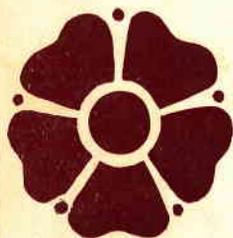


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EDITORIAL

Of late there has been little enthusiasm lost over the production of the magazine. In fact, as has been so often and so eagerly pointed out in many circles, little real enthusiasm is lost over the production of anything in the school. Certainly energy is not over-evident either in the recreative or academic fields of present school life. The inhabitants divide themselves roughly into two main classes: the first group earnestly accepts all official activity as the ultimate pattern of living, regarding everything else outside these official boundaries, from amusement arcades to Picasso, under strict taboo; and the other section, probably slightly stronger in numbers, whose outlook is exactly the reverse. Both attitudes are obviously stupid, synthetic, completely out of touch with any individual thought or ideas and generally characteristic of a society that is imaginatively dead.

This is nothing new. Such a state of affairs has presumably existed, with usual fluctuation in extent and intensity, ever since schools were schools. There has seldom been an age, however, when youth has found itself in such violent opposition to the accepted principles of the previous generation. Now we have beatniks, angry young men, juvenile delinquents, ban-the-bomb marchers, long-haired artists, teddy boys; and all these have one thing in common—their reaction against conventional forms produced by a past generation. People of this sort are not necessarily all black-hearted villains, to be beaten into subjection; there is no individual crime involved in being a misfit. There is, however, obviously something wrong with the society that produces so many of them.

Every generation must have its conventional forms; but the attitude of one age is definitely not the attitude of the next. There has tended to be a certain smugness about manner of the last two decades, easy-going religions, healthy, broad-minded, well-fed families (straight off the front of corn-flake packets), apparent freedom of speech and thought, generally-established democracy. "How can we be wrong?" has been the attitude in which this generation's social and individual codes of behaviour grew up. Conventionalities like these are very hard to throw off; and they produce in its youth a vague apathy of acceptance. But unless they are thrown off, and unless the present generation does some very real thinking and some very fast building on an attitude of its own, we are going to see grow up a race of people who are living corpses, and who will be perfect examples to later sociologists of what a stagnant and decaying mass attitude can produce in the way of individuals.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Summer term ends	21st July
Autumn term begins	5th September
Half-term	30th, 31st October, 1st November
Autumn term ends	21st December

VALETE

Raynor, D. M., 1953-61.—Rogers', U6MSch, G.C.E. (A3,05), Open Scholarship (Clegg) in English to Manchester University, Senior Prefect 1959-61, Rugby full colours 1960-61, Cricket Colours 1960, School Badminton Captain 1958-60, Senior Librarian 1959-61, Chairman French Circle 1960-61, House Almoner 1960-61.

Crowther, A. G., 1955-61.—Edwards', L6Modern, G.C.E. (05).

Cutbill, D.A., 1955-61.—Edwards, L6ScY, G.C.E. (05).

Hill, C. E. J., 1955-61.—Spencer's, L6ScY, G.C.E. (03).

Swimer, N. H., 1955-61.—Mason's, L6Modern, G.C.E. (05).

Rowbottom, Q. G., 1957-61.—Edwards', L5b.

Sherrington, P., 1957-61.—Leech's, L5Y. Colts XI Colours 1959-60,
Junior XV Colours 1959-60.

Wilson, B. R., 1957-61.—Woodham's, L5Y.

Cottrell, J. I. L., 1958-61.—Edwards', 4Y.

Kay, B. J., 1958-61.—Mason's, 4a.

Birchall, S. J., 1960-61.—Evans', 2b.

SALVETE

D. Booth, J. J. Capps, N. T. Capps, P. E. Coates, I. R. Collinson,
G. N. Hatchett, C. D. Mitchell.

SCHOOL NOTES

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. C. Woodham on the 21st April, 1961. Older members of the school will remember Mr. Woodham before his retirement in 1955. He was a master

here almost from the foundation of the school, arriving in 1921. He founded Woodham's House, was the first Senior Chemistry master of the school, and for a good many years Careers master. We express our sympathy to Mrs. Woodham and her family.

We also regret to announce the death of Mr. B. M. Tyack who was on the staff of this school from 1940-47. After leaving here he was Deputy Head at Caistor Grammar School, Lincoln.

We also much regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. W. H. Gladwin on 16th February last term.

Mr. G. F. Drake leaves the staff at the end of this term for a post in the Alnwick Teachers' Training College. In his 13 years at this school he has shown himself to be a most versatile member of the staff and by his wide interests has been most stimulating to numerous generations of boys in school activities, notably the Christian Union and the Bee Club. We wish him and Mrs. Drake every happiness and success in their new home.

We congratulate R. T. Jump on being awarded a Central Electricity Generating Board University Scholarship of value £450 per annum. He was one of 25 successful candidates out of 550 applicants. He will be going to Gonville and Caius College in October to read for the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

We also congratulate D. M. Raynor on being awarded a Clegg Open Scholarship at Manchester University in English.

We are very grateful to the Royal Manchester College of Music for sending their Students' Symphony Orchestra to give us a concert on 2nd March. This was an outstanding successful occasion and one which we hope will be repeated in future years.

Another most successful Choral and Orchestral Concert was held on 28th March, an account of which appears in this issue.

We are most grateful to Mr. J. R. M. Pilling for the presentation of a handsome Silver Cup for the Inter-house Choral Competition. This competition, which was held for the first time on 9th February, was a most successful occasion especially as Choirs from each House were trained by members of the house themselves. Mr. Pilling very kindly judged the competition and the first winners of his Cup are Evans' House.

The collection in the Lent Term was in aid of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief for allocation to the Congo Relief Fund, and realised £31 10s. 8d. This term the collection for King George's Jubilee Trust Fund realised £15 15s. 9d.

The following meetings have taken place:—

23rd March. Mr. A. Robson, Regional representative of the Ministry of Labour, gave talks to boys in the Lower Fifth forms on the choice of careers.

10th May. Parents' Annual General Meeting at which the Rev. W. F. Cox was re-elected as Parents' representative on the Governing Body for the ensuing year. This was followed by a Careers Convention at which advice was kindly given by the following gentlemen:—

Mr. R. C. COATES, B.Sc. Apprentice Supervisor, Associated Electrical Industries (M/c). Careers in Electrical Engineering and Electronics, also non-scientific careers in industry suitable for sixth formers or Arts graduates.

Mr. J. B. BARTON, B.Eng. Personnel Officer the Geigy Co. Ltd., Manchester. Careers in Industrial Chemistry.

Mr. H. HOLNESS, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. Assistant Director of Laboratories, Department of Chemical Engineering, Fuel Technology and Metallurgy, Manchester College of Science and Technology. Careers in Chemical Engineering, Fuel Technology and Metallurgy.

Mr. J. B. WRIGHT. Youth Employment Officer, Southport. Careers in the Civil Service.

Mr. J. P. DICKINSON. Williams Deacon's Bank, Southport. Careers in Banking.

17th May. Meeting of Lower Fifth parents with members of the staff.

The Rugby match against the Old Boys' team on 21st March resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 8 points to 5.

On the same day there was also a Badminton match against the Old Boys which resulted in a win for the Old Boys of 6—3.

Twelve boys took the London Chamber of Commerce Advanced Economics examination in May and the following two boys gained distinctions:— D. J. Morris and C. Turner, and nine out of the remainder passed.

Mr. G. F. DRAKE

"With the departure of Mr. Drake to the post of tutor-librarian at Alnwick Training College, the School loses one of its most colourful personalities. Since his appointment in 1947 he has made a vigorous and varied contribution to the School life. His work in French, Religious Knowledge and Natural History has been of a very high standard and he has given a great deal of thought and time to the affairs of the Bee Club and the Christian Union. He has also edited many issues of the "Red Rose." We wish him every success in his new appointment."

Such formal and conventional words might be expected on this occasion, but for G. F. Drake they will not serve, for there is nothing formal or conventional about him. We shall remember him not for what he has done for the School, though it has been much, but for what he is. Boys and colleagues will recall his appearance and his manner: we shall think of the indefatigable cyclist, of the enthusiastic walker who, in size thirteens, has no need of seven-league boots, of the beekeeper in ludicrous hat and veil. We shall recall how he turns disability to advantage, shutting out the din of the world as he settles to work, yet always ready at a shout to tune in once again to jest or speculative philosophy. A man of principle without affectation, a humorist, a scholarly student of language, a genial Yorkshireman—the descriptive phrases occur readily to mind, but still the true portrait evades us. So it must always be with his kind.

We shall miss him, but we shall hope to see him again in person and, as so often before, in the columns of the "Guardian" and the "New Statesman."
G.P.W.

OBITUARY

Mr. C. WOODHAM

One of the best loved masters that the school has ever had, Mr. Charles Woodham, died on the 21st April at the Queen Victoria Memorial Home of Rest, Derby.

Known affectionately by the boys as "Claude," Mr. Woodham, who was aged 70, served the school for 34 years until his retirement in 1955, and was both founder of the chemistry department, and careers master. When the House system was established in 1923, he became the first housemaster of Woodham's House, holding this position until 1949. During the last few months before he retired, his House won the Jubilee Cup and other awards.

Mr. Woodham had a national reputation for teaching and organising ability, and was a natural choice for the chairmanship of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters. He was also a member of the Central Careers Committee of the four Secondary Associations.

His reputation was such that he was invited to a Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace and to an important educational conference in Turkey shortly after his retirement.

The school has not only suffered the loss of a devoted master but also a well-known educationalist.

House Reports

EDWARDS'

'Amici Urque Ad Aras'

House Captain: A. J. H. Mercer. **House Secretary:** N. A. Ashton
Almoner: W. K. Jewell
House Prefects: B. Cheetham, M. Corcoran, R. A. Rappaport,
S. J. Tasker, P. Watkinson.

Our achievements this year have been by no means spectacular but on taking into account our lamentable paucity of sixth form boys, the House has acquitted itself quite well.

In the House Rugby competition both our Seniors, admirably captained by Tasker S. J., and Juniors had a fair measure of success, winning two of their three matches. Unfortunately the Intermediates were unable to emulate our other teams, and suffered two heavy defeats. Both Tasker S. J. and Mercer A. J. H. have been awarded full rugby colours, while Jones P. E. Colts XV, and both Miley R. A. and Harrison M. W. under 15's XV have received similar awards.

The Senior House cricket teams were not as successful as was hoped. The matches with Evans', and Spencer's were drawn after the team had been narrowly defeated by Mason's in the first match. The Junior team lost to Rogers' in the Founders' Day match by eight wickets. We hope better results will be forthcoming.

The success of a House depends on the work done by its members and we urge all boys to pull their weight in House activities in order that the House will not be regarded merely as one which is content with being average in most things and outstanding in none.

Finally, the best wishes of the House go to all who may be leaving us, and we hope that they will always recall with pride that they were members of Edwards'.
N.A.A.

EVANS'

"Disce Prodesse"

Captain: P. M. Ashton **Almoner:** J. R. A. Smith
Secretary: A. F. Kelsall

The house has welcomed Mr. Lord this year with an outburst of effort, which has seen success in several of the school's activities. Each of the three terms has added at least one trophy to the house's collection, which is now quite impressive.

The main activity of the autumn term was the senior rugby tournament. Victories over Edwards', Spencer's and Woodham's brought the house team, captained by D. G. Keeley, to the final,

which was, however, lost by the narrow margin of six points to nil after a hard battle. The less athletic members of the house did even better on the chess boards, for the chess team, captained by A. K. Canter and inspired by Haberland's seven victories, won six and drew one of its seven matches and gained the Rimmer Cup. Unfortunately the badminton and basketball teams, led by E. B. Hunt and R. L. Taylor, could not maintain this success.

The Lent term brought the intermediate and junior rugby competitions: but of the six matches played in these divisions the house teams, led by J. B. Waldron and J. Laws, could gain only one victory. In the seven-a-side rugby tournament also the juniors and intermediates failed, and although the seniors gained first place in their section, the house as a whole was placed second. The junior chess team, too, did not emulate the seniors, and could only hold seventh place with two wins and one draw. In the cross-country competition the seniors—J. R. Pickard, R. B. Hunt and I. K. Halsall—gained second, fourth and seventh places, but once again the lack of support from the juniors gave an overall position of only fourth. In the boxing, however, the juniors redeem themselves by making up most of the house's entries—a credit to the persuasive powers of K. D. Hope—but success was not forthcoming to most contestants and the house's position was joint sixth: yet this was an improvement on the bottom place of the past few years. The greatest success of the term came in the newly-instituted choral competition, when the house choir, ably trained and conducted by J. R. A. Smith, received the praises of the adjudicator, Mr. Pilling, and the shining new cup which he has donated.

Summer is always a busy time: and at the time of going to press only a few of the term's activities have taken place. Several members of the house became water babies for a night, and at the swimming gala the house gained four trophies, thanks to the efforts of P. M. Ashton, the swimming captain, J. L. Taylor, who smashed the junior fifty yards backstroke record, and A. B. Travis, who has organised life-saving. The senior cricket team, led by P. K. M. Rostron, has been undefeated but has not reached the final through a failure to force victory against Mason's in a close finish. Junior cricket and athletic practices are proceeding, but our prowess has yet to be proved.

Finally a note on the house's generosity: charity collections have been patchy, with the house top of the list in the autumn and bottom in Lent. This perhaps epitomises our general record: outstanding success at one point has been met only with failure elsewhere. The atmosphere in the houseroom, however, is optimistic; we hope that we can justify this spirit in what remains of this year and in the terms to come.

A.F.K.

GREAR'S

Captain: W. F. Farquhar

Vice-Captain: R. T. Jump

Secretary: J. V. Smith

Almoner: C. J. Haskey

Prefects: J. R. Basford, I. H. Bond, D. G. Ostick.

Congratulations to R. T. Jump who, in addition to gaining entrance to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, has won a scholarship with the Central Electricity Board. J. R. Basford has gained a place at St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

In the Autumn Term, the Senior XV under Farquhar's captaincy regained the Rugby Shield. The outstanding feature of the XV was the tackling and covering play which were excellent, only 9 points being scored against the team. Farquhar and Ostick were both re-awarded their full school colours, and Basford awarded his. Jump (re-awarded), Fitch and Holmes gained their half colours.

In the gym, the Basketball team under Ostick won the competition, beating Mason's in a closely contested final by one point. The Badminton team of Wright (captain) and Basford also won their final—against all expectation—by defeating Mason's.

The Second Term gave the members of the Lower School their chance to perform for the House. The Junior XV captained by Littlewood won this competition, defeating Leech's 11—6 in the final, but the Intermediate team under Lindsay, did not reach the standard expected.

The Cross-country team, with Basford as captain, came second, Hulme winning the Senior competition, and the boxing—in Ostick's charge—ended with the House in 3rd place.

Meanwhile, the Junior Chess team showed up its senior counterpart by winning the competition, losing only one match.

This term, the House has finished in 3rd position in the Swimming aggregates and the Senior Cricket team has drawn one and won the other of their two matches played. The Junior team has yet to play.

Athletic practices under Ostick's supervision are being arranged, and the qualifications are being looked after by Holmes and Fitch.

J.V.S.

LEECH'S

House Captain: J. G. Turner

Secretary: J. Fletcher

Almoner: P. Dewhurst

House Prefects: Kermodé, Parker, Cureton

This is the last house report of this school year. As yet, it is, unfortunately, too early to be able to assess finally our performance this year as a House, but as far as the activities which have taken place up to the time of writing are concerned, we can be reasonably proud of ourselves.

In the field of Sport we have done fairly well. Last term our intermediate rugby team coached by Moore and Andrews, won the intermediate rugby competition and our junior team, coached by Salt and Greenburg, was unfortunately beaten in the final of the junior competition. We came third in the boxing, which was organised by Curtis, and between them our junior and senior cross country teams under the able leadership of Milner managed to obtain third place in the cross-country competition. In life saving we came second, the boys who took the exam being coached by Harris. In the rugby seven-a-side competition, both our junior and intermediate teams won, giving us an overall position of first. So far this term our swimming team, under the leadership of Henry, has come third in the swimming gala and our senior cricket team, led by Kermode, has drawn one match and won one match. We have been fairly well represented in the school rugby teams this year, the following boys having obtained colours:—full colours Turner; Colts: Moore and Salt; Under 15 XV: Thompson and Smith-Crallon; Junior XV: Eckersley, James and Porter. In the new house choir competition we came third.

The most important thing this term is probably the G.C.E. examinations. Many of our seniors are taking these examinations and we hope that, when the examination results are published in August, they will prove to have been successful. Many of us are also leaving at the end of this term. We have all enjoyed our time in Leech's and we all wish the house every success in the future.

MASON'S

"Optimum Faciemus"

Captain: C. P. Martin

Vice-Captain: J. P. Marsh

Secretary: D. G. Elias.

Almoner: J. D. Grime

House Prefects: D. Morris, D. Karsa, I. M. Hartwell, A. J. Westwell.

Our first duty must be to congratulate two of our members. Firstly, Martin on his appointment as deputy head prefect; and secondly, Marsh, on obtaining an Open Scholarship to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, in History. Our heartiest congratulations to both.

The house achievement this year consists of a series of near misses, the House being runners-up in many competitions, although the year has not been entirely fruitless.

The house rugby teams did not do as well as anticipated, all three failing to reach the finals. Injuries, however, were largely to blame for the lack of success. In the 7's competition, both the senior and intermediate teams were narrowly beaten in the finals—the intermediates only after 18 minutes of extra time! This meant that we relinquished our hold on the 7's cup we won so convincingly last season. The Basketball and Badminton teams captained by Marsh, reached the finals in both competitions but were beaten

by narrow margins. The senior and junior Chess teams had some success, the result of the hard work put in by the school chess captain Grime, but we failed to reach the top.

During the Lent term, our most outstanding success was the victory in the Boxing Competition for the third successive year. Our best thanks to all who took part. In the Cross-country running competition we were finally placed fourth, Martin again being our best performer in the seniors, and Elias R. V. in the juniors. In the newly instituted Choir competition, we were placed third despite the lack of singing talent in the house, although we had by far the largest choir.

This term, in the Swimming competition, we finished runners-up, an improvement on last year when we were third. Gall was outstandingly successful and Marshall D. J. E. also did very well.

At the time of writing, the Senior cricket team, under the captaincy of the school cricket captain, Marsh, have just won their way to the senior final; the Juniors under Sandiford, have not yet begun their matches, but hopes are high. So too are our prospects in the Athletic field, with the school Athletics captain, Martin, and Marsh in the Seniors in fine form this season. I am sure that all concerned will do their utmost to see that we retain the five cups won last year, and perhaps add the one remaining cup that we failed to collect last season.

We sincerely hope, too, that the academic successes of those who will have taken their G.C.E. examinations will be on an equally high plane with our successes in the sporting field.

One point of especial interest this year has been that we have had Mason's boys as Captains of six of the seven school sports viz, Martin, School Rugby and Athletics; Marsh, School Cricket and Badminton, Elias, School Boxing and Grime School Chess. It is doubtful whether this has ever occurred before.

Our appreciation and thanks are again extended to Mr. Longhurst for his enthusiasm and leadership, resulting in yet another successful year, the forerunner, we hope, of many more to come.

ROGERS'

Captain: I. S. Milne

Vice-Captain: W. A. Price

Secretaries: J. D. R. Lloyd and D. G. Smith

Almoner: F. J. Light

House-prefects: D. W. Moore, M. J. Goodridge,

H. M. Higginbotham

This term we have a new almoner, F. J. Light, who succeeds D. M. Raynor who left after winning a scholarship in English to Manchester University. Also in the academic field I. S. Milne and J. D. R. Lloyd have gained places at Trinity College, Cambridge and St. John's College, Oxford.

Although last year we won the Jubilee Cup, in the last two terms our sporting and academic achievements have not been of such a high standard, and we have dropped a few points in the

end-of-term grades. However, we have had a number of successes.

In the new House Choir Competition, our choir, under the expert coaching of M. J. Goodridge and H. M. Higginbotham, was only narrowly beaten by Evans and gave a fine performance. In the Senior Chess Competition, we drew with Leech's for second place, but in the Junior Competition, we were not quite so successful. Of the three Rugby teams, the Junior Team played best, winning two matches out of three by wide margins. In the Boxing Competition, six of the original fourteen entrants won their final fights, giving the House a total of 39 points, and placing us fourth. At the Swimming Gala, Newton won the Junior 50 yards Freestyle. The Junior Cricket Team has not yet played, but the Senior Team has so far lost one match narrowly and drawn another. Athletics practices have now begun, but at present it is not possible to say what results may be achieved in this field.

We hope that the Summer Term may bring the House some notable successes, both academic and sporting.

D.G.S. and J.D.R.L.

SPENCER'S

'Virtute ac Diligentia'

Captain: J. H. Entwistle

Vice-Captain: M. Wintersgill

Secretary: G. A. Stocker

Almoner: D. B. Townes

House-prefects: F. E. Addis, A. M. Perry, B. G. Woodcock.

Last term we had an excellent Intermediate rugby team under the leadership of Halsall and reached the final, having won all three matches but were unfortunate to be narrowly beaten by Leech's team. The Juniors weren't nearly as good, although this was no reflection on their excellent training by Sinclair, Halsall and Cooper.

Several boys took life-saving examinations last term and the majority were successful, while the charity collections exceeded all expectations. This term's effort, however, was most disappointing in comparison.

The summer term was away to a good start when four boys managed to reach the finals in the swimming gala, largely as a result of Wintersgill's devoted coaching. The Senior cricket team put up a good showing against the strong sides they played, losing one and drawing two games. They were unfortunate, however on two occasions not to have won when time just beat them to it. The Junior cricket team have only played one match so far and lost it rather easily, again no reflection on the excellent efforts of Webb and his helpers in selecting and coaching the teams.

The athletics qualifications are now well under way, supervised by several of the Senior boys and are progressing quite well.

All in all, the year has been satisfactory, and no more than that, but we hope for better things to come next year and wish all boys taking G.C.E. examinations the best of luck. G.A.S.

WOODHAM'S

Captain: D. N. Sharpling

Secretary: A. Bradley

Almoner: C. R. Craven

House-prefects: Hatfield, Park, Pinch, Smith, S.R.

In writing House Reports, it is customary for secretaries to gloss diplomatically over failures and dwell smugly on successes. But whichever terms one uses one cannot escape an empirical fact—this has not been an outstanding year for Woodham's.

It began with the loss of our sole trophy from last year—the Senior Chess cup, whilst at the same time the Senior Rugby team won one of their matches and lost the other two. In the Lent Term the other two Rugby teams failed to do much better.

Senior members of the House acquitted themselves fairly well in the Cross-country competition and the representatives of Woodham's in the Boxing also put up a good show—unfortunately there were not enough of them. The Swimming Gala in the Summer Term brought one moment of glory—the commendable effort of the Juniors in breaking the record for their relay.

The Senior Cricket team won one match, drew another and "wuz robbed" of the third, but it is with the Junior cricketers that our greatest hope lies. At the moment of writing they have won their first match and their prospects seem rosy. By the time these words are read we shall know how successful their efforts have been but meanwhile fingers are crossed. And if we fail in this too, then there is always the Honours List to fall back on—we are confident of emerging at the top in that competition at least.

Yes, indeed, this has been Woodham's year in eclipse. But whatever may be said of our inability to shine one thing is certain; it can not be blamed onto the Senior members of the House. Our captain, Sharpling, has given us excellent leadership, taking all in his stride and working in all House activities with a zeal which has remained undiminished. Park has slaved away at the thankless task of organising the swimming and life-saving and Pinch will ever be remembered for his hard work in trying to persuade people to enter for the Boxing.

Finally, of course, we must not forget Hatfield, who has busied himself in all sorts of things at all sorts of times. To all these people, who have striven so hard to make Woodham's House a success in 1960-61, Woodham's House owes a debt of immense gratitude. And in return they look to the more Junior members of the House and say: "And now it's up to you!" A.B.

Society Reports

PREFECTS' REPORT

"THE DEAD ROSE"

Notice to contributors: The prefects will be happy to receive unsolicited gifts of money or bookstall literature. Criticisms should be written on one side only of a £5 note and handed to the nearest prefect.

Important dates:—

21st July—Prefects' Entertainment.

22nd July—Ashton promises to turn up on time for late duty.

12th August—Celebration of the centenary of the "Richmond."

13th—16th December—Debating Society present "Little Red Riding Hood" for next year's school play.

Valete: We regret the passing out of two of the school's most eminent scholars. C. P. Baird leaves for the post of Potato-Bagger on Sluice Farm and D. M. Raynor has been appointed to the Rock-wrapping department of White Hudson's.

Prefects' notes and recent events:

Plans are now in hand for the modernisation of the Prefects' Room and it is hoped that work will commence before the end of the century.

On the 26th April, Light delivered a lengthy monologue on the pristine delights of his native Fiji.

Shortly after half-term the Prefects received a visit from the orchestra of the "Temperance Seven" who drove the Music Department crazy.

On the 28th April, Light continued his lengthy monologue on the pristine delights of his native Fiji.

Reports that Morris has been made a prefect have not yet been confirmed.

On the 10th July, Light concluded his lengthy monologue on the pristine delights of his native Fiji. He has promised us another commencing on the 11th July.

House Reports:

Tom's House. (motto—"We never see the point.") Tom's has been efficiently run this year. Nothing has been achieved but the House Spirit is excellent. The House came bottom in the Blow Football league, despite Mercer's more than adequate supply of hot air, but managed to come second in the final of the Tiddlywinks trophy, thanks to expert tiddling by Ostick. Parker helped with the winking.

Charlie's House. (motto—"Short and sweet.") The House has carried off all the major sporting trophies this year, including the Snooker Cup, thanks to the efforts of Taylor and Price. We congratulate Farquhar on winning first prize in the Senior Elocution Contest. Last term's charity collection realised one shilling and fourpence.

Society Reports:

Furniture Wreckers' Society. (President and Hon. Executioner—K. D. Hope). Activities this year have ranged from an illustrated talk by Marsh on how to screw Maths. Text Books to Picture Rails to a demonstration of window smashing by Elias.

Furniture Menders' Society. (President—W. K. Jewell). Our main meeting this year has been a demonstration of glazing a window by Elias.

Intellectuals' Society. The Society was disbanded this year owing to lack of members. Kelsall has formed a Crossword Club in its place. Grime is considering a revival next year, if the necessary support is forthcoming.

Music Lovers' Society. Several prefects have been vigorously engaged in various musical activities this year. Bradley has put in hours of hard work conducting his imaginary symphony orchestra. Milne strains his vocal chords and our ears at every conceivable moment while Russell (Mr. Cello) Smith leans back and passes expert judgment. These activities were faithfully recorded by Cureton. (He's got us taped).

Expedition: Moore recently set off on an expedition to find a place to work and finally settle down behind Rostron's smoke screen.

Prose and verse:

In September we're appointed; in July we get the sack,
With 'special' oil anointed, and our ties of red and black.
What holds us in these sacred walls? Why is it that we stay?
Is it that our duty calls? Or the annual prefects' play?
A rumour breaks forth now and then that Sharpling has been seen,
And whenever Fletcher shows his face we wonder where he's been.
A fear grows that he might have worked, but this is soon rejected,
And Hope resumes the smashing of the chair which he'd selected.
In this short space we cannot all report our inanition,
Except to say that it has been wholly of our volition,
The custom of no work is safe, but in affairs licentious,
Most members of the Prefects' Room have been quite conscientious

Hic jacent corpora animaeque domini ac magistrorum
huius scholae Georgii quinti regis
R.I.P.

Which being translated is:—

The prefects have enjoyed themselves this year.

THE ART SOCIETY

Chairman: T. P. Pearce **Secretary:** S. R. Smith
Committee: M. R. A. Hollis, D. Greenberg

Once more the entrances to the Art Rooms are taking on a new look. Coupe and Pook are at it again! Pass by one Thursday evening and you will see these keen energetic members slapping on pints of paint to add yet two more "picturials" to those already found around the school. Pook is concentrating on a dynamic, religious scene while Coupe presents a peaceful riverside picture.

Other senior members have shown surprising interest in figure drawing lately, and junior boys have been only too willing to act as models for them. The general response for more senior members has been pleasing and several of them have been busy drawing maps for the Geography Room.

As usual the junior art room continues to turn out reams of pictures of boats, trains and the like which will probably be displayed during the exhibitions.

Finally, as this is the last report this committee will make, may we say how pleased we have been at the keenness shown by the members this year. We hope this steady interest has provided a basis for an even better attendance next year. Thank you!

THE BEE CLUB

Chairman: W. K. Jewell **Vice-Chairman:** B. Woodcock
Secretary: L. Hanlon **Treasurer:** Mr. G. F. Drake

The six regular members of this most interesting society find satisfaction in caring for the two very strong stocks in existence this term. They meet each Monday evening during the summer in Room 20 and the Junior Quadrangle.

At a recent film show, twenty two boys attended and it is hoped that some enthusiasm has been aroused and that some of these boys will decide to become active members of the Club. They will be most welcome.

There is every prospect of an abundant harvest when it is time to sell the produce because an inspection of the stronger of the two stocks revealed a super—the compartment in the hive where the honey is stored—nearly full. This indicates a good honey-flow towards the end of the term.

The members plan to reintroduce a Proficiency Test, which has been suspended for a number of years, so that any new recruits can be trained in the correct manner to ensure the continued success of the Club.

Do come and join us in a worth-while hobby, which provides the satisfaction of a job well done.

L.H.

C.E.W.C. AND LITERARY SOCIETY

President: Mr. J. M. Steane. **Chairmen:** C. P. Baird, A. F. Kelsall.

The promise of tea in the upper staff-room has not lured many new members to the society this year. This is regrettable, for the meetings held, while predominantly on the C.E.W.C. side of affairs, have been both valuable and entertaining.

At the first meeting of the Autumn term Mr. Wakefield talked about the modern novel and gave a few selected readings to illustrate his points. Discussion tended to broaden the subject into the arts in general, especially the question of the cinema as an art, a view which Mr. Trayhern propounded forcefully. Mr. Trayhern was given a chance to speak first at the next meeting when he presented his views on the future of the British Labour Party—a talk which was filled with references to the fates and fortunes of Left-wing parties in other countries. Discussion became heated as the ardent socialism of the intelligentsia came into conflict with the conservatism which, until this meeting, had been latent in many of our members.

The architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright followed in our programme, when Mrs. Birtles, a local architect, who has recently visited America, gave what might best be described as a critical biography of America's most famous architect. The lecture was lavishly illustrated with plans and photographs, and Mrs. Birtles explained many of Wright's principles with her own skilled drawings. Discussion was, however, lethargic, perhaps through a lack of knowledge about modern architecture in most of our members. The Autumn programme was completed with a thinly attended, but highly stimulating, meeting when Mr. Davies looked at racial questions from the biologist's standpoint: it was decided that racial intermixture was physically, if not socially, desirable.

At Christmas C. P. Baird left school, and the society lost a chairman who, with his erudition and irreverence towards convention, had filled several awkward silences when discussion flagged.

Dr. Hadley opened the Lent session with an assessment of the aims of General de Gaulle and his prospects of success. Although some conflicting ideas arose, the agreement that de Gaulle represented the only hope for France seemed to extinguish any lively controversy. On the 28th of February the C.E.W.C. was visited by Mr. Roger Fleetwood Hesketh who during the afternoon lectured to the whole of the sixth-form on the duties of a back-bencher in Parliament. It is unfortunate that only a handful of people came after school to discuss the points he had raised earlier, for it proved to be one of our best meetings.

During the Lent term three members of the society, M. Hollis, J. P. Marsh and A. F. Kelsall, gave short talks to the Southport

branch of the United Nations Association on the "The World We Want." This event, according to the "Southport Visiter," was the highlight of the association's year.

One meeting only has been held this term—an interesting talk by Mr. Drake on William Cobbett. We all emerged more informed on this fascinating personality, even though discussion had again been rather slow, owing probably once more to lack of knowledge among the members.

Finally thanks must be extended to Miss Clarke and her staff for providing tea, to Mr. Steane for arranging most of the meetings, and to our speakers for giving up some of their valuable time to talk to us and answer our questions. A.F.K.

CHESS CLUB

Captain: J. D. Grime

Secretary: A. K. Canter

Unlike certain other school first-teams, victories were not plentiful for the Chess Team this year, and points were extremely hard to come by.

Every year, it is found that the same comment can be made about individual match play. The lower boards and the second team play well, but the top few players, on whom the result so often depends, never seem to be able to provide that final touch of genius which crushes any opposition. The fault may lie basically with boys who lose interest when games become harder and more complicated in the face of all the pressures of school and home. Yet it might equally be claimed that the present top boards are to blame with their apparent indifference to serious practice.

At any event, the team could only manage to win three points in the Wright Shield Competition, to give it a final position of ninth out of fourteen Merseyside schools. However, in no match did we fail to provide the stiffest possible resistance to the opposition. Consult the fixture list and discover that one and a half points were taken from the invincible Calday Grange Grammar School—an achievement in itself—whilst the school team actually received a letter of congratulation after the match with the Southport Chess Club! Finally, it must be noted that, in fact, a minority of Wright Shield matches were lost; two being won and two drawn out of the seven. In the Sunday Times National Competition, after receiving a bye into the second round, the team narrowly lost to Wigan Grammar School on 'Board-Count.'

The first team was chosen from: Grime, Parker, Canter, Sallin, Emanuel, Sirotkin, Haberland and Webb.

The second team still maintains a very high standard of play but, unfortunately, they lost their two year old unbeaten record

soon after the start of the season. The second team was chosen from: Pickard, Sell, Dawe, Atkinson, Cohen, Colclough, Tinger and Thomson.

A new record was set up by Sallin when he played nine Wright Shield matches without defeat, whilst in the second team Dawe shows promise, and defeats all opponents with almost monotonous regularity!

Meanwhile, official recognition for members of the chess team has been granted and it will now be possible to award half-colours for chess. It is very gratifying that the School now gives official recognition to those who have long carried its name in A.K.C., J.D.G.

CHESS RESULTS, 1960—61

Team	Opposition	Result	Points
First Team	Sunday Times Wright Shield		
	v. Wigan Grammar School	A Lost	3—3
	v. Bluecoat School	H Lost	3—4
	v. Wade Deacon Grammar School	A Drew	3½—3½
	v. Liverpool Collegiate School	H Won	4—3
	v. Liverpool College	A Drew	3½—3½
	v. Rock Ferry High School	H Won	5—2
Friendly Matches	v. Wallasey Grammar School	A Lost	2—5
	v. Calday Grange Grammar School	H Lost	1½—5½
	v. Maghull Grammar School	H Lost	2½—4½
	v. Wigan Grammar School	H Lost	3—4
	v. Preston Chess Club	H Lost	3—10
Second Team	v. Maghull Grammar School	A Lost	1½—5½
	v. Southport Chess Club	A Lost	5½—8½
	v. Bluecoat School	H Won	4—1
	v. Maghull Grammar School	H Won	3—2
	v. Liverpool Collegiate School	H Drew	3—3
	v. Wigan Grammar School	H Lost	3—4
	v. Rock Ferry High School	H Won	6—1
v. Crosby Secondary Modern School	A Won	4—2	
v. Maghull Grammar School	A Won	3—2	

CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman: J. Fletcher

Vice-Chairman: D. Grime

Secretary: D. Copley

During the past year our meetings have not been quite as successful as it had been hoped. The support from all parts of the school has been most disappointing, so much so that the meetings which used to be held on Wednesday dinner times have had to be stopped because of lack of support. Our evening meetings have been scarcely better attended. Our Christmas and Easter services, conducted by the Rev. H. Sinclair Walker and the Rev. J. Hamilton respectively, although showing poor support, were well worth while for those who did attend.

The meeting held near the beginning of this term at which Mercer introduced the topic of church unity was slightly better attended than most of our previous meetings this year. The discussion which followed Mercer's talk was lively and interesting

and had to be cut short at 5-15 at which time the argument had become centred on the respective merits of the Roman and Anglican churches. It is hoped that a service will be held towards the end of this term and at our last meeting on the 17th of July (when it is hoped the attendance at our meetings will show a last minute improvement) a talk will be given by Mr. Steane.

Next term the society will be to some extent under new management. We wish the new committee well and trust that they will receive better support from the school than it has been our lot to receive. There are surely many practising Christians in the school who could attend our meetings if they made the effort to do so.

COLLOQUIUM

Colloquium, the select sixth-form discussion group, has enjoyed another successful year. The meetings have been useful and interesting and have featured prominent guests, but one disappointing feature has been the attendance. Despite the fact that all the members, on acceptance of their invitations to join, signed an undertaking to be present at all the meetings, many of them have only been seen once or twice. It will help the society if future sixth-formers will realise that membership of Colloquium is a privilege and not a burden and that, if they do not feel able to fulfil the conditions, they can always decline the invitation to join.

24th October. Mr. Drake and Mr. Lowe took opposing sides in a discussion on unilateral disarmament. Only a few members could be persuaded to take part in the discussion which consequently lost much bite but some common misunderstandings were cleared up. The Chairman for the meeting was A. Bradley.

28th November. Mr. Fred Turner, Area Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, was the guest in a meeting devoted to Trade Unionism. The most interesting feature, as far as many of the members were concerned, was that Mr. Turner was a Communist (his mother had also been a Communist and his father an Anarchist) and his defence of the Russian crushing of the Hungarian revolt was certainly interesting. Despite vehement argument from everyone present he refused to recognise the evils of the closed shop and "sending to Coventry" principles, and provided a highly entertaining meeting. The Chairman was Mr. Wakefield.

13th March. The Chief Probation Officer for Southport, Mr. Orford, led a discussion on Juvenile Delinquency. We seemed to have heard many of his arguments before—evil influence of television, too much money, broken homes, lust for speed—but he certainly left the meeting in no doubt as to what we thought about the problem. A. F. Kelsall was in the chair.

15th May. Advertising was the subject, the guest being Mr. Croft, the Art Director of C. Vernon and Sons Ltd., Incorporated

Practitioners in Advertising. He stressed the value of freedom of choice in a capitalist society and claimed that advertising fulfilled an important role in an affluent society. The discussion tended to be monopolised by a few members, all of whom appeared to be familiar with the works of Packard and who attacked advertising on moral and sociological grounds. J. R. A. Smith acted as chairman.

The final meeting of this school year will be the dinner, to be held towards the end of term, when we hope to have as our guest a prominent local political figure. If we succeed, it will certainly provide a fitting climax to a year of excellent discussions.

A.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: A. Bradley

Secretary: D. Greenberg

Vice-Chairman: D. Grime

Committee: A. B. Travis, C. J. Haskey, S. A. Spanton

A. R. Hodkinson.

The debating society plods ever onwards, oft starved of support, often maintained only by the slimmest of regulars and never packed with a lively interested audience. The secretary, therefore, takes this opportunity both to plead for better attendance and to thank the "regulars" of which D. J. Morris, A. B. Travis, A. Canter, S. A. Spanton and P. M. Hulme deserve special thanks.

The season commenced with a debate entitled, "This house wants to bring back the birch." Mr. Canter and Mr. S. Stuart proposed the motion to a "vast" throng of eighteen. The Motion was opposed by Messrs. Travis and Hollis to the effect that the motion was defeated by 15 votes to 3.

On October 14th the house debated to a slightly larger audience of nineteen the motion "This house deplores the emancipation of women." Mr. Hulme and Mr. Haskey sang so effectively the praises of the fair sex that Messrs. Morris and Taylor were defeated by ten votes to nine.

Thanks to the hard work of Mr. Haskey the society presented as a junior play reading "The Grand Cham's Diamond," and despite a few accidental scenic disasters this proved to be a most entertaining play.

Appropriately, on November 4th, the motion for debate was "This House believes that Fawkes was a great guy." Mr. Grime opened the debate by daring to deny that there was any plot at all. Mr. Canter replied and was supported by Mr. Morris. Mr. Travis seconded Mr. Grime and the motion was carried 32—10.

Friday, 11th November. Brains Trust. The "brains" consisted

of Mercer and Jump who gave us the enlightened view of the scientist and the modern aspect was supplied by Messrs. Kelsall and Greenberg, under the chairmanship of Mr. Bradley.

The highlight of the debating calander took place on November 16th. This took the form of the annual masters' debate in which Mr. Steane and Mr. Trayhern, and Mr. Graham and Mr. Lowe battled over the motion that "This house has no respect for the law." The motion was carried by 88 votes to 77.

On the 25th November the Junior elocution took place. This contest was of a very high standard and the winners were Jubb and Abram.

A colourful production of "Twelfth Night" was presented on December 15, 16 and 17 by the Debating Society and it proved to be a very popular production.

"This house wants to leave Southport" proved to be a very lively debate. Messrs. Kelsall, Smith, Spanton and Stewart provided a host of numerous and even valid arguments but a loyal audience defeated the motion by 18 votes to 13.

The extempore speeches were rather disappointing despite Mr. Grime who told us of his "Life of Sin".

The question of whether "This house has never had it so good" was the subject for debate. The speakers were Messrs. Greenberk and Canter, versus Mr. Grime and Mr. Travis. The debate proved to be one of strong opinion and the secretary was unlucky to lose by a vote of 6 votes to 20.

On the 3rd February the subject for debate was that "This house thinks that entertainment has sank to its lowest depth." Mr. Spanton and Mr. Morris criticised everything from "Adam Faith" to "Yogi bear." Mr. Hulme and Mr. Higginbotham vainly defended but to no avail, that the motion was defeated by 19 votes to 6.

The senior Elocution did reach its lowest depth and congratulations must go to Holland for not only winning but for remembering his piece without fault. Second was Taylor and third Goldsmith.

The senior play reading this year was "The Gadshill Robbery" which was successfully produced by the chairman A. Bradley.

The final debate of the year was the Chairman's debate in which Mr. Bradley and Mr. Kelsall suffered a resounding defeat at the hands of Messrs. Greenberg and Canter (15 votes to 13). The motion, though it was hardly mentioned, was "This house deplores the idea of a University at Blackpool."

Thus the Debating Society reaches the end of another year, perhaps not a vintage year, but nevertheless another year.

D.G.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Chairman: J. P. Marsh

Vice-Chairman: D. G. Elias

Secretary: D. R. Hatfield

Treasurer: J. R. Pickard

Committee: R. A. Hodkinson, R. M. Silverton

After last year's active and efficient Society, the Economics Society this year has lapsed, unfortunately, into a rather lethargically-attended one. Perhaps last year was an extraordinary year with its multitude of factory visits and talks, but, all the same, it would have been inspiring to see a more active interest in the Society maintained. Consequently few extra-mural speakers have ventured into Room 23.

We opened the year early with a pair of talks by J. R. Pickard (Upper 6. Mod. Schol.) and I. M. Hartwell (Upper 6. Mod.) on "European Free Trade" and "The Bank of England" respectively. These talks justified their good attendance.

On December 12th last, we had a visit from Mr. E. Baxendale, head of the Commerce Department at the Southport Technical College, accompanied by Mr. Nield of the same department. They gave a comprehensive and interesting study on the subject of "Investment and the Credit Squeeze."

At the beginning of the Lent Term Mr. J. T. Winpenny, an old boy of the school now studying economics at Gonville and Cains College, Cambridge, gave another of his illuminating papers, this time on "The Localisation of Industry". This attracted most of the Sixth-Form Economics group who were rewarded by a talk which may well have provided some useful material for future examinations.

Our final news is not so encouraging. A lower-sixth form member of the society was to have given a talk on "The National Coal Board" at the end of last term. A quorum was not forthcoming! Therefore, there have only been two meetings and one proposed visit, to the Stork Margarine Works at Bromborough, Wirral, to report this year.

To mis-quote a famous politician "We've never had it so bad." Which economist would like to see our society decline while still so young? We must arouse ourselves and, by forsaking a little time each term, obtain rewards which may last us a lifetime.

D.R.H.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

Owing to the G.C.E. Examinations, there have been rather fewer meetings than usual this term. Nevertheless, the complete opera "Aida" by Verdi was played during three consecutive lunch-times. A vocal score (containing an English translation) was previously read in order to understand the plot. These meetings were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended, and it was agreed

that this experiment should be repeated. On another occasion, a recital of Mozart works was given: the Symphony No. 40 in G minor and the flute quartets 1 and 2.

As the school year is ending, I should like to thank all the regular members of the Society. So many people refuse to listen to a musical work unless they have heard it before and liked it. This, of course, is the wrong attitude; these narrow-minded people, who refuse to explore, never fully obtain the pleasures that can be derived from listening to serious music, they stay in their own little territory and refuse to move abroad. Surely, the best way is to listen first and decide afterwards? And it is for this that the gramophone society exists.

A.J.H.M.

JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: D. Greenberg

Secretary: F. G. Curtis

Despite the austerity of the history room and a positive record famine the Jazz Club succeeded in flourishing spasmodically throughout the year.

The programme varied considerably, from P. M. Hulme's very entertaining talk on "The relationship between Jazz and Country and Western" on the one hand, and a selection of Errol Garnor on the other. Records are by far the biggest problem, however, for there have been few people willing to bring records and on one or two occasions, promises have been broken. Thanks must be given, nevertheless, to Sirotkin and Morris for their invaluable support.

Unfortunately, the society is restricted to dinner-hour meetings which allow only the sixth-form to attend. It is hoped, however, to hold, toward the end of the Summer term, a number of meetings at 4 p.m. so as to introduce more junior members of the school to the wonders of jazz.

The Society is gaining stature throughout the school and in the future years, jazz may even be accepted on an equal footing with what is usually termed "serious music."

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le Président : D. M. Raynor.

Le Secrétaire : P. Holland.

Le Comité : G. Davis, E. E. Pinch, J. Rennie-Kermode, R. Silverton.

Cette année les membres du Cercle Français ont été plus ambitieux qu' auparavant. Comme résultat nous avons réussi plus de réunions variées, et nous avons essayé d'exciter l'intérêt parmi des garçons plus jeunes du lycée.

A la première réunion en Septembre 1960 Davis et Travis ont parlé du séjour qu'ils avaient fait en France le trimestre précédent,

Davis au Collège Cévenol, et Travis à Saint-Brieuc, deux discours animés et intéressants. Pour les deux autres réunions de ce trimestre-là, la société a employé les services de M. Holt, qui a donné une conférence sur Arthur Rimbaud, poète qui a produit ses meilleurs vers dans sa jeunesse ; et à la prochaine réunion M. Holt a présenté un programme de disques modernes ; nous l'en remercions mille fois.

Le trimestre dernier Le Cercle Français a présenté des pièces françaises devant un auditoire composé de la plus grande partie des élèves du lycée. Des membres aînés du lycée, sous la direction du secrétaire de la société, ont mis en scène "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle" de Tristan Bernard, et on peut dire que l'après-midi a eu un bon augure. Plus tard dans le trimestre un groupe de garçons a visité le Continental Cinema à Wallasey pour voir le film "Clochmerle" adapté du roman de Gabriel Chevallier. Mais nous avons été un peu déçus, puisque l'histoire (dans le film) était confuse, et on devait écouter un raconteur américain ; l'humour et la vivacité du roman étaient complètement manqués. Ce trimestre, cependant, on espère visiter de nouveau le Continental Cinema, et cette fois le film sera, peut-être, plus véritablement français que la dernière fois.

Enfin, les membres du comité désirent remercier les professeurs et les garçons qui ont contribué de n'importe quelle façon au succès du Cercle Français.

P.H.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chairman: R. L. S. Stewart Forshaw **Senior Secretary** D. R. Karsa

Junior Secretary: J. D. Turner

Committee: D. Parker, M. S. Farrell, N. Dixon

This term has seen the birth of the Philatelic Society. After many requests for such a society we are very much indebted to Mr. Knowles for making it possible. The society caters for both juniors and seniors and besides 'open-nights,' when boys bring their own collections, we intend to have several lectures. At the preliminary meeting at the beginning of the term, the committee was elected and the society's aims were discussed. We only intend having a few meetings this term and we are hoping to have a lecture from a member of the Southport Philatelic Society, as well as one or two from our own members. At the end of the term, on Open Day, there will be a Philatelic Exhibition. Let us hope that the initial success of the society will continue.

D.R.K.

THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

Chairman: A. Bradley **Secretary:** P. Dewhurst
Committee : P. M. S. Astartjian, E. Bond, M. Burton.
M. Corcoran, P. K. M. Rostron.

Judging from the good support for the Railway Society's activities during the past two terms, it can be truthfully said that the society has enjoyed a third successful year. Indeed, we like to think that the material covered during all the meetings was of such a varied nature that not only did it attract a good audience but also it may have included subjects for two or three other societies.

Our A.G.M. was held for the election of officers on September 15th and our first guest speaker was Professor Bradshaw from the Manchester College of Science and Technology who gave an illustrated talk on the electrification of the Railways. Mr. Hodnett took a party of Society members to York Railway Museum on October 27th whilst on November 17th Mr. Astbery of British Railways lectured on the Modernisation of the Railways. We held two lectures during the Spring Term. P. M. S. Astartjian talked on the London and North Western Railway and Mr. Clough, in a joint meeting with the Local History Society, gave a lecture on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. Three film shows were also held during the session. P.D.

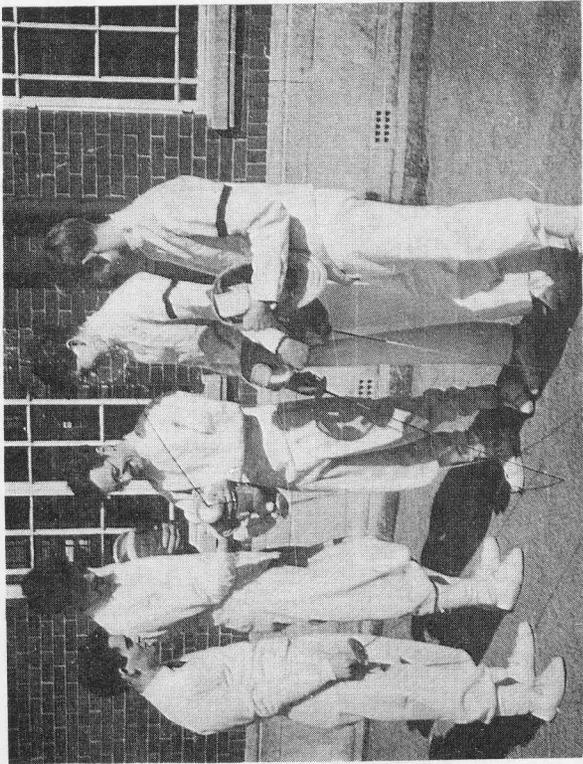
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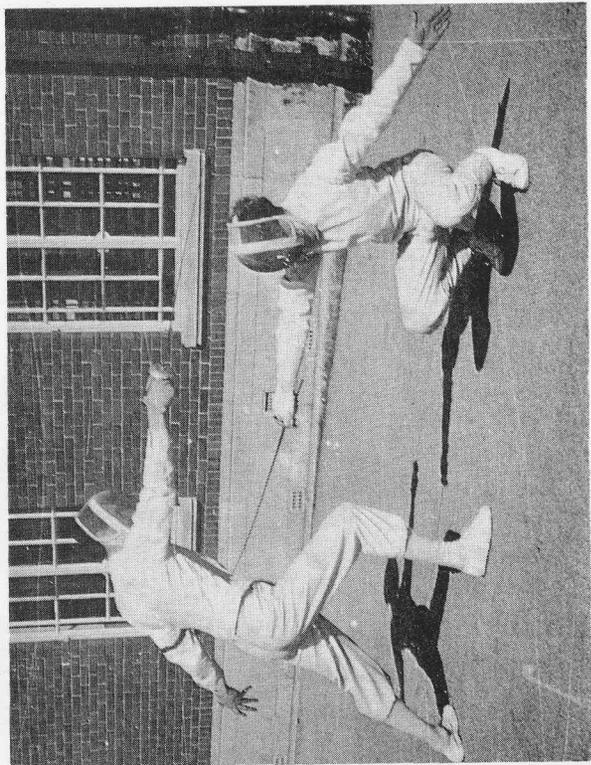
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Vice-Secretary: G. A. Stocker **Projectionist:** D. Thomas
Committee: M. Goodridge, C. Flemming, R. Gambie, P. Dewhurst

A talk by Mr. G. W. Eittle, of I.C.I. on the "Ammonia Industry" ended a very interesting set of Lent Term lectures. Prior to this lecture, we were very fortunate to have Professor Merrison, of the Nuclear Physics Research Laboratory, Liverpool University, who gave an informative talk on "Atomic Power."

This term we have concentrated our efforts on the Science Exhibition and have held various meetings to discuss the different aspects of it. Both junior and senior members of the society will take part and we hope you will take pleasure in visiting it.
D.R.K.

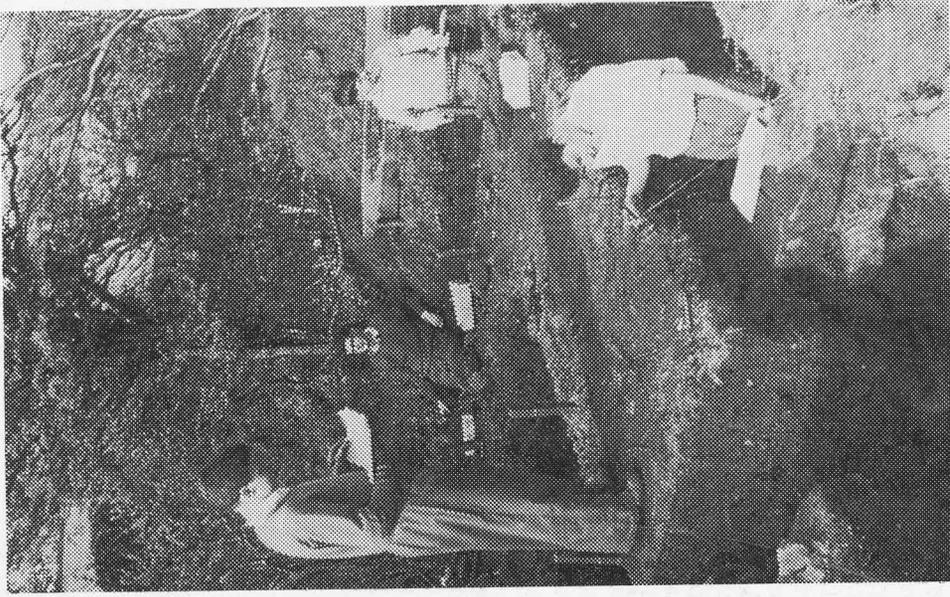


Left to right: Karsa D. R., Flemming C. J., Mr. A. C. Wynne, Gambie R. F.,
Ostiek D. G.



Stop-hit in the low line.

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Seen at the excavations at New Park are four of the
members of the school archaeology group—D. R. Hatfield,
A. F. Kelsall, A. E. Travis and D. Morris.
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Sport

1ST XV

A glance at the records will show that this year's 1st XV is one of the best in the School's history. What cannot be shown in the records is the way in which this long string of victories was obtained. Under Martin's enthusiastic and capable leadership they played a type of football which must have been as thrilling to play as it was to watch.

The season opened quietly with victories over Hutton and Arnold. The first real sign of what was to come was shown when they held Cowley to a draw. The game against Upholland is one which the backs in particular will want to forget; their play was well below standard. At the same time full credit must be given to Upholland who fully deserved their win. From then on until the match against the Old Boys the team won every game it played in a very convincing manner. Their outstanding performances were against King's College, London; Kirkham G.S., Wallasey G.S., Waterloo R.U.F.C., Lancaster R.G.S. and Cowley G.S.

The Old Boys' match was one of the best for some years. The Old Boys' side, admirably led by H. Foster, was for the first time for many seasons worthy of its name. School hung on to a narrow lead of 5 points to 3 for a long time but a clever piece of football by Robinson D. and Rimmer D. led to a try under the posts which was converted. Once in the lead the Old Boys, quite rightly, closed the game down and School hammered away but could not pierce a very well-marshalled defence.

In the closing stages of the season the side put up a good performance in the Manchester Sevens being defeated 11—8 in the semi-final. Their last game took place at the beginning of the Summer term when they deservedly beat the Southport 1st XV 6 points to 3.

It is impossible to estimate the part which Martin played in his team's success. He himself played consistently well throughout the season and scored some brilliant tries. He was in every way the master of his side and they responded magnificently to his leadership.

Rostron and Light, on the wings, were given plenty of scoring chances and took full advantage of them. Keeley, after a slow start to the season, settled down and showed that he was a much more complete footballer than last season. Tasker, whilst he still appears to lack confidence in himself, played very soundly and scored some good tries. Ostick, at scrum half, was the tactician of the side raising or lowering the pace of the game as circumstances demanded. He should have a very bright future if he continues in

the game. Marsh at full back did not have much tackling to do but his fielding and kicking were superb.

The forwards played consistently well throughout the season. Taylor and Raynor were usually in command in line-outs. Hunt and Grime were happiest when hard scrummaging was needed. The back row of Turner, Basford and Ashton harried the opposition unmercifully and covered a tremendous amount of ground both in attack and defence. Farquhar led his pack well and obtained a good share of the ball in set-scrums.

The secret of the side's success was its domination of the loose-play. They showed time and time again that whilst possession from set-pieces is important the real key lies in gaining possession in the loose. Another important factor was the fact that nearly ever member of the side had the ability to realise the importance of timing his pass so as to create openings for others. They have set a standard which will be difficult to maintain but should act as an inspiration to all other School XV's.

RESULTS

1st XV 1960-61

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Score
24th Sep.	v. Hutton Grammar School	A	Won	14-9
28th Sep.	v. Arnold School	A	Won	22-0
1st Oct.	v. Cowley Grammar School	A	Drew	3-3
5th Oct.	v. Upholland Grammar School	A	Lost	3-22
8th Oct.	v. Balshaw's Grammar School	A	Won	9-3
12th Oct.	v. Wigan Grammar School	H	Won	16-3
15th Oct.	v. Manchester Grammar School	A	Won	18-3
19th Oct.	v. Blackpool Grammar School	H	Won	21-0
22nd Oct.	v. Preston Grasshoppers	H	Won	66-0
29th Oct.	v. Lancaster Royal Grammar School	H	Won	20-0
5th Nov.	v. Barrow Grammar School	A	Won	24-0
12th Nov.	v. Ormskirk Grammar School	H	Won	40-3
16th Nov.	v. King Edward VII School	H	Won	21-0
19th Nov.	v. Calday Grange Grammar School	H	Won	34-0
3rd Dec.	v. Kirkham Grammar School	A	Won	8-3
19th Dec.	v. King's College, London	H	Won	14-0
14th Jan.	v. Waterloo Schools XV	H	Won	8-0
28th Jan.	v. Balshaw's Grammar School	H	Won	12-3
4th Feb.	v. Ormskirk Grammar School	A	Won	22-0
22nd Feb.	v. Wallasey Grammar School	H	Won	19-0
4th Mar.	v. Cowley Grammar School	H	Won	20-0
11th Mar.	v. Bolton School	A	Won	14-3
15th Mar.	v. Wigan Grammar School	A	Won	25-3
21st Mar.	v. King George V Old Boys XV	H	Lost	5-8
19th Apr.	v. Southport R.U.F.C.	A	Won	6-3

ANALYSIS

P	W	D	L	Pts For	A
25	22	1	2	464	69

U16 XV

28.9.60	Arnold	(A)	29-8	Won
16.11.60	Lytham	(A)	8-3	Lost
	Calday			
19.11.60	Grange	(A)	12-0	Lost
3.12.60	Kirkham	(A)	0-0	Drew
8.2.61	Penwortham	(H)	27-0	Won
15.2.61	Penwortham	(H)	30-3	Won
22.2.61	Wallasey	(H)	9-0	Lost

Aggregate: For 89; Against 40.

It has been a reasonably successful season. The team has combined well together and produced one or two pleasing results despite the few games played.

The main strength has been in the forwards, under the leadership of Hargreaves, who has led the pack well, although sometimes his sense of responsibility weakened towards the end of a game. Hargreaves and Salt (second-row) provided most of the push in the scrums and, together with Jones, often outplayed the opposition in the loose. In the line outs, besides the second-row pair, Fletcher, Blower and R. Moore received a fair share of the ball. Carr hooked creditably throughout the season and provided the three-quarters with the essential possession. Rimmer, the scrum-half, improved his passing technique towards the end of the season and, as results show, the three-quarters benefited from this. The stand-off half, Wright, has had an excellent season and because of his alertness was rarely caught in possession. He gave the centres adequate service. The centres, however, tended to hang on to the ball too long. On several occasions, a quicker pass to the wings would have resulted in tries. On the wing, Andrews was a determined player and his tackling was fierce. At full back, P. Moore was always reliable, and this gave confidence to the three-quarters.

At the end of the season, two games were organised by the Southport Rugby Club against Vale of Lune. Both games were won; the first by 28-3(h); and the second by 18-14(a).

Team: Moore; Andrews, Rostron, Bateman, Canter, Wright Rimmer; Fletcher, Blower, Carr, Hargreaves, Salt; Jones, Moore, Rees.
Reserves: McKenzie-Folan, Kitchen, Langhorne, Jessop, Beatham.

UNDER 15 XV

This team had a most disappointing season as far as actual results are concerned. But at least a considerable improvement was shown as the year progressed. The basic weakness was in the back division. Apart from Williams, who played with great determination, and Lindsay who had to play out of position on many occasions but always played extremely well, the backs never settled down to good rugby. This was no doubt largely due to the fact that they were almost all small in comparison with other schools and hence were constantly harrassed but unfortunately in one or two cases also due to lack of determination to succeed. With increased confidence and stature, however, they should improve in the next year or two.

Among the forwards the story is very different. Time and again they fought tremendously well only to find support from their full backs missing at the vital moment. Halsall R., the Team

Captain and pack leader, set an excellent example to his team and led his forwards vigorously and always showed great courage. He was ably supported by Harrison, Miley, Thompson B., Thompson P. and Waldron. In addition Thompson B. proved to be a good hooker. Cooper had some good games but was off-side far too often while Smith-Crallan, Pessel and Sinclair usually played quite well.

Finally, the team members should resolve to fight harder still in the Under 16 XV matches and try to maintain their improved showing at the end of the season.

U14 XV

This has been the most successful U14 team of recent years. There was an excellent team spirit throughout the season and the keenness was always so manifest that it was a pleasure to work with them. The number of boys with a standard of play high enough to be considered for the team was greater than in previous years and it was thus possible to vary the composition of the team to some extent without detriment to its overall efficiency.

S. J. Kelly was a quiet but reliable captain who gained the respect of the team from the very beginning. At full back his excellent tackling, refusal to panic and general ability to find touch in difficult situations exercised a steadying effect upon the whole team. To those on the touchline, however, he sometimes appeared to make unnecessary work for himself by faulty positioning too far behind the scene of play.

E. Cuzner, the Vice-Captain and scrum leader, was an intelligent player who set a good example, unfortunately not always followed by the rest of the pack, by his aggressive and enterprising forward play.

The pack when roused was good, but on many occasions in the loose they lost ground or missed opportunities through the failure of all eight members to get quickly to the ball. N. E. Mason and D. Marshall were always prominent among the forwards, although Mason, together with Cuzner the best line-out forward, sometimes allowed enthusiasm to override good sense. Marshall, the openside wing-forward, was always outstanding in the loose and scored many valuable tries by siezing every opportunity which presented itself. N. Hodgson, handicapped in the loose by size, nevertheless did valiant work as hooker in the set scrums.

P. Forshaw was a plucky and able scrum-half. He was always right up behind his pack and his tactical touch kicking developed

well as the season progressed. He was handicapped, however, by a rather short pass.

The three-quarters combined reasonably well together, but their passing movements were too often spoiled by faulty passing so that the wings saw too little of the ball. This was a pity as I. Eckersley was not only fast, but able also to jink his way through the opposition. The sound tackling of the three-quarters was always a pleasing feature with R. Porter one of the best and most courageous tacklers in the team. A. R. Rigby, for whom this was the first season of playing to the Rugby code, came late into the team but quickly established himself as a fast and determined three-quarter with considerable promise.

U14 XV

24th Sep.	v.	Hutton Grammar School	H	Won	16 — 6
1st Oct.	v.	Cowley Grammar School	H	Lost	6—11
12th Oct.	v.	Wigan Grammar School	A	Lost	0 — 8
19th Oct.	v.	Blackpool Grammar School	A	Lost	0—14
29th Oct.	v.	Lancaster Royal Grammar School	H	Drew	6 — 6
12th Nov.	v.	Ormskirk Grammar School	A	Lost	0—11
19th Nov.	v.	Calday Grange Grammar School	A	Lost	0—20
3rd Dec.	v.	Kirkham Grammar School	H	Won	25 — 0
18th Jan.	v.	King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	Won	27 — 0
1st Feb.	v.	King Edward VII School, Lytham	H	Won	23 — 5
4th Feb.	v.	Ormskirk Grammar School	H	Won	9 — 5
8th Feb.	v.	Birkenhead School	H	Won	8 — 3
15th Feb.	v.	Stonyhurst College	H	Won	16 — 5
22nd Feb.	v.	Wallasey Grammar School	A	Won	16 — 3
4th Mar.	v.	Cowley Grammar School	A	Lost	0—13
15th Mar.	v.	Wigan Grammar School	H	Won	5 — 3

BOXING

During the Autumn term the Boxing Club continued meeting each Monday night under the auspices of Mr. Smith. Attendances were somewhat better than last year, twenty being the average number. Once again juniors were by far the most enthusiastic members, many of whom were first year boys, supported by a few faithful seniors. However, future prospects seem very bright with several promising youngsters—Moxen (2a), Bland (2a), Smith (3a), and Forshaw (4y) deserving special mention.

The annual boxing competition took place during the Lent term and again entries were high. Owing to the large number of finalists it was necessary to divide the finals, some taking place on the 9th of March, the remainder on the 14th. Nevertheless, the competition again developed into a struggle between Grears, Leeches and Masons, a pattern of events that has persisted too long. It is hoped that in future years more interest may be

stimulated amongst other houses to make this event a truly inter-house competition. The results were as follows:—

U.12	4½st.	Moxon	2a(M)	beat	Winfield	Trx(M)
	5½st.	Collins	2b(W)	beat	Williams	Trx(Ev)
	6 st.	Norbury	Trx(W)	beat	Sankey	2a(Ev)
	6½st.	Newton	2b(R)	beat	Hepworth	Trx(Ev)
	7 st.	Metcalfe	Trx(G)	beat	Kitchen	2b(Ev)
U.13	7½st.	Bland	2a(L)	beat	Mitchell	2b(M)
	8½st.	Ogden	Trx(S)	beat	Lewis	Trx(W)
	6 st.	Robinson-Todd	3Y(R)	beat	Tobron	2a(M)
	6½st.	Wilkinson	3a(Ed)	beat	Faber	3Y(M)
	7 st.	Smith	3a(G)	beat	Hall	3Y(S)
U.14	5½st.	MacDonald	3Y(L)	beat	Pinnington	Lr5x(G)
	6½st.	Forshaw	4Y(R)	beat	Simpson	4a(S)
	7 st.	Colclough	4b(L)	beat	Francis	4b(A)
	7½st.	Ball	3a(L)	beat	Eckersall	4a(G)
	8½st.	Ollerton	4b(M)	beat	Cockcroft	3x(L)
U.15	9½st.	Poole	3x(R)	beat	Hatfield	4y(W)
	6 st.	Eckersley	4Y(L)	beat	White	Lr5a(M)
	7½st.	Robinson	Lr5b(Ed)	beat	Marshall	Lr5a(M)
	8½st.	Lindsay	Lr5b(G)	beat	Elias	Lr5b(M)
	9 st.	Cuzner	4y(M)	beat	Mann	4y(M)
U.16	9½st.	Pessell	Lr5y(M)	beat	Coulthard	Lr5a(L)
	10½st.	Revell-Johnson	Lr5b(M)	beat	Halsall	Lr5a(S)
	7½st.	Reid	Up5aS(R)	beat	Chubbs	Up5b(M)
	10½st.	Moore	Up5aS(L)	beat	Fletcher	Up5TrM(M)
	8½st.	Golding	Up6Sca(W)	beat	Hollis	Up6M(W)
U.17	10½st.	Johns	Lr6Sca(L)	beat	Andrews	Up6aS(L)
	9½st.	Elias	Up6MSch(M)	beat	Pook	Lr6M(L)
	10 st.	Turner	Up6Scx(L)	beat	Wintersgill	Up6ScSch(S)
11½st.	Basford	Up6ScSch(G)	beat	Curtis	Lr6Sp(L)	

The final placings and points were:—

	M	L	G	R	S	Ev.	W	Ed.
	84	66	62	39	37	31	30	20

Finally, our best thanks are again due to Mr. Smith for selecting and organising the contests and for his energy in promoting interest in this sport; also to the referees—Messrs. Gale, Hodnet, Longhurst—to the timekeeper Mr. Flemming—and other who helped in many ways to make this event such a successful occasion.

D.G.E.

BADMINTON

Interest in Badminton has extended this year throughout the school, and the club is now in the position where any boy, whatever his age, may participate in the game. Anyone visiting the gym in the dinner hour must be impressed by the energy which the younger members of the school put into their game, and for this we must thank Mr. Lord, without whose enthusiasm the prospects for the future would not be nearly so promising. Particularly important last term was the introduction of two new junior fixtures with Crosby School, one of which was won and the other lost. The standard of play in both matches was very high indeed, proving that Mr. Lord's efforts are undoubtedly meeting with considerable success.

The senior side also has had its fixture list extended this year, to include two matches against Merchant Taylors School.

Except for two rather heavy defeats sustained at the hands of a very strong Hutton G.S. side, the team met with reasonable success, winning four matches and losing one other. Unfortunately, however, it must be reported that the Badminton Club on Wednesday evening was not as well attended as it has been in previous years. Let us hope this is only a temporary trend, and that it will be rectified when the club resumes in the autumn. Members of the Senior team were:— J. P. Marsh (captain), D. M. Raynor, A. S. Wright, P. M. Ashton, D. G. Ostick, J. R. Basford, and P. Moore. The Junior side was selected from:— Moore R., Eckersall, Smith-Crallan, Ellis, Sherrington, Lindsay, Bambroffe and Chisnall.

RESULTS

Seniors:

1. v. Hutton G.S. (H)—Lost 8—1.
2. v. Birkenhead School (A)—Won 4—3.
3. v. Merchant Taylors (A)—Won 5—4.
4. v. Lytham G. S. (A)—Lost 5—4.
5. v. Hutton G.S. (A)—Lost 8—1.
6. v. Merchant Taylors (H)—Won 8—1.
7. v. Birkenhead School (H)—Won 4—3.
8. v. The Old Boys—Lost 6—3.

Juniors:

1. v. Crosby School (A)—Lost 6—3.
2. v. Crosby School (H)—won 6—3.

J.P.M.

FENCING CLUB

Maitre d'Armes: Mr. A. C. Wynne

Members: D. G. Ostick (captain), C. J. Flemming, R. P. Gambie, J. D. Grime, N. J. Hancock, D. Karsa.

There has been great interest shown in the activities of the Fencing Club this season. Each Friday evening, the clashing of the foils of both new and the more experienced members has been heard long after the school has disgorged the majority of its occupants.

During the Lent term we visited Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn. After a most enjoyable match we shared the honours equally. At home we were not quite so fortunate, losing the session by one bout. The match against the Southport Fencing Club we won by a narrow margin.

As in previous years we intend to give an exhibition of Fencing on Open Day and it is hoped that all those who are interested will find the time to visit us.

We wish to thank R. L. Lever for taking the photographs which appear elsewhere in this edition of the 'Red Rose'. Also, we are grateful to Mr. Wynne for his continued interest in the Club. His encouragement and skilled tuition are much appreciated by all members.

C.J.F.

Expeditions & Exhibitions

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Choral and Orchestral Concert was presented by the Music Society on Tuesday, 28th March, in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress.

The programme opened with a performance of the first and third movements of Haydn's "London Symphony". The orchestra played this work vigorously and produced an impressive performance, although the timing was suspect in a number of places, especially in the initial Adagio. The echo effect at the beginning of the Trio was well conveyed, and yet the strings had seemed unable to play 'piano' during the appropriate phrases in the preceding Allegro. Although the lack of the second movement produced some discontinuity, the decision to omit it was sensible in that it might well have exposed the orchestra's weaknesses. By the way, when will the public, who really should know better, learn not to applaud between movements?

The Junior Choir, sang with clarity of diction and admirable tone, except on a few of the top-notes, when a sense of strain was evident. Henry Carey's "Flocks are Sporting" suffered from the boys not being 'warmed-up', but any unpleasant impressions were soon dispelled by the choir's singing of Schubert's charming "The Trout". Despite the great difficulty of this work for inexperienced voices, there was no tendency on the choir's part to drag the sprightly tempo set by M. Goodridge at the piano, and eyes glued on Mr. Rimmer led to superb entries. The sense of the words was excellently portrayed especially by the semi-staccato touch in the phrase, "Here and there he darted," and the leaps and runs were superbly manoeuvred.

Malcolm Higginbotham was the soloist in a performance of the first movement of Bach's Piano Concerto in D Minor. His playing was excellent and fully deserved the great ovation. What a pity it was, however, that the orchestra did not quite match up to his standard. A disturbing lack of concentration, especially in the upper strings, was particularly noticeable in the entry of the full orchestra following the final cadenza. The accompaniment was frequently too loud and now and again, was rather over-balanced, when the five 'cellos and two basses decided to make their presence felt. The orchestra, however, tended to make up for these deficiencies in that phrasing was good and the exactitude necessary when playing Bach was present to a large degree.

The Madrigal Group's two selections of unaccompanied four and five part songs were undoubtedly the finest items of the evening. The choir was well balanced, discipline was good, and

diction, although not always clear, was at least as good as many professional groups. Expression and shading were projected as if from one source and in only one or two places was intonation at all doubtful.

Malcolm Arnold's "Toy Symphony", was presented by the Staff and Boys' Orchestra. This comic work amused everyone, and the members of the ensemble obviously enjoyed using their unusual-sounding "instruments". Amid howls of laughter, Mr. Knowles donned a bib before the start of the slow movement to protect his shirt-front from the water which was unavoidably splashed overboard whilst he performed on the "nightingale". The encore, however, was rather an anticlimax, and we did feel that the work went on for too long.

Following the interval, Mr. J. W. Lord (piano), H. Harris (violin), and J. R. Ashley Smith ('cello), presented the first movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D Minor. Despite the good impression we gained during the remainder of the evening of Harris' skill as a violinist (he led the orchestra), his part here seemed to prove too much for him. As in past performances of trios at school concerts, the pianist and 'cellist offset this to a certain extent. Perhaps it would be better if the group were to attempt simpler works, and then be able to present really good performances.

Stanford's "The Revenge," concluded the concert. Unfortunately neither choir nor orchestra quite overcame the difficulties of this work and the performance, although commendable in parts, was mediocre. Choir and orchestra lacked precision in entries and we felt that five or six more full rehearsals would have done a great deal of good. The tenors, especially, were not really sure of their line. It was fortunate, however, that Mr. Rimmer was able to bring out the mood behind the words. Although the notes were not sure, all the performers, especially the orchestra where this is more difficult, seemed to feel the sense of each particular phrase, and many of the imperfections could be ignored because of the dramatic effect produced.

In this report, we have been critical, bringing to the fore many small points which are quite often faulty in adult and more experienced music societies. The audience obviously thoroughly enjoyed the whole programme and appreciated how much intensive preparation had been put in by all concerned, and especially by Mr. Rimmer. The number of setbacks and complications he meets and overcomes have to be witnessed at close quarters to be believed. The term was much shorter than usual, and the first few weeks were completely occupied by the Inter-House Choral Competition. When all these difficulties are borne in mind, we realise what an achievement such a concert is, particularly for the conductor.

A.K.C., A.J.H.M., J.R.A.S.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE EXCAVATIONS AT NEW PARK, ORMSKIRK, 1961

The Easter holidays presented another chance of activity to the aspiring archaeologists of K. G. V. Therefore, on each day of the week, beginning April 10th, the golfers of Ormskirk witnessed the invasion of their course by an army of ragged, dirty navvies.

The history of the site itself is obscure. It was probably a possession of either Burscough Priory or Cockersand Abbey in the medieval period, and the lands remained in the monks' hand—they rarely let anything go—until the Dissolution when the House of Stanley took them over. The Earls of Derby probably retained the land until the sale of the estate to the golfers. The moat inside which digging took place is almost certainly medieval, but there is no documentary evidence to show who lived there or when it was constructed. The Earls of Derby changed the old name of **Halton to New Park** and occasionally held court there; their house, not necessarily the first on the site, was demolished in either the mid-seventeenth century or the early eighteenth: Canon Raines with the customary equivocation of the clergy asserted that the house fell down at both dates!

The diggers of the previous summer had excavated an extensive area and uncovered several lines of stones. Further trenches were cut parallel to and at right-angles with these existing works in an attempt to discover the stratification, and with it the age, of the site and also the general layout of the buildings whose foundations we had undoubtedly unearthed. A large amount of pottery was found, most of it of the 17th century, but some pieces, the more interesting, were possibly of an earlier date; the report of the experts at Chester is awaited in order that a more precise age may be attached to our finds. Further masonry was discovered, and although a general plan began to emerge, it is difficult at this stage to tell the nature of the buildings.

Our work is by no means finished. More digging, into the earth at New Park and into documents at the Record Office, is necessary before any definite result is known. Weather, and golfers, permitting, it is hoped to resume operations in the summer.

A.F.K.

THE SIXTH FORM AT THE WALKER ART GALLERY

Gombrecht had good reason for referring to the Dutch art school of the seventeenth century as the 'mirror of nature'. The paintings of Rembrandt and Vermeer, Steen and de Hooch are Protestant; they reflect the austerity of the United Provinces; Rubens is the true Catholic, his flowing baroque taste is typical of the Spanish Netherlands. Together, the two totally different aspects of the art of the low countries form the best ever pictorially

documented period of world history. The two contrast like Corneille and Racine; determination, simplicity and majesty compared with passion, colour and romanticism.

The visit to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool, by a party recruited from the upper and lower sixth, was to provide an opportunity to study history through pictures. It was extremely useful; one reads of the economic supremacy of Holland during the seventeenth century, but to comprehend this in its true light there is no better way than viewing the manifest opulence of 'Jan Six, the Amsterdam Patrician,' and the prosperous, albeit dramatic, appearance of 'the Night Watch.'

But viewing history is like reading history; he who reads only about the battles, congresses and kings can be compared with him who views only the recognised works. To obtain the true picture one must learn from Rembrandt, Teniers, Cuyp, Van de Velde, Rubens and Ruisdael. So this is what we did. Every kind of painter passed our scrutiny; the 'genre' painters, the land and seascape, the still life and portrait painters; all of whom represented the life of the Dutchman of three centuries ago.

At tea-time a motley crew passed out of the doors of the Art Gallery; motley in appearance but unanimous in opinion. The flowers, selected and presented by Morris, had reflected the gratitude of all the boys towards our lady guide, without whose expert opinions and judgment we would have floundered. Unanimous too was praise of the visit, both for the interest it created and the pleasure it provided; even Mr. Steane, on the return journey, saw the Formby area as a Hobbema landscape, and the Ainsdale sky could have been the moving spirit for a Poussin canvas.

J. HILL, L.6.m.

EASTER IN ROME 1961

At 8 a.m. on April 7 a number of boys from King George V School caught the train for London. Here we were joined by a number of boys from the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, before leaving Victoria on the 3-30 train for Folkestone. Together we crossed the channel to Calais and caught a night train, via Basel, to Lugano.

It was early morning when we passed through a most beautiful part of the Swiss Alps, and about midday we arrived in Lugano where we stayed for just one day, mainly for the purpose of getting a good night's sleep, and some exercise.

The following day, we met the coach driver Pepino who was to take us to Florence. The first stop was Milan where we saw the famous cathedral which has more pinnacles than any other cathedral in the world. We then stopped at Parma for lunch, before driving to Florence.

We had a good night's rest in a most comfortable hotel, and

spent the next day sight-seeing and buying presents. We visited the Ponte Vecchio, which is the oldest bridge in Italy; the Pitti Palace; Loggiato with all its famous statues, and the Piazzale Michelangelo from which we got a panoramic view of the city. We then left for Rome, and on our way stopped for a meal at Assisi where we saw the cathedral of St. Francis. On our way to Rome we could see the many Etruscan villages high up on the hill sides on either side of us.

Up till now, the food had not been at all unusual, but it was a great surprise to us to see so little spaghetti, and so much fish and soup.

On our first full day in Rome we went on a guided tour and visited the Coliseum, which we found much as we had expected it, but nevertheless very exciting, the Forums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican City where we saw the Pope in all his glory, the Trevi Fountain where we all reluctantly threw our three coins, the Olympic Village and the Pantheon which is a church with an uncompleted dome through which it rained on us. We also visited the Circus Maximus where in olden days the Romans held their chariot races.

The next day was free for sight-seeing and our own amusement, and most of us returned to buying presents which we found reasonably priced. That night we again went sight-seeing and the following day said goodbye to Rome and made our way northward to the seaside resort of Viariggio. On our way we passed through Sienna where we saw the square where every year is held the famous horse race in ancient costumes. We also passed through Pisa where we climbed the leaning tower and saw the cathedral.

After a night's stay, we left for Lugano passing through Genoa, the largest port in Italy, such expensive seaside resorts as Chiavari and Rappalo, and also through the mountains of the Appenines. At Lugano, we left our wonderful coach driver Pepino and boarded the train which would take us back through Basel to the French coast. Here we passed through the customs and, after another good crossing of the channel, boarded the train at Folkstone and arrived in London about 4 p.m. after a most exciting and informative trip.

S. MARSHALL, Lr.V.A.

MODERN LINGUISTS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Four boys from L6 Modern are spending this term studying at schools abroad. Booth is at the Lycee Anatole le Braz, Saint-Briens, France; Silverton is at the Lycee de Saint-Germain, near Paris. Both are living with French families and Booth is actually staying with the Headmaster of the school he is attending. Whittaker is a boarder at the Athenee Royal in Spa, Belgium, and

Bennison is spending the term in Germany at a grammar school in Dusseldorf. They will all, no doubt, have plenty of interesting experiences to relate on their return.

There will be similar opportunities for a term's study abroad next year for the L6th Modern Language specialists and arrangements have already been made for two boys to attend schools in Bourges and Le Havre.

At the end of last term a party from the Cercle Français attended a showing in Wallasey of the well-known French film "Clochemerle." Though enjoyable the film did not appear to do full justice to Gabriel Chevalier's novel: the American commentary detracted from the full Gallic flavour. At the end of this term the School is being visited by a mobile film unit which will present a Technicolor version of Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." As this is a film of a production by the Comedie Française in Paris, we are anticipating a very high standard of acting and elocution. We hope that the opening of the new Continental Theatre in Liverpool will make possible more frequent visits to outstanding foreign films.

Last term a party of 6th formers attended the Liverpool University production of Jean Giraudoux's "Cemphytrion 38". We felt this to be well up to the standard we have come to expect of the students: Alcmena in particular was impressive.

VISIT OF THE ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL MANCHESTER COLLEGE OF MUSIC

On Thursday, March 2nd, the school was honoured by a visit of the Orchestra of the Royal Manchester College of Music. This group of young musicians, under the conductorship of Mr. David Jordan, presented a varied programme. As a stirring introduction, the orchestra played Wagner's Overture to "Tanhauser", and contrasted this with the quiet and delicate "Walk to the Paradise Garden" from Delius' "A Village Romeo and Juliet". John Davies, a brilliant young violinist, then gave a vigorous and moving performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor. After a short break Rimsky-Korsakov's loud and exciting "Scheherazade" concluded the concert, which throughout was made all the more enjoyable by Mr. Rimmer's analytical and historical notes between the items. We were all most appreciative of the orchestra's performance and were deeply grateful to them for sparing some of their valuable time to visit us. It is to be hoped that more than a few boys, that afternoon, realised that serious music may be enjoyed by people other than "squares." J.R.A.S.

Opinion

WHY STUDY?

(1) MATHEMATICS by A. Bradley (Up. 6. Sc. Schol.)

"In these days of conflict between ancient and modern studies, there must surely be something to be said for a study which did not begin with Pythagoras and will not end with Einstein, but is the oldest and youngest of all."

The words are those of G. H. Hardy, the eminent mathematician, and the purpose of this article is to test their validity—is there anything to be said for Mathematics? Well, without doubt, the first thing to be said is that anyone who looks on Mathematics as a process of addition and subtraction, of calculation of simple interest and the decimal parts of a pound, has as little concept of the true nature of Mathematics as a fly has of the true nature of the Universe. For Mathematics represents two great abstractions—it is both a language and a philosophy. Let us examine these two in detail.

Mathematics is as much a language as French or Greek, and, like any other language, it has its grammar and its literature. The processes of multiplication and integration which, together with many other processes, form the backbone of school Mathematics are nothing more than grammatical rules for forming sentences in Mathematics. In other words, most of the Mathematics learned at school can be compared to a knowledge of spelling and sentence construction in English. It is small wonder, therefore, that so many schoolboys, who have never got beyond the first stages, know nothing of the literature of Mathematics—its poetry and its colour. Far from being a dead language, Mathematics is very much alive. Just as French is the language of the culinary profession, so Mathematics is the language of Science. Let me illustrate what I mean.

Newton said that when a force acts on a body, that body moves with an acceleration which is proportional to the force. When we write $P=mf$, we are doing no more than to translate Newton's statement from English into Mathematics. Newton also stated that the force of gravity between two bodies is directly proportional to the product of their masses and inversely proportional to the square of their separation. Applying this rule to the pull of gravity on a body by the earth and translating into Mathematics we get $P=\frac{GEm}{R^2}$, where E is the mass of the earth and

R^2

R its radius. But since $P=mf$ we can say that $mf=\frac{GEm}{R^2}$ or $F=\frac{GE}{R^2}$,

namely that the acceleration of a body falling under gravity does

not depend on its weight. Galileo showed this by dropping a heavy and light object from the Leaning Tower of Pisa and showing that they reached the ground in the same time. Mathematics enables us to discover this without the inconvenience of a journey to Pisa.

This is Mathematics used for the sake of Science, a vital use of Mathematics in this scientific age. But what of Mathematics for its own sake?

Those of you who have visited the Mathematics Library, between the Lecture Theatre and E.P.L., will have seen a shelf grandiosely labelled "Philosophy of Mathematics." For Mathematics is a philosophy, a way of life, a compelling urge which drives men to spend their entire lives searching for a formula which will generate prime numbers. Anyone who has been bowled out by "brothers and sisters have I none—but that man's father is my father's son," will have felt the need for personal cultivation of the Mathematical Method, a Method which is as applicable to the problem of not getting wet in a rainstorm as to the solving of the "Guardian" crossword. As an example of this philosophy of Mathematics I should like to conclude with a problem.

The problem concerns a man who lives near one of the stations on the Liverpool—Southport electric line and who is a night-shift worker. He is therefore supposed to sleep during the day but frequently suffers from insomnia. So whenever he cannot sleep he takes a short walk and he has got into the habit of walking down to the station, waiting for the first train to arrive and then going home again. Some time ago he noticed that, when the train did arrive, it was almost always travelling towards Southport and only very occasionally towards Liverpool. But he knew that the number of trains travelling each way was the same, i.e. three every hour, so he decided to make a proper check. The results astounded him. Out of twenty visits to the station, the first train he saw was travelling towards Southport, nineteen times. Only once was it headed for Liverpool. So he devised a series of completely random times for visiting the station, such as 10-53, 2-16, etc. Again the results were the same—out of 100 visits the train was headed for Southport ninety-five times. The question is—what was the name of the station?

You should assume that the trains are running at their normal off-peak frequency, that is leaving Southport at 0, 20 and 40 minutes past the hour and Liverpool at 10, 30 and 50 minutes past, and you will need a copy of a timetable for the service which gives the times at intermediate stations. The answer is on Page 59. The problem is an excellent illustration of the mathematical method and for those of you who get it right it will illustrate one further attribute of Mathematics, namely that it pays rich rewards in terms of self-satisfaction to the student who follows it up.

WHY STUDY?

(2) HISTORY by J. P. Marsh (Upp.6.Mod.Sch.).

"Histories make men wise." This statement by Bacon, simple though it may seem, is in fact the key to the problem of justifying history. For the prime value of history is, as Macauley said, educational, in that it can educate the minds of men by causing them to reflect upon the past. There is no end to what we can learn from history since its special field is the life of man in society. It draws back the curtain of illusion which envelops a man in his youth, and gives him a mature outlook on life, a clear view of the world in which he lives. Let us stop for a moment, and consider in what ways history does train the mind to think.

One of the main values of history is that it enables a person to understand, better than any other discipline, the public events, affairs and trends of his time. To take one field only—politics: how can anyone hope to understand the world of affairs around him if he does not know how it came to be what it is? Who would deny that, in order to appreciate the situation in Africa at the present time, a knowledge of history is extremely important? For happenings there are a culmination of events which began with the growth and expansion of empires two and even three centuries ago. The whole world of politics is made up of situations which cannot be understood, except with a knowledge of their history. Furthermore the historians mind is better trained to understand events and to appreciate situations. For the mind of a scientist is trained to interpret facts and induce laws and theories of general application. The mind of a mathematician is trained in the use of addition, subtraction etc., which also possess laws that can be generally applied. But the mind of a historian is already trained to reflect on people, events and situations, the very things which he comes up against in real life. It is little wonder therefore, that he should have more ability than his neighbour to grasp and appreciate the affairs of the world.

This then is one way in which History can be of educational value. But besides training the mind and helping to mould judgment, it enters in varying degrees into the appreciation of culture. At school, History opens out fresh fields to the student, which transport him into the world of art, literature and music. In many of the writings by men of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, for example Raleigh, Milton, Hobbes, a knowledge of historical background is an invaluable help to understanding their work. Painting also is affected in this way, as an example of the work of one artist, Van Gogh, will show. No-one will surely disagree with the assertion that in order to appreciate his art, a knowledge of his lonely and frustrating existence is essential. And

this is not a case of "the exception rather than the rule." Culture springs from history and reacts upon it to such an extent that a knowledge of one helps in an appreciation of the other, and vice-versa. The two are invariably linked.

So far, I have attempted to justify history solely from its educational value. But let it not be forgotten that it is by far the most interesting of all subjects taught in school. "The student, like the tourist, is transported into a new state of society" (Macauley). Where mathematicians have numbers and signs, the historian has people. Where the biologist has the body, the historian has the mind. And as Trevelyan says, "You can dissect the body of a man, and argue thence the general structure of the bodies of other men. But you cannot dissect a mind: and if you could you could not argue thence about other minds. History is not dead, it has the appeal of life itself. It interests you as a child and grows with you till old age, opening out wider and wider paths of interest. History has a place in everything, and everything has a place in history. As A. L. Rowse says: 'Bound as our lives are to the tyranny of time, it is through what we know of history that we are delivered from our bonds and escape—into time.'"

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

THE CASE FOR BY D. A. STUART (Lr. 6 Sc.A)

Emotion clouds the debate on Capital Punishment—both sides of it. Let us, therefore, consider, in a purely logical and emotionless way, the arguments in favour of Capital Punishment.

Many people claim that we should abolish Capital Punishment altogether, because one man has no right to kill another, be it "legal" killing or otherwise. It is said that it is un-Christian. But is that quite true? Admittedly, one can find passages in the Bible quoting Christ as deploring any form of killing. However, for every such passage in the Bible, there is one which is its complete antithesis. One cannot, in fact, argue from the Bible alone. Let us, therefore, turn to present day facts and figures.

There are some who are prepared to accept what the Statistician says without question. Thus, if he says that Statistics offers no proof of the deterrent effect of Capital Punishment, these gullible people blandly repeat exactly what he says. However, a little thought should serve to make one realise that it is not surprising that the murder rate is at present on the increase, when the death penalty is awarded to only one murderer in ten. When Capital Punishment becomes the penalty awarded to all murderers except the insane, then there will be a considerable and convincing decrease in the murder rate. If there is not, only then should one accept the opinion of the Statistician.

Moreover, the death penalty should be awarded to all murderers except the insane, for the following reason. If one person kills another and is executed, it ensures that nobody else will ever become his victim, the natural consequence of this being the instillation of a feeling of security into society. The knowledge that most murderers are awarded a mere ten or fifteen years' sentence is of growing concern to the public, particularly in view of the increasing numbers of child-murders.

Today, only nineteen per cent. of Britain's population supports the abolition of Capital Punishment. In 1938, the figure stood at forty per cent. The reformers have, in fact, failed to inspire confidence in their alternative methods.

An argument often used by the abolitionists is that an innocent man could be hanged. However, as the British Law points out: "A man is innocent until he is proved guilty," and so thorough is the "proving," that one can say that such a possibility is very remote. But not so remote is the possibility of there being a second innocent victim of a released murderer.

THE CASE AGAINST BY A. B. MILNER (Lr. 6 Sc. Y)

Who has the right to say whether or not a man should die? No-one has that supreme right.

Two hundred years ago a man could be executed for stealing anything over the value of one-and-six, but the victims of these thefts would swear they had been robbed of only one-and-five, thus saving the thief from death—this was the attitude of the majority of the people to the death penalty even then.

The Old Testament of the Bible says "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But it also says "Thou shalt not kill" and "Turn the other cheek" so the Bible provides us with no reason to continue our barbaric system of removing undesirables from our society.

To a potential murderer the death sentence is no deterrent. When he plans to "Take human life with premeditated malice" he rarely has thought of being caught and punished. And if he had thought of being punished surely the greater deterrent to this person, who is after all mentally deranged, would be the threat of spending the rest of his days in a cell? This treatment could be given to the "obviously sane" (if murderers may be classed as sane). The rest, the really unbalanced cases should be locked away in an asylum where they may eventually be cured of their mental illness.

How does the law know they are hanging the right man unless he breaks down and confesses? They don't. There are cases of convicted men pleading their innocence to the very gallows only to be proven innocent when the law has claimed its pound of flesh.

Hanging is, I believe, a very quick painless death. Who then is the sufferer? Certainly not the hanged man, the corpse, which is by now beyond the reach of pain. His family are the ones who suffer. I hope the judges are proud of all the innocent hearts they must have broken, of all the innocent lives they have certainly ruined, and of all the misery and grief they cause.

People who think hanging is a good thing, who applaud the hangman and call him a "stout fellow" are themselves little or no better than the murderer they detest. In their minds they are glad to see the man die. Why, those self-righteous, heartless people are worse than the mass murderers of World War II, except that it is the mass murdering the one instead of the one murdering the mass.

Everyone on earth, like it or not, through his own ill-luck at being a member of a barbaric society, is nothing less than a killer so long as the State approves of official murder. It is every body's birthright to live as long as he can—his natural instincts are those of self-preservation. Why, therefore, take away from him his right to live because he has made mistakes in a fit of madness? Kill his freedom if you must but for God's sake don't put yourselves and your children in fear of eternal damnation by killing his body.

"Judge not that ye be not judged."

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

It is now hoped to publish each term in the "Red Rose" reviews of a selection of the most popular new library books. These are the first of such reviews and have been written by boys throughout the school; all the books mentioned having been added to the library during the past school year.

BORN FREE

Joy Adamson

The story of Elsa the lioness as told in "Born Free" is certainly one of the most remarkable animal stories, of either fact or fiction, ever written. It charts the gradual development of Elsa from a tame cub, unable to fend for herself, to a mature and fully competent lioness. Written in a very simple style, "Born Free" is extremely easy to read and is free from any of the technical devices which so often confuse the ordinary reader. One of the most outstanding features of this work is the very high quality of the hundred or so photographs which are used to illustrate the story. Without these photographs one would find the book difficult to believe and dismiss much of it as pure exaggeration; the photographs, however, present a complete picture-history of the growth and development of Elsa, thus making the story even more incredible and hence all the more enjoyable.

Possibly the only criticism that could be levelled against "Born Free" is the sometimes tedious repetition of 'Elsa did this, then Elsa did that'. This is, however, only a very minor fault and does not mar the reader's enjoyment of this otherwise excellent work—a most welcome addition to the School Library. G.B.

THE GUNS OF NAVARONE

Alistair Maclean

"The Guns of Navarone" relates the unforgettable story of how five allied troops saved twelve hundred British soldiers trapped on the island of Kheros off the Turkish coast. This may sound a little incredible, but throughout the book our interest is so immersed in the story that we are willing to accept everything as feasible. Suspense is maintained since it was impossible to rescue the soldiers until the guns of Navarone were silenced. The portrait of Captain Keith Mallory of New Zealand, the leader of the party, is excellently done, and the leader is as relieved as he is when, after many daring escapades, the mission is successfully accomplished. Alistair Maclean tells the story vividly and there are many excellent descriptive passages. When reading it one is little surprised that a film has been made from this book. It is a fast-moving tale and the thrilling excitement holds the reader's attention just as it did in Maclean's other success "Ulysses". Even the title of this novel conveys some of the suppressed tension which is felt by the troops in attempting to silence the guns. This is perhaps the best of all Maclean's books. J.C.

A HISTORY OF SOUTHPORT

F. A. Bailey

This book, long enough to cover the evolution of Southport in some detail, and short enough and sufficiently well-written to maintain interest to the end, is a worthy addition to the Library. It gives a fairly balanced picture of the growth of Southport from the little hamlet around William Sutton's 'South Port Hotel' to the well laid out seaside and residential resort of to-day. The judgments, on the whole, will please the historian, especially the destruction of the myth that Sutton 'founded' Southport. The narrative is entertaining and will please the most fastidious reader. Two criticisms only can be levelled: Mr. Bailey has used as evidence newspaper reports and the views of visitors, and seems to neglect the administrative documents which must exist, and which will surely present a more accurate, if less entertaining picture of Southport in the past. Mr. Bailey also dismisses the outer areas of Southport without much consideration. North Meols receives a brief introductory chapter, and Birkdale and Ainsdale are treated only near the end. Southport, in most of the book, might appear to be co-terminous with Lord Street. A.F.K.

THE HIDDEN PERSUADERS

Vance Packard

This is the first of Mr. Packard's series on conditions in contemporary society and deals with the application of motivational research to advertising, and the means by which advertisers play on the consumers' subconscious reactions to sell their products. The author's catalogue-style and detailed narrative make the discovery and application of the consumers' desires seem child's play—which makes the book all the more frightening since this practice is in deadly earnest; to use the author's own words, "we move from the genial world of Thurber into the chilling world of Orwell." At the beginning and again at the end of this book Packard stresses the fact that he takes the side of humanity against the misuse of this practice and the treatment of Man as a consuming machine, and against the threat to democracy in the application of such subconscious influences to politics, especially to election campaigns. The attraction of the book is its frightening truth and its presentation of ourselves as puppets while the advertisers pull the strings. Everyone should read this book, since no one is immune from such psychological attacks. T.J.

ICI PARIS

W. J. Strachan

In many ways this is a very interesting book. Let me say at once that although it is in French no one should let this fact deter him from delving into it. Much of it can be easily understood by anybody with a knowledge of elementary French; to help such readers it has two redeeming features. (a) It gives the meanings of difficult French words in English at the foot of the page and (b) There is a very full vocabulary at the back of the book. It is, of course, far more interesting if you have been to Paris, but even for those who have not been so fortunate it brings in 'a breath of French air.' All the descriptions in it are well drawn and sufficiently evocative to suit all tastes. Here is a book which will not only improve one's French and one's Geography at the same time, but which will entertain even the most disgruntled text-book hater—it is well worth reading. M.A.E.

MOUNTAINEERING IN SCOTLAND

W. H. Murray

This book, which was written on scraps of paper while the author was a prisoner of war in Germany, is of interest to climbers and to non-climbers alike for it deals with all aspects of mountaineering in an interesting and stimulating manner. It should be very interesting for anyone intending to take up climbing as a serious sport. The author has been actively concerned with moun-

taineering and the book deals fully with rock, snow and ice climbing on the great cliffs, ridges and gullies of the Scottish mountains. The climbs described are mostly of a very high standard technically and include several first ascents made by the author in 1937—1938. An unusual and vivid feature of the book is the huge amount of space devoted to winter climbing. The book is illustrated with several impressive photographs and does not, like many others, treat British climbing as mere training for the Alps, but as an end in itself. The author succeeds many times in explaining what it is that attracts him to this particular sport, instilling many of his feelings of pride and satisfaction into the reader.

M.W.

SURVEY

Who are the Sixth Form? What are they like? What do they do in their spare time? Do they take their girl friend to the cinema once a week or do they sit at home alone and watch Maverick? Do they all spend hour after hour in local coffee bars, smoking their tenth cigarette of the day as they thumb over the pages of Dennis Wheatley? Do they go to church? Do they regularly read a newspaper? Do they even do some private study at home? And what do they want to do when they leave school? It was the answers to these and many other questions that the "Red Rose" wanted to find out. So the Sixth form were given a questionnaire. Most of them showed at once, by taking the whole thing seriously, that the majority of the members of the Sixth Form are sensible, responsible people—a fact which came as a surprise to some of us. Here are some of our other findings.

The Upper VIth, on average, do 14½ hours of private study at home per week, some five hours more than the Lower VIth who average 9½ hours. However, all boys go to bed at about the same time: 10-50 p.m. (U6) and 10-45 p.m. (L6). Probably because they do more private study, members of the Upper VIth go out less per week than the members of the Lower VIth (U6 av. 2¼ outings per week: L6 av. 3), but during these outings the Upper VIth manage to spend more per head on themselves and their friends than do the Lower VIth (U6 9s. 8d. av.: L6 8s. 2d.). The most money that any boy spends on himself is £2 (U6) while two boys claim to spend nothing at all.

Some of K.G.V. VIth form pocket money is spent in the coffee bar. The Upper VIth spend an average of 1 hour 23 minutes in a coffee bar—twenty minutes more than the VIth Lower (av. 1 hr. 3 mins). But coffee bar entertainment is relatively cheap; one cup of coffee drunk very slowly can last an exceptionally long time and the gentlemen with less money (i.e. the L6) can somehow afford to go to the cinema twice as often as their seniors. However, the Upper VIth smoke more than the Lower VIth (30 per cent U6 regular smokers: 27 per cent L6 regular smokers:

Modern VIth 38 per cent contains more regular smokers than Science VIth 27 per cent) although their average daily consumption (1.8 cigs. per day) is less than that of the average daily consumption of the regular smoker in the Lower VIth (2). Six boys in U6 smoke more than ten cigarettes per day; three boys in L6.

As well as in the coffee bars VIth Form boys spend varying amounts of time at the cinema, the theatre, the concert hall and football grounds. The average number of films seen per term by each boy in L6 is 3.5 and in the U6 1.5. The Modernists go to the cinema more than twice as often as the Scientists (4.2 visits compared with 2.0). Playgoing is not so popular (L6 0.46 visits per term: U6 0.61 visits; whilst the Modernists see an average of three plays to the Scientists one). Football (soccer) is fairly popular throughout the VIth Form; an average of five visits being made by every boy throughout the season, but again, as in so many things, the Modernists is the more ardent "fan". Not one boy in the whole VIth Form sees an opera regularly once a term: a reflection not on the VIth Form but on the opportunities offered by Southport.

Girl friends! In L6 27 per cent of the boys have a "regular" girl friend. In U6 the percentage is greater (39 per cent). Scientists (32 per cent of them) have more "regular" girl-friends than the Modernists (21 per cent). Why the difference? Do the Scientists have more time, more money, more interest or more tact? However, whatever the answer to that one, it is firmly established that girl-friends can be an expensive hobby. In the L6 average money spent per week by a boy without a regular girl friend is 9s. 2d., but with a regular girl friend it is 10s. 2d. In the U6, without a regular girl friend, 8s. 7d. but with r.g.f. 11s. 11d. Only in the Scholarship forms are the girls badly off (without r.g.f. 8s. 10d., with r.g.f. 6s. 4d.). The girl with a scientist as boy friend is worse off than if she has a boy doing an arts subject. Scientists, with the acquisition of a girl friend, increase their expenditure from 8s. 6d. to 9s. 9d. per week, whilst the Modernists increase from 9s. 8½d. to 13s. 4d. From this it seems that the Scientist's girl friend has only 1s. 3d. spent on her, the price of a coffee and bus fare to town, whilst the artist's girl friend receives her bus fare and a seat at the pictures. In individual forms strange results occurred. In U6ScSch, on the acquisition of r.g.f., expenditure drops from 10s. 6d. per week to 6s. 4d. Why? Similarly, in L6ScB expenditure drops from 10s. 5d. to 7s. 6d. But in L6ScX and Y girl friends receive an extra six shillings.

About half the members of the VIth Form regularly attend a place of worship (L6 56 per cent: U6 39 per cent: Schol.6 70 per cent: Mod. 6 38 per cent: Sci.6 54 per cent). Note that the Modern

Vith is more sceptical than the Science Vith. Note, too, how faith increases when university scholarship examinations are being taken! More than half the members of the Vith Form are members of a Youth Organisation (L6 78 per cent: U6 51 per cent: Schol.6 55 per cent; Mod.6 61 per cent; Science6 58 per cent).

Television! Comparatively speaking, the time spent in watching television is low (U6; I.T.A. 3 hrs. 10 mins. per boy per week: B.B.C. 2 hrs. 50 mins.: L6; I.T.A. 3 hrs. 30 mins.: B.B.C. 3 hrs. 10 mins). However, in L6 48 per cent of the boys watch mainly light hearted programmes and only 13 per cent watch mainly serious programmes. In U6 the ratio is 38 per cent to 20 per cent. Very few boys, about 10 per cent, watch no programmes at all. The "Red Rose" Oscar as favourite entertainer went, in L6, to Anthony Hancock, Esq., but in U6 it went to Peter Sellers. The Schol. forms couldn't make up their minds between A. Hancock and B. Bardot.

The Vith Form at K.G.V. are not great readers of serious novels. The Schol. Vith with less spare time than most manage to get through an average of two serious novels each per term. L6 and U6 manage an average of 0.9 between them. Vith Modern read 1.7 serious novels per term and the Scientists 0.8—we assume that all of the latter can, in fact, read. Top of the "Red Rose" serious author "Hit Parade" is John Steinbeck. Other writers well placed were Nevil Shute (Serious?); H. G. Wells; D. H. Lawrence; Dennis Wheatley (although the questionnaire specifically stated that he was not to be regarded as serious); and, surprisingly, Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy and Aldous Huxley. The committee watch with interest the progress of new-comer W. Shakespeare who, at number eleven, is steadily making his way up the charts.

Only 9 per cent of the boys in the Vith Form do not read a daily newspaper. The others read as follows: L6, Daily Express 35 per cent: Daily Mail 31 per cent: Guardian 11 per cent: Daily Telegraph 9 per cent: Times 5 per cent: Daily Mirror 4 per cent: Daily Post 4 per cent. Note that 72 per cent of the papers read by the L6 belong to the popular press. U6, Express 46 per cent: Guardian 30 per cent: Mail 28 per cent: Telegraph 17 per cent: Times 6 per cent: Dailey Post 4 per cent: Mirror 3 per cent: Sporting Chronicle 3 per cent. Popular press read by U6 is 58 per cent. The most popular paper amongst the Scientists is the Daily Express (39 per cent read it), but with the Modernists it is the Daily Mail (78 per cent). Popular papers are equally popular on Sunday. Figures: L6, Express 45 per cent: Times 26 per cent: Observer 20 per cent: News of the World 13 per cent: People 11 per cent: Dispatch 8 per cent: Pictorial 4 per cent (do you read or look at the Pic.?): Telegraph 4 per cent. 11 per cent of the boys read no Sunday paper. U6, Express 41 per cent: People 23 per

cent: Observer 21 per cent: Times 20 per cent: Telegraph 10 per cent: Dispatch 6 per cent: News of the World 6 per cent: Pictorial 3 per cent. 9 per cent of the boys read no Sunday newspaper. The most popular paper with the Scientists and the Modernists is the Sunday Express (47 per cent and 48 per cent). The popular Sunday papers have a greater following amongst Scientists than Modernists. One boy in U6 School says he reads the Sunday Graphic which is out of print. Perhaps he is working too hard?

Quite a number of boys have part-time jobs (L6 39 per cent: U6 25 per cent) but comparatively few have passed a driving test (L6 13 per cent: U6 24 per cent) and even fewer own a car or a motor-bike (L6 11 per cent: U6 9 per cent).

There were fifty-one different answers to the question "What is your favourite pastime?" The most frequent reply was "Sport" (12 per cent of the whole Vith form gave this reply) but the most frequent specific answers were "Cycling" (8 per cent); "Music" (8 per cent); "Tennis" (6 per cent); "Snooker" (6 per cent); "Girl Friends" (5 per cent); and "Cricket" (5 per cent). Less popular pastimes included "Cornet playing"; "Parties"; "Walking"; "Meeting People"; "Foreign Affairs"; "Drinking" and "Working".

Finally, careers! What do the members of the Vith Form want to do (and not do) when they leave school and university? 11 per cent of the Vith Form want to become teachers; 19 per cent do not. Teaching has obviously aroused considerable feeling one way or the other. Popular careers include Medicine (14 per cent); Industrial Chemistry (6 per cent); Engineering (6 per cent); Civil Engineering (5 per cent); Dentistry; Electrical Engineering; Biochemistry; Civil Service; Law; (all 3 per cent). 12 per cent of the boys are still undecided about their future career. The most unpopular careers include Office Work (25 per cent); Refuse Collecting (6 per cent); Medicine (5 per cent); and the Church (3 per cent). One gentleman stated that he didn't mind what job he had as long as it gave him a good wage. He will certainly need that wage as he also stated that he spent an average of £2 per week on himself.

Well, there it is! This is YOU, the K.G.V. Sixth Form.

The committee would like to thank those members of staff who co-operated in issuing and collecting the questionnaires and to Mr. Norris and those members of L6 Sc., who did the statistical analysis.

SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM ON PAGE 49

The station was HILLSIDE.

Imagine being at the station as a train is just leaving for Southport. You know that the next train for Southport will be in 20 minutes time, but some time before then there will be a train

for Liverpool, and it is unlikely that that train will come just half-way between the two Southport trains. Suppose it comes two minutes after the Southport train; then it has split the time up into two portions, one of two minutes and one of 18 minutes. The man is far more likely to arrive during the longer period than the shorter, since his arrival time is random, in which case the first train he sees will be headed for Southport. With the figures above he will see a Southport train 18 times out of 20. But the actual figures give 19 out of 20. The station must therefore be one where a train leaves for Liverpool one minute after each train for Southport. Only at Hillside does this occur with departures for Southport at 3, 23 and 43 minutes past the hour, and for Liverpool at 4, 24 and 44 minutes past.

APOLOGY

The Editors regret that the poem entitled "The Abominable Snowman," which appeared in our edition last term, was not original. It had already been published as a reader's contribution to a boys' magazine.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

- Rev. D. Blundell (Ev) (44-48) has been appointed curate at Emmanuel Church, Fazakerley, Liverpool.
- D. L. Booth (R) (49-55) B.D.S. final exam. Part 2, Liverpool.
- R. Diggle (R) (41-46) technician at Shell Oil refinery at Lulau Bukoun, Near Singapore.
- Dr. Ellis Gruber (W) (36-42) has won a 200 dollar award from the Rochester Eye Bank and Research Society. Dr. Gruber is an ophthalmic surgeon in Rochester, New York, and is a lecturer at Strong Memorial Hospital and honorary surgeon to Rochester School for the Deaf.
- Dr. Howard Lees (S) (27-35) has been appointed to the chair of microbiology at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.
- P. E. W. Marsh (R) (48-54) has passed the 2nd exam. in the Faculty of Medicine Course at Liverpool.
- J. F. D. Rimmer (L) (26-33) has been appointed Headmaster of Harlington Middlesex Secondary Modern School.
- R. S. Rubins (L) (47-54) has obtained his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Oxford University. For the past 3 years he has been engaged in research work on the magnetic properties of solids at low temperatures, at the Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford. He is doing a further year's research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Dr. Rowland Smith (L) (44-51) is employed by the Shell B.P. group of companies in New Zealand.

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