brothers. A hundred years later John Webster turned her tragic story into a play. *The Dutchesse of Malfy* is a badly constructed affair, full of incongruities and stuffed, as his habit was, with quotations from Webster's commonplace book, a hundred and fifty at least. But it has five stunning characters, many scenes of gruesome power and some dazzling language. The general public saw it at the famous Globe and a smarter public at the more comfortable Blackfriars. Just about the same time, by the way, a boy at Roysse's spoilt the school's morning routine by cutting its bellrope. For this he was fined the price of forty ice-creams—only these had not yet been invented. More relevantly, a couple of years later died Shakespeare who lines Webster constantly echoes and whose favourite

tragedian acted in this play. *The Duchess of Malfi* was an immense success.

What suited Jacobean England, however, may be difficult for us to-day. Webster seems to have written his plays scene by scene, regardless of their total design. In this sense he is only half a dramatist and the loose ends he leaves are many and confusing. For example, what military activities did the Cardinal engage in after that magnificent enlisting? Between the first and second scenes a year elapses and between the second and third, two. Those momentous intervals are comically understressed. Delio "posts to Rome". Why? To save his friend's life, we are told. But he stays there two years and does nothing whatever except to date (unsuccessfully) a former girl friend.

Technique apart, the plot and characters of the *Duchess of Malfi* may often seem quite incredible to the modern public. Skilful staging, however, can make the story as acceptable as, say, *Faust* or *The Family Reunion*; and Buchenwald and Auschwitz have demonstrated to those who may once have been reluctant to go all the way with Freud, how universal and up-to-date are Websters men and women.

It was nevertheless an act of quite fabulous courage on Mr. John Griffin's part to revive this play in 1966 in the Abbey Hall. It did not succeed, alas, for this is not a vintage year for Abingdon School actors and the play was quite outside their range. Take Ferdinand, Duke of Calabria, for example, the rôle created by the great Burbage. In 1945 the *New Statesman*, in its critique of the most important modern revival of the play, said: "It was very spirited of Mr. Gielgud to undertake so hideously difficult a part". What then can one say of Michael Stilwell's performance? That it was even more spirited of him to undertake a part that was hideously difficult for Sir John? It was indeed. In the opening scene he presented to the eye a splendid Renaissance aristocrat



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and one guessed excitedly at the monstrous vices lurking within him. But three years later, after he has degenerated into a grotesque animal, wracked with guilt and delusions, his appearance, speech and behaviour were unaltered. It was all the more difficult for the audience as, in the interim, the lines had been rattled off so inarticulately that even one who used to know the play almost by heart found it difficult to catch the drift. On this rock of bad speech not only this one character but the whole play foundered.

Compared with Ferdinand, Bosola is easy and as he was played by the company's best actor, we had an enjoyable time. On the third evening Andrew Vernède struggled successfully against sickness. On Friday his schizophrenic composure and icy barbarism were extremely effective. It is a marvellously written Harold Pinter part; neither actor, spectator nor reader can ever feel that he has fully plumbed its depths. But the savagery, the grim jokes, the strange streaks of sentimentality and self-pity, the efforts to make some sort of contact with other people, all these appeal instantly to the audience, whatever the century, and Andrew Vernède made a great success of the part.

In Sally Minford the title rôle had an able interpreter. She too has obviously experience and assurance and, despite some underplaying, she wrung all our hearts with her portrait of a charming, intelligent, normal woman at bay with the psychopaths. Charles Maude almost brought off his sinister Cardinal turned General; he has the makings of a good comedian. Apart from the curse of inaudibility, nearly all the rest of the cast gave something to the play in a production that had many happy touches and some effective grouping, such as the breathtaking moment when the hall suddenly filled with banners and lights and surging spectators of a military installation in the Chiesa della Santa Casa. (The very beautiful madonna was too small a focal point for so grandiose a stage picture). The only drawback to Mr. T. G. K. Fairhead's flexible and nobly proportioned set was the narrowness of its downstage exits. The costumes were a delight, whether plain like Bosola's or elegant like Julia's. The lighting was imaginative and beautiful. Contemporary composers—it was after all our golden age in music—would have been more sympathetic to the play's idiom than Wagner.

Webster's real appeal to-day is his splendid, fertile language. Sometimes, as in all outmoded ways of talk, it can seem comic:

"Rhubarb, O for rhubarb to purge this cholera!"

But the bizarre images from diseases, barbarities, myths, wild animals, exotic dishes, fantastic situations, are a continual delight. The skin of a salamander, the cold kiss given by a holy hermit to a dead man's skull, a bedtime bowl of the milk of four hundred bats, a mouse taking up her lodging in a cat's ear, forty urinals filled with rose water, breath that smells of lemon peel, apricots smeared with horse dung, the good hours of an ague, a body eaten up with lice and worms. The combination of Jean Genet and Donizetti is irresistible, and with the

Doctor (incidentally, how amusingly John Millard played the Doctor) must make everyone want to fetch a frisk. Sometimes the effect is gained with more delicacy:

"The bee when he hath shot his sting into your hand
May then play with your eyelid."

There are, too, the larger felicities, such as the mysterious echo among the ruins and the parable of Reputation, Love and Death.

Given this language then, one is back again at the matter of its utterance; loudness, yes, but also pointing, stress, precision, all that enables an audience to understand what is being said. If there were just insufficient time to ensure this, and it may well have been Mr. Griffin's chief problem, the play would have gained from cutting the more intractable passages. To judge by the title page of the 1623 quarto, the author, far from turning in his grave, would have approved such action.

Well, we have now all been reminded of John Webster. For this the producer and the actors, who for weeks wrestled with his strange nightmares, and then, with the aid of a large and able back-stage staff, presented us with this ambitious and rare drama, deserve our gratitude, awe and respect. Many will now be lured to read or re-read his plays. Perhaps, too, to speculate on his personality, for no one knows anything about him.

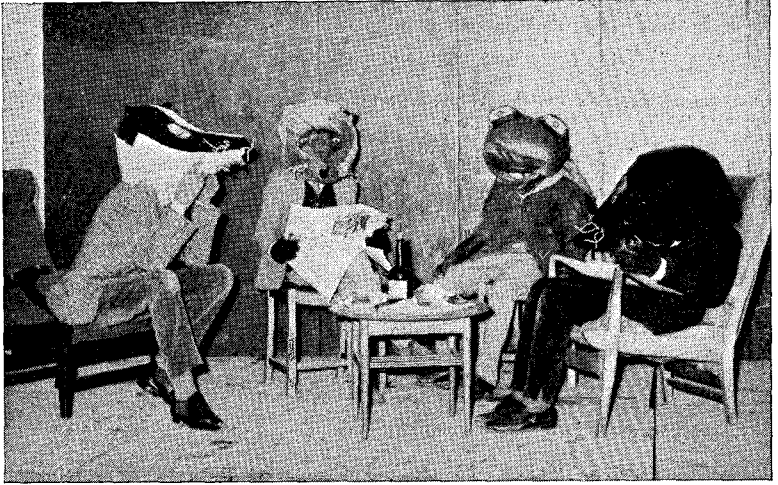
Might he perhaps have looked, in some words from another of his plays, "like the claw of a blackbird, first salted and then broiled in a candle"?

L.M.

TOAD OF TOAD HALL

This term, the *Junior Dramatic Society* were ambitious enough to produce their first full-length play—"Toad of Toad Hall", A. A. Milne's well-known comedy, on December 12th. A large audience filled the Court Room, which was gaily decorated for the production. The production was "avant-garde", to say the least, using no curtain, and succeeding in conveying the atmosphere of the scenes with a minimum of properties. The caravan was particularly noteworthy being completely effective and workmanlike.

The cast tackled the play with great enthusiasm and a good deal of professional skill. Although Rat, played by A. Balbernie, was rather inaudible at the beginning, he improved considerably during the performance, and ended exuberantly. A. Cuninghame, who played Mole, had learned his script very well, but tended to be impersonal at times. Badger (K. Barnard), in common with all the supporting roles, was skilful and convincing. Special mention, however, must be given to Alfred (B. Ashcroft-Jones) and the Judge (P. Rutishauser), for their excellent performances, and also to J. Gowing who, taking over the part of the Bargewoman at very short notice, succeeded in giving an



impression of vast experience and great confidence. Toad, who is, after all the central character of the play, was given just the right amount of cheekiness and irrepressibility by S. Whipple.

No praise can be too high for the quality of the costumes, produced by Mrs. Owen; the marvellous costume-heads will long be remembered. Mr. Owen's production was excellent, and congratulation is due to all those who worked "behind the scenes". It is hoped that the Society, encouraged by this success, will not wait until next Christmas to carry out another production!

A.W.H.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN

If we accept the final results as the criterion by which we judge a ruggar season, we could justifiably claim a successful one. But I cannot help feeling that last season, when the Fifteen lost more matches than it won, was more satisfying—certainly from the players' point of view—because the side after a disastrous start steadily improved and reached its peak at the end of term.

What a shame that we could not do the same this term. We started off with far more of the previous season's side and we had ample competition for the remaining places, and yet the side at its best was not very much better at the end of the term than it was early on. There were only, in fact, two or three matches in which the very considerable potential of the team came near to being realised, and then they were very good indeed and played a real team game that was exciting to watch. To a certain extent, this could be blamed on injuries,

for Bradfield, whose steadiness and tackling were missed in midfield, was out for over half of the season and Wood, Ballinger, Ablewhite and Roblin all missed at least two games. But this was not the only reason. I don't think that there were more than a handful of occasions when the Fifteen chosen for a match were out on the field together at the practice immediately before it, and far too often a player's inability to attend training was only revealed by his absence. Added to that was the inability of some players to really put everything into their training. Success will only come when the interests and needs of the team as a whole are put first and it was no surprise to find that the really outstanding players were the ones who were most consistent in turning up at practices and who were able really to punish themselves in training.

It would be unfair, however, not to mention the brighter side of the picture. The two best matches were against Pangbourne and Berkhamsted; in these the team really clicked and the talents of the side were on view. Very few of the scores came from orthodox moves; they were almost invariably the result of intensive backing up with the ball being handled by many players before the final touch-down. Berkhamsted, I am sure, will not begrudge the especial exhilaration of our revenge for last season's debacle. They came very near to beating us again.

The foundation of the side's successes lay in a strong, mobile and skilful pack. Ballinger moved forward this year to loose-head prop and in spite of his lack of experience in this position had an outstanding season. With Wood or Semmence, he hooked the ball cleanly and effectively so that in most games the side had more than a half share of possession. Rawlins at tight-head prop was very steady and always up with play in the loose. He improved tremendously during the season. Between them the speed in the loose of Wood and the strength and stamina of Semmence made the task of choosing a hooker extremely difficult for they were both above average strikers for the ball. Behind this front row, Cook jumped extremely well and was ably supported by either Ablewhite or Button; and in Walkinshaw, Goldsworthy and Blackburn we had a back-row which, while somewhat temperamental, was one of the spearheads of the team.

At scrum-half, Conibear was steadiness itself and has now added an effective break to his repertoire. If he can develop his kicking a little more he will be a very good player. Jackson who promised so well last season did not come on as had been hoped. He has fine hands and a very good kick. If he can learn to adapt his game to the conditions and run with more confidence he too will do well, but he tended to let his failures get him down.

Roblin, Booker and Morgan must all learn to develop more than one way of beating a defence, but they had some very good games and the experience of the last two should be invaluable next year. It was a pity therefore that the captain, Gibbs, was the only player with the ability consistently to split a defence. This he did very well in the earlier

games but as his responsibilities and opposing defences crowded in on him, his own game became rather inhibited. He is immensely keen and plays with great spirit and he should do well in club rugby. He was a stimulating person to work with and gave up a lot of time to tedious administrative work which benefited many more than the Fifteen.

At full-back, finally, Heading played superbly in every match. His fielding, as befits a cricketer, was immaculate and he was not only a very secure last line of defence but perhaps our most effective first line of attack, scoring several very good tries. His technique as a kicker is shaky as yet but his season was marked by perseverance, the deciding factor for success in any game.

Off stage as it were, I must mention two dreamers. Mr. Willis dreams of the day when he fields the same Second Fifteen as he selects; and Mr. Smithson dreams of grass that will grow in any temperature. We admire and abuse their patience but are very grateful to them both.

And what of next year's prospects? I make only one prediction. If everyone contributes as much as he can to the team for which he is picked, then every School Fifteen will have a thoroughly enjoyable season. After all, that is what we are aiming at.

During the season, Full Colours were awarded to P. H. Blackburn, R. J. M. Conibear, B. E. Goldsworthy, M. J. Heading, T. J. Rawlins and G. Walkinshaw. Half Colours were awarded to P. K. Ablewhite, N. J. Booker, D. Button, L. Morgan, A. W. Semmence and T. J. Wood. The final arrangement of the Fifteen was: M. J. Heading; D. N. Roblin; P. E. Gibbs (Captain), N. J. Booker, L. Morgan; D. S. Jackson, R. J. M. Conibear; M. A. E. Ballinger, T. J. Wood, T. J. Rawlins, N. K. Cook, D. Button, B. E. Goldsworthy, P. H. Blackburn, G. Walkinshaw.



THE FIFTEEN

Also played: A. W. Semmence, P. K. Ablewhite, R. E. N. Bradfield, D. N. Hunt (6 times); I. L. M. Carr, B. H. Ford, J. P. W. Mosdell (3 times).

Results

v. Oxford R.F.C. Nomads XV (h). Thurs., 22nd Sept.	Lost	3—22
v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a). Sat., 1st Oct.	Won	19—3
v. Oxford School (a). Sat., 8th Oct.	Drawn	3—3
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 15th Oct.	Drawn	3—3
v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 19th Oct.	Won	14—3
v. Pembroke College, Oxford (a). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost	0—5
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 26th Oct.	Won	9—3
v. Bradford Grammar School (h). Mon., 31st Oct.	Lost	6—32
v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). Wed., 9th Nov.	Won	23—6
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 12th Nov.	Lost	0—19
v. Berkhamsted School (h). Tues., 15th Nov.	Won	8—5
v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 26th Nov.	Won	11—3
v. Bloxham School (a). Wed., 30th Nov.	Won	23—6
v. Dauntsey's School (h). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Lost	0—12

The Old Boys' team was: D. S. Partridge; R. W. J. Bampton, P. B. Godfrey, R. B. Davis, A. E. Johnson; D. A. M. Bent, J. R. Jennings; I. R. Flint (Captain), A. J. Longstaff, C. W. F. M. Cox, R. W. Schnellmann, D. Clare, P. J. F. Blair, B. G. Mackay, J. Bowthorpe.

H.E

VACATION RUGGER

Quite a lot of rugger is being played during the holidays. Mention will be made below under the Junior Colts Section of these notes of those juniors invited to play for the Berkshire Under 15 side against Oxfordshire. Several seniors have also received Berkshire (19 Group) Trials, namely Ballinger, Blackburn, Jackson, Morgan and Semmence whilst Gibbs is trying his luck in the comparable Oxfordshire Trials. As a result of the Berkshire Trial, Ballinger was selected to play for the County and Jackson was chosen as reserve. In addition, Ballinger, Gibbs and Heading will be playing by invitation several games for the Harlequins Schoolboys side. A Fifteen of sorts represented the School in a scratch game against the local Abingdon R.F.C. on the morning of Boxing Day, and won a lively game by 11 points to 6.

Further afield, we continue to hear news of rugger playing O.A.s. Congratulations to Nigel Parker who played for Richmond until injured and to Mike Nurton the current full-back in the Saracens side. Both of these have also represented Sussex this season. We offer condolences not only to Nigel Parker whose injury may yet keep him out of top rugger for the rest of this season but also to Ian Flint whose first match of the season injury has so far prevented him from regaining his place in the Wasps pack. Rumour has it too that two former members of the

staff, Messrs. Booth and Carey, are playing again for the Saracen Club—the best of luck in their climb back to first team form.

D.O.W.

SECOND FIFTEEN

This has been a good season. An analysis of results show admittedly four defeats but in only one of these—that against Radley—did we go down heavily. On its day, the team played very attractive rugby, being particularly strong in the forwards where Crouch, the only surviving regular from last year, provided the nucleus around which the side was built up. In every match, the pack excelled—even in the match against Radley where we were undoubtedly beaten outside the scrum.

The best games were the last three, against Berkhamsted, Bloxham and Dauntsey's, in which our threequarters got plenty of the ball, ran well and looked impressive even though in the Dauntsey's match our wings whom we regard as fast were outpaced by their opposite numbers. The spirit of the side was very good throughout, this being in no small measure due to Foulkes, whose captaincy ensured good team work despite the fact that some four or five players were fairly often called upon to play for the First Fifteen.

The pack, as already mentioned, was the basis for the team's successes. The front row was good although too often switched about. Semmence was above average as a hooker but on those frequent occasions when he went off to play for the senior side Ruck proved a very good substitute with prop forwards Matthews and Crouch to give him support and solidity to the scrum. Ablewhite and Button were excellent in the second row and when they too disappeared into the First Fifteen, Carr and the younger Goldsworthy were more than adequate in their place. The back row of Paddison, Sayce and Coe was splendid. All three are great foragers in the loose and dependable in defence with Sayce outstanding in the lineout.

Outside the scrum, Ford at stand-off and Foulkes at scrum-half formed a very efficient partnership. Ford is a player of considerable promise with an excellent eye for an opening while Foulkes' game improved with every match, the cares of captaincy notwithstanding. Mainstay of the threequarter line was Parfitt, thoroughly reliable, a hard runner and a useful kicker, who also captained the side in the first few matches. The choice of Parfitt's partner in the centre was the big problem. Caton, Christopher Wharton, Morgan and Hunt were all tried on occasion but the position remained unfixed until the recovery of Bradfield from injury led to his automatic selection. As there was insufficient time for him to regain his place in the First Fifteen, Bradfield's addition to our strength was our gain for the remainder of the season. On the wings, we were well served by Wilde and Mosdell and occasionally by Saunders; and at full-back Hunt—yet another member of the team to

play several times in the First Fifteen—finally took over from Caton whose fielding of the ball could sometimes be a little shaky.

The team as arranged for the final match was: D. N. Hunt; R. C. Wilde, T. A. Parfitt, R. E. N. Bradfield, J. P. W. Mosdell; B. H. Ford, P. A. Foulkes (Captain); R. L. Matthews, G. C. Ruck, E. A. C. Crouch, I. L. M. Carr, J. F. Goldsworthy, S. S. Coe, D. R. Sayce and J. C. Paddison.

Also played: P. E. Caton (8 times); D. Button, P. K. Ablewhite, A. W. Semmence (5 times); L. Morgan (4 times); C. M. B. Wharton (3 times); M. J. Heading, J. E. North, R. E. Parkes, D. N. Roblin, D. J. Saunders (twice); A. E. Banes, G. G. V. Collings and N. R. Snodgrass (once).

During the season Half Colours were awarded to P. A. Foulkes.

Results

v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a). Sat., 1st Oct.	Won 10—9
v. Oxford School (h). Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 44—0
v. Oxford R.F.C. Colts (a). Sat., 15th Oct.	Drawn 6—6
v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 19th Oct.	Won 15—5
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Lost 0—25
v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 26th Oct.	Won 12—6
v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. 1st XV (h). Wed., 9th Nov.	Lost 6—11
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 12th Nov.	Lost 0—11
v. Berkhamsted School (h). Tues., 15th Nov.	Won 22—3
v. Bloxham School (a). Wed., 30th Nov.	Won 42—5
v. Dauntsey's School (a). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Lost 6—8
	D.O.W.

THIRD FIFTEEN

It has been a mixed season for the Third Fifteen, distinctly disappointing in some respects, but it is interesting to note that all fixtures against strictly comparable schools were won comfortably. Against the bigger schools—Marlborough, Radley and St. Edward's—we failed rather badly and in addition we were defeated by the Cokethorpe and Shiplake first teams so that the results table has a rather patchy look.

The match against Abingdon Harlequins was won, a commendable and encouraging performance against a well balanced staff side, but then the team lost successively to Shiplake Court, a narrow defeat, and to Radley where we were overwhelmed to a much greater extent than the score suggests. Then came the famous victory against Leighton Park only to be followed very closely by a heavy defeat by a good St. Edward's side. This alternation was the pattern of the season because there were fundamental weaknesses which we were unable to rectify. The trouble started with the pack which consisted mainly of fast forwards who preferred open play but were lacking in the strength and

techniques needed to get possession from the line-out and loose scrum. Sykes knew what to do but never had enough support of the right kind to win possession; this showed up particularly in the Radley match where their pack dominated the game. Even with reasonable possession the halves were far too erratic for comfort and frequently bad handling, slowness and weak kicking lost much ground and many opportunities. This was very noticeable in the Cokethorpe match where they were allowed to recover after we were leading comfortably. For the last game, McLaughlan came in as scrum-half to make a deal of difference so that this match against Dauntsey's was undoubtedly the best of the season.

The centres were constantly changing because of promotion or injury but C. M. B. Wharton and Allen had several good games. The wings were very good. Akinbiyi played consistently well but against better teams he was starved of opportunities. Saunders came in rather late but improved at every appearance while Paxton at full-back looked much too stylish a player for a third team and we were lucky to keep him.

Many of the players should go on next season to better class rugby. Rose and Harrison in particular were very good and Parkes and Ventham looked promising. Sykes was a very good captain who deserved more success. The season as a whole illustrated the essential requirement of good halves around which to build a team—this season they did not achieve the usual standard so that play in general suffered.

The team for the final match was: T. R. Paxton; S. P. B. Allen, D. J. Saunders, E. P. Caton, A. O. Akinbiyi; N. V. Moore, J. Y. McLaughlan; R. E. Parkes, A. E. Banes, D. J. Ventham, I. J. W. Herbertson, N. R. Snodgrass, A. Rose, J. P. H. Bosley, P. B. Harrison.

Also played: D. R. Langmead (8 times); I. S. Sykes (Captain—7 times); F. J. Dobbs (6 times); C. M. B. Wharton (5 times); W. K. Minter (4 times); D. M. Dickson and R. J. Nancarrow (3 times); R. Janz and I. P. G. Stevens (twice); N. G. Burns, D. R. Sayce and G. R. Shatford (once).

Results

v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a).	Sat., 1st Oct.	Won 11—5
v. Marlborough College (a).	Sat., 8th Oct.	Lost 0—19
v. Magdalen College School (a).	Wed., 26th Oct.	Won 33—0
v. Abingdon Harlequins (h).	Thurs., 3rd Nov.	Won 9—6
v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. 2nd XV (h).	Wed., 9th Nov.	Won 6—3
v. Shiplake Court 1st XV (h).	Sat., 5th Nov.	Lost 12—13
v. Radley College (a).	Sat., 12th Nov.	Lost 0—14
v. Leighton Park School (h).	Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 94—0
v. St. Edward's School (a).	Tues., 22nd Nov.	Lost 0—32
v. Cokethorpe Park School 1st XV (a).	Wed., 30th Nov.	Lost 5—11
v. Dauntsey's School (h).	Sat., 3rd Dec.	Won 13—3

J.T.

FOURTH FIFTEEN

The Fourth Fifteen failed to win a match but developed great team spirit under Hill's enthusiastic captaincy. Against Stowe 4th Fifteen they put up a great show helped by J. P. H. Bosley who was working his way back after injury. It is hoped to increase the number of fixtures for this team in future seasons and to provide them with their own coach next year. The standard of play this year showed improvement on that of last season when the Fourth Fifteen was first launched.

The following played: A. W. Hills (Captain—3 times); P. G. Randall and J. W. W. Sagar (3 times); N. R. J. Brett, J. R. Burton, M. J. Harfield, R. Janz, R. J. Nancarrow, M. W. Parry, K. C. Richardson, M. A. Pressland, M. C. G. Stevens, A. N. R. Wharton (twice); R. E. N. Bradfield, J. P. H. Bosley, N. G. Burns, F. J. Dobbs, Y. Doganoglu, R. D. Egelstaff, P. D. Healy, A. McL. King, B. K. Langmead, M. G. Lewis, M. C. C. Hunter, W. K. Minter, G. C. Ruck, G. R. Shatford, I. P. G. Stevens, M. G. Wells (once).

Results

v. Marlborough College (a). Sat., 8th Oct.	Lost 3-31
v. Radley College (a). Sat., 12th Nov.	Lost 0-17
v. Stowe School (a). Sat., 26th Nov.	Lost 5-11

J.T./D.O.W.

COLTS FIFTEEN

This side is a better one than its record may suggest. In a way perhaps it has been its own worst enemy. In the match against Radley it played the high quality rugby of which one always felt it to be capable; but at other times it has allowed its performance to be spoiled by bickering and displays of temperament. Only towards the end of the season did the backs really begin to move the ball to the wings and make full use of their speed. The pack on the other hand has developed from very moderate beginnings into an effective unit, particularly in the line-outs.

At full-back Gibbs has improved almost beyond recognition. His handling and kicking have been excellent and he is beginning to show an attacking bair. The wingers have accepted what few chances they have received and have run with determination. A. Varley and M. Varley in the centre have made many incisive runs, but their passing has tended to let them down. Hill and McPhail have combined together well in the latter part of the season, but both are still a little too slow off the mark.

The pack has had the benefit of a strong front-row which has played a vital part in set and loose pieces. Baker has made full use of his physique and has led the pack with growing competence, whilst Lilley

is a most improved player and has done some particularly good service in the line-out. However, the pack's chief weakness has been a general sluggishness and failure to cover adequately. The potential is there, but a more lively approach is required to enable it to develop fully.

Our thanks to A. Varley for his help and thoroughness as captain of the side and to Harfield for his loyal service as Touch Judge and reserve.

The final selection of the side was: S. Gibbs; F. J. Barnes, A. J. Varley, M. C. Varley, J. E. North; M. J. Hill, P. C. McPhail; R. W. Hamilton, R. K. Blackburn, M. G. Baker; C. E. J. Lilley, B. K. Langmead; A. C. Ellis, M. A. Fletcher, J. C. Wise.

Also played: A. J. Cowley (7 times); K. G. Cuthbert (4 times) and M. J. Harfield (once).

Results

v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a). Sat., 1st Oct.	Lost	5—6
v. John Mason High School (h). Wed., 19th Oct.	Won	11—6
v. Radley College (a). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Won	10—9
v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). Wed., 9th Nov.	Lost	0—12
v. Berkhamsted School (a). Tues., 15th Nov.	Won	13—0
v. Royal Mercantile Naval School (a). Sat., 26th Nov.	Drawn	8—8
v. Bloxham School (h). Wed., 30th Nov.	Won	17—5
v. Dauntsey's School (a). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Lost	3—17
		P.G.D.

JUNIOR COLTS FIFTEEN

This is an exceptional side, being unbeaten for the second season in succession. What is more important, however, is that it has been a great-hearted side which has combined effectively and played hard when necessary. The character of the rugby played has varied surprisingly, the best games being against Solihull, Radley, R.G.S. High Wycombe and Dauntsey's. In the latter game fourteen men adapted their play to compensate for the injured John Cox who with his brother James has scored a high proportion of this season's points.

Most of the players have improved in confidence and skill, some considerably, and Nicholas Smart has been an inspiring captain. Smart and Cuthbert have been selected to play for the Berkshire 'Under 15' side during the holidays with Grant as reserve.

The final arrangement of the team was: D. W. Galbraith; J. P. Cox, J. L. Cox, M. R. Ward, K. P. Brown; D. M. Marshall, N. S. Coulbeck; R. J. Grant, D. M. Steele, V. Lacey-Johnson, J. A. F. Ridge, W. H. Cuthbert, J. R. Comerford, S. A. Bodimeade, N. K. A. Smart (Capt.).

Also played: M. C. Varley (5 times); J. M. Whittington (twice); R. O. Flail and J. R. Weir (once).

Results

v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a).	Sat., 1st Oct.	Won 17—3
v. Oxford School (h).	Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 19—3
v. Solihull School (h).	Sat., 15th Oct.	Won 20—6
v. John Mason High School (a).	Wed., 19th Oct.	Won 33—5
v. Radley College (h).	Sat., 22nd Oct.	Won 19—0
v. Magdalen College School (h).	Wed., 26th Oct.	Won 26—0
v. Wallingford Grammar School (a).	Wed., 9th Nov.	Won 27—5
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).	Sat., 12th Nov.	Won 8—5
v. Leighton Park School (h).	Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 53—0
v. Bloxham School (h).	Wed., 30th Nov.	Won 45—0
v. Dauntsey's School (h).	Sat., 3rd Dec.	Won 14—3

K.M.D.H.

JUNIOR FIFTEEN

An enjoyable and happy season in which an above average Junior Game played some first class rugby in two teams. There was more all round talent in Game 5—the Junior game—this year than ever and without lowering standards we were able to give nineteen boys the chance to represent the Junior Fifteen as well as providing an excellent Junior 'A' Fifteen from the remainder. This bodes very well for the future of School rugger.

For the statistician, we played eleven Junior matches, won six and lost five. However most of the matches we lost were hard fought ones and our points tally was a little more respectable; points for 147, points against 80. It is invidious to mention individuals because the strength of the side has been outstanding team spirit. Nonetheless, it needs good captaincy to exploit this and Minns developed very well during the season as a leader and as a tactician.

The strongest team was probably that which played at Stowe, viz: D. C. W. Murphy; J. A. Clargo, A. R. Snodgrass, N. J. Minns (Captain), S. P. Cantwell; R. E. Deane, S. P. Loosemore; J. J. Shellard, J. Q. Rowley, M. T. Evans, R. C. Campbell, C. J. Jordan, M. R. Mackenzie, S. A. Woods and M. I. Paddison.

Also played: M. T. Bennett and C. A. Wallace (7 times); S. V. Radnor (5 times); R. N. Macdonald (twice); and J. Y. McLaughlan (once).

The Junior 'A' team as it played in its second match against Christ Church School was: D. M. Howes; R. N. Macdonald, C. J. Lightfoot, P. J. Todd, N. J. Beeching; I. F. Gardner (Captain), J. Y. McLaughlan; T. R. Baker, C. H. Short, D. N. Longdon, G. R. Smith, J. C. Rowdon, R. G. Willis, D. K. Rice and P. C. S. Bradley.

In addition there also played in the first game against New College School: S. J. Cantwell, R. A. Joseph, M. R. Mackenzie and B. C. Campbell.

Results

v. Oxford School (a). Sat., 8th Oct.	Won 26—0
v. John Mason High School (a). Wed., 19th Oct.	Lost 11—14
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 22nd Oct.	Won 5—3
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 26th Oct.	Lost 6—9
v. Wallingford Grammar School (a). Wed., 9th Nov.	Lost 11—14
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 12th Nov.	Won 17—9
v. Berkhamsted School (a). Tues., 15th Nov.	Lost 6—8
v. St. Edward's School (h). Sat., 19th Nov.	Won 12—3
v. Stowe School (a). Sat., 26th Nov.	Lost 0—14
v. Cokethorpe School U/15 XV (a). Wed., 30th Nov.	Won 21—0
v. Dauntsey's School (h). Sat., 3rd Dec.	Won 32—6

'A' XV Results

v. New College School 1st XV (h). Wed., 2nd Nov.	Won 20—0
v. Christ Church Cathedral School (a). Sat., 3rd Nov.	Won 22—0

M.R.M./N.H.P.

HOUSE MATCHES

The term's programme of House matches went off smoothly, the Knock-out Competition as usual arousing considerable enthusiasm on the touch-lines. It is a pity that the League games do not receive comparable support because many of them this term have seen a reasonably high level of rugby. The Junior League Robinson Cup went to Bennett House who gained three good victories, defeating Blacknall 20—0, Reeves 9—6 and Tesdale 22—0. The other three Houses had a single win each: Blacknall House defeated Tesdale 10—6, Reeves House defeated Blacknall 36—5 and Tesdale House defeated Reeves 14—8.

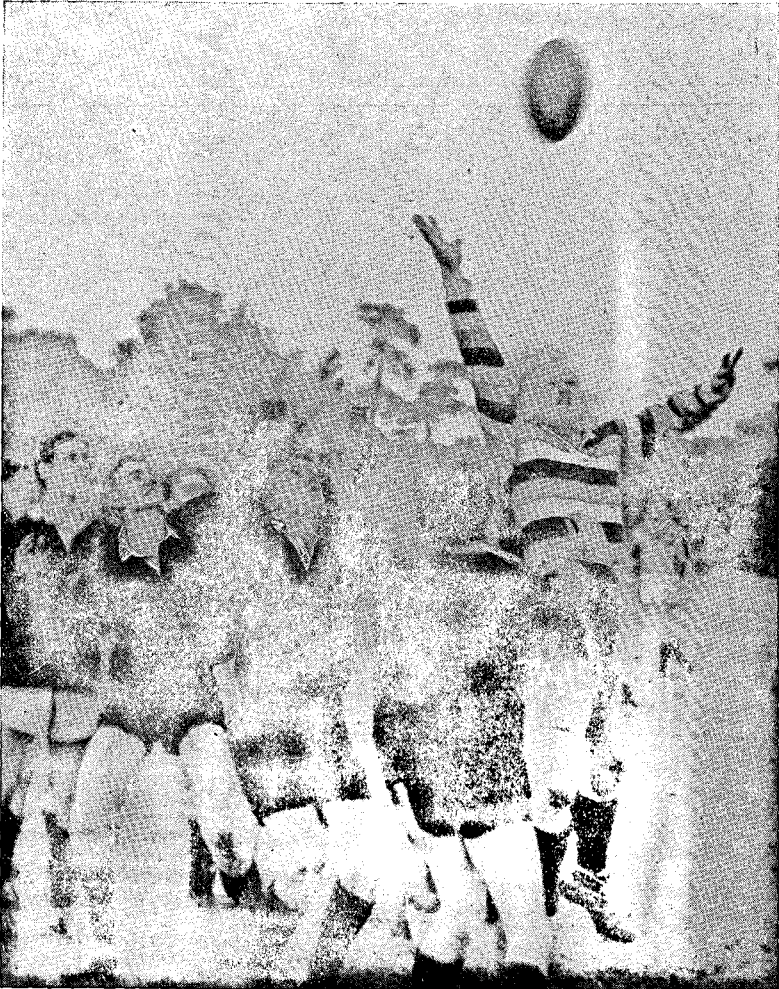
In the Senior League, the competition was mainly between Bennett and Tesdale Houses. In the event, Tesdale gained the Toplis Cup with a 11—6 win over Reeves, a walk-away victory of 26—3 over Blacknall and a scrape home (6—5) against Bennett. Bennett before their defeat by Tesdale in the last round had secured wins over Blacknall (9—0) and Reeves (24—20). Reeves House who had quite a useful team were unlucky to gain only a single victory—over Blacknall (6—3).

It was obvious from the preliminary round of the Knock-out Competition, held on Wednesday, October 12th, that the final was to be a hard fought struggle. Both victors in this round looked very business-like and if Blacknall's defeat of Tesdale (21—8) seemed the more impressive, this was largely because Bennett provided sterner opposition to Reeves; nonetheless Reeves' win over Bennett by 11—0 was convincingly achieved. The final played at the end of November on the Waste Court Field was indeed a close thing. In the end, Reeves House just managed to win the Lin Cup by an 8—6 victory, the result of a conversion by Heading of their first try. Tries for Reeves were scored

by Banes and Brice and for Blacknall, holders of the Cup from last season, by M. C. Varley and N. J. Booker.

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The annual Dayboys v. Boarders game, played on Thursday, 15th December, once again proved an admirable wind-up for the term. It was a hard, close match with honours pretty even during most of the



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D.O.W. playing for the "Harlequins"

game. The Boarders had, perhaps, just the edge on the Dayboys in the first half when all the scoring was done and this proved the deciding factor. The scoring was opened by the Dayboy team with a good try from Bradfield, the kick failing. Thereafter, the Boarders put on considerable pressure and their loose rucking was very effective so that it was no surprise when Saunders on the wing scored two tries in fairly quick succession. The second of these was converted by Gibbs. The Dayboys rally which followed did not prevent Paddison going over for a third Boarder try, the result of a loose scrum near the Dayboy line. This was all so far as score was concerned and the second half was largely a defensive battle although in that the Boarders made some attempt to keep the game open, they perhaps deserved their 11—3 victory. All in all, a good game.

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Once again the Place Kicking Competition for the Bosley Cup lacked support. Only a handful of competitors took part in the contest which extended over two afternoons. Conditions were by no means good on either day, the ground being very soft and wet. Nonetheless, some good kicking took place and the eventual winner, T. A. Parfitt, secured 10 points out of the possible 12, an extremely good score indeed. Runners up were M. J. Heading and N. J. Booker who tied with 8 points each. There was also a tie for third place where D. N. Hunt and N. K. Cook each gained 4 points.

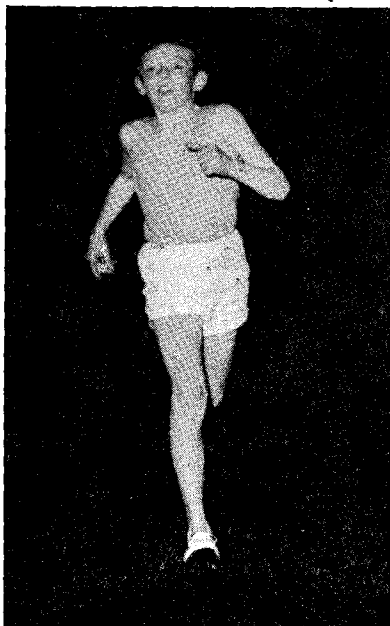
It is possible that the rules of this competition may be amended before next season so that some credit may be given to good place kicking in matches during the term. In this way it is hoped to encourage entry from players in teams other than the Fifteen.

CROSS COUNTRY

We have not had any really outstanding runners this term but we have had the makings of quite a good pack even though their performances have been rather varied. With matches unfortunately rather few and far between perhaps there was a tendency to miss training runs for less than adequate reasons but with a full fixture list next term we hope that this fault will be remedied.

Of the regular members of the team, Denny, Roper and Booker could be relied on to perform creditably and Ramsey, too, was very consistent. Doganoglu was a force to be reckoned with whenever the going was flat and firm whereas Baumann found the hilly courses more to his liking. Spencer improved greatly towards the end of term and Osborne looked very promising before he was injured. But after looking much more like his old self in the first match, Berry suffered another of those mysterious losses of form, and his place was taken by Earle.

Full colours were awarded to C. W. Denny and R. H. Roper; half colours to P. K. Booker.



Christopher Vernon winning the First Form Race in the late afternoon — photograph by flashlight.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: T. G. Spencer (6 times); C. W. Denny, Y. Doganoglu, V. A. Ramsey, R. H. Roper (5 times); P. K. Booker (4 times); M. F. K. Baumann (3 times); L. J. Berry, J. H. Earl, P. M. Osborne (twice).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

v. Westminster Training College (away). Sat., 1st October.

1st—Westminster 36 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 42 pts.

(Scorers: Denny 2, Booker 5, Berry 6, Ramsey 8, Roper 10, Doganoglu 11).

*v. Culham Training College and R.A.F. Benson (at Culham).
Wed., 19th October.*

1st—Culham 31 pts.; 2nd—Benson 72 pts.; 3rd—Abingdon 85 pts.

(Scorers: Denny 10, Roper 12, Doganoglu 14, Booker 15, Ramsey 16, Osborne 18).

v. Crookham Court School (home). Wed., 9th November.

1st—Abingdon 26 pts.; 2nd—Crookham 57 pts.

(Scorers: Denny 1, Booker 3, Roper 4, Baumann 5, Ramsey 6, Doganoglu 7).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (away). Wed., 23rd November.

1st—High Wycombe 26 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 58 pts.

(Scorers: Roper 4, Denny 7, Booker 8, Ramsey 12, Spencer 13, Earl 14).

v. K.A.S., Wantage (away). Wed., 30th November.

1st—Abingdon 29 pts.; 2nd—Wantage 55 pts.

(Scorers: Denny 2, Roper 3, Spencer 4, Baumann 5, Earl 7, Ramsey 8).

The Berkshire Championships (at Prospect Park, Reading).

Sat., 17th December.

Junior Boys: Penny 33, McLaughlan 37 (64 ran).

Boys: Smart 5, Green 38 (67 ran).

Youths: Spencer 15 (25 ran).

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

There are several promising runners in the first forms this year—none more so than Vernon who soon established a good lead in the Albert Park race and would surely have broken the record if he had been pressed.

Once again we are indebted to Peter Wilsden (O.A.) for allowing us to hold the other races over his land at Rye Farm. The day was mild and there was little wind but as usual the grass part of the course was waterlogged and the mud succeeded in separating a number of shoes from their owners. A new hazard this year was a huge mobile crane which was capable of almost completely blocking the towpath as it worked on the renovations at Abingdon Lock, but in the event it only "impeded" those competitors who wished to be impeded and have an excuse for getting their breath back!

Both the Junior and Intermediate Races were fairly close though Wallace and Smart always looked to be in complete command. The benefits of a whole term's training soon became apparent in the Senior Race when a group composed entirely of the Cross Country Club completed the first lap well ahead of the rest of the field. With three-quarters of the race over Spencer successfully tried to break away and with Denny hampered by a nose bleed and unable to respond it looked as though this surprise move might bring victory, but Roper gradually closed the gap and having fought his way to the front, he held on grimly to win by about 5 yards.

The margin of their victory in the Intermediate Race proved sufficient to give Blacknall the overall championship even though they only finished 3rd in the other 3 races. It is interesting to note that each race was won by a different House.

425 boys competed—423 of whom scored points for their Houses.

DETAILS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION

	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Blacknall</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Tesdale</i>
Senior:	1059 (4)	1249 (3)	1444 (1)	1298 (2)
Intermediate:	1344 (2)	1688 (1)	1062 (3)	1006 (4)
Junior	1520 (1)	1238 (3)	1091 (4)	1309 (2)
1st Form:	250 (4)	284 (3)	350 (2)	411 (1)
Totals:	4173 (2)	4459 (1)	3947 (4)	4024 (3)

The first ten home in each race were:

Senior: Roper RH (17:46.2), Spencer TG, Booker PK, Baumaan MFK, Denney CW, Doganoglu Y, Halling LP, Hewes TW, Parkes RE, Parfitt TA.

Intermediate: Smart NKA (18:45.1), Crawford MG, Marshall DM, Woods SA, Gough JR, Flint HJ, Varley MC, Visser JCM, Nasmyth DG, Cox JL.

Junior: Wallace CA (9:49.6), Green CJ, Johnson M, Jordan CJ, Penny CJ, Price PD, Cuthbert WH, Osborn MG, Crocker AJM, Murphy DGW.

1st Form: Vernon CF (7:27.4), Lawson CW, Binks DMA, Rogers PAW, Abraham PM, Bosworth JH, Clift AC, Butcher GB, Waters BC, Urban-Smith JA.

R.H.B.

HARD TENNIS COURT APPEAL FUND

It is very pleasing to report that the gap has now been closed, largely due to the most generous contribution of £200 from the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund. Mention must also be made of the very successful tombola organised by John Foden and Richard Bailey at the O.A. Dance, with prizes contributed by anonymous benefactors, which raised £20 10s. Further subscriptions from R. C. Bateman (2nd contribution), L. P. Mosdell (2nd contribution), and C. S. Woodruff, are also most gratefully acknowledged.

The total now stands at £734, which very generously doubled by the Governors together with their initial gift of £600, will cover £2,068.

This means that we can now go ahead, although starting dates for construction have still to be decided, bearing also in mind the convenience of Crescent House and the usual building lag. However we can certainly look forward to playing on the new courts in 1968, if not earlier.

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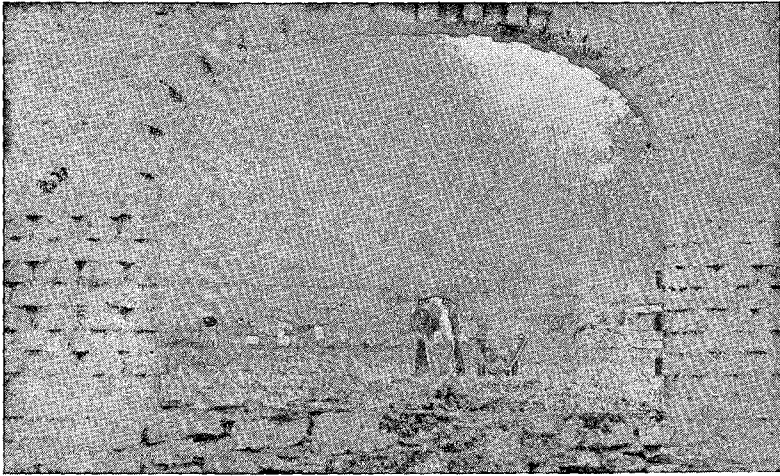
With the promise of new hard courts, it is appropriate to look back and acknowledge our debt to E. J. P. Ross Barker (1869-1955), who laid down and bequeathed the Waste Court Hard Court in 1932. 'R.B.' is still remembered with affection by past generations of O.A.'s, and it was due to his zest and enthusiasm that many of them made a start in tennis, probably on his Waste Court Lawn. The nineteen thirties were the days of leisure tennis, which yet produced County players such as George Sinclair (Cornwall); while the staff had R. C. Bateman, who excelled in the London Tournaments, and R. B. himself giving away some 20 years but still holding his own.

It has therefore been deemed most fitting that we keep R.B.'s memory green by distinguishing the old hard court as the 'RB' Hard Court.

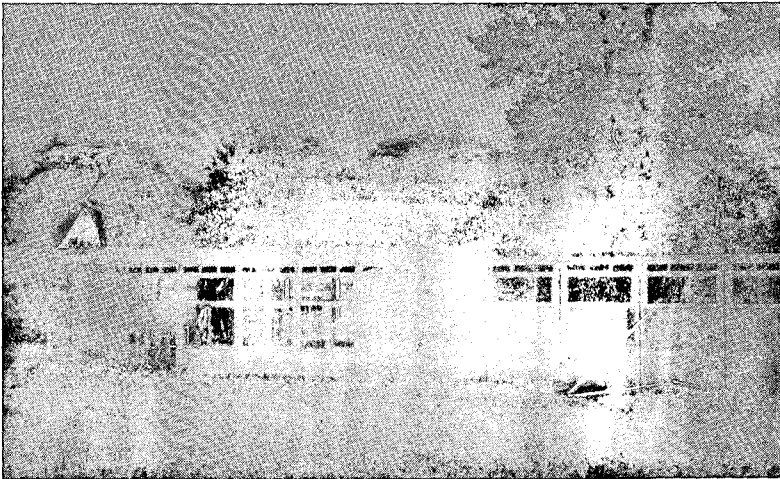
H.M.G.



Problem Picture No. 1 — How many exposures did this photograph involve? (See page 47).



Problem Picture No. 2 — What is going on in Lacies Court?



**Here is the answer:
— The Ingham Music School**

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The main event of an otherwise routine term has been Remembrance Sunday when almost the entire contingent turned out — something like two hundred cadets. This in itself is very gratifying, and the standard of turnout was also very high. Unfortunately it must be admitted that the march past was not as good as it should have been, and we must try to do better next year. The Guard of Honour was provided by members of all three sections under the command of Lieutenant Fairhead, and they performed very creditably as did the buglers and the band—the only band on parade—which played for the march past. We are most grateful for the help of Cpl. Wren from Bicester who gave us a great deal of his time to help train the Guard of Honour.

Now for the future—Arduous Training this year will again be in Scotland, at Carsphairn, where we have been for the last four years, and we shall shortly be inviting cadets to join us for this. Summer camp, for the Army Section, will be at Wyke.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

With a large number of new entrants, the section had hardly settled down by the time Field Day occurred. For this the whole section went down to Raven's Ait, on the Thames at Surbiton, for a day's practical boat-work. The main part of the training was learning to handle a whaler. The rest of the time was spent in canoes, only two of which capsized without casualties. The rest of the term was uneventful with indoor instruction largely replacing outside practical work, because of lack of daylight.

C.M.R.

ARMY SECTION

On Field Day, 'A' and 'B' companies visited R.A.O.C., Bicester, and 'C' company did a map reading exercise on the Downs. Routine training has continued with instruction to the R.A. Section by O.U.O.T.C. and to the Rescue Section by Dr. Douglas and Mr Lovegrove. The most enterprising feature, however, was the week-end bivouacking organized by Sgt. Evans and Cpl. Banes. Now we look ahead to the Proficiency exam.

K.M.D.H.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

We are bigger than ever before with a full establishment of 75, at least 16 boys having to be turned away this year from the Recruits' Section—with very great regret let me again stress. For the recruits, this term has been largely devoted to kitting-out and basic teaching under their admirably efficient N.C.O.s, Corporals Cockerill and Morgan.

The other flights have been working steadily towards their exams in March and I must here thank F/Sgt. Brice and his senior N.C.O.s for their help and efficiency this term. A Section the size of ours cannot run without the keenness and whole hearted enthusiasm of its senior members and with very few exceptions we seem to have this in ample measure.

For Field Day, we were the guests of our parent unit, R.A.F. Abingdon, and nearly 60 cadets had a full day being shown around the squadrons and the Parachute Training School. Quite a number were also fortunate enough to get a long trip in a Beverley. Since Field Day, Cockerill has been running his own unofficial Air Experience Flight by arranging further flying with Abingdon on Wednesday afternoons. I must commend his initiative and tact. Official Air Experience Flying at White Waltham has given about 30 cadets half an hour's Chipmunk flying and we look forward to more next term.

Looking forward again, we have been offered 10 places at camps in Germany this year during the Easter holidays and also of course the Section as a whole will camp in the first part of the same holidays. We don't yet know where.

Finally, let me thank again all those members of the Section who turned out on Remembrance Sunday. The numbers and the quality of the turnout were excellent.

M.R.M./A.G.H.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks.

JUNIOR TROOP

The shape of the Troop has changed considerably since last term. Shortage of Scouters has reduced us to one troop of six patrols and a Troop Leader, totalling forty in all. Morale however is high and the Court of Honour has played no small part in this. John Walker has done an excellent job as Troop Leader and the Patrol Leaders have been first class. It has been good to see the active part they have played in the running of the Troop and to know that they can be relied on to carry out any task entrusted to them.

Because of imminent changes in Scouting at a national level, we have anticipated a change which will be forced upon us next year by holding several evening meetings. The response of the Troop has been good and we feel that these meetings have been more successful in that they have not seemed to be a continuation of School. The experiment will be continued next term.

Field Day was enjoyed by all. The patrols were taken by coach to various dropping-off points. They travelled by separate routes and converged at lunchtime on Quarry Wood Scout Camp, Marlow. This

is the Scout Boating Centre, and the afternoon was spent 'messaging about on the river' in gigs, canoes and fibre-glass dinghies.

As a result of this we were ready for fuller and more serious instruction when thirty-six of us returned to the site at half-term. Sleeping accommodation was provided by bunks in the Wethered Hut, but all cooking was done on wood fires out of doors. The way in which the patrols coped with outdoor life in the cold and damp at the end of October was a tribute to their standards and the whole occasion was most worthwhile. A particular word of praise is due to the Otters for the way in which they coped with their hike, and of thanks to Mr. Truran and Mr. Welch for the valuable help which they gave.

P.G.D.

SENIOR TROOP

Mr. Baker has now stepped into the shorts—metaphorically speaking—of Mr. Lewis who has returned to Rhodesia. Under his leadership we have had another very good term. Activities began with a hike in which the various patrols met to camp for the night near the village of Lambourn. On Field Day, held fairly early this term, Mr. Baker led



the troop in a caving expedition to Goatchurch Cavern in the Mendips. We split up into groups and attempted to map the different chambers and passages.

The annual Camp Fire at Youlbury had to be held indoors, a practice which threatens to become traditional. Parents and Guides were invited

and we had a packed house. Richard Welch made a successful comeback as Master of Ceremonies. Another joint activity was a party for several Groups of both Scouts and Guides which was held at the 2nd North Berks Hut.

Two new kinds of meeting were introduced this term. The first was a visit to the Abbey Press with a conducted tour around the printing shop and the sight of the Headmaster's words becoming immortal in print. The second was a talk given by Mr. W. Barnes on the Advance Party Report.

The Venturer Incident Journey this term was enlivened by one unexpected incident—one Scout falling into the Mill Stream from an insecurely anchored "monkey bridge". Perhaps the swimming test should be made part of the Second Class instead of the First! Another incident involved the rescue and treatment of an attempted suicide.

Next term D. Langmead, D. Loach and P. Osborne will join I. L. Carr and V. Ramsey as P/Ls in place of M. T. Carr, R. Egelstaff and R. Lyons who are now too old to serve in this capacity.

R.A.L./R.A.E.

CHESS

This has been a very disappointing term. Our best performances were a narrow victory over Eton, and a narrow defeat (with a weakened team) against Carmel College, in the *Sunday Times* Tournament. Otherwise results have been unimpressive.

Of the Team, J. R. Burton and C. J. Marley are to be particularly congratulated on their consistently sound play.

Senior Results: v. Masters' Common Room	Drawn	3—3
v. Bicester G.S. (League)	Drawn	3—3
v. Carmel College (<i>Sunday Times</i>)	Lost	2½—3½
v. Salesian College (League)	Lost	2—4
v. Magdalen C.S. (League)	Lost	½—5½
v. Eton College	Won	3½—2½
v. John Mason School	Won	4½—3½

Senior Team: J. R. Burton, J. J. A. King, P. H. Blackburn, H. J. Manning, C. J. Marley, B. K. Langmead.

An Under Fifteen Team drew 3—3 with King Alfred's School, Wantage, but at the annual Dragon School Jamboree they scored only two points out of six; H. J. Manning and D. K. Rice were our only winners.

There has been a fairly large and enthusiastic attendance at Chess Club this term, mainly of First-Formers; we hope that this enthusiasm will not be dissipated.

Lightning Chess Tournaments were won by A. A. Tammadge and J. A. Urban-Smith.

M.W.

MUSIC NOTES

This season almost certainly marks a new episode in the history of the Subscription Concerts, and the fact that we are now fully subscribed augurs well for the future of the Society. The first concert was given by the Finzi Orchestra conducted by Christopher Finzi, with Wilfred Brown who sang Britten's "Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings", and Gerald Finzi's "Farewell to Arms." What promised to be a good start to the season was somewhat spoiled by the absorption of much of the string tone by the curtaining on the stage of the Abbey Hall. This was particularly unfortunate for a chamber orchestra which requires as much reflection of sound as possible. Perhaps as a result of this they were not at their best, the ensemble work being rather erratic on occasion. Highlight of the evening was Wilfred Brown's sensitive account of the Serenade combined with David Cripp's fine Horn playing.

The Melos Ensemble provided a most memorable second concert. To hear this Ensemble of international renown with Gervase de Peyer, who undoubtedly ranks among the finest clarinettists in the world today, was an unforgettable experience. Their nicely-balanced programme comprised the Weber and Mozart Clarinet Quintets, between which came Lennox Berkeley's engaging String Trio.

With almost completely new Alto, Tenor, and Bass sections, the Chapel Choir has also entered a new phase. It takes a long time to build up the ensemble and repertoire of a choir, but judging by the expressive quality of the singing at the Carol Service, the future should be good. We are most grateful to Mr. Coleman for his excellent craftsmanship in the making of the new music desks in the Choir Stalls in Chapel, and to Mr. Fairhead for their attractive design.

The Band has had a fairly successful term and had the honour of leading the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Abingdon. They did this extremely well and Cpls. Hardwick and Heast gave an outstandingly good performance of the Last Post and Reveille. The end of term was busy with the Carol Party in the Court Room on the last Sunday of the term and another performance for the Boarder's entertainment later in the week. At the former, they were joined by the Choral Society and Mr. Tammadge's Recorder Group, both of which acquitted themselves well that evening.

Orchestral and Chamber Music activity has been entirely devoted to rehearsal for next term's events. This will include the Opening Concert in the new Music School, and two large-scale performances of "The Messiah" in the Abbey Hall in March. The Chorus will be drawn mainly from those who take music as a form or option subject, and thus as many as possible will have the experience of performing this well-known oratorio.

The School is very much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Roblin for their most generous gift of a very fine Bechstein Grand Piano to the new Music School. We are most fortunate now in having such a good

instrument which will be used for concerts and recitals in the Concert Room.

Of our music teaching staff we extend a very warm welcome to Miss Sheila Freeman who succeeds Mr. Waterfield as our Oboe teacher. We hope that she will be very happy in her work here.

With the opening of the new Music School the future prospect is most alluring. We are much indebted to the Appeal Committee for their generosity in giving this to the School, thus supplying us with the facilities for teaching, performing, and storage of instruments and music which has been badly needed for a music department of our present size. An opening Concert has been arranged and it is hoped to resume the weekly lunchtime concerts as soon as possible so that as many boys as possible will have the opportunity of performing and listening to music at first hand.

J.G.C.

The Associated Board of Music Examinations resulted in passes as follows:

Grade 2: M. Bricknell (piano); Grade 3: S. Cantwell (piano);
Grade 4: J. Visser (clarinet); Grade 8: G. Edwards (piano).

J. Lister and D. Murphy (both Organ) passed with Distinction (over 130 marks out of 150).

LIBRARY

This term we have been fortunate in the number of presentations the Library has received from Old Boys, parents and leavers. We are grateful to Mr. Phillips, Mr. Booth, Dr. Leder, Capt. Leach, Mr. Roper, Dr. Owen, Mr. Parsons, Dr. Prickett, Mr. Millard, Dr. Hingley, P. A. Sugg and A. L. Leaver; and also to Berkshire County Library for increasing their loan of books to us to three hundred. The bulk of these books are of interest to boys in the lower school, and will therefore reinforce one of the weaker sections of the Library.

The Library Prefect is A. W. Hills and P. A. Minns and N. Hands-Clarke are Monitors. A full list of assistant librarians will be published in the Calendar.

Perhaps this is an opportunity to remind all users of the Library that the library staff depend very much on their help—in following the correct procedure for borrowing books, in treating the furniture and fittings with care and in making suggestions for improvements.

Answer to Problem Picture on page 40: One exposure only—the photograph was taken through a prism from a window in the Physics Lab.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

JOINT ACTIVITIES

At a meeting on December 7th at Lacies Court, a committee consisting of the Headmaster, a member of staff and two pupil representatives from each school forged a link which must inevitably strengthen ties between St. Helen's School, John Mason School and ourselves. The purpose of the meeting was to take the initial steps towards the founding of joint societies to bring the three schools closer together; and as a result of the meeting three new societies emerged.

With effect from next summer, the St. Edmund Society will become a joint society under the guidance of the Abingdon School chaplain and with a steering committee from the three schools. In addition, there is to be a reconstituted Turnor Society under the leadership of Mrs. Ray Brett of St. Helen's and a similar committee. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. and the main interest will be in national and international current affairs. The third society—a social society—will be sponsored by a member of the John Mason Staff assisted by a steering committee.

By widening the membership of these societies, it is hoped that we shall be the better able to invite first-rate external speakers—a thing which each school individually had previously felt unable to do because of the limited number of members in its own societies. Already some prominent national figures have been approached for the new Turnor Society, and it is expected that details of the Society's programme for next term will be available soon.

All of these societies will be for sixth-formers initially but may be opened to other members of the schools in lower forms on suitable occasions. A.G.H.

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

At our first meeting this term, on September 28th, C. S. Downes read a paper entitled "Fringe Medicine", which confined itself to a limited number of specific topics, such as osteopathy and hypnosis. The paper provoked a lively, if somewhat superficial and irrelevant discussion.

The subject of the second paper, read by N. Jotcham, on October 26th, was "The Influence of Witchcraft in History". Possibly the paper was too specialized for a really satisfactory general discussion.

The last paper of the term, "The Rise and Development of Communism", was read to us by A. W. Hills, on November 30th. An excellent paper and a lively and profitable discussion, which owed much to the reader's wide background knowledge.

We welcome our two new members from St. Helen's School, Rosemary Shephard and Alison Varney, and we thank the Headmaster and Miss Cobban for their kind hospitality to us throughout the term.

N.J.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Michaelmas term, Dr. R. W. Davidge spoke on "The Deformation of Solids", illustrating his talk with a short film on crystal slip. For the first time parties from St. Helen's joined us for two meetings—one on "The Chemistry of Mental Illness" given by Dr. K. Tilling who fascinated as well as blinded a large audience with complex organic formulae, and the other by Dr. R. J. C. Harris who told us of his research on "The Induction of Cancer".

The remaining meetings of the term were on engineering subjects. Mr. A. K. Godden lectured to us on "Powered Artificial Limbs", dealing with many of the associated problems. Mr. W. A. Price gave a talk on "Hydraulics Research", which included a film on the work of the Research Station.

We are very grateful to all speakers who donated their time to us, and to Mr. Gray and Mr. Talbot who keenly sponsored our meetings.
J.B.L.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took the form of a hat debate with a panel consisting of the Headmaster, Mr. J. M. Street, Miss Welsh, Mr. Fairhead and D. W. Tanner. Questions were collected from the members of the Society and five of these were selected. The second meeting was a talk given by Revd. Fr. Kallistos Ware, a Greek Orthodox priest and lecturer at Oxford, on "The Orthodox Churches". This talk was very interesting and the resulting questions included many on the persecution of Christians. For the third and last meeting a film called "A Man Dies" was shown. This was a passion play set in a rock and roll medium.

R.A.E.

THE ATHENAEUM

This term, the Society has attended two plays—"Volpone", by Ben Jonson, at the Oxford Playhouse, and the controversial "US", at the Aldwych. The first excursion was a great experience for us all, for we saw excellent performances by some really well-known actors—Alan Dobie, Leo McKern and Leonard Rossiter. It was unanimously enjoyed. However, our expedition to London created much more discord among the members. 'US' was so extraordinary that it provoked lively and lengthy discussion on the way back to Abingdon. A greater contrast with "Volpone" could not be imagined. Nevertheless, the experience was generally thought worthwhile, and the Society hopes to stimulate the members' critical faculties further in the future.

J.D.E.

THE HISTORIANS

This term has been a quiet one, largely because of circumstances beyond our control. There was one meeting, which was held on the 18th November. This took the form of a symposium on "Guy Fawkes", in which Mr. Millard, Evans, Hills, Morgan and Ventham took part. This was followed by a lively discussion, and the meeting was generally thought successful. Next term it is planned to have three meetings, including at least one visiting speaker.

A.W.H.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The Society has held three meetings this term, all of which have been attended by members of St. Helen's School and the John Mason High School, with whom we have now established a firm link.

The first of these meetings was held on October 20th when M. Briand, our French Assistant, gave an illustrated lecture on Paris and French costume through the ages. This was widely appreciated as it had general appeal.

For the next Meeting, on November 3rd, St. Helen's entertained contingents from us and from John Mason to a Social Meeting.

Finally, all three societies combined in a visit to 'La Ronde', shown in Oxford.

We are looking forward to next term, when we intend to form a small German section with members from all three schools.

C.W.D./P.A.C.M.

JOINT CLUB

The former sponsor of the society at St. Helen's School, Miss Glass, regrettably left us last term, but we have been fortunate enough to find a worthy successor in Mrs. Comber.

We were able to hold only two meetings this term; the first was a visit to the Oxford Playhouse to see 'The Homecoming', a play by Harold Pinter; the second was a bonfire party at St. Helen's School.

We have decided to devote more time in future to the cultural aspect of the society, cutting out the purely social meetings and aiming for a diversity of activities.

R.J.H.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Michaelmas Term has been a rewarding one primarily because of the breadth of the society both in composition and in the topics it has discussed.

At the first meeting, we followed last year's success by reading and discussing six poems. At the next, A. L. Leaver read a paper on 'Robert Blake', provoking some interesting discussion which might, however, have been better had members been better informed on the subject. For the last meeting, Dr. Alex Blackburn, formerly a lecturer at Pennsylvania University, spoke on 'The novels of William Faulkner'. This not only stimulated our interest in Faulkner but showed us something of the working of the American mind. All agreed that the evening was most successful and we are most grateful to Dr. Blackburn for coming.

Our thanks must go too to Mr. Owen, firstly for his continued guidance this term and secondly to him and Mrs. Owen for entertaining the society at their home and thus ending an enjoyable term so pleasantly.

D.W.T.

THE SYMPOSIUM

Fortunately the Society was able to meet three times this term and all three meetings were highly successful. On September 27th, J. D. Evans read a paper on 'Crime and Punishment' which outlined the present penal system in Great Britain. At the second meeting, on 1st November, a new secretary was elected. Sayce then read a paper on 'Minority Parties in Great Britain' in which he gave a description of the more prominent minority parties in the country. The final meeting took place on November 29th. R. G. Coulbeck read a paper on 'Automation' from which two views emerged—that of the scientists who believed in the eventual self destruction of humanity and that of the artists who did not.

Lastly, we are extremely grateful for the support of Mr. Howard who has been our sponsor during Mr. Hillary's absence.

A.N.R.W.

THE CRITICS

This term there has been an unusually large intake of new members into the Society; this "new blood" has made discussion lively, and will, I hope, continue to do so.

We have continued the tendency towards critical discussion rather than the somewhat monotonous succession of members' papers. This new format seems both popular and successful.

"The Western" was the subject that provided the most controversial discussion this term. Members were asked to watch the film "The Magnificent Seven", which proved an ideal starting-point for a very wide-ranging and interesting discussion.

Further lively discussion was afforded by the Wednesday Play "The Head Waiter"; one of the more obscure of the series, which gave scope for a radical difference in opinion regarding its interpretation.

R.T.T.M.

ONSLOW SOCIETY

The only meeting during the term took the form of a debate on the motion: "This House believes that the Character and Policies of Hitler made the Second World War inevitable". The motion was proposed by T. C. C. May and W. N. McGowan-Docherty, opposed by M. F. K. Baumann and F. J. Dobbs, and carried by four votes. The lengthy but effective papers and the discussion which followed, threw light on a surprisingly uncertain question and led to speculation further afield.

T.C.C.M.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting comprised a talk given by Mr. G. Francis of I.B.M. on "Systems Engineering and Computing". At the second meeting, Mr. V. H. Guy of B.M.C. gave a fascinating talk entitled "Mathematics and the Future of the Motor Industry".

The last meeting was devoted to papers by: E. A. C. Crouch on Paradoxes; M. S. A. Davis on Digital Roots; C. M. Dobson on the Fibonacci Sequence; L. P. Halling on Equations of Life; and J. B. Lister on Continued Fractions.

M.A.C.

BRUCE SOCIETY

This term has been devoted to reinstating a dormant Society. Two meetings have been held. The first consisted of a talk by Mr. N. C. Pollock from Oxford University on "Present-day Rhodesia", with an interesting slant on the political situation. The second was an illuminating lecture by Mr. Ford-Robertson from the Oxford Institute of Forestry on "Geographical Aspects of Forestry".

D.J.V.

FILM SOCIETY

This term began with the controversial film "The Wild One", which very much impressed all who attended in spite of its already outmoded fashions.

"King Kong", which was shown at this term's open meeting, delighted a huge audience and perhaps also held it in a little suspense.

"The Wages of Fear" startled everyone by its power and "I Posto" well demonstrated recent Italian realism.

These four meetings were, as is usual, held on Sundays.

J.G.M.

DEBATING SOCIETY

This term has been one of expansion and preparation. Much time has been spent in establishing relations with John Mason High School. There have, however, been two debates as well. The motions were—"This House believes Red China to be a greater threat to World Peace than the U.S.S.R.", which was debated on October 14th. The Speakers were D. J. Ventham and A. W. Vernède (proposing), and A. W. Hills and J. D. Evans (opposing): "This House believes that Bloodsports are barbarous", at which D. J. Ventham and D. Button proposed, and R. Egelstaff and T. D. Evans opposed. In between these two, a Hat Debate was held. This was a great success, and has provided many people with their first taste of public speaking. Next term, a Joint Debate with John Mason will be held, and we hope to see further expansion of the Society.

J.D.E.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Practices this term have led up to a quarter peal of St. Simon's Doubles and an attempt for Stedman, and a quarter of Hull Surprise, with outside help, is planned. However, the crowning achievement of the term was the first peal by the Society, rung on December 10th in 2 hours and 40 minutes at Hinton Waldrist, in four Minor methods. The band was: L. P. Halling, J. R. Rowson, A. K. P. Poole, J. R. Poole, O.A., M. C. E. Hodge, O.A., and C. I. Rowson (conducting).

C.I.R.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Society has only held one formal meeting this term, but members have been using the telescope on their own on most clear evenings. On October 10th Mr. P. D. Wroath gave a very interesting talk entitled "Practical Uses of the Telescope". His talk, which was illustrated by many photographs of his own equipment, was full of useful hints and tips which will be of great assistance to us in the future.

M.A.C.

JAZZ CLUB

The meetings this term progressed steadily in quality and popularity. The first was a record session with Dave Brubeck and the M.J.Q. At the second meeting, Georgie Fame's L.P. "Sound Venture" was reviewed. The third was an amusing and informative lecture by M. J. T. Theophilus on "Charlie Parker". The final meeting was a lecture on "Fats Waller" and a masterly performance of his pieces by Mr. N. H. Payne. Various members also attended concerts by Dave Brubeck, Stan Getz/Astrud Gilberto and Jacques Loussier.

F.J.D.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society has met regularly this term, and the string players have been very busy. With Geoffrey Edwards as soloist, they have studied the Mozart Clarinet Quintet in some detail in preparation for a concert early next term. They have also "played through" one of the Beethoven Opus 18 quartets weekly—no light undertaking!

C.W.D./A.R.G.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

The Society was refounded at the end of last term. In the Michaelmas Term two films were borrowed from the Shell Film Library: the first was 'Schileren' and was all about testing aerosol sections and watching the effects by 'schileren' photography; the second was entitled 'Skyhook' and concerned the transporting of equipment for an oil-well by helicopter.

In the Lent Term we hope to have a lecture and a film on the making of the film 'Those magnificent men in their flying machines'.

R.K.G.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Michaelmas term consisted of a talk on darkroom technique given by the Still-section sponsor, Mr. Woolnough. At the following meeting, a Kodak Filmstrip on 'How Photography began' was shown. This was on loan from the A.E.R.E. Camera Club. For the final meeting the Cine-section sponsor, Mr. Fairhead, gave an illustrated talk on 'Pictorial Composition'.

The darkroom is now in regular use and it is hoped to start giving lessons in developing and printing in the Lent Term.

R.A.B.

RAILWAY CLUB

At the first meeting of the term, a new secretary—P. D. Holmes—was elected. The second meeting on November 4th listened to an interesting talk on 'British Railway Tickets' by the sponsor, Mr. R. V. J. Butt. The final meeting was on November 18th and at this R. W. Speight gave a very unusual talk on an old industrial railway system called 'Lady Angela's Railway'.

P.D.H.

ANGLING CLUB

The club started its activities this term with a trip to some private lakes near Ruislip, but conditions were poor, with thick fog over the water until almost mid-day. The total catch was four perch, weighing 9 oz.

But poor conditions at Sutton Courtenay in early October did not affect weights at all. Despite a continuous downpour, two bream of 2 lbs. 13 oz. and 2 lbs. 6 oz. were caught, with several more up to 1 lb. each.

The last competition of the term, held at Sutton weirs and river, was a great success. Besides a bream of 3 lbs. 14 oz., a trout of 2 lbs. and a pike of 3½ lbs. were caught, with numerous bream to 1½ lbs.

We would like to thank the sponsor for his active interest in the society throughout the term.

P.L.B.

GOLF SOCIETY

The Society was formed at the beginning of the term to try and foster interest about the game in the School. To this end, with the financial assistance of the Golf Foundation, the society has provided a series of eight lessons which have proved a great success. Other activities this term have included a film and competition while next term it is hoped to have a match play tournament and a game with the masters.

J.L.S.

THE FIFTH FORM SOCIETY

The Society, started this term with the help and sponsorship of the Headmaster, Mr. Willis and Mr. Owen, intends to promote 'society feeling' among future sixth-formers. Four meetings were held during the term—the first being to elect officers. There was a lecture by Mr. K. Frere, the secretary of the local branch of UNA, on 'Keeping World Peace'. The motion 'Mankind has outgrown the need for religion' was debated and Mr. Julian Othieno, an African schoolmaster studying at Oxford, gave an amusing talk on 'Life in Kenya'. From these promising beginnings, prospects for the Society are good.

M.G.B.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Four Society meetings and one party were held in the Michaelmas term. Members were encouraged to give talks themselves; one of the best of these was by Terence Wright, who told us about golf. We had one outside speaker, Mr. Clayton, who talked to us about Amey's construction work. The party, held at the end of the term, was followed by three enjoyable films—two on motor racing and one on G.P.O. communications.

P.J.H.

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of the term it was decided to revive the society and a secretary (S. P. Loosemore) and committee were elected.

Two meetings were held during the term, the first being a lecture given by Mrs. Harris on 'Roman London' with slides; and the second, again a lecture, by Mr. Case from the Ashmolean, who spoke on 'Prehistoric Archaeology'.

We would like to thank Mr. Payne, our sponsor, for his continued help and support.

S.P.L.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BAILEY. On 3rd January, 1967, to Maureen, wife of Richard R. Bailey (1959), a daughter, Katherine Anne, sister for Nicholas.

BARRETT. On 7th October, 1966, to Dorothy, wife of Tim Barrett (1960), a daughter, Katie Louise, sister for Nicola.

BATEMAN. On 18th September, 1966, to Jane, wife of Michael Bateman (1951), a second son, Paul, brother to Daniel.

BLYTHE. On 7th January, 1967, to Susan, wife of Michael Blythe (1959), twin sons, Mark Rupert and Patrick Jeremy.

BUDDEN. On 25th April, 1966, to Sheila Ann, wife of Barry G. Budden (1948), a daughter, Caroline Joan.

CLEWLEY. On 14th September, 1966, to Audrey, wife of Rodney P. Clewley (1954), a daughter, Alison Judith, a sister for Ian.

KING. On 15th May, 1966, in Nairobi, to Jane, wife of Peter M. King (1945), a daughter, Victoria, sister for Amanda, Adam and Emma.

PEZARO. On 4th August, 1966, to Deirdre, wife of Alan Pezaro (1954), a daughter.

SEWRY. On 21st November, 1966, to Freda, wife of Trevor Sewry (1961), a daughter, Deborah, sister to Nichola.

WESTALL. On 9th September, 1966, to Angela, wife of John Westall (1953) a daughter, Hilary Susan.

MARRIAGES

BAMPTON-WORTH. On 23rd April, 1966, at St. Nicolas' Church, Witham, Essex, Richard W. J. Bampton (1961) to Angela Worth.

BENNETT-CHAPPELL. On 19th March, 1966, at St. James' Church, Cowley, David de B. Bennett (1958) to Norma Chappell.

CORPS-TAYLOR. On 30th April, 1966, at St. Deny's Church, Leicester, Michael R. Corps (1959) to Patricia Ann Taylor.

GREEN-HOWLETT. On 26th September, 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Freeland, Roger S. Green (1959) to Elizabeth Howlett.

HAARHOFF-NEAVES. On 17th September, 1966, at St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, Keith N. Haarhoff (1960) to Gillian Mary Neaves.

OXLEY-McINTYRE. On 30th July, 1966 at Warwick Road Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, Geoffrey W. Oxley (1961) to Joan McIntyre.

TRENAMAN-EVERITT. On 17th September, 1966, at St. Clement's Church, Leigh on Sea, Ian W. Trenaman (1956) to Janine Everitt.

THISTLEWOOD-BLANKSBY. On 17th September, 1966, at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, Anthony William Thistlewood (1958) to Isabel Jane Blanksby.

DEATH

CHEARY. On 21st September, 1966, Anthony John Cheary (1957-64), aged 20 years.

Tony Cheary's death, in tragic circumstances, has cut short a promising career. On leaving school two years ago he entered the Oxford School of Architecture; many of his fellow students joined with his family and with representatives of the School at his funeral which took place at Headington Crematorium.

Pat Mosdell (1931) has returned to Africa, having accepted an appointment as High Court Judge in Kenya.

Bryan Healy (1931) has been appointed Deputy Manager of a new department opened by the Gas Council to control and co-ordinate the conversion of gas appliances to operate on natural gas.

David Brown (1935) is Deputy Registrar and Chief Clerk of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Geoffrey Powell (1926) retired recently from his partnership in Pennington and Lewis & Lewis, Solicitors, and is living at Lee on Solent.

We were very pleased to receive a visit by George Estcourt (1926) last summer—his first sight of this Country since he left school. He is a Public Accountant and Tax Consultant at Los Altos, California.

Robert Jackson (1939) Chief Engineer at A.E.R.E. Harwell, has been appointed Director of Reactor Technology at Reactor Group, Risley.

Arthur Fleet (1934) is now Deputy Secretary for Administration, Oxford University.

Peter King (1945) has transferred from the Institute of Education in Nairobi to become Head of Schools Broadcasting in the Voice of Kenya. Already there is an extensive service on sound and it is hoped to start experimental TV this year using B.B.C. and Australian programmes.

Joseph Lay (1933) is now Manager of the Bedford Branch of Westminster Bank. Clive Burborough (1944) of the same Bank has moved to Biggleswade.

Ian Jamieson (1946) is Superintendent of Materials working on a new pipe-line in Oman. Previously he spent a year in Turkey drilling near the U.S.S.R. border.

We have welcome news of Robert Klein (1950). After graduating at Loughborough College in 1954 he went to Canada and after 10 years with the Engineering Dept. of Sperry Gyroscope Co. he is now with C.A.E. Industries, Montreal, as Project Manager of Commercial Flight Simulators. Married in 1956 he has a girl of 8½ and a boy 6½.

David Free (1952) has abandoned teaching for the Civil Service and is with the Ministry of Social Security in Oxford.

Richard Paxman (1954) working for Shell Oil, N.Z., Agricultural Chemicals Division, in New Zealand, is now settled in his home at Christchurch. He has a good word to say for nearly everything but the hotels.

Michael Bateman (1961) maintains a steady flow of publications, referred to elsewhere in this volume.

Lindsay Ewing (1962) is home again after 3½ years during which he worked and hiked his way through the Middle East, Africa and South America. His most striking adventure was the 2½ months he spent with Chocoe Indians of the Darien jungle in Panama—some of the most primitive people in the world. We wish we could reprint the most interesting article that appeared in a Bournemouth paper, but perhaps he will be able to come and describe his odyssey in person.

Ian Trenaman (1956), a Solicitor, and recently married, is a partner in the firm of Tolhurst and Fisher, Southend. His brother Jack (1958) is a Junior Underwriter at Lloyds.

Two other solicitors, recently qualified are Peter Kandiah (1959) and David Goodwin (1961). Peter left this month to spend three years with a firm in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. David is working in London.

Howard Phillips (1962) is Lecturer in Mathematics at the Margaret McMillan College of Education, Bradford.

Peter Booth (1960) passed his Finals in Ophthalmic Optics at London University, and after a short spell at the Oxford Eye Hospital, has joined his father in practice at High Wycombe.

Robin Simmonds (1960), having got his Ph.D., is now working for the Aspro Nicholas Research Institute at Slough.

Geoffrey Oxley (1961), who is Assistant Archivist at Leicester, has taken his M.A. at Liverpool with a thesis on the Administration of the Poor Law in South-east Lancashire 1601-1837.

Charles Purnell (1962), B.A. Oxon., is a Research Investigator with British Non-Ferrous Metals Corp., specialising in X-Ray Crystallography.

Glen Strachan (1949) is in practice as a dentist in Edinburgh.

Ian Attree (1959) is in the Metropolitan Police.

David Williams (1963) who is reading Law at Sheffield University, completed a Parachute Course last year with 21st Special Air Service Regt.—proof of hereditary influence.

David de B. Bennett (1958) is a First Officer with British United Airways, based at Southend.

Tony Thistlewood (1958), a Chartered Accountant with Matheson & Co., Merchant Bankers in the City, hopes to do a tour later with the parent Company, Jardine Matheson & Co. in Hong Kong.

Forbes Wastie (1957) is now a House Tutor at Eastbourne College.

Derek Pollard (1962), having graduated B.Sc. (Eng.) at Imperial College, is working with Balfour Beatty & Co. at Wimbledon, constructing a sub-station for the C.E.G.B.

Edward Lier (1959), also B.Sc. of Imperial College, is reading for his Doctorate.

David Gerring (1961) has qualified M.B. at Bristol and Robert Budden (1962) B.Sc. (Civil Eng.) at Loughborough.

Roderick Hicks (1962) is Assistant Lecturer in Social Studies at Croydon College of Technology.

Christopher Redknapp (1959) has been doing a year's teaching in U.S.A. under the Teachers' Exchange Scheme.

Tony Mortemore (1963) is a Market Planner with Pritchard Wood & Partners, the London Advertising Agency.

SERVICES NEWS

We offer threefold congratulation to Duncan West (1939)—on the award of the M.B.E., on promotion to Lt. Colonel and on appointment to Command the Oxfordshire Battalion of the new Army Volunteer Reserve.

Lieut. Peter Simmonds (1955) is in H.M.S. Ironbridge, Lieut. Paul Cross (1960) in H.M.S. Fife and Midshipman Michael Livingston (1964) in H.M.S. Tiger.

Capt. John Pratt (1955) is with 32 Sqdn. R.C.T. in Germany, as also is Lt. Colin Scragg (1957) 2 Royal Tank Regiment.

Fl/Lt. Michael Brackley (1954) is now at HQ Technical Training Command, Brampton.

P/O Michael Westwood (1962) 84 Sqdn. and P/O David Heather-Hayes (1960) 8 Sqdn., are both at Khormaksar, Aden.

Tym Marsh (1963) after graduating at Pembroke College has taken a Commission in the Parachute Regt. He expects to leave for Aden shortly.

M. C. Johnson has taken a Commission in the R.A.F. by Direct Entry.

Our representatives in the O.U. Air Squadron are Steven Nicholl and Peter Liversidge.

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The following are believed to be in residence at Universities and Medical Schools. We apologise in advance for any errors or omissions.

Oxford: *Pembroke*: J. M. Talbot, C. J. D. Bailey, E. Blaze, M. J. I. Day, T. J. King, S. D. Thornton, S. M. Nicholl, E. C. C. Crouch, C. C. Ford, M. J. Giddings, C. M. Noble-Jamieson, T. D. Harding; *Christ Church*: N. P. Loukes; *Magdalen*: A. E. Johnson; *St. Johns*: C. R. Winfield, F. A. Bisby; *Merton*: P. H. Fletcher; *Jesus*: A. S. Harrison, S. N. Pearson; *Wadham*: G. Sheppard; *St. Edmund Hall*: P. W. Liversidge; *Keble*: J. L. Walton; *St. Peter's*: M. A. Bisby; *St. Catherine's*: R. J. Hutcheon, M. F. Wells; *Mansfield*: J. D. Urwick, J. A. Cooper.

Cambridge: *Christ's*: P. S. McK. Ramsey; *Clare*: T. C. Tozer; *Churchill*: R. J. Davis; *Corpus*: S. J. Denny; *Jesus*: P. G. Henderson; *St. John's*: R. A. Jackson; *Downing*: C. E. I. Day; *Fitzwilliam House*: M. C. E. Hodge; *St. Catherine's*: S. A. G. Janisch; *Sidney Sussex*: W. J. Overton.

St. Andrews: J. H. Thewlis, D. G. Hounam.

Edinburgh: T. H. Day, A. G. D. Matson, M. S. Ford.

Trinity College, Dublin: A. E. W. Willey.

London: *King's*: E. D. J. Hunter; *Imperial*: E. F. Lier, B.Sc., M. A. Hedges, T. R. Giddings; *L.S.E.*: D. J. French; *Queen Elizabeth's*: P. E. Cable; *College of Estates Management*: C. R. Wood; *City Univ.*: J. S. Hutchins; *Courtauld Institute*: M. J. H. Liversidge.

Bath: P. N. Atkins, D. Heywood.

Birmingham: L. A. Edwards, I. G. Burns, M. R. Morris, R. H. M. Burridge, R. J. Crumly, R. C. Leathem, S. Lewis, T. R. Morris, J. D. Pickavance, K. A. Berrington.

Bradford: A. R. Williams, M. L. Thorpe, M. A. Roden.

Bristol: K. N. Haarhoff (B.A. Cantab), C. J. Dean, P. R. Munson, F. C. A. Exon, J. J. Mackenzie, J. C. Burbank, T. B. Moore.

Brunel: T. S. Addison.

Cardiff: R. S. Armsden.

Durham: N. P. J. Bell.

Exeter: A. R. F. Redgrave, P. J. Leather, A. M. Wood, R. P. Jessett.

Glasgow: R. D. Booker.

Hull: R. D. Hall, A. G. Fairlie.

Lampeter: M. F. Kitto.

Lancaster: C. R. Corps.

Leeds: J. A. Simms, S. J. Baker.

Leicester: R. Dowson.

Liverpool: N. A. G. Spackman, P. A. Bartlett, I. R. Hewes.

Manchester: G. F. Keeyes, K. W. R. Dixon, I. W. D. Matson, L. R. Llewellyn, P. G. Dowling.

Newcastle-on-Tyne: V. A. Marsh.

Nottingham: D. R. Brown, J. R. Jennings, P. A. Sugg.

Reading: A. T. Barrett.

Sheffield: E. N. Broadway, N. I. Broad, P. J. Snowley, D. H. Williams, G. H. Hallett, P. J. Wilson.

Sussex: P. D. Prebble.

Southampton: P. G. James.

Swansea: F. R. Howlett.

Warwick: P. N. Shellard, H. J. N. Wharton, D. J. Brown, R. B. Davis, R. Coomber.

York: R. M. Limerick.

Medical Schools:

St. George's: B. G. Mackay, J. Bowthorpe, C. W. F. M. Cox.

Kings': P. R. F. Morgan.

Guy's: N. P. W. Coe, D. J. Jessett, B. S. Avery, S. A. Marsh.

Middlesex: J. A. R. Willis, A. W. Willis.

St. Mary's: R. A. Lucas, P. E. Dixon, P. B. Havelock, P. V. Bosley,
M. H. Hampton, A. J. Longstaff.
Royal Veterinary: S. M. Womar, J. P. G. Butt, B. R. Rosevear.
Birmingham: P. D. Exon, A. J. C. Leathem, J. D. Spencer.
Bristol: R. G. Parks, P. J. Hardwick, D. J. Munson, K. Barnes.
Trinity College, Dublin: R. G. Lockton.

Service Colleges:

Britannia R.N.C.: M. Spencer, M. C. G. Holloway.
R.M.A. Sandhurst: D. G. Clubley, D. E. Joyce.
R.C.M.S. Shrivenham: R. J. Ormerod, M. J. F. King.
R.A.F. Henlow: P. A. Merriman.

Full-time Courses at Other Institutions:

P. E. Comber, D. S. Partridge and D. W. Penney at St. Luke's Training
College, Exeter.
K. G. Robbins and B. C. Orland at Westminster College.
J. A. Rozier at St. John & St. Mark's College, Chelsea.
R. W. Ellaway at St. John's College, Canterbury.
N R. Leach at Lancaster Training College.
P. B. Godfrey at College of Aviation, Hamble.
M. P. S. Wood, N. A. H. Bosley, J. W. B. Dunthorne and J. R. Poole
at School of Architecture, Oxford.
R. J. Parsons, D. G. Halstead, D. G. Hilleard, R. E. T. Hall and D. J.
Letley at Oxford College of Technology.
P. H. Painton is working for B.Sc. Econ. at Lanchester C.T., Coventry.
B. D. Diffey at Chelsea C.S.T.
G. I. R. Lewis is at Manchester College, Oxford.
R. K. Gregson at Salford C.A.T.
C. P. Ridout at Bath Technical College.

At Universities and other institutions overseas are:

Rodney Moore (1961) reading for a Master's Degree Course in
International Affairs at Carleton University, Ottawa, with a view to
entering the Canadian Foreign Service.
Ted and Geoff Hodgetts (1963) at Toronto University—the latter
reading Medicine.
Peter Mann (1963) and John Clarke (1965) at McGill, Montreal.
Richard Van Wagenen (1963), Vice-Chairman of the *Yalie Daily*
last session, who achieved a 99½% grading in the Law School Aptitude
Test at Yale. He hopes to spend this summer in Greece, teaching
English, and we may see something of him 'en route'.

Bode Akinbiyi (1965) at Ibadan University.

Nicholas Martin (1966), after a term at Davis Senior H.S., California, returning to Adelaide to do two more years at Prince Alfred College before University.

Kenneth and Rob Johns (both 1961) at McMaster University, Canada.

Latest news of others who left since last July is:

J. D. Arundel is with Satchwells Ltd., Slough.

M. J. Arundel is articulated to Solicitors in the City.

R. J. N. Bennett is studying Quantity Surveying with Bracknell Development Corporation.

G. P. Candy is with Buckell & Ballard of Oxford, working towards C.A.A.I.

D. Clare is reading for a London Degree at Nottingham College of F.E.

P. J. Clargo is with Zurich Insurance Co. in London.

G. M. Cockcroft is with Mullards and part-time at Croydon Technical College.

M. G. Cockman is with B.O.A.C., working for Diploma of Institute of Transport.

C. N. Cook is doing a University Sandwich Course with the Beecham Group.

B. M. Edwards is a Purser Cadet with P. & O.

R. H. Ginger is also a cadet with British India Line.

D. W. Hall is studying Cost Accounting in Dundee.

S. J. King is an Assistant Librarian at A.E.R.E. Harwell.

T. Lewis is with Perkins Ltd., Peterborough, for H.N.D. or Sandwich Course in Mechanical Engineering.

W. M. Marshall is articulated to an accountant.

K. A. Mein and P. A. Williams are both with Wenn Townsend, Chartered Accountants in Oxford.

R. D. Ray is teaching for a year at Manor House School, Kitale, Kenya, before going to University.

R. W. Schnellmann is with G. Bowring, Insurance Brokers in London.

R. D. Schuck is a Management Trainee with Marks and Spencer at High Wycombe.

S. P. Sewry is with Barclays Bank in Maidenhead.

T. K. Simmons is a Management Trainee with Woolworths at the Cowley Branch.

D. W. Tanner has just taken a temporary teaching post at Dulwich College Prep. School to fill the gap before University next October.

N. C. Ware is learning the Book Trade at Blackwells.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

An exceptionally large number of O.A.s gathered on the touchline on Saturday, November 26th, and were rewarded by an exciting and close fought match, which was eventually won by the School. After tea, the President thanked Miss Gibbons, on her retirement, for her valued services to the Club during her many years at the School, and presented her with a cheque.

The Annual Dance which followed, was held at A.E.R.E. Harwell, and was attended by 150 O.A.s and their ladies, who spent a most enjoyable evening. Next year the Dance will be held in Abingdon's new Abbey Hall, and it is hoped that many more O.A.s will support this function to make it a really memorable occasion.

The Hockey match will be played on Saturday, 4th March, and the Cross Country on 11th March, when support for the Club will be welcome. The Committee has reluctantly decided to suspend the Athletics fixture, due to the short season, and the difficulty experienced in raising a team.

It is hoped to arrange an informal gathering of O.A.s in London, during the early part of October. This will probably take the form of an inexpensive supper in a London Pub, and members are asked to give it their full support.

O. A. CLUB LONDON DINNER

will be held on

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, 1967,

AT THE CITY LIVERY CLUB,

on the Embankment, near Blackfriars Bridge.

Reception 6.00 p.m. Dinner 7.00 p.m.

Tickets: 37/6 each (including gratuities) obtainable from
S. A. Paige, 13-14 Basinghall Street, London E.C.2.

If sufficient numbers notify Tony Hillary by March 3rd, 1967,
he will book transport to leave Abingdon at 4.0 p.m. sharp.

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January

Wed. 25 v. Wallingford Grammar School (h).

Sat. 28 v. St. Edward's School 'A' XI (a).

February

Wed. 1 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h).

Sat. 4 v. Solihull School (h).

Sat. 11 v. Pembroke College (a).

Wed. 15 v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).

March

Wed. 1 v. Hockey Association (h).

Sat. 4 v. Old Abingdonians (h).

Sat. 11 v. Bloxham School (a).

Wed. 15 v. R.M.A., Sandhurst 2nd XI (a).

ATHLETICS

(Cross Country and Track)

January

Wed. 18 Cross Country v. Westminster College (h).

Sat. 28 Cross Country v. Culham College (h).

February

Sat. 4 Cross Country v. Oxford School (a).

Tues. 7 Shiplake Road Relay.

Sat. 11 Cross Country v. Old Abingdonians (h).

Sat. 18 Cross Country v. Radley College and St. Edward's School (h).

Wed. 22 Cross Country v. Cokethorpe School (h).

March

Wed. 1 Cross Country v. Reading School & Newbury School (h).

Sat. 4 Track Meeting v. Berkhamsted School and Chigwell School (at Berkhamsted).

Cross Country v. Bradfield College, St. Edward's School and Reading School (at Bradfield).

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