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*“Reading maketh a full man ; Conference a ready man ; Writing an exact man.”*

—BACON

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## EDITORIAL.

There is an “infinite variety” about the Spring Term which we find irresistibly attractive. It teems with activity—its possibilities are endless. It is the term in which the caprices of Fate and Nature seem to conspire against hapless administrators, for it is almost inevitable that some untoward happening should disrupt the carefully organized routine of school life. We find it recorded two years ago that an epidemic of influenza disorganized the Senior House Football Matches ; this term they disorganized themselves. What malicious spirit drove the opposing teams to a draw cannot, of course, be known, and in any case the eventuality of a replay is always provided for ; but when the teams, in reckless defiance of the law of averages, came to a second draw, the unhappy cross-country runners suddenly found themselves ruthlessly obliged to train for nearly another month, since the date imprudently fixed for their race was suddenly appropriated by harassed authority for the second replay.

But we are rash. “Unhappy” cross-country runners, did we say ? We must not assume that our teams are insensible to the charms of Hadley Woods, albeit these may be seen with a somewhat bespattered eye ; but it may perhaps be questioned whether the inhabitants of Hadley are wholly sensible of the charms of cross-country running, as the perspiring runners intrude once again on their calm Georgian atmosphere. However, they are indulgent if not sympathetic, and the main event, the inter-house race, is quickly reached and passed, when their wonted peace is soon restored.

Inter-house activity is indeed one of the chief characteristics of the term. Chess, Cross-Country, and Football, occupy most members of the School at one time or another. Harrison's House is now making its presence felt ; for the first time in the School's history has it been necessary to play a Preliminary Round before the Semi-Finals in the Junior House Matches.

As we look back over the term, how many and varied are the impressions that linger in the mind ! An established feature of any private study period now is the alarming sight of a lorry looming darkly over the windows, or the harsh clang of a telephone bell ; while the blithe singing of the workmen has become familiar wherever one may be in the School. At that most extravagant of School activities, the Hobbies Exhibition, the sight of an actual racing dinghy, complete with a mast, in the Hall, left one with the slightly hazy impression that either the boat was very big, or the Hall was much smaller than had been previously imagined. The stage underwent its annual transformation, and such apparitions as large flats of scenery walking miraculously round the School were common for some weeks. Might it be said of these that—

“We had the experience but missed the meaning” ?

Yet it is such that combine to make up the whimsical nature of the Spring Term.

We would like to offer our grateful thanks to Miss Cowing for her generous gift of five young ornamental trees, including a mountain ash and a silver birch, which, though at present practically invisible against the fence on the east side of Stapylton, will, in later years, greatly enhance the appearance of the front of the School ; and we must congratulate F. R. Jackaman on winning the Macloghlin Scholarship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

And thus, with the knowledge that the light and mercurial nature of the past three months is not to continue, let us close. Already the athletes have materialized on Stapylton, intent on physical fitness ; and, perhaps in them may be seen a portent of the rigorous discipline of the forthcoming Summer Term.

## A NEW SIDE-LIGHT ON SCHOOL HISTORY

The history of the School is, broadly speaking, complete; but the Governors' records, which are the main source, have long periods when they confine themselves to the business of the Endowments, and give us no hint of how the School was conducted, nor even of its charges. We are, therefore, grateful to the Headmaster of Apsley Grammar School for the following, which he came across in the *Sheffield Iris* of 1847:—"Advertisement: Queen Elizabeth's Royal Free Grammar School, Barnet, Herts., receives a limited number of boarders. At this school there are only seven foundation or free boys who attend as day scholars, and who do not at all interfere with the private pupils. Fees: 40 guineas."

For the present day reader this needs a little elucidation. Firstly, the note of snobbery is obvious, and reprehensible; but it must in justice be remembered that, at that date, the free, or "charity" pupil was likely to be a pretty rough customer—indeed, the Governors' records of some twenty years earlier give good evidence of this. Secondly, the salary that the Headmaster received for taking these boys into the School was a mere pittance, and his living was to come from the fact that he had charge of the School buildings and could take boarding pupils at whatever fees he could get. Finally, the fee of forty guineas, though not that of the more expensive schools, was no cheap one; many schools of quite good repute were charging less.

The further interest of this notice, however, lies in our knowledge that an almost identical paragraph fired the wrath of no less a person than Charles Dickens, who wrote:—"A Free Grammar-School master advertises the free boys as of no consequence at all! To be sure, you say—an every-day occurrence. So it is." Dickens chose to ignore the fact that the schoolmaster's salary for taking the "free boys" was so minute that he would not have been able to give them any schooling at all, had he not been able to draw his maintenance from the fees of the boarding pupils, who were thus really responsible for the education of the "free boys." Dickens' hatred of schoolmasters, due to his own unfortunate experiences as a boy, was almost an obsession. When he drew an evil Jew in Fagin, he drew a good one in Riah, as a sort of apology; but he drew no apology for Squeers or Creakle. At any rate,

as Editor of the magazine *Household Words*, he sent one of his investigators, one Henry Morley, later Professor of English at University College, London, to our School, and the result is a sharply satirical article in the issue of November 15th, 1851, entitled "A Free (and Easy) School." There is a copy of this article in the Library.

It takes the form of an account of a visit paid to "Queen Elizabeth's Royal Free Grammar School, at Thistle-down" (probably suggested by Lyonsdown, which was, at that time, the name of the district round New Barnet Station, where Morley alighted). The Headmaster, who was actually one Dr. Cox, is described most unfavourably under the name of "Dr. Laon Blose":—"A large man, with a pasty face . . . which has almost the complexion of an apple pudding; black hair mats over it untidily . . . he still wears last Sunday's linen." (Dickens and Morley must have known that this would have been true of ninety per cent. of the then middle classes). "He is stout, but every limb betrays his laxity of fibre; his coat is fluffy; his hands are unclean. He evidently lives in an unwholesome atmosphere."

Like other such reformers, Dickens and Morley kept clear of actual libel by giving the School an anonymous geographical situation, but yet leaving no doubt as to the victim of their satire. In this case, however, their attack was unfair, since Dr. Cox, though quite possibly unlovely and unlovable, was yet trying hard to raise the School from the low state into which the laxity of generations of Governors had allowed it to fall. The article was unjust, but it cost Dr. Cox his post. Dickens had the grace to realise that he had done unfair harm, however, and it is said that he used his influence to obtain for Cox the headmastership of Dulwich College Grammar School—and if this is true, it shows the hypocrisy of either Dickens or his article. Perhaps because he failed in his new post, or more probably because he became too old to teach and had no pension, Cox died as a "poor brother" in Dulwich College almshouses.

But it is of interest to hear of an advertisement for the School in a northern publication of a hundred years ago, and we are grateful to the Headmaster of Apsley for giving us a further link with our past.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

### "LE MISANTHROPE" OF MOLIÈRE

On December 6th of last year, a party went to see "Le Misanthrope" played by the "Compagnie Madeleine Renaud—Jean-Louis Barrault" at the Palace Theatre.

This company was, at the most, only a name to the majority of those in the party, and we went with pæans of praise ringing in our ears to such an extent that a reviewer has a difficult task in deciding how to deal with the play in the best possible way in the space available.

Monsieur Barrault, as the misanthrope *Alceste*, with a forceful and lively performance, brought into being a colourful character, which completely altered any conception we had formed of *Alceste* from the printed page; here was a man able to see the follies and vices of society, and living amongst them, still able to avoid their taint. The portrayal was, indeed, so good, that any linguistic difficulties were overcome, and one rather surprising truth was revealed: a misanthrope must have a certain innocence of the world.

Mademoiselle Renaud, as the coquettish *Celimene*, was suitably charming and graceful, full of wit, brittle yet

searching, and, in fact, she was exactly what the part required; even the discrepancy between her actual age and that of Molière's character was concealed by the brilliance of her acting.

Of the minor parts, all well played, three stand out: *Acaste*, a foppish marquis, whose laugh was used to great effect throughout the play, especially at the rise of the curtain on Act III; *Oronte*, whose corpulent grace was played in the most beautifully elephantine manner, and *Arsinoe*, a pale harpy bringing gossip in the name of friendship.

The general production was first-rate, and the players, when not speaking, sustained the atmosphere brilliantly by their facial expressions. The décor was monochromatic, and conveyed the atmosphere of the period with the effect of a print, carrying with it a certain oddly pleasing touch of surrealism.

Indeed, French without tears.

P. E. HEMMINGS, Up. VI. L.

### "CARPE PRIDIEM"

Yearning for loves long lost,  
Sipping sweet sorrow,  
Half-seeing happiness  
Marred by the morrow,

Man lives in hopefulness,  
Presuming pleasure,  
Counting on ecstasy  
Beyond all measure.

Joy comes in retrospect,  
 Quietly recalling  
 All that we've been and done—  
 Nature's own schooling.

Seek then, Humanity,  
 Condemned to sorrow!  
 Pleasures of yesterday,  
 Heed not tomorrow!

M. J. TOMKINSON, Up. VI. L.

## SMOKE

On the roof of a suburban house, a chimney stands;  
 And from the chimney smoke emerges, strands  
 Of grey smoke, rising—  
 Rising peacefully, gracefully, caring never for the world of  
 care below,

Hurrying never for the hurried world down there, below;  
 A world of contrast to the untroubled smoke,  
 A world of rushing, scheming, and surprising;  
 Smoke has no need to rush, no cause to scheme,  
 Content, tranquillity comprise its theme;  
 And ever strands of grey smoke, rising.

At dizzy height, in fuzzy air, a funnel  
 Stands, and to the demon smoke, a tunnel,

Before it finds itself in open air,  
 Ready to mark its black mark on the unknowing;  
 Diseases, never kindnesses, bestowing;  
 Remorseless to the world, that same tired world of woe and  
 care.

The people, simple factory workers, never understanding  
 Just how much the demon smoke of their own making  
 Can bring disease upon a world forsaking  
 Hygiene and health for greater efficiency, world competition,  
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Their own country in prosperity, showing less  
 Of themselves in need so dire,  
 Themselves left floundering in their own disease, the mire  
 Of their tragic misconception and their ignorance.

D. J. TAYLOR, 4A.

## A FOREST FIRE

Over dry grasses,  
 Towards the trees  
 The fire fiercely passes  
 With the breeze.

Reaching the thicket,  
 On the flames swept;  
 Upward to lick it  
 Madly they leapt.

Oak and tall timber  
 Scorch and shiver;  
 But the fire dies  
 At the river.

Gorse, furze, and bracken  
 Found in their way  
 Flare up and blacken  
 And shrivel away.

Jays and squirrels  
 Screech and chatter,  
 In the smoke  
 The creatures scatter.

R. P. C. JONES, 1C.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS

*Prefects*: R. E. Beacham (*Captain*), B. S. Smedley (*Lieutenant*), N. C. Roethenbaugh, A. M. Berrett,\* J. W. Hickman.\*

*Sub-Prefects*: W. J. Filer, E. H. Spash, B. H. T. Gilbert, G. D. Scott, A. J. Tribe, J. M. A. Berney, R. A. Albon,\* F. R. Jackaman,\* T. B. Jones,\* R. D. Sinclair,\* G. R. Lock,\* G. R. Thomas.\*

*Captain of Athletics*: R. E. Beacham.

*Captain of Cross-Country Running*: R. E. Beacham.

*Keeper of the Fives Court*: P. E. Hart.

*Captain of Chess*: R. A. Riley.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEES

*"Elizabethan" Committee*: M. A. Spence (*Editor*), Mr. Cocks, A. M. Berrett, J. M. A. Berney, R. Peck, R. D. Sinclair, M. J. Tomkinson, M. J. Nicol.

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*Games Club Committee*: The Headmaster (*President*), Mr. Woodland, Mr. Winter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Timson, Mr. Shearly, A. J. Tribe (*Secretary*), R. E. Beacham (*Asst. Secretary*), J. W. Hickman (*Asst. Treasurer*), B. S.

Smedley, G. R. Lock.\*

*Chess Club Committee*: Mr. Woodland (*President*), Mr. Timson, Mr. Wingfield, I. Jessel (*Secretary*), R. A. Riley, B. S. Smedley, R. Peck, A. M. Berrett, R. D. Hinshelwood.  
 \* Appointed since last issue.

### VALETE

*Upper VI Language*: J. D. Williamson (1951. *2nd XI Colours*, 1956).

*Upper VI Science*: G. R. Wuidart (1950).

*Lower VI Classics*: B. S. Donegan (1951).

*Lower VI Language*: C. R. Day (1950); R. V. Stanley (1952. *2nd XI Colours*, 1956).

*Transition X Arts*: A. T. Hider (1953).

5A: D. O. Hall (1952); J. F. Lewis (1953).

5B: D. J. Lowe (1953).

3: B. A. Mitchell (1954).

2C: G. C. Bagshaw (1954).

1A: A. R. C. Askew (1955); A. V. Pearson (1956).

### POWELL-DAVIS PRIZE

The prize for last term was awarded to B. S. Smedley.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

*Next Term begins*: May 2nd.

*Half-Term*: June 10th.

*Founder's Day*: June 15th.

*Term Ends*: July 31st.

## LIBRARY NOTES

The general attitude to the Library seems to have improved considerably this term. For, although it is often left in an untidy state, this is, to some extent, excused by the lack of space; and it is gratifying to see that more boys are borrowing more books.

Magazines make a popular form of reading, and, while it is good to see boys thumbing over back numbers of *Punch*, there are other magazines. The serious periodicals, *The Listener*, *The Economist*, *The Twentieth Century*—all seem to be too much neglected. Yet they should appeal



particularly to the Sixth Form, which must inevitably find them of considerable value. There are also magazines such as *Country Life* and *Hertfordshire Countryside*, which ought to attract the general "browser."

The Hobbies Exhibition display was given over to the Novel in its varying forms, from *The Castle of Otranto* to *The Forsyte Saga*.

Among the 165 books added to the Library stock this term, there were many obtained from the collection of the

late Rector of Shenley, through the generosity of his widow, Mrs. G. B. Carlisle. We would also like to thank R. V. Schulze, who came up to school in the Baden-Powell centenary week especially to present us with *Scouting for Boys*. Other donors have been the Librarian, Mr. Crofts, Mr. Smith, Mr. Woodland, Mr. Finnett, Mr. Wingfield, Mr. J. L. M. White, Mr. F. W. Jefferies (O.E.), Dr. C. Bibby, Mr. Halden Evans, and the Middle School, to all of whom, and also to P. B. Sanders, D. W. Harwood, and M. J. Pratt, who gave leaving gifts, we are sincerely grateful.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert was held on December 17th. It took the form of a *concert intime* in School hours to an audience of the whole School (who also sang some carols and Christmas hymns). The orchestra played the Allegro and Minuet from Handel's Fire Music and the Gavotte and Bourrée from Bach's Suite No. 3 in D. The conductor was R. A. Albon, who kept a steady beat; but the intonation of the strings was often woefully at fault. J. M. Bibby (recorder) and K. E. J. Wiseman (pianoforte) played a pleasant little Sonata by J. Hook; and J. M. Kolbert, accompanied by D. J. Taylor, demonstrated his increasing skill in phrasing and interpretation in a Saltarello for flute and pianoforte by Edward German. Taylor was the soloist

in the Scherzo from Litolff's Piano Concerto. This popular piece was deftly performed by the pianist, and he also seemed to inspire the Orchestra to a higher degree of accuracy than before. The Choir, conducted by the Headmaster, sang three part-songs, respectively by Purcell, Elgar and Sullivan, and a Carol Sequence, arranged by Philip Hattey. The soloists in the last-named item were: Mr. Cocks, Taylor, and J. D. Holloway. Pitch was maintained fairly well (except in one passage in the Sullivan), and, although the altos were weak, the tone was pleasant. Altogether it was an agreeable concert, the more so because no outside help of any kind was necessary.

## "ANDROCLES AND THE LION"

BY BERNARD SHAW

CHARACTERS	
LION .. .. .	M. T. Jack
MEGAERA .. .. .	T. E. Carroll
ANDROCLES .. .. .	A. R. P. Phipps
CENTURION .. .. .	E. H. Spash
LAVINIA .. .. .	G. L. Horner
OTHER CHRISTIANS .. .. .	P. E. Hemmings, M. M. Small, P. C. Aston, J. H. C. Edwards
CAPTAIN .. .. .	P. J. Hambly
LENTULUS .. .. .	N. J. Gilson
METELLUS .. .. .	R. J. Taylor
FEROVIUS .. .. .	A. Hutt
SPINTHO .. .. .	J. G. N. Blaxall
OX-DRIVER .. .. .	T. B. Jones
CALL-BOY .. .. .	B. J. McCash
RETIARIUS .. .. .	B. S. Smedley
SECUTOR .. .. .	J. W. Hickman
EDITOR OF GLADIATORS .. .. .	B. S. Smith
MENAGERIE KEEPER .. .. .	A. M. Berrett
EMPEROR .. .. .	R. D. Sinclair
SLAVE DRIVER .. .. .	T. B. Jones
SOLDIERS .. .. .	F. R. Jackaman, W. J. Filer, T. A. Gibbs, G. R. Lock, C. C. Carpenter, I. B. Sherlock

finds some of his witticisms in rather poor taste and is intermittently irritated by the fact that the author often misses the point, the biggest point in the world. Happily it contains more action and rather less lengthy dialogue than most of Shaw's plays, so that it is interesting to watch. Also it ends with some harmless horseplay, which even the dullest boy (or critic) can enjoy.

The acting was, on the whole, good. Phipps made a most delightful *Androcles* and was perfectly in character as the meek man with his own firm principles. Jack (whose performance as *Morag* in "Mr. Bolfry" is still gratefully remembered) was a capital *Lion*, both in mime and in utterance, and his scenes provided pure and delightful comedy. Hutt was consistently sound as *Ferrovius* and never let his part degenerate into farce. His remorseful scene was particularly well done. Sinclair was suitably authoritative as the *Emperor*. Here was a man who was accustomed to being obeyed and who had no need to shout. This should also, have been true, on his own lower level, of the *Centurion*: but Spash rather overdid things. Horner kept going very well as *Lavinia*, although a little more vocal variety would have been welcome. The only real weakness among the leading parts was Hambly's *Captain*, who was much too soft-spoken and lackadaisical. The minor players (with two or three exceptions) reached a high level of competence. First among these was Carroll, who gave an excellent performance as *Megaera*. This woman is one of the least attractive of her sex, and Carroll gave us every ounce of her nagging unreasonableness; so much so, indeed, that the Prologue was the best acted section of the whole play. Blaxall, somewhat hampered by a curious costume, effectively portrayed the febrile neuroticism of *Spintho*, and Smedley firmly drew the lines of the sardonic and self-satisfied *Retiarius*.

The technicians very nearly reached their own superlative standards, but they lost some marks because of the poor lighting of the curtain-raiser. It is difficult to compute how much the Dramatic Society owes to Mr. Crofts for his smooth efficiency, and he has increased the sum of indebtedness by composing some agreeable incidental music to the main play. Mr. Purchas' small cohort of scene-painters also did their work well. Mr. Whiteley's expert knowledge of ancient Rome ensured the accuracy of the costumes (but are not pectoral crosses anachronistic?), and the make-up artists not only made few mistakes, but also positively enhanced the manly beauty of most of the soldiers and gladiators.

## "THE DARK LADY OF THE SONNETS"

BY BERNARD SHAW

CHARACTERS	
BEEFEATER .. .. .	M. P. Kehoe
WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR .. .. .	M. A. Spence
QUEEN ELIZABETH .. .. .	R. W. H. Davies
THE DARK LADY .. .. .	C. R. Brand

Stage Manager, Mr. Crofts, assisted by G. R. Thomas; Business Manager, Mr. Alford, assisted by H. A. Frost and C. S. Aubury; Costume Supervisor, Mr. Whiteley; Make-up, Mr. Wingfield, assisted by S. G. Charkham and R. C. Harrison; Scenery constructed by R. G. Walker, assisted by R. L. Cairns and R. D. Hinshelwood, and painted by B. R. Salter, R. J. O'Connell and J. M. Bisby, under the direction of Mr. Purchas; Lighting and Sound Technicians, R. A. Albon, P. G. Hollins, G. R. Wuidart, and J. G. Ransome; Prompters, C. J. Akhurst, D. W. Graves, D. E. Guy, and M. E. Noble. Music to "Androcles" specially composed by Mr. Crofts.

On March 7th, 8th and 9th the Dramatic Society gave performances of "Androcles and the Lion" and "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets."

Of the curtain-raiser, little need be said. It is a rather poor joke which goes on too long and which serves to demonstrate Shaw's arrogance and his inability to foresee the creation of the Arts Council of Great Britain. Spence battled bravely with the tiresome part of *William Shakespear* (sic), but he had little support from the rest of the cast.

"Androcles and the Lion" is a play of a different order. Beneath its jokes it endeavours to deal with the various attitudes towards martyrdom that might be adopted by different types of Christians. Shaw admittedly wrote about Christianity from the outside, and the critic from the inside

To Mr. Covington is due the credit for having marshalled his forces both on and off the stage with such skill and for having inspired them to reach a good standard ; but he cannot escape a little adverse comment. Somehow the stage seemed much more crowded than usual and the cast to some extent were imprisoned in the scenery. More use, it might be suggested, could have been made of the apron

stage and a little more movement might have enlivened the duller parts of Act I. In general, however, the grouping was good, the exits were well contrived, and there was an air of drive and purpose that resulted in enjoyable performances.

One small mystery remains. What is the meaning of the letters P.Q.R.S. ?

## HOBBIES EXHIBITION 1957

The Hobbies Exhibition, which took place at the School on February 6th, proved to be a greater attraction than is normally the case.

The Railway Club really spread its wings this year by setting up two tracks instead of the usual one, their controls being carefully guarded from the fascinated visitors.

The musical entertainments played a large part in the success of the Exhibition, there being both "live" programmes and gramophone records. The School Orchestra gave two short, but well appreciated, concerts in the Hall, playing, amongst other items, Clifford Curzon's arrangement of the well-known Scherzo from Liszt's Piano Concerto, with D. J. Taylor as soloist. There was also a short jazz session, in which certain members of the School Orchestra played a prominent part, illustrating the wide range of musical interests of certain boys.

Unfortunately, few people seemed to appreciate the true value of the Library's exhibits ; this was particularly disappointing, since it contained many of the symbols of some of the School's most active organizations :—The Gramophone Society, the Christian Union, and the Elizabethan Union. Of particular interest were the minutes of the hundredth meeting of the last-named.

For the more athletic, there was a fine display of continuity exercises, and box work, by the Gym. Club, the younger members being particularly good.

The Science side gave its usual stout support to the Exhibition, all four laboratories having displays, and one must, of course, sympathize with the chemists who had the almost impossible task of keeping reactions going during long periods. There was a film show in the Physics Laboratory, together with various demonstrations.

Perhaps one of the most varied displays was that of the Aeromodelling Society, who presented models, pictures, and a film show.

A tape recorder was used in the Lecture Theatre, by the Play-Reading Society, to give a performance of "Passion, Poison and Petrification," a one act melodramatic farce by G. B. Shaw. The attraction of the nearby Laboratories proved disastrously great, however, and by those who did show a fleeting interest more attention was paid to the machine than the play itself.

There were also displays by the Scout and Outdoor Club, The Stamp Club, The Angling Society, The Dramatic Society, The Photographic Society, and an excellent show put on by the organizers of the Swiss visit.

## FOOTBALL

### RETROSPECT 1956-7

Perhaps the poor record of the First Fifteen will lead people to give some attention to what has been written in the *Elizabethan* at this time of the year, and on this page, on and off, for several seasons. In summary, it has been that, *by individual practice*, one can acquire swerve, dummy, and other arts that make for skilful running, one can perfect one's handling by picking up a rolling ball on the run, and one can learn to punt well with either foot, to drop-kick decently with, at least, one's better foot, and, in many cases to place-kick decently as well. In ordinary games, it has been urged that forwards should practice opening-out in a rush, to develop hand-passing or dribbling movements. We have not really practised these things ; our running was not skilful, our handling and most of our kicking were poor, and our forwards, for all their tigerish energy in the loose, were not clever ; nor, though good in the line-out, did they heel well from either loose or tight. Result : the First Fifteen won three matches and lost nine. We hasten to add, and with emphasis, that the team was cruelly unlucky in the matter of casualties. One of its best forwards was not available after the third match, its captain and scrum-half was crooked for the season in the fourth match, his fly followed him a match or so later, one wing was able to play less than half the games, and its vice-captain and several others were "out" for a match or two. Only five of the side played in all fixtures ; and only once was the side at full strength—and then it beat St. Albans. Had it continued at full strength, the results would certainly have been better, but, lacking the skill we have mentioned, the team would have been only an adequate rather than a good one.

The Second Fifteen won six matches and lost three and is to be congratulated—especially as, what with heavy calls from the First, and what with its own injuries, it was usually well below full strength. Nor does it blunt the congratulations that, for some reason, some of the opposition was not as strong as usual. The depleted side always had some determined individual runners, and, if combined movements were rare, the players played up gallantly. Yet they, too,

could have been more skilful in their technique.

The Third Fifteen, led by Hambly, won three matches and lost four. As they scored far more points than were scored against them, and as, too, calls from above reduced them, sometimes, to less than half-strength, they did well. Indeed, the way second and third teams held their own, though depleted, is a considerable tribute to our system of coaching, even though practice at the things we have mentioned would have made the Third, also, better than they were, and up to our best Thirds of past years.

The Colts triumphed, and equalled a record that cannot be surpassed, and was last achieved nearly twenty years ago—they won all their eight matches outright. Hearty congratulations, therefore. Behind a sound pack were a courageous little scrum-half in Griffiths and two likely attacking runners in Henderson and Bisby. The whole side probably knows that it has still much to learn *and* to practise ; but it certainly promises well for the future.

Some junior matches that were played also produced good results.

Therefore to sum up, despite the poor results in the First, and the bad luck, especially in that side, with crockings, the season was a good and successful one ; yet practice of certain essential things will make all the difference between success and failure in future years.

### FIRST FIFTEEN MATCH

v. OLD ELIZABETHANS (Past v. Present). On Stapylton. December 15th. Lost by 0-13.

For the first time this season, conditions were pretty bad—driving rain in a ground already soaked. It was a day when experience would tell ; the O.E.'s had some players who were both experienced and powerful, and they well deserved their win. Play was rarely in their half and they handled well on the whole, whereas the conditions were too much for poor Carpenter, so our threes had no chance. Our defence was pretty good, though the backs were a bit slow in turning and in thinking ; Lock did admirably and

the forwards played up stoutly, especially Smedley. There was no score at half-time, but soon afterwards some good running and passing by the O.E. three brought an excellent try; McCormack's slip-away made another and a third was a bit lucky in the bounce. Lewis converted two of these. The sheer weakness of our kicking, on a day when it mattered so much, was very marked.

*School*: G. R. Lock; W. J. Filer, K. S. Johnstone, J. W. Hickman, R. E. Beacham; C. C. Carpenter, H. W. Grimwade; B. S. Smedley, N. C. Roethenbaugh, P. G. Hollins, F. R. Jackaman, G. D. Scott, M. W. J. Swinn, C. J. Cook, R. D. Sinclair.

*Past*: J. H. Lewis; E. A. J. Buckhurst, P. J. Allen, R. K. Smith, P. V. Douglas; J. C. Wright, A. E. McCormack; R. M. Tiller, R. W. Bell, D. C. Newell, D. W. Christie, G. M. Christie, R. C. Cooper, J. R. L. Sherrington, B. L. Faulkner.

## THE SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The first round produced two keen and even matches that were also good, except that in both there was too much of that rather pointless tactic of kicking ahead instead of passing. Stapylton, although rather weaker than Underne, especially behind the scrum, followed the example of Scott and Cook forward, and played up splendidly. Territorially, they had as much of the game as their opponents, but they had not quite the pace and skill to score against more powerful backs, and had to be content with a penalty goal. For Underne, their First XV centres did not seem happy, and Jack rather overdid the kicking and the blind side. Longland, in the unusual position of wing, was much their best outside. But Johnstone got clean away in the first half to score under the posts, and Roethenbaugh later fought his way over for a try to make things certain.

In the other match, Broughton seemed to be the stronger, though their back division consisted almost entirely of wing three-quarters. Perhaps that explains some poor passing and a tendency for each to try to get too far on his own. As a result, their score was only two penalty goals, while Leicester, keeping the ball close where possible and kicking a good deal, managed to grab two tries in scrambling play near the line, and added a penalty to give them a 9-6 win.

The final produced an unexpected result. Underne seemed the stronger, preponderantly so among the backs; but it was only in the nick of time that they managed even to draw. Leicester quickly grabbed a "scrounger's" try by Swinn in a scramble on the line. Thereafter, Underne forwards almost monopolized the ball, and Gould gave a good service; but the errors of judgement and handling made by their First XV midfield triangle had to be seen to be believed. And with Leicester tirelessly on the ball, and Lock, at back, playing a fine game, they never looked like scoring. Only in the last second did Roethenbaugh manage to charge down Lock's kick; the ball came back quickly, was for once not dropped or muddled, and Johnstone scored, but could not convert. In a way this was rough on Leicester, but it could have been rough on the Underne pack had the day been lost.

For the replay, Stapylton was unplayable, so the match took place at Galley Lane, where conditions were pretty bad. Play followed the same lines as in the first match, save that Underne backs were in rather better form. That House had most of the game, and were, perhaps, a little unlucky not to win; but what with the conditions and with Lock's fine play at full-back, they could not cross the line and the result was another draw—at a penalty goal to each side.

The third playing of this match was lucky, in the sense of producing a result. Once again the venue had to be Galley Lane, and the conditions were poor. Once again play followed the same lines. Leicester won by the only score—a goal—Albon having used his pace to get to touch-down from a kick ahead by Thomas. This was rough on Roethenbaugh, who had both played and led the Underne side admirably; but once more his backs, apart from Longland and Gould, let him down and, instead of winning

the game with some ease, were unbelievably bad. For Leicester, Sinclair as well as Lock played well, and their team deserves credit for the tenacity which enabled it to win the Cup "against the book."

That five House matches should be played in which there was never more than one score between any two sides is a good thing; so, in a way, it was good that teams with players largely from lower teams should be able to hold sides with several of the First, and this *may* augur well for the future. But it was *not* good that, even allowing for conditions, the standard of back play should be deplorably low in everything, except, perhaps, defence.

## JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Harrisons having "grown up," there had for the first time to be a preliminary bye-round; and the draw made it Broughton v. Underne. On paper they seemed equal, but in fact the much superior team work of Underne brought them a comfortable win by four tries to nothing. Except for the last ten minutes, Underne were always in the Broughton half, and one of their tries, by Shore, after preliminary work in which Croft and Harris tackled a part, was first-class. There was some fairly good tackling and falling, but nearly all the kicking was deplorably poor.

In the semi-finals there were eleven scores; and the fact that nine of these were penalty goals gives the wrong impression of two keen and quite good games; but a mixture of excitement and ignorance did bring too many silly off-sides. In beautiful conditions all tried to play a proper outside game, but passes were just that bit lobbed, and running was just that bit across that enabled the defence to stop all movements. There was, too, overmuch excited snatching at the pass without the eye properly on the ball. Harrisons, making their first appearance as a House, lost 6-9 to Underne, who scored the only try—though a big effort by Henderson almost saved the game in the last minute. In the other match Leicester lost 6-14 to Stapylton, who also scored the only try, and a curious one.

The final, though *not* marked by penalty kicks, was otherwise disappointing, but both packs were ragged; the handling, in beautiful conditions, was just dire, and the running was invariably across field. Though Hume, for Stapylton, played the best game of the day, Underne deserved their win, for their pack was better together and kept them mostly on the attack. Their one score was a try, neatly taken by Sherrard from a blind-side opening by Croft.

## FIRST XV CHARACTERS

N. G. S. WATLING (*Captain, Colours* 1954-5-6). Really good, both as skipper and as scrum-half. Unluckily crooked most of the Autumn term, and left at Christmas.

B. S. SMEDLEY (*Vice-Captain, Colours* 1955-6-7). Led the depleted side in most matches and did it well. Not a great hooker, and rather slim and light; but in every other way is a class forward.

N. C. ROETHENBAUGH (*Colours* 1954-5-6-7). A powerful and experienced forward, always on the ball, and takes a lot of holding.

P. S. GUGENHEIM (*Colours* 1955-6). Another powerful and experienced forward; taken from us after three matches by an unexpectedly late admission as a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

J. W. HICKMAN (*Colours* 1954-5-6-7). Three-quarter with good defence, and strong running rather than fast. Our crockings brought him into the centre where he steadied a shaky line; the wing is his better place. Played for Hertfordshire Schools.

P. G. HOLLINS (*Colours* 1956-7). Hardworking and dashing forward, with more idea of passing and kicking than most of the pack.

F. R. JACKAMAN (*Colours* 1956-7). Hardworking young forward, who could improve his packing, handling and kicking, but has real promise.

G. R. LOCK (*Colours* 1956-7). Full back with courage and good technique, but handicapped by lack of pace and physical power. Made himself a pretty accurate place-kick at



moderate range. Played for Hertfordshire Schools.

G. D. SCOTT (*Colours* 1956-7). Deserved his colours for hard work in the front row and good defence. A bit clumsy in the loose.

M. W. J. SWINN (*Colours* 1956-7). Back-row forward, with a good turn of speed; with more experience it will carry him to the right place. Keen.

R. E. BEACHAM. Wing-three. Not fast, but fairly neat and slippery. Crooked for many matches.

C. C. CARPENTER. Centre-three, not fast, but with swerve and strong stride, though shaky with his hands. Our injuries obliged him to play at fly for several matches, where he did passably, though it is not naturally his place.

C. J. COOK. Tall forward, good in line-out and as dribbler. Not yet as useful in other branches of forward play, but has promise.

M. T. JACK. Inexperienced fly-half, with good hands and defence and reasonable kicking, keeps the game in shape. Should practice with his left foot, and to get more subtlety of running. Crooked for half the season.

K. S. JOHNSTONE. Centre-three, with pace and determination, but his play was inconsistent and his handling uncertain.

R. D. SINCLAIR. Came into the pack when Gugenheim left; at present confines himself to solid scrummaging and close rushing. Should get the finer points of forward play.

## SECOND XV CHARACTERS

J. L. LONGLAND (*Captain, Colours* 1956-7). Fly-half, fine kick with either foot and elusive runner who excelled against weaker opposition. Careless passing, a tendency to run across and a reluctance to "fall" are his faults.

W. J. FILER (*Colours* 1955-6-7). Hard running centre from last year's First who had the bad luck to be out of form. Filling a gap on the wing in the First in the later matches, he seemed to be recovering form; but must keep on his toes and practice taking and giving passes.

H. W. GRIMWADE (*Colours* 1955-6-7). Scrum-half who filled a gap in the First for half a season with real credit. Has an excellent pass, even in difficult situations, and a willing, but slow, defence. Needs to get a slip-away, and to learn to use the blind side.

A. P. GREEN (*Colours* 1956-7). Small, but fast and untiring forward, who had a fine season. Did much defensive

covering and led attacking movements too.

D. I. PATERSON (*Colours* 1956-7). Wing-three; in attack, determined and adequately fast; but handling poor and defence weak through high tackling. Filled a gap in the First for several matches.

T. A. GIBBS (*Colours* 1956-7). A hard-working and shoving forward; enjoyed the defensive work and promises well for next year.

B. H. T. GILBERT (*Colours* 1956-7). Enthusiastic player, who did not really settle down in the scrum. Is prone to forget the laws on occasion, but led the pack with spirit and could always be heard.

I. B. SHERLOCK (*Colours* 1956-7). Useful centre who usually played well, but was really bad when rattled. Inclined to overdo the kick ahead, and must learn to keep his eye on the ball when handling.

R. D. HINSHELWOOD. Forward who had a bad spell in mid-season, but played some good games at each end. Uses his height to advantage in line-out, but remains rather clumsy in tight and loose.

G. R. THOMAS. Utility man who knows the game. A back-row forward who mostly had to play as a centre, where he was sound but lacked speed.

R. G. WALKER. Hooker who got a fair share of the ball when the rest pushed. Good in loose and line-out, despite lack of height.

J. D. WILLIAMSON. Back-row forward who enjoyed breaking and sometimes avoided pushing. Good dribbler and sometimes a good tackler.

M. J. TOMKINSON. Rather clumsy forward; improved as the season went on.

R. A. ALBON. Fast wing who had too few chances; but did not fulfil expectations through poor handling and positional sense.

R. A. RILEY. Full-back; quite courageous; but his weak kicking, poor positioning and slowness made our last line of defence precarious.

Of the several players from the Third who were called upon because of the numerous casualties in the First Thirty, special mention may be made of J. K. GREASLEY, who played a determined game at scrum-half for half the season. A word of commiseration is due to two good forwards in H. C. DUTHIE and E. H. SPASH, who might possibly have got into the First, but they were crooked virtually all the season.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

As has been the case for several years now, training began early in December, and continued throughout the holidays. The group was a good deal larger than in previous years, however, for yet again only two members had left, and two or three keen youngsters had come in. This, though promising in itself, made it a little difficult to carry out training runs.

The first race of the season was again the Herts. County A.A.A. Championships, held at Welwyn Garden City on January 12th. We entered two teams this year, however, which is a thing we have been unable to do for some years. In the Junior Race (18-21 yrs.), over some five miles, Hambly, who had trained harder than some of the other men, ran well to finish 17th. Roethenbaugh finished 18th, Beacham 25th and Gilbert 28th, of the forty runners; but the team was placed only sixth. This result was a little better than the Youths' race, however, for there, due almost entirely to lack of training, the team did not do so well. Paterson was 14th, Filer 20th, Fear, the youngest member of the team, 24th, and Smedley 27th. Albon and Kehoe also ran.

Following this race the team got in some good training, but yet again the Senior House Matches seriously interfered with the schedule. We were particularly unfortunate in the next race, the Ranelagh Harriers' schools' race held at Richmond on February 2nd, in which we had done so well last year, for Hambly and Paterson were on the sick list. Being a little despondent in the circumstances, the team did

not run well. Of the 133 starters, Roethenbaugh, who came 11th last year, finished 38th. Beacham was 41st, Filer 59th, and Gilbert 80th. Albon and Fear finished in the 90's. Amongst the twenty-two teams closing in, we came fifteenth; Watford narrowly beat Haberdashers' to win the cup.

It became evident at this stage that considerable effort to build stomach muscles to cope with the increased speed in running was necessary; this was done during the next two weeks, and favourable results were felt in the next race, the Southern Counties Cross-Country Championships, held over Epsom Downs on February 16th. We entered two teams, one for the Junior race over six miles, and one for the Youths' race over three miles. In the former, Hambly was unable to run, but of the 350 starters, Gilbert ran a good race to finish 160th; Roethenbaugh was 165th, Beacham 183rd, Scott 234th, and Hickman 242nd. The two last-mentioned, who were neither of cross-country build, deserve special praise for having the spirit to compete in, and complete, this arduous race. In the Youths' race Paterson 119th, was our first man home, Filer was 129th, Fear 169th and Smedley 171st. There were 390 starters.

On the 20th February was the Herts. Schools Race, held this year over 3.1 fast miles of Harpenden Common. Of the thirteen finishing teams, our men came third, with a score of 128 points. Watford, with superb packing, won the shield, having only 57 points; the hosts, St. George's, came second with 85 points. Roethenbaugh, 12th, was our first man home; then came Paterson and Beacham, 14th

and 15th, Gilbert and Filer, 21st and 22nd ; our last scoring runner, Greasley, was 44th. The times were fast, and Roethenbaugh clocked 17 mins. 59 secs. For this race he and Paterson were re-awarded their badges, and Filer and Gilbert were awarded theirs.

We again held a "mob" race against St. Albans School, but this time through very difficult conditions in Hadley Woods ; 30 ran in each team, with 25 to count. We managed to claim a fairly convincing victory, having a total of 545 points to St. Albans' 730. The pleasing thing about this fixture, however, was not simply the fact that our "A" group men could beat the St. Albans team, but that most of the runners of the lower groups showed up quite well, and packed in with an improved vigour. Paterson, Roethenbaugh, Filer, and Gilbert, shortly followed by Hambly, ran in together before any of the St. Albans team, with a time of 23 mins. 35 secs. over the three and three-quarter miles.

Due to some rather difficult circumstances on the following Saturday, 2nd March, we were forced to abandon the Southgate race, and to run our own School Inter-House race. Stapylton were the "favourites" as they had seven of the fifteen men in "A" group, and some of the most competent of the lower groups. The result was as expected,

## CHESS

The first team so far has remained unbeaten throughout this term and has once again reached the final of the Herts. Coronation Trophy. The E. C. Davies Cup has been successfully run on a new basis of "seeded" players. This term has seen the advent of a new cup to be awarded to the winning team in the Junior House Matches. This cup is independent of the Senior Trophy, and will be contested for this year for the first time. In fact, this term's chess activities have been mainly confined to the School competitions, and there have been comparatively few matches against other schools. However, the results of matches played since the last issue are as follows :—

and Stapylton, running a thoroughly good team race, finished first with 190 points. Their scoring positions were 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 27, 29, 36. Broughton was second with 313 points, Underne third with 319 points, and Leicester fourth with 374 points. D. I. Paterson won the individual cup, running well to finish the three and three-quarter miles in 22 mins. 39 secs. N. C. Roethenbaugh was 2nd, W. J. Filer and B. H. T. Gilbert, 3rd and 4th, P. J. Hambly 5th, and R. E. Beacham 6th. The general determination for the race, bearing in mind the inevitability of the result, was good ; and the fact that fifteen ran for each House, with twelve to count, shows the greater scope of this testing sport, and its greater importance in the life of the School.

The season was not as great a success as all had hoped it might have been, but it proved a valuable year for several youngsters, and was generally profitable. No sport can thrive without the communal will ; and the number of critics who in an immature and quite unfounded manner have in the past expressed their dislike of Cross-Country by various derogatory remarks were this year invariably contradicted. With this improved spirit, and a nucleus of good runners for the future, the prospects for next season would not seem too black.

FIRST TEAM	
v. EAST BARNET GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 5 - 2
v. CHESHUNT GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 6 - 1
v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 6 - 1
v. WELWYN GARDEN CITY G. S.	Won 5½ - ½
v. ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE	Won 5 - 1
v. HABERDASHERS' SCHOOL	Drawn 3 - 3
v. HERTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 4½ - 2½
v. FINCHLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 5½ - ½

SECOND TEAM	
v. FINCHLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Won 6 - 0

## FIVES

This term, as usual, has seen the formation of a special group other than the normal full-time players, in the hope of producing pairs fit to compete against outside opposition. For the first time, we visited another school as a team, when we visited City of London School on February 21st, to be overwhelmed as expected by a Reserve team. Our tactics and general court play need improvement in a few details, but on the whole we do at least know how to play a sound game if we do not always put into practice what we know ; but the team were quite at a loss against the speed of play—the quality of the balls and of the court surface producing much faster shots and higher bounces than in our own court. We must thank City of London for their most hospitable reception and helpful attitude. We

have since been fortunate in securing a small stock of official balls, but will obviously be handicapped by our present court. Not only is play slower, but the lower bounce encourages basic faults of stroke-production. However, we are gradually making progress : we are hoping to arrange a visit to St. Olave's School, and two pairs are being entered in the Public Schools Championships at Highgate in the Easter holidays.

Apart from team members, there are others on the full-time list who play conscientiously and make good improvement, reaching a standard quite fair in relation to physique and natural ability : but there are some whose play is very lethargic, and who show little recognition of the need for agility and constant positioning.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### MUSICAL SOCIETY

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Committee : MR. FAIRBAIRN, G. P. VINSON, J. M. KOLBERT, M. A. SPENCE (*Librarian*), and R. A. ALBON (*Secretary*).  
This term started with somewhat hasty rehearsals for a concert for the Hobbies Exhibition. The orchestra responded very nobly to this, and gave two fairly well attended performances.

Unfortunately the enthusiasm of the orchestra as a whole petered out after the Exhibition, and throughout the rest of the term a rather selfish general slackness prevailed. This was a pity, since, with the full co-operation of all its members, the orchestra could provide some very good music. It is hoped that next term will see much better attendance at rehearsals.

Near the beginning of the term the small orchestra was invited to play for the Workers' Educational Association at the Friends' Meeting House, Leicester Road, New Barnet ; and the main activities for the term were concluded with a concert, which is reviewed below.

R.A.A.

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On March 14th the Musical Society gave an informal concert in the Hall. The full Orchestra, conducted by R. A. Albon, played two items in which they showed that, despite their traditional fault of intonation in the strings, they have made pleasing improvement. Pieces for the small orchestra and for a quartet proved quite effective also. D. J. Taylor (piano) and J. M. Kolbert (flute) are now well established as soloists, and deservedly so ; M. A. Spence (horn) is

steadily improving on his difficult instrument. A small choir, conducted by Mr. Cocks, sang three madrigals; there were some signs of (unavoidable) unrehearsal, but Pilkington's "Rest Sweet Nymphs" came over well. It is very pleasant to hear music of this period sung by a small group of enthusiasts. Visitors and masters as usual outnumbered boys in the audience, and this reflects the chief need of the Musical Society—a place of honour in School public opinion comparable with, say, Dramatics. This partly depends on a tradition of high standards; as regards the Orchestra, there is a challenge here to younger members of the School—to learn an instrument.

## ELIZABETHAN UNION

*President* : MR. COVINGTON.

*Chairman* : MR. SMITH.

*Committee* : MR. FINNETT, J. W. Hickman, A. R. P. Phipps, J. K. Greasley, A. Hutt, T. B. Jones (*Secretary*).

The motion "*That this House considers that the term 'working man' no longer has any meaning*" was the last to be debated in the Michaelmas Term; it was proposed by N. C. Roethenbaugh and M. J. Tomkinson, and opposed by N. G. S. Watling and A. R. P. Phipps. The debate was pleasantly—indeed, unusually—philosophical, and the evening concluded with a victory for the opposition.

The House offers its thanks to Mr. Bourne and to N. G. S. Watling for their services to the Committee before leaving the School at Christmas. We welcome Mr. Finnett and A. Hutt, who have taken their places.

The motion "*That this House considers the nineteen-fifties a good time in which to be young*" was contended between the Elizabethan Union and the New Barnet Literary and Debating Society. T. B. Jones and J. W. Hickman proposed the motion for the Union, and were opposed by Mr. D. Furley and Mrs. S. Keeley. Mr. K. Harris, an Old Elizabethan, took the chair, and the motion was carried by thirty-five votes to fifteen.

The two debates held in the Library this term were "*That this House has no desire to emigrate*," proposed by J. K. Greasley and R. L. Cairns, and opposed by N. J. Gilson and G. R. Thomas, and "*That this House believes the Press to be too free*," proposed by A. R. P. Phipps and F. R. Jackaman, and opposed by N. C. Roethenbaugh and G. R. Lock. Both debates were very well attended, the first motion being defeated, and the second carried.

The attendance at debates is now most pleasing, but it is hoped that in the future the younger members will be more generous with their *vocal* support.

J.W.H.

## CHRISTIAN UNION

*President* : MR. PEARCE.

*Chairman* : MR. PINNOCK.

*Committee* : A. P. Green, T. B. Jones, G. R. Lock, H. A. Frost, A. R. P. Phipps, P. C. Bibby, C. J. Akhurst, G. R. Thomas (*Secretary*).

The Union has not had a very successful term, through lack of numbers, due partly, though not entirely, to the School Play. Two after-school meetings have been held, with guest speakers, on March 1st and 22nd. At the first Mr. Gerald Hughes, a schoolmaster, spoke on the geological evidence for the creation, and at the second Mr. Jack Roberts, of the World Evangelization Crusade, talked about his work as a missionary in the Congo.

The Junior Group meetings have been held regularly throughout the term, with the assistance of Mr. Gault, to whom we are grateful, and, though attendances have been quite good, it is disappointing to note the absence of First Form boys. The two weekly senior group meetings, which had been organized for this term, did not meet with much response and, consequently, it was decided to run one weekly meeting on Wednesdays. The weekly prayer meetings have been held regularly throughout the term, and the Scripture Union Branch is still well attended.

G.R.T.

## DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*Chairman* : MR. PEARCE.

*Producer* : MR. COVINGTON.

*Secretary* : R. D. Sinclair.

This year the Dramatic Society presented two plays by G. B. Shaw: "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets" and "Androcles and the Lion," which are fully reviewed elsewhere. Only once before (1932) in the history of the Society, has more than one play been performed in an evening. "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets" is hardly ever produced on the amateur or professional stage. It proved an interesting prelude to "Androcles and the Lion," both because its atmosphere is light enough to leave the emotions unstrained, and because its lack of action contrasts effectively with the swiftly-moving main play.

"Block" sets were constructed according to the varying uses of different units in the scenes. This enabled the uses of different levels of the stage to be exploited, and created some interesting pictorial effects.

The Society having now acquired its own tape recorder, we were able to record our own interval and incidental music, played by a section of the School Orchestra. By no means the least interesting innovation was that Mr. Crofts, our stage manager, composed a large part of the music.

Over sixty boys and nine masters took an active part in making this year's performance a success and it was encouraging to see so much "new blood" from the middle and junior schools.

R.D.S.

## SCHOOL SOCIETY

*President* : MR. DEEPROSE.

*Secretary* : E. H. Spash.

The School Society's main function this term was to present the Hobbies Exhibition. All societies were well represented but there was a noticeable lack in the number of miscellaneous entries. The Exhibition was, however, very well attended and enjoyable.

It has become increasingly difficult to arrange outside visits, owing to games fixtures and other activities, but it is hoped that next term conditions will improve. On March 28th the Aeromodelling section held a Film Show in the Lecture Theatre. Four films were shown, and a short discussion held.

Another film show was held on April 2nd, covering such topics as motor racing and the utilization of gas turbines. It is to be hoped that in the future, societies will make more use of the excellent range of films available from the film lending library.

E.H.S.

## GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

*President* : MR. FINNETT.

*Secretary* : A. M. Berrett.

There has been a number of meetings this term, at which attendances have varied considerably. Perhaps this can be attributed to the wide range of records contained in our programmes, for it is clear that what satisfies one member will not satisfy all. Thus, our choice has ranged from Schubert's great "Unfinished" Symphony to some rarely heard songs of Fauré. On the new L.P. equipment we have been able to play pieces from the great, but little heard, Requiem Masses by Verdi and Fauré. Sibelius was represented by his Fifth Symphony, and Bach by his Concerto for Two Violins, while Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony contrasted with Beethoven's Eighth.

At the end of last term a visit was paid to Sadler's Wells, to see Smetana's opera "The Bartered Bride," and this term another large party enjoyed Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

A.M.B.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*Chairman* : MR. FAIRBAIRN.

*Secretary* : R. G. Walker.

*Treasurer* : B. S. Smedley.

*Committee* : R. L. Cairns, K. F. W. Allsop.

The Oates Prize, carried over from last term, proved this year to be a very successful competition. Not only was there a record entry, but the quality of the entries was excellent also. The prize for the best print, a photograph of the valve gear of one of the B.R. Standard locomotives, was won by R. G. Walker.

The entries were exhibited, as hoped, at the Hobbies Exhibition, together with many other prints, and some excellent home-made apparatus.

Advance notice is given of the Hockett Cup—the Inter-House Photographic Competition—which will be judged in June. Boys are advised to take photographs during the holidays, and House Captains will be pleased to give advice and information.

R.G.W.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY

*President* : MR. WINTER.

*Secretary* : R. L. Cairns.

Meetings have been held regularly through the term and still most of the Club's support is provided by a hard nucleus of juniors. Unfortunately the quality of stamps submitted has not maintained last term's promise. It is hoped that this will be rectified in the future.

Again the Society exhibited at the Hobbies Exhibition, with an accent on the more unusual interests of stamp collectors. The normal competition was set, and a fair number of exhibits received were of generally high quality. The prize for the Senior Section was awarded to G. R. Thomas, and the Junior to W. Upsdale.

R.L.C.

## PLAY-READING SOCIETY

*President* : MR. PINNOCK.

*Secretary* : A. R. P. Phipps.

This term, though our efforts were limited by having many of our supporters connected with the School Play, we read towards the end of term "Under Milk Wood," by

## HOUSE NOTES

### BROUGHTON

*Housemaster* : MR. TIMSON.

*Prefects* : R. E. Beacham, B. S. Smedley, J. W. Hickman.

*Sub-Prefects* : T. B. Jones, F. R. Jackaman.

Congratulations must be extended to J. W. Hickman on his promotion to Prefect, and also on his appointment as Vice-Captain of Athletics. T. B. Jones and F. R. Jackaman must be congratulated on their appointment as Sub-Prefects, and the latter, particularly, on his winning a scholarship to the Royal College of Surgeons.

The term has not been a brilliant one for Broughton, and both our Senior and Junior Rugger teams were defeated in their first matches. J. W. Hickman, however, played for the Herts. Schools' XV during the holidays. D. I. Paterson's individual success in the School Cross-Country race was also most creditable; and the House team's finishing second was pleasing. Many members of the House, moreover, showed their acting ability in this year's School Play.

R.E.B.

### HARRISONS

*Housemaster* : MR. PINNOCK.

*Sub-Prefect* : E. H. Spash.

This term we were pleased to enter a Junior XV for the Inter-House Rugby Competitions. After easily winning the first half the side lost its drive and was finally defeated by Underne with a score of two penalty goals to a try and

Dylan Thomas. The sixty-three characters were given to seventeen readers, who made the most of this unique modern play.

Next term we shall read, perhaps, three plays, among them being Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard."

At the beginning of the term we abandoned our experiment of playing back a recording of a play in serial form to an audience through lack of support. Generally we are fortunate in finding reliable backing from most of the School; but we need a Committee for next year which can only come from those who assist our meetings with their presence now. In the hope that such people are forthcoming we look forward to future terms of successful play-reading.

A.R.P.P.

## SCOUT AND OUTDOOR CLUB

*President* : MR. CARTER.

*Secretary* : E. H. Spash.

*Asst. Secretary* : P. J. Hambly.

The Hobbies Exhibition was the main event for this term in the Society's activities. This year we occupied the art-room, and the ample space available was put to good use. Two folding canoes were displayed in the centre of the room, together with a tent and other camping equipment. Three excellent photographs and postcard displays were exhibited, depicting the trips made by some of the Society's members to countries on the continent.

Next term we look forward to another meeting and a film show.

E.H.S.

## GYM. CLUB

*President* : MR. ERNEST.

*Secretaries* : I. B. Sherlock and C. C. Carpenter.

Once again this year our work centred on the Gym. Club Display at the Hobbies Exhibition. For this, as usual, we had plenty of enthusiasm from the Junior forms. Due, however, to the short time available, it was impossible to put on a Junior Display. The new work which the Senior section has done this year has been mainly on the long box, and this has proved to be most interesting. It has been difficult to maintain enthusiasm after the display, but it is to be hoped that the numbers in the Junior section will provide good material next year.

I.B.S., C.C.C.

two penalty goals. However, the team deserves to be congratulated on its gallant effort, and it was very pleasing to see such a large number of parents and House members on the touch-line.

In the preliminary rounds of the Chess Competition, our team drew with Broughton, and here again it was very encouraging to see our first three boards win, and with more concentration from the Lower boards, the team should do well in the future.

Next term we look forward to participating in the cricket and athletics House Matches.

E.H.S.

## LEICESTER

*Housemaster* : MR. WINTER.

*Prefect* : A. M. Berrett.

*Sub-Prefects* : A. J. Tribe, R. A. Albon, R. D. Sinclair, G. R. Thomas, G. R. Lock.

We must first extend our congratulations to R. D. Sinclair, R. A. Albon, G. R. Thomas and G. R. Lock, on their appointments as Sub-Prefects, and to G. R. Lock and M. W. J. Swinn on the award of their First XV Colours. Furthermore, the Senior House Rugby team, captained by Lock, eventually succeeded in defeating the Underne team, after a long struggle to retain the House's honour. In the School Cross-Country Race we were by no means disgraced, but the Junior Rugby Team was disappointing.

Inside School, a large number of Leicester fellows took part in the production of the School Play, both on the stage and behind the scenes : I would like to mention A. Hutt, R. D. Sinclair, and M. A. Spence as deserving of special praise.

A.M.B.

## STAPYLTON

*Housemaster* : MR. COVINGTON.

*Sub-Prefects* : W. J. Filer, B. H. T. Gilbert, G. D. Scott, J. M. A. Berney.

Having heard of the many attacks by the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland, we were exceptionally pleased to welcome D. M. Walsh, who has been serving the Queen in Armagh, to the House table. He was on leave before sailing to Cyprus.

During the term many House competitions have been in progress, including the House Cross-Country, which Stapylton won. The Juniors were beaten in the final of the Rugger Cup by a team little better than themselves, but were unfortunate to have to play three reserves. J. A. Hume was the outstanding player of the side.

After many years, during which the House has been thinly represented in the Senior School, it now seems to have increased its numbers, so that once again the Senior House table is occupied solely by Sixth Formers.

P. J. Hambly was appointed Captain of House Cross-Country, I. Jessel Captain of Chess, and H. G. Griffiths Captain of Junior House Rugby.

W.J.F.

## UNDERNE

*Housemaster* : MR. PEARCE.

*Prefect* : N. C. Roethenbaugh.

Underne won the Junior House Rugby Cup, beating Stapylton in the final by three points to nil. The team, which showed fine spirit, was ably captained by K. R. Harris. The Seniors were less successful, but reached the final, and in a great three-match battle, were eventually beaten by five points to nil. J. L. Longland and J. R. Gould played extremely well, as did P. G. Hollins, who was awarded his First XV Colours last term.

In the School Play, M. T. Jack had the lion's share. He was a roaring success.

In the School Cross-Country Race, N. C. Roethenbaugh, the Team Captain, and R. A. Riley, finished second and ninth respectively. We were pleased to welcome G. T. Lines, J. A. Irons, T. E. Smith, R. A. Brealey, and D. W. Greig to the lunch table.

The House Social will be held on July 31st, and we hope many old Undernians will be able to attend.

N.C.R.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologize for any omissions :—*The Albanian, The Aldenhamian, The Berkhamstedian, The East Barnet Grammar School Magazine, The Elthamian, The Finchleian, The Fullerian, The Georgian, The Latymerian, The Masonian, The Mill Hill Magazine, and St. Dunstan's College Chronicle.*



# The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

Honorary Secretary:

K. M. CLIFFORD, B.A., 19 Old Fold View, Barnet.



Honorary Editorial Secretary:

J. M. ROBERTSON, 26 Slades Rise, Enfield, Middx.

## 1956 BIRTHS

Dec. 12th—To the wife of F. A. Henderson (1930-37), a daughter—Juliet Lyn.

1957

Jan. 7th—To the wife of B. H. Stanley (1930-37), a second daughter—Jacqueline.

Feb. 10th—To Pamela, wife of A. G. Thomson, B.A. (1939-47), a sister for Clare—Julia Caroline.

Feb. 27th—To Pamela, wife of E. N. H. Shearly (1929-40), a brother for James—Philip Norman.

Mar. 13th—To Jill, wife of B. L. McKean (1937-43), a daughter—Sheena Ann.

## 1956 MARRIAGES

Nov. 16th—At Scarborough, M. R. Hollington (1941-48), to Jean Hardisty.

Dec. 1st—At Filton, Bristol, C. J. W. Chapple (1941-49), to Julia Rosemary Bloomfield, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Dec. 28th—In Oslo, Norway, R. J. Beale, M.A. (1932-40), to Astri Gisholt, of Oslo.

1957

Mar. 16th—At Finchley, J. E. Winchester (1943-51), to Patricia Helen Parker, of Finchley.

## OBITUARY

We regret to announce the recent death, in March, of R. L. Butler (1937-44). He died only two days after being admitted to hospital. We extend our sympathy and condolences to his family.

## PER EPISTULAM

109, Alverstone Avenue,  
East Barnet,  
Herts.  
12th March, 1957.

J. M. Robertson, Esq.,  
Hon. Editorial Secretary,  
The Old Elizabethans (Barnet).

Dear John,

I am enclosing with this letter some more information relating to our "missing" Old Elizabethan V.C., Arthur Malcolm McReady Drew, from which you will see that at the time of his great acts of bravery, was known as Allastair Malcolm Cluny McReady-Diarmid. This may have been the reason for our knowing so little about him. I do hope that you will be able to devote a little space in the "Elizabethan" to pay a small tribute to this very brave man, who, I feel, should now have his rightful place in the School Hall, opposite that of H. G. Engleheart, V.C.

You will see that his achievements took place on the 30th November and 1st December, 1917, in the Moeuvres Sector of France, according to the *London Gazette* list, whereas the earlier report, largely based on the official citation in the *London Gazette* of 16th March, 1918, and taken from "The Times History of the War," Volume 16, pages 376/7, refers to a press report of his bravery at Cambrai. No doubt the former is correct.

It is also interesting to note the indirect compliment made to the cricket coach of the time in the *Times* report, which refers to "early training in the Cricket field" as the basis of his success at bomb-throwing.

It now only remains for someone to look up the old School records to ascertain his "dates" and our records will be substantially complete. There is a photograph in the *Times*, and no doubt a copy of this may be procured from the appropriate source.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) P. J. Roethenbaugh,  
(1945-52)

Queen Elizabeth's,  
Barnet.

8th January, 1957.

J. M. Robertson, Esq.,  
63A, High Street,  
Potters Bar.

My Dear Robertson,

May I once more crave a little space to thank the many O.E.s who sent me Christmas Cards.

There were, perhaps, a few less from the outposts than usual, but Michael Charles sent from East Africa, Griffiths from Northern Rhodesia; Luterbacher from an imposing research station in Trinidad and Obrist from Basle, in addition to an enormous number from Services, Universities and nearer home—all much valued by

Yours sincerely,

(signed) E. H. Jenkins,  
Headmaster.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1956-57

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on 28th April, 1956, and the Committee there elected submits the following report, which covers the period 6th April, 1956—14th March, 1957, together with the financial statement for the year ending 31st December, 1956.

### Administration

At the first meeting, held on 17th May, 1956, Mr. A. L. Starbuck was elected to serve as Chairman, under the provisions of Rule 23.

At the same meeting, K. M. Clifford took over the Secretaryship from the retiring Hon. Secretary, K. W. Carter.

There have been seven meetings of the Committee at which attendances of elected members have been: A. L. Starbuck (Chairman) 7, F. J. Parsley (Hon. Treasurer) 7, J. M. Robertson (Hon. Editorial Secretary) 4, K. M. Clifford (Hon. Secretary) 7, J. A. Hobson 6, P. J. Roethenbaugh 6, K. E. Harris 5, R. E. Orton 5, B. T. Hewitt 2, M. W. B. MacEacharn 1, R. K. Smith 0.

### Membership

At 31st December, 1956, the total membership of the Association was 797, as compared with 769 in 1955. Membership of 20 had lapsed, owing to non-payment of 1955 subscription.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of F. E. Alcock (1893-1901), and J. A. Moore (1884-87).

The Committee would like to draw the attention of all members to the valuable service they can render the Association and School by seeking to persuade O.E.s, particularly their own contemporaries, who are not members of the Association, to join it, and those whose membership has lapsed, to rejoin. Such personal intervention can often succeed, where official approaches have failed.

## Remembrance Day

In accordance with our usual custom, wreaths were placed on the Memorial Tablets at the School and at the Pavilion on Remembrance Day.

## Social Events ;

(a) The 383rd Anniversary of Founder's Day was celebrated on 16th June. O.E.s. from a number of generations were present at the 8 o'clock Holy Communion Service in the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Beckwith (1938-48). The later Thanksgiving Service, at which the second Lesson was read by R. H. Vincent (1933-41), and the Reading of the School Chronicle were both, as usual, well supported by O.E.s., who afterwards took coffee with the Headmaster and masters. Owing to heavy and persistent rain the traditional cricket match could not be played. In the evening the Headmaster and Governors allowed the Association the use of the School Hall for a social gathering. A buffet supper, light entertainment and much conversation were the main ingredients of this friendly and informal function.

(b) The 60th Annual Dinner was held at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, on Wednesday, 28th November, 1956. The Guest of Honour was Mr. K. L. Woodland, B.A., in commemoration of his 25 years of service to the School. During the course of the evening he was presented with a leather wallet by J. A. Hobson (1943-51). The 61st Annual Dinner has been arranged to take place at the Salisbury Hotel on Wednesday, 27th November, 1957. It has been suggested that the Dinner should occasionally be held in Central London and the Committee would value the opinion of the A.G.M. on this matter.

(c) The Past v. Present Rugby Football Match was played on Saturday, 15th December, 1956. The Association XV, captained by R. J. Cooper won by 13 points to nil.

(d) A joint Dance, in conjunction with the Q.E.G.G.S. Old Girls' Guild was held at the School on Saturday, 12th January. It was a pleasant and quite successful occasion, and the Association would like to record its appreciation to the Old Girls' Guild for their support and hard work. However, the Committee feels that the support of Association members is not good enough to warrant its continued inclusion in the already crowded programme of the Association and its Sections, and has decided that it should be discontinued, in accordance with the instructions of the 1956 Annual General Meeting.

(e) Following on last year's successful innovation, a Dinner-Dance was held at the Salisbury Hotel on Friday, 1st March. The Committee recommends that this function be continued in the coming year, but that, if possible, members should be allowed to attend the dance only, at a reduced charge. If this function is to succeed, it will need much more personal support and publicity from Members.

## Subsidiary Sections

The Cricket, Rugby Football and Chess Sections continued to function, and the results of the matches may be seen in the appropriate issues of the "Elizabethan."

In accordance with the wishes of the last A.G.M., although no Athletic Section now exists, an Association Team was raised for a match v. the School, and won by 71 points to 61. The Association was unable to enter a team this year for the Old Rustlishian Trophy Competition.

It is hoped that it will be possible to re-form the Swimming Section during the coming summer.

## Finance

Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1956, are subjoined and show an excess of income over expenditure of £29 17s. 4d.

Signed A. L. Starbuck, Chairman.

F. J. Parsley, Hon. Treasurer.

K. M. Clifford, Hon. Secretary.

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

T. E. Knibb (1931-37) presided at this year's Dinner-Dance, held at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, 1st March, 1957. At one time a well-supported and regular feature of the Association Calendar in pre-war days, the event was revived last year with some success, and it was, therefore, disappointing that only forty members and their guests attended. Despite this drawback, the enjoyable cuisine appeared to "eliminate the negative" amongst the participants, and all joined in wholeheartedly to the music, dancing and novelties of Harold Howard (1918-25) and his Band.

During the Dinner, the loyal toasts and one to "The School and Association" were proposed by the President, and C. J. A. Green (1922-27) welcomed "The Ladies and Guests," to which Mr. D. R. N. Joyce responded. K. E. Harris (1928-34) later proposed the toast to "The President." The M.C. during the dinner was J. A. Hobson (1943-51) and R. K. Smith (1945-51) led the dancing with his usual vim and vigour. The grateful thanks of the Association are due to the organisers: K. E. Harris and R. E. Orton (1927-19) for their endeavours. A just reward for their efforts would have been an attendance of something like two hundred members and friends.

## ANNUAL JOINT DANCE

This year's Dance in association with the Old Girls' Guild, was held in the School Hall, Queen's Road, on Saturday, 12th January, 1957, by kind permission of the Headmaster. Just over one hundred persons attended, and it was pleasing to see the preponderance of O.E.s., compared with Old Girls. A most convivial and enjoyable evening ensued, and the event appeared to attract many members hitherto absent from other Association functions, and for this reason, we regret that this dance will, in future, be discontinued, following the recommendations of the Annual General Meeting.

During the evening we especially welcomed F. I. (Ian) Welch (1944-51) on leave from the R.A.F. in Malta, and compared with the rest of the assembly of comparative youngsters, C. J. A. Green (1922-27) and S. Theaker (1920-27) appeared to be having a most active and enjoyable time. The music of Jan Beuscher and his Band proved an inspiration to all present, and further enjoyment was afforded by F. J. Parsley (1922-27) and B. Jones (1947-53) with their "soft drinks bar" in the Seventh Form Room.

Grateful thanks on behalf of the Association are extended to the Misses Pat Lawson, Valerie Salmon and Barbara Jenkins and to Mrs. Joan Purvis (*nee* Goodall) of the Old Girls' Guild and to P. J. Roethenbaugh (1945-52) for his help. An especial word of thanks is also due to Mrs. Bullas and her staff for their service. It is regretted that the poor attendances of Association members in the past has caused the A.G.M. to delete this Joint Dance with the Old Girls' Guild from the Association Calendar. It is, perhaps, on reflection, in some part due to the lack of liaison between the two Schools.

J.A.H.

## OLD ELIZABETHANS' CONCERT

On Saturday, 19th January, 1957, in the Girls' School Hall, before a large audience which included the Headmaster and Miss Balaam, a group of Old Elizabethans presented a concert in aid of Hungarian relief work. The group included :-C. F. Kolbert (1947-54) (violin), D. A. Barker (1943-52) (piano) with Maureen Lehane (contralto) and Annette Willis (clarinet) (Q.E. Old Girls) and Alan McDonald (piano) (Guest Artist).

The programme was ambitious and adventurous—the most extended work was Brahms's Violin Sonata, and the other items included works by Finzi, Milhaud and Bartok—all proving very enjoyable. All the performers are very talented and they played with distinction. Kolbert and Barker were outstanding musicians at School, and it was pleasing to see them continuing together now that they

are both up at Cambridge. The concert was prominently reviewed in the "Barnet Press" as an Old Elizabethan function, and as such was a fine advertisement not just for the individuals concerned, but also for the respective Schools. Incidentally the profit passed on to charity was £21 5s. 0d.

J.W.F.

### CRICKET

*Hon. Secretary : J. F. C. Olney, 28, Elmdale Road, London, N.13 (Bowes Park 7602).*

The cricket section is facing another crucial season. Only a few members of the successful 1st XI of the past few years are now able to play regularly, and new and ex-members will be more than ever welcome, particularly, but by no means necessarily, those of 1st XI standard.

The biggest task facing the Club, however, is the consolidation of the new table at Gipsy Corner. Only by producing good wickets can it hope to maintain the present strong fixture list, and therefore work must come before practice for this season at least. Volunteers are, therefore, needed more than ever. The Club is also urgently in need of at least one experienced umpire for the coming season, and the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to hear from, or of, anyone who may be interested in the appointment.

Following a suggestion by a club member, the "Barnet Press" is to publish a series of character studies of the officers and playing members week by week during the summer months. This will help to give some much needed propaganda to the general affairs of the club and its activities.

It is hoped that many more O.E.s and their friends will attend this season's games. Teas are always available at all home games, both at Tudor Sports Ground and at Gipsy Corner. The Hon. Secretary will also be pleased to forward to any member interested a copy of the fixture card for the 1957 season.

May the sun shine brightly !

J.F.C.O.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

*Hon. Secretary : B. J. Fuller, 109 Margaret Road, New Barnet. (Barnet 0590)*

The 1956-57 season is drawing to a close, and only the customary seven-a-side tournaments and the Easter Tour matches remain to be played. This year the Tour takes place in Sussex, with games against Old Azurians, Horsham and Brighton.

With the normal fixture programme virtually completed, the O.E.R.F.C. can reflect on the results of the 21st season with certain satisfaction. Of 79 matches played by all sides, 49 have been won and 6 drawn. It is gratifying to report that only in one week was it necessary to cancel games because of adverse weather conditions. Indeed, on some occasions, a swimming costume would have been a more suitable garb than standard rugby kit.

The 1st XV has had its most successful season for some years, and R. M. Tiller is to be congratulated on leading and shaping a side that completed a run of 21 games without defeat. A noteworthy feature of this period was the fact that only 40 points were conceded in 23 games. The strength of the side has undoubtedly been the pack—one of the heaviest in the history of the club, who have revelled in wet conditions. It was obvious to the spectator that this side was playing week by week to a set plan, and the touch-kicking of J. E. Winchester at stand-off half and the defensive play of his brother, C. A. Winchester, were outstanding. The accent on defensive play and covering often produced an uninspiring game from the onlooker's point of view, but this in no way effaces the creditable performance. It was, perhaps, a combination of "circumstances" and hard grounds that the team lost its last two matches and conceded more points than usual. Two stalwarts of the side, I. Jackson at hooker, and J. L. Sherrington at lock were both unlucky to receive serious leg injuries towards the end of the season. Both were a sad loss to the efficiency of the side, and we wish them both a speedy recovery.

By comparison with the senior side, the "A" XV has, throughout the season, attempted to play open, attractive football, and winning or losing matches, has always enjoyed the game to the full. Once again, under the watchful eye of J. B. B. Dainton as Captain, and R. W. Gunton as his chief executioner, the XV have enjoyed a number of notable successes since the last report appeared in print. Most impressive of these was a 17-6 victory against the Old Bancroftians at Loughton, and a local Derby against Barnet, which was eventually won 13-11, but not without a few anxious moments. Against these, a match played in heavy conditions against Pinner should never have been lost. As in previous seasons, the "A" suffered somewhat from the demands of the senior side, for early in the fixtures, M. J. Chapman was promoted, to be followed at later dates by H. W. Bell and A. Baird. All have given very good performances in the 1st XV ever since. The "A" XV, nevertheless, finished the season with a commendable record of 16 wins out of 24 matches. In 1957-58 with, perhaps, a little more weight in the pack, attention to covering and the giving and taking of passes, and this will be surpassed.

B. J. Fuller has again had an enjoyable season as Captain of the "Extra A" XV. After a poor start, the side welded together and had a good run of success midway through the season. The aim of the "thirds" has also been to try and play open rugby, and but for bad tackling and indecisive falling on the ball, the team would have had a more impressive record.

The House Sevens Competition was held at Gipsy Corner on Saturday, 30th March, and produced a much more even contest than in previous years. Broughton emerged as the surprised winners, after many years in the wilderness, with Stapylton and Underne tying in second place.

The social calendar has been quite full, and R. K. Smith is to be congratulated on a very successful dance, held at Oakwood Sports Club on the 20th December last. But for the price list, the club would probably choose this venue again. The Annual Dinner is to be held at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, on Tuesday, 30th April, and it is hoped that all members and friends will be able to attend and make this a fitting climax to the 21st season.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the many officials who make the game possible for us each Saturday. F. J. (Jack) Parsley has once again performed all the menial tasks within the pavilion with his usual enthusiasm and efficiency. In recent weeks he has also kept the pitches at Gipsy Corner playable by regular rolling and spiking with the aid of his Ford "Special." Thanks are also due to Ian Jackson for once again fulfilling the onerous duties of Team Secretary so successfully, and to our band of ladies who, week by week, prepare and serve the teas at the pavilion.

Club results up to, and including, 30th March, 1957.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points	
					F.	A.
1st XV .. ..	25	19	3	3	181	73
"A" XV .. ..	24	16	1	7	208	165
"Extra A" XV ..	26	12	2	12	242	220
"B" XV .. ..	2	1	—	1	17	14
Mid-week XV ..	2	1	—	1	6	46

B.J.F.

### SWIMMING CLUB

As members will read in the Committee's Report, it is hoped to reform this section during Summer, 1957. With the kind permission of the Chairman of Governors and the Headmaster, it is hoped to have the use of the School bath one evening each week during the Summer term.

In order to discuss provisional arrangements, including subscriptions, election of Officers, etc., a meeting has been arranged to take place at the pavilion, Gipsy Corner, on Monday, May 6th, at 7.45 p.m. All interested are cordially invited to attend. The following Association members have already expressed an interest in the club and will receive

a further notice of the meeting :—

K. M. Clifford	B. T. Hewitt
J. B. B. Dainton	B. Jones
B. E. Fox	P. R. Maddock
B. J. Fuller	F. J. Parsley
D. F. R. Gilson	P. J. Roethenbaugh
R. W. Gunton	J. L. Sherrington
J. R. Hanson	E. W. Tarbox
K. E. Harris	D. Walsh

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Association and other persons connected in any way with the School for the past 50 years will be pleased to learn that Honorary Membership of the Association was unanimously conferred on H. (Curly) Mayes at the recent Annual General Meeting.

### FORCES MEMBERS

*As an incentive to encourage Old Elizabethans to re-establish old friendships by correspondence, we print for the first time in the magazine, a provisional list of members on National Service or other engagements which, with the receipt of letters to relations and existing correspondents, we hope to expand and amend with each issue.*

#### Army

Major-General S. Moore-Coulson (A.M. 1932-39), D. A. E., War Office (from July), Major J. F. Lockwood, M.B.E. (1928-38), H.Q., 2nd Infantry Division, B.F.P.O. 44 ; B. T. G. Walters (1943-50), Officers' Mess, R.A.O.C., Blackbank, Longtown, Cumberland ; L/Cpl. D. Broome (1947-55), Det. 12, V.D.W., R.E.M.E., Tidworth, Hants ; L/Cpl. D. W. Greig (1947-55), 17 Port Trg. Sqdn., R.E., Marchwood, Hants. ; D. M. Walsh ( ? ), with Royal Irish Fusiliers, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland ; Signalman A. J. Lambell (1948-55), Tx. Troop, 2 Sqdn., 3 G.H.Q., Signal Regt., B.F.P.O. 53, Cyprus.

#### Royal Navy

Lieut. R. B. E. Bell (1943-51), H.M.S. Cavendish, c/o Admiralty, London ; E. Last (1948-54), Serving Malta, exact rank and address unknown ; D. Walsh (1949-55), W. 105 Class, H.M.S. Ceres, Wetherby, Yorkshire.

#### Royal Air Force

Squadron Leader S. Shere, M.B., B.S. (1942-48), R.A.F. Hospital, Weeton, Lancs. ; Flying Officer D. J. Pardoe (1942-52), R.A.F., Lynton-on-Ouse, Yorks. ; Corporal J. D. Hollins (1945-51), R.A.F., Aden. Exact address unknown.

### VARIA

Through the medium of our column, all members would wish to join the Editorial Secretary in expressing congratulations and further success to Colonel S. Moore-Coulson (A.M. 1932-39), on his appointment as Director of Army Education, War Office, with effect from July this year. He has been granted the temporary rank of Major-General, and

until July remains in his present post of Chief Education Officer, Eastern Command. Our good friend and counsellor was mobilised with the outbreak of hostilities in 1939 as a Territorial, with the rank of Captain. Since that time he has travelled much of the globe during army service, and, after returning from the Far East, played several games for the O.E.C.C. Until recently he lived in Gloucester Road, New Barnet, but has now moved, with his family, to Wallington, Surrey.

Personally, your scribe has always enjoyed more than the average interest in heraldry, and to read news of an O.E. being honoured for his achievements in this ancient art, is, we feel, worthy of further publicity. G. Francis, of Walfield Avenue, Whetstone, received the Royal Warrant for heraldic painting in the New Year's Honours List. He is the fourth generation of his family to practice the art and joined his father and brother when he left the School in 1926. He has had to serve the Sovereign for at least three consecutive years to achieve this distinction, and the family work can be seen in the delicate coats of arms on the State and Irish State coaches and most of the other carriages at the Royal Mews. The work has been seen throughout the world, for the present Royal Car—carrying a coat of arms painted by Mr. Francis—goes with a member of the Royal Family on all official tours.

Members will also be pleased to learn that an old friend of the O.E.R.F.C., C. J. Kirkman (1939-44) was recently home in Barnet for six weeks' leave, having been engaged as a civil engineer on a new airport and terminal buildings in Singapore, for the past two-and-a-half years. Despite the climate, he apparently played plenty of rugger on fast, dry pitches, and in sub-tropical conditions, represented Malaya v. Thailand, the visitors winning 6-0. Cyril assures us that he has no nomadic instinct, but readers can judge for themselves, for, as we go to press, he will probably have arrived in Georgetown, British Guiana, where he will be engaged on a 60-mile main road project for the B.G. Government Authorities. For potential correspondents, his temporary address will be :—

c/o Scott and Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Partners,  
c/o P.W.D., Georgetown,  
British Guiana.

Further news has come to hand of R. B. E. Bell (1943-51), now Lieutenant, (R.N.), serving with the Mediterranean Fleet. Writing from Toulon, he admits that life is a little less hectic now that the Cyprus and Suez crises have eased. The gentle art of rugger was brought back to him rather forcibly when recently he was asked to lead a scratch unit side against an Italian club and two French teams. After three months of patrols this did afford our friend some measure of relief, although his men were far from fit and lost all three matches. However, lessons were learned about the Continental game, which will prove invaluable for future reference.

H.M. Stationery Office, we understand, has recently published "A Bibliography of Parliamentary Debates of Great Britain." It is a scholarly work of over 60 pages, including various charts and diagrams. The preface to the work states that the bulk of the editing was completed in 1953 by Dr. J. A. Woods (1936-45).

## THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET)

### Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1956

1955	EXPENDITURE	1956	1955	INCOME	1956
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
28 6 10	Postage and Poundage, etc. ..	35 4 2	12 7 6	Subscriptions, 1955	5 13 9
57 16 8	Printing and Stationery ..	19 19 9	173 7 3	Subscriptions, 1956	171 4 6
89 12 11	"Elizabethan" for 1956 ..	109 17 9			176 18 3
2 5 0	Wreaths ..	2 10 0	185 14 9		
47 12 6	60th Annual Dinner (73) ..	56 18 9		Transfer from "Life Membership Fund" 179 (178) Members at	
18 11 3	383rd Founder's Day (88) ..	21 0 1		4/- each .. ..	35 16 0
5 0 0	Donation to "School Club" ..	5 0 0	35 12 0	60th Annual Dinner .. ..	54 13 0
- - -	Dinner-Dance (57) ..	63 2 4	44 5 0	383rd Founders' Day .. ..	22 0 0
	Combined Dance—Loss ..	15 11	24 10 0	Dinner-Dance .. ..	61 18 6
	H. Mayes "Jubilee Gift" ..	20 0 0	- - -	Combined Dance—Profit .. ..	- - -
	Provisional Members ..	- - -	2 19 0	H. Mayes "Jubilee Fund" ..	17 1 6
	Social Club Subscriptions (28) ..	3 10 0	- - -	Profit on Christmas Cards and Blazer Buttons .. ..	3 18 5
1 6 9	Addressograph ..	4 9 7	4 1 7		
46 10 5	Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..	29 17 4			
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£297 2 4		£372 5 8	£297 2 4		£372 5 8

### Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Creditors:—</i>			<i>Subscriptions outstanding:—</i>		
Postage and Stationery ..	7 6 1		Valued at .. .. .		26 0 0
Inland Revenue .. .. .	7 13 0		<i>Investments at Cost:—</i>		
December "Elizabethan" ..	32 15 1		£250 3½% War Loan (Market value at 31st Dec., 1956, £175 18s. 9d.)	257 5 7	
Salisbury Hotel—Dinner ..	51 11 3		£150 2½% Defence Bonds ..	150 0 0	
Subscriptions in advance ..	18 0 6		£50 3% War Loan, 1955/59 ..	50 0 0	
	<hr/>	117 5 11	£50 3% Defence Bonds (C.I.).	50 0 0	
<i>Life Membership Fund:—</i>			3½% Temperance Permanent Building Socy. Shares, plus accrued interest .. .. .	66 0 8	
Balance as at 31st Dec., 1955	849 2 9		£5	Old Elizabethan (Barnet) Playing Fields, Ltd., shares of £1 each, fully paid ..	578 6 3
Add Payments, 1956 ..	37 18 6		£550	Loan to Old Elizabethan (Barnet) Playing Fields, Ltd. (unsecured) ..	550 0 0
Add Interest on Investments, less Tax .. .. .	13 13 6				
	<hr/>	900 14 9			
Less Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account, 179 Members at 4/- each ..	35 16 0	864 18 9			
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<i>Balance of Funds:—</i>			<i>Stock:—</i>		
Dramatic Section .. .. .	3 0 0		Blazer Buttons .. .. .		2 3 10
Tennis Section .. .. .	2 15 0		Cash at Bank and in Hand ..		264 17 7
Athletic Club .. .. .	17 8 6	23 3 6			
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<i>Playing Field Fund:—</i>					
Total received as at 31st Dec., 1955 .. .. .	1,046 15 6				
Donations, 1956 .. .. .	2 15 3				
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	1,049 10 9				
Less Total Payments .. ..	1,008 15 9	40 15 0			
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<i>Income and Expenditure Account:</i>					
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1955 ..	345 7 2				
Surplus for 1956 .. .. .	29 17 4	375 4 6			
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1956 ..	<hr/>				
		£1,421 7 8			£1,421 7 8
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(Signed) F. J. PARSLEY, *Honorary Treasurer.*  
11th March, 1957.

(Signed) A. L. STARBUCK, *Chairman of Committee.*  
14th March, 1957

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the Association, dated 31st December, 1956, above set forth. In my opinion such Balance Sheet correctly shows the state of affairs of the Association as at that date.

(Signed) J. S. PAINE, F.C.A., *Honorary Auditor.*  
18th March, 1957.



## THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) SOCIAL CLUB

### Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1956

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Stock on Hand, 1st January, 1956				141	9	10	Takings .. .. .			
Purchases :							Subscriptions .. .. .	1,722	19	4
Alcoholic Drinks .. .. .	1,094	9	5							
Sundries .. .. .	294	7	7					20	5	0
	1,388	17	0							
Less : Stock on Hand .. .. .	203	6	6	1,185	10	6				
Excise Duty .. .. .				13	12	9				
Sundries .. .. .				9	2	0				
Cleaning and Help .. .. .				35	0	0				
Tips .. .. .				5	5	0				
Telephone and Postages .. .. .				2	10	3				
Donations :										
Old Elizabethans Association	15	0	0	24	0	0				
Old Elizabethans R.F.C. .. .. .	9	0	0	326	14	0				
Profit to Surplus Account .. .. .										
				£1,743	4	4				
								£1,743	4	4

### Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.
Surplus Account :							Stock on Hand :			
Balance brought forward .. .. .	204	1	0				as valued by the Wine Committee .. .. .	203	6	6
Add : Profit for Year now ended .. .. .	326	14	0				Cash at Bank .. .. .	319	14	5
	530	15	0				Cash in Hand .. .. .	78	19	3
Less : Paid over to Old Elizabethans (Barnet) Playing Fields Co., Ltd... .. .	240	0	0	290	15	0				
Sundry Creditors :										
Trade .. .. .	297	12	5	311	5	2				
Excise Duty .. .. .	13	12	9	£602	0	2				
								£602	0	2

Chairman : J. A. STRUGNELL  
 Treasurer : F. J. PARSLEY  
 Secretary : C. H. BRITTON

I have audited the above Balance Sheet of the OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET) SOCIAL CLUB, and report that it is in accordance with the books and vouchers produced to me.

Broad Street Avenue,  
Blomfield Street,  
London, E.C.2.  
4th March, 1957.

J. W. STEPHENS,  
 Chartered Accountant.

