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

—BACON

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## EDITORIAL

It is ever a sad task that falls to an Editor when he comes to review a term that has passed, slipped away from him before he realizes it, and which stands, laughing mockingly at him as he tries to gather together the evanescent traces it has left on him and on the school. It is even sadder when he has to admit to himself (though never, of course, to the world) that it has left no such traces. To be sure, he could inform the sceptical reader that this house has won the Rugger Cup; that another house has won the Cross-Country; that a record rainfall has made Hadley Woods a trifle muddy underfoot; even (were he desperate) that the builders are still with us—or have gone, as the case may be. The only snag is that the sceptical reader is already aware of these things. Thus the Editor is faced with the choice of either writing nothing at all—which, despite certain ribald remarks to the contrary, we assert is unthinkable; or else of making to the waiting world some such shattering announcement as that the past term has been totally, and conspicuously, normal. Of these two courses we must needs take the latter.

The past term has followed its wonted path, slipping by silently and smoothly on the oiled bearings of meticulous planning and faultless organization. Even the ravages of influenza scarcely shook affairs at school, when almost a quarter of the population was absent at once. Indeed, there is only one event of the term that comes, sooner or later, into the life of every person in the school. We refer, of course, to the School Play.

Early in the term, one of the two forces which habitually consider each other during Assembly each day removed itself from the stage back to the aloof comfort and "splendid isolation" of the gallery, in order to allow scenery to be erected in its stead; and from there it could the better behold the festoons of electric cables which grew thick and fast throughout the Hall, and the batteries of spot-lights which glowered unwinkingly at the stage. During the daytime, a lugubrious electronic howl emerged occasionally from backstage, where the technicians have been constructing yet more complicated equipment to help things on their way; but it is uncertain whether the noise proceeded from the technicians themselves, or merely from the electronic brains of their making. Again, one has been frequently alarmed at the sight of a hitherto perfectly sane individual hurrying past with a wild conspiratorial look in his eyes, and muttering darkly such phrases as "it must be by his death;" while after school the dreadful cries of "Murder, Fire, Revenge, Kill, Slay" etc., etc., have echoed far into the night. However, one bears all this in the traditional belief that everything "will be all right on the night;" and, we can but trust, all right afterwards as well.

This term we have to say good-bye to Mr. E. C. Francis, who, though he has been with us only two terms, will be missed. In his place we shall welcome Mr. F. St. J. Caulfield, M.A. (Oxon). Next term we shall have two very heartfelt farewells to make, for the two most senior members of the Common Room, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Winter, are both going into retirement after serving the school for thirty or more years.

In conclusion, we offer our congratulations to P. J. Rhodes on his winning an open scholarship in Classics at Wadham College, Oxford; and also to M. J. Tomkinson on his Exhibition in Modern Languages at Queen's College, Oxford. With those announced in the last *Elizabethan* the School has had a record year in Open Awards: let us hope that next term will bring State Scholarships in proportion.

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Modesty doubtless prevents the Editor from congratulating M. A. Spence on winning an Open Scholarship in English at Exeter College, Oxford. It also prevents him from pointing out that he is now laying down his office, after holding it for no fewer than eight terms. This must easily be the longest Editorship in our history; and much credit is due to Spence for his diligence and skill.



## B. J. CARPENTER

We much regret to announce that B. J. Carpenter died of cancer on March 4th at the age of seventeen. Carpenter came to us in September 1952, and he early gained the reputation of being a thoroughly likeable and hardworking boy. He made steady progress up the school, and he had reached the Upper 6 Science. On the field of sport he proved himself to be a forward of solid merit, and he was very proud of being awarded his 1st XV Colours last term. Also he had just been elected Captain of Athletics, and we were looking forward to a successful season under his leadership. Com-

pletely loyal and thoroughly trustworthy, he was a type of boy that we can ill afford to lose: and we shall much miss him and his unselfish devotion to School interests.

On Sunday March 8th a memorial service, conducted by Mr. Pearce and attended by many of his friends, was held at St. Martin's, Monkfrith. On the following day the funeral service was held at St. Mary's, East Barnet. The School was represented by the Headmaster, Mr. Timson, Mr. K. W. Carter, the School Captain, and a number of other boys. We extend our sincere sympathy to his parents and brother.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sir,

While honoured by the request to compose an account of the activities of Cambridge O.E.'s for your august journal, your Correspondent must nevertheless confess that the invitation has somehow saddened him, for he has been forcibly reminded that this is his third year in Cambridge and, worse still, his penultimate term. This realisation makes him appreciate even more the peace of Cambridge, unique in these modern bustling days, broken only by the excitement of the Lents and the Cuppers, and, yes Sir, this year, builders, those beings without a mention of whom no issue of your journal has been complete of recent years. They are doing a good job on Lutyens' Silver Street Bridge, and a vile one on the revolting excrescence of Emmanuel College which attracted the attention of the Anti-Ugly Society.

However, Sir, this is no place for private sentimentalizing; let us pass on to news of Cambridge O.E.'s. D. O. M. Thomas will doubtless be as regretful as your Correspondent to see the end of next term. He has delightful rooms on the Main Court of St. Catharine's, frequented by much delightful company; the fact that they are at the top of three flights of a 1724 staircase is but small worry to a man who spends his vacations parachuting with the O.T.C. His brain-child of scattering undergraduates throughout the world in chartered air liners is now a popular feature, and a vacation in South Africa (the first time this has ever been possible) is currently all the rage. D. W. Greig (Jesus) plays soccer, for which his training seems to consist in a regular walk along the Backs, where all roads lead to Newnham.

Little is seen of the three O.E. scientists who deserve our congratulations on being placed in the first class in prelims. This is partly due to the encroachment of scientific curricula into their afternoons, and partly to the fact that D. Broome (Queens') has tired of the Hare and Hounds and so instead walks many miles around the countryside with J. Burgess (Sidney Sussex) who has likewise given up Fives in favour

of perambulation. Having exhausted all available walks around Cambridge, they now go by train to Saffron Walden and move off from there to fresh fields. Notice is hereby given that ere long they may reach Barnet itself. The third vanishing man is A. J. Lambell (Caius) whose brass-rubbing takes him away to explore the many fine churches in the area. On the credit side, he is a keen advocate and supporter of lectures on Arts for Scientists.

There was an encouraging influx of Freshmen this year. F. R. Jackaman (Clare) has taken to playing the lute like a baroque Tommy Steele, and sings olde-worlde "Hey nonny-nonnies" with fellow medic R. D. Sinclair (St. John's), whose stature continues ever-increasing. Rumour has it that he maintains his constitution by eating teas of suitable magnitude with A. M. Berrett (D. M. Walsh on the other hand, is said to prefer his refreshment in liquid form), whom we have been pleased to see flying the School colours in the form of a vast scarf while *en route* to lectures. J. A. Pratt was last seen on King's Parade, immaculate with cigarette holder, rolled umbrella, and a Selwyn scarf surely twice as long as any other.

Dr. Brittain is, as always, magnificently hospitable at Jesus, but we very much regret having to report that for much of this term he has been unwell. The other O.E. Fellow in residence is Mr. A. O. Gauld, who continues his psychological researches. It is hoped that his results are not affected by the proximity of his rooms to Emmanuel's new Ugly building.

Lastly, your Correspondent whiles away the time in wandering down the labyrinthine passages of the law. He is comforted in that a former Lord Chief Justice felt sufficiently bemused to remark that it was a body of learning which "surpasseth the very wit of man." That is all very well, Sir, but the learned Judge did not have the Tripos before him.

From the depths of my labyrinth, I have the honour, Sir, to remain

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

### REFLECTIONS ON SWITZERLAND 1958-9

Passport . . . money . . . cases . . . food . . . the list is never ending; but the experienced traveller checks them off methodically in his mind as he slips on his duffel and picks up his camera, hoping that this year he will forget nothing. In thirty-six hours the familiar English scene will be replaced by breath-taking views of snow-capped mountains, snow, and the thrill of a christiana. For some all will be new; but already in his mind's eye he sees a racing figure on parallel skis hissing down the mountain, heedless of speed—how dashing! What a sight! He sighs; for what a sight it will be as he lies capsize in the snow vainly trying to assume a disinterested air before the grinning onlookers.

The dream vanishes and he finds himself in the dark cavern of Victoria, hoping for the long-awaited signal to trek. The gates open and the human wave streams on, fresh and lively, washed and combed. In front of it lies a short journey to Dover, a spell on the sea and a nine-hour entombment in a French express heading for Basle. At Basle there

is an extended stop, but at last the Swiss train leaves. The same wave which, one day before, gathered at Victoria now trickles off the train at Champéry, begrimed, weary, dishevelled and puzzled at the absence of the promised snow.

The experienced traveller groans: he and he alone knows what this means. If there is no snow at Champéry then—go for walks in the morning and ski at Planachaux in the afternoon. He knows that, on the next day, the entire population of the village will want to go to Planachaux and that, inevitably, his ticket number on the Téléferique must be a high one, thereby inviting a long delay. He knows, too, that the "management" always and invariably does its best, and that some events must be endured. This is but a minor flaw as all are soon revelling in the deep snow which, for the taller members, is ideal, while their shorter companions take on the aspect of gaberlined moles lost in a snowdrift.

Day after day beginners and "experts" ride to Planachaux and walk down until the snow there resembles a sheet

of glass, so highly polished and iron hard that to fall is no guarantee of stopping. Indeed, if one cannot progress upright then it is easier by far to imitate the action of a sloth; by all means turn upside down and watch the speed increase alarmingly. Ice aerobatics over, it is a pleasure to return to a magnificent meal in Champéry where, at last, the snow lies in thick, silent drifts. Here it is common knowledge that the expert appears even more experienced in his casual efforts while the beginner is more confident if he has no yawning gulf in front of his skis. Progress is steady and by the end

of the week the experienced skier has relearned what he has forgotten and the débutant has achieved his first clear run.

It is with a heavy heart that the traveller packs his cases again. Passport . . . money . . . food . . . cases . . . Here is where his experience counts—let others struggle to lock overloaded cases, all he does is . . . struggle to lock his overloaded cases? Customs passed, train journeys over, back in his home the traveller starts on his long trail of memories which will eventually lead him to Victoria one year hence.

M. E. NOBLE, VII Classics.

## MUSIC OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

We were invited to join the Girls' School on Monday, 19th January for the County Council's annual orchestral concert, devoted this year to music of the nineteenth century. The performance was given by an orchestra built around the Hirsch String Quartet, with Maureen Lehane (mezzo-soprano), John Kentish (tenor), and John Carol Case (baritone), and was "preceded" by a dazzling performance of piano music by Chopin, played by Mavis Elmitt.

The concert proper began with the prelude to Bizet's *Carmen*, but as we were awaiting a duet from *The Bartered Bride* we were informed that this could not be: our orchestra was one of few to possess copies of the music, and these copies had been borrowed and not returned. The "Pilgrims' Chorus" from *Tannhäuser* was then played with confidence, but this performance by a chamber orchestra served as a reminder of Wagner's reliance upon the advantages of a full orchestra.

Wagner was represented also by an episode from Act II of *Tristan and Isolde*. Much of his music cannot fully be appreciated unless accompanied by the appropriate actions on stage, and this extract made little impression on the audience. Our task was easier, however, when the programme continued with Leonard Hirsch's performance, effortless as ever, of the second movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

Of the vocal solos, only the mezzo-soprano ("Gentle flowers in the dew," from Gounod's *Faust*) was sung in English, but John Carol Case displayed suitable frenzy in "La Calumnia," from Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, and John Kentish, after his rendering of "La donna e mobile," was scarcely able to avoid an encore. From *Il Trovatore* we were given part of the final scene, the duet between the Troubadour and Azucena.

The orchestra completed the programme with the *Andante con moto* from Mendelssohn's "Italian Symphony," Brahms' "Hungarian Dance," in G minor, and Berlioz' "Hungarian March." These items provided an interesting contrast, and the performance was of the standard which we have come to expect from this orchestra.

The nineteenth century was the great period of programme music, but it is perhaps unfortunate that so much operatic music was chosen for this concert. By including more absolute music in their programme the organizers would probably have given us a more satisfying concert, if a less representative one. This, however, was not a serious fault: good music, well played, can be enjoyed even when played in a school hall to an audience which is prepared to give the music only part of its attention. One problem alone remains to be solved: did not Beethoven live for twenty-seven years of the nineteenth century?

P. J. RHODES, VII.

## "DOCTOR ZHIVAGO"

"Ever since his schooldays he had dreamed of writing a book in prose, a book of impressions of life in which he would conceal, like buried sticks of dynamite, the most striking things he had so far seen and thought about. He was too young to write such a book; instead he wrote poetry. He was like a painter who spent his life making sketches of a big picture he had in mind." This is Pasternak writing of Zhivago—who never in fact achieves his dearest wish. The question is, has Pasternak himself achieved it? There can be no denying the political significance of his novel, but what of its literary merit? Is it one of the great novels of the twentieth century or will it, in a hundred or even fifty years' time, be merely a footnote to history?

One critic has complained that Pasternak, in electing to write a novel, has chosen the wrong medium for what he admits to be his "splendid material." But does the rather academic division of imaginative literature into novel, poetry, etc., have much validity or relevance as the basis for the criticism of, at least, great literature? Tolstoy, with whom Pasternak has, perhaps inevitably, been compared, is a greater novelist than Pasternak but they are on the same level as writers. The "canvas" of *War and Peace* is larger than that of *Doctor Zhivago*, the colouring more vivid, the background clearer but in a comparison of the two works this is not so important as the different standpoints of the two novelists; which, simplified, is that in *War and Peace* the universe looks at man, in *Doctor Zhivago* man looks at the universe.

Tolstoy's attitude enables him to write with more detachment but nonetheless Pasternak does preserve his "artistic integrity" even while he makes no pretence to be above the human conflict. This novel is the story of the transformation of the Russian way of life by the 1917 Revolution. Dr.

Zhivago is a physician and a poet, and a member of the pre-revolutionary Russian intelligentsia—many of whom had their superficiality cruelly exposed. But Zhivago is not so inadequate a character as his friends are, and he struggles against the feelings of disappointment with which he begins to regard the Revolution. One writer has suggested that the conflict between Zhivago's sympathy with the sense of the Revolution and his hatred of its methods is symbolized by the two opposing influences that the two women he loves have upon him. But in fact it is not so simple as that. The two conflicts are separate though they derive from the same source—the principle of ferment in Russian life. During the civil wars which follow the Revolution Zhivago is captured by partisan forces, and, deprived of every outward stay and support, he proves the saying that "no man is an island, entire of itself." This moral equilibrium is overthrown and though his material position is improved, he never really recovers.

The characters of Pasternak's novels have been criticized for their lack of reality: they are "purely literary and unbelievable." The reality of characters in novels is difficult to assess, for the assessment must be, at bottom, a personal one: for myself I found Pasternak's characters perfectly convincing, their hopes and fears completely human. Pasternak writes mainly of the articulate upper middle-class but outside this category there are many very human characters, such as the revolutionary journeyman Markel who has one of the best and most amusing speeches in the book.

Life is the theme of *Doctor Zhivago* and in particular it is a novel of the Russian Revolution. What interests Pasternak is how that Revolution affected the men and women who made it and lived and suffered in it—how it altered their ways of life and thought. "Everyone was revived, reborn,

changed, transformed," says the hero at one time. "You might say that everyone has been through two revolutions—his own personal revolution as well as the general one. It seems to me that socialism is the sea, and all these separate streams, these private, individual revolutions are flowing into it—the sea of life, of life in its own right. I said life, but I mean life as you see it in a work of art, transformed by genius, creatively enriched. Only now people have decided to experience it not in books and pictures but in themselves." Later Zhivago's enthusiasm is modified by a feeling that the revolutionary leaders are not equal to the great events in which they are taking part.

But the final product of the Russian Revolution was more good than ill. The intelligently sympathetic reader will feel that Pasternak sincerely believes this—that in spite of all the setbacks, dangers, difficulties and disappointments which

resulted from the Revolution, he would not wish what is done, undone. And he is right.

This is not to say that *Doctor Zhivago* is a mere political tract. By no means. Here is an humane and profound view of life based on the ever-lasting principles of truth and love. The author's earnest and compelling awareness of the immensity of life and the wisdom which comes from such awareness appears everywhere. At times pessimism cannot be withheld: "Even the strong are ruled by the weak and treacherous," he writes. But there is an underlying conviction of the wonderful potentialities for goodness innate in humankind. The words of one of his characters cannot but express Pasternak's own thoughts: "... what has for centuries raised man above the beast is not the cudgel but an inward music: the irresistible power of unarmed truth, the attraction of its example."

M. M. SMALL, VII.

## "LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME"

On January 22nd, a group of 6th and 7th formers saw Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" at the French Institute in South Kensington. It was performed by the amateur "Cercle dramatique français" with M. Maurice Chevallier as *Jourdain*, le Bourgeois. The performance was quite pleasing, but by no means did the company do full justice to the material of the play.

*M. Jourdain* is the central figure; the whole action, every phrase, is intended to hit off his foibles; the play hinges on his performance, and it was saved from disaster by the excellent rendering M. Chevallier gave of the part. He could perhaps have been a trifle more spirited and naive and less incisive, but in the hands of an insensitive *Jourdain* the play might so easily be allowed to degenerate from sublime buffoonery to rather trite farce.

It must not be assumed however, that there was a lack of talent in the rest of the company; *Mme Jourdain*, *Le Maître d'Armes*, *Covielle*, *Nicole*, were all very commendable. *Mme Jourdain* acted especially well; her diction and acting were better than those of the other characters, apart from her wayward husband; her complete control of the part, her asperity and decision brought out excellently the salt and downright good-sense of this bourgeois housewife, outraged by her husband's follies.

The fact that a woman with a falsetto voice took the part of the "*Maitre de Philosophie*," completely ruined the scene with *M. Jourdain*, in which he learns, among other profound things, that he has been speaking prose for forty years. The effect of the facile and plausible nonsense uttered by the pseudo-philosopher and peace-maker was completely lost. How easily the philosophers' equanimity could be ruffled was not brought out; it is one of the climaxes of the play when the various tutors hurl themselves on each other and disap-

pear in a whirl of blows leaving *M. Jourdain* with the plaintive "Je serais bien fou de m'aller fourrer parmi eux, pour recevoir quelque coup qui me ferait mal."

*Dorante* was disappointing; there was nothing extravagant in gesture or delivery from this luxurious idler. *Dorante* should have waxed eloquent on his favourite subject of gastronomy; he is a dilettante; a master of prevarication and plausible manners; he seemed very humble and self-effacing. *Cleonte*, the lover of *Lucile*, *Jourdain's* daughter, was also disappointingly quiet; the part did not require over-acting, far from it, but at times *Cleonte* almost seemed to apologize for being on the stage. *Dorimene*, the rich countess with whom *M. Jourdain* is in love, and whom *Dorante* marries, is rather an unsatisfactory character in the play, almost a dramatic necessity; but the character was carried off by one who seemed an experienced actress. The diction was very pure and clear, if a trifle quiet, the part gracefully acted.

Of the minor characters, *Covielle* (*Cleonte's* servant), was well acted within the scope allowed by the part. He was an inimitable "yes-man." The laughter and good spirits of *Nicole* were very infectious; certainly, the role is difficult to act, and she gave a very charming performance. The *Maitres a Danser* and *de Musique* were admirably sententious, but they brought out little of their pretended "disinterestedness" in money, and of their equally amusing ideas on the importance of their arts for the well being and happiness of the world.

Although certain parts of the play (such as the *Mama-mouchi* scene) might be held to be too farcical, the play provided a very welcome diversion. M. Chevallier kept the audience in sympathy with him to the end. The measure of success enjoyed was largely due to this "bon bourgeois ridicule."

R. E. THOMAS, Up. VI. Lang.

## SILENT WINTER

I closed the door, and was suddenly alone,  
Locked in the quiet prison of the mist  
Fearful to tread into a world unknown,  
The crowded street unseen, the path frost-kissed.

The strangely white-rimmed gate clanged sharply shut,  
Its icy touch still tingling in my palm,  
With unsure feet now timid in a well-known rut,  
I went the old way, new in its freezing calm.

My footsteps rang on iron-hard pavement ice,  
Other steps loomed near, with no one there,  
Except when hurrying figures passed, just twice,  
Sudden in the fog, hunched in the biting air.

Each hoary-edged blade of grass stood straight,  
And every twig and branch shone white and grand;  
They seemed to beckon through a glistening gate  
Towards a new and frosty fairy-land.

R. P. C. JONES, 3.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS

*Prefects:* B. R. Salter (*Captain*), M. A. Spence (*Lieutenant*), J. G. Ransome, P. C. Bibby, J. G. N. Blaxall.\*

*Sub-Prefects:* L. J. M. McKenzie, P. J. Rhodes, M. S. Hancock, J. R. Gould, J. G. Smith, J. F. Bradbury, R. H.

Mayes, R. J. Shore, T. E. Carroll, C. J. Akhurst, M. E. Noble, B. S. Smith, M. T. Jack, R. C. Harrison,\* K. Henderson.\*

*Captain of Athletics:* R. C. Harrison.\*

*Captain of Chess:* R. Pye.

*Keeper of the Fives Court:* B. S. Smith.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES

"Elizabethan" Committee: M. A. Spence (Editor), Mr. Cocks, T. E. Carroll, M. M. Small, B. S. Smith, B. A. Spatz, M. R. Prince.\*

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Chess Club Committee: Mr. Woodland (President), Mr. Timson, Mr. Wingfield, R. Pye (Captain), A. P. de M. Logsdon (Secretary), L. J. M. McKenzie, D. E. Guy, N. J. E. Reynolds, D. R. Mosely.

\* Appointed since last issue.

## VALETE

VII Classics: J. F. Bradbury (1951. Sub-Prefect, 2nd XV Colours 1957-8-9. Nottingham University, 1959); M. A.

Spence (1951. Lieutenant of Prefects, Editor of the "Elizabethan" 1956-7-8-9, Secretary of Musical Society, Secretary of Dramatic Society, Vice-Captain of Athletics 1958-9, Open Scholarship in English to Exeter College, Oxford, 1959).

VII Science: P. C. Bibby (1951. School Prefect, Assistant Treasurer of the Library, 2nd XV Colours 1957-8-9, Captain of 2nd XI, Colours 1958, Athletics Badge 1958, Queens' College, Cambridge, 1959).

Lower VI Science: J. M. Bisby (1952. 1st XV Colours 1958-9). L. T. Little (1953).

2C: M. R. Johnson (1957).

1A: G. H. Little (1958).

1D: D. W. Downing (1958); G. R. Johnson (1958).

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Next term begins: April 21st.

Half-Term: May 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th.

Founder's Day: June 20th.

Term ends: July 29th.

Michaelmas Term begins: September 17th.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert was held on December 16th in the School Hall. As usual, the programme was opened by the School Orchestra, which played a Dance by C. Woodhouse: the intonation was rather shaky, but this was probably due to nervousness, as they had settled down by the next orchestral piece, the Polka from "Schwanda the Bagpiper" by Weinberger. Mr. Whittington conducted very firmly. Between these two items, K. E. J. Wiseman and A. H. Stones played an arrangement for two pianos of Bach's "Sheep may safely graze:" this was rather a soporific and inconsistent performance, mainly because the beautiful rhythm to the accompaniment was lost. M. S. Iller then gave a very good performance of "The Towing Path" by John Ireland: his interpretation and feeling for the piece was excellent, and this was an encouraging first appearance at a School Concert. A second piece, a Bourrée by Bach, was too rushed. There followed a Divertimento for two clarinets and bassoon by Mozart, played by K. P. Hopkins, P. Connor, and Mr. E. J. Crofts: This was well played, and ensemble on the whole was very good, but it would have been much more effective if only two movements had been played. The last item before the interval was the performance by M. A. Spence and the Orchestra of Mozart's Horn Concerto in E Flat (K.495), and here again the last two movements would

have been enough and more effective. Although the soloist played his very difficult instrument very well and with considerable musicianship, he was unable to exhibit his talents to the full because the orchestral parts were rather too difficult and too fast for the players. However, this was a very creditable attempt at a performance of a concerto.

After the interval, the School Choir, together with an augmented orchestra and with Miss J. Armstrong, Mr. J. A. Irons (O.E.), and Mr. R. B. Whittington (O.E.) as soloists, was conducted by the Headmaster in a performance of Purcell's "King Arthur." Throughout their various items, the Choir sang with obvious enjoyment whenever their turn came. On the whole, their diction has improved, and their intonation was quite good: their main fault remains shakiness on entries. The augmented orchestra gave a good account of themselves: it was a pity that the most famous of the separate items, "Fairest Isle," was rather spoilt by a stiffness in the orchestral playing which resulted in the lilt being lost. This very varied work, with its mixture of masque, melodrama and fantasy, was brought to a rousing finale, which formed a fitting conclusion to the enjoyment of the evening, by the Harvest Chorus, in which the high-spirited choir was joined by Mr. Irons; his diction and intonation throughout were outstanding.

## "JULIUS CAESAR"

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

On March 12th, 13th, and 14th the Dramatic Society presented three performances of "Julius Caesar."

This was a sombre production. For the most part the voices were muted and the lighting dim; and, ironically enough, it took the curtain call to reveal the colour that had been on the stage. The conspirators seemed on the whole to be a rather quiet company, and one had the feeling that if Caesar had given them fifty lines each, the whole plot would have collapsed. The principal rôles were sustained with varying skill. As *Julius Caesar* P. C. Aston was dignified and authoritative, although this is notoriously a part in which the actor is not much helped by the author. M. A. Spence we know to be a talented comedian, and *Brutus* could not have been altogether congenial to him. Nevertheless he gave a thoughtful interpretation of the character and succeeded in exposing its basic weakness. His speaking of the verse was not always very poetical. B. S. Smith is another skilled workman and he made an honourable attempt to be *Cassius*. He did not seem, however, to be able to bring the necessary amount of viciousness to the part. As *Mark Antony*, T. E. Carroll had the fire that was wanting in some of the other actors. He was not afraid of emotion, or of letting his voice ring. The sturdiest of the conspirators was *Casca*, and J. G. N. Blaxall did not waste any of his lines. Of the two female

rôles, *Calpurnia* was somewhat beyond the scope of D. Selway-Hoskins, but G. H. Smith gave one of the best performances of the evening as *Portia*. Here was a mature woman of great sensibility, a fit partner for *Brutus*. Other good work was done by B. K. Pettit as *Lucius* and P. J. Rhodes as *Cinna the Poet*. The *Citizens* were splendid, being completely natural and credible. Their numerous movements were well co-ordinated, and Mr. Covington can take every credit to himself for their excellent work. The stage management was in the safe hands of Mr. Crofts; but the sound effects were not invariably satisfactory.

When all is said and done, "Julius Caesar" is a great play; and so it proved to be on this occasion. The tragedy of *Brutus* unrolled itself before our eyes, and we were once more reminded of the fate that so often assails those who do dark deeds from the noblest motives. We saw the crowd in its fluctuating moods, the simple devotion of wife to husband and servant to master, and the desperate places to which ambition drives a man. We saw the wicked flourishing like the green bay tree, and we witnessed one of the memorable events in the history of the world re-enacted before our very eyes. These are refreshments to the mind; and we are grateful to Mr. Covington and his players for providing them.

Many parents and friends supported this year's Hobbies Exhibition, held on Wednesday, February 4th. The usual high standard of exhibits was maintained, and it was encouraging to see the work of both the Juniors and the Seniors so well represented. The manner in which boys employ their spare time does not alter very much from year to year, but this exhibition was by no means a mere repetition of its predecessors. Models displayed varied from an excellent yacht by the late B. J. Carpenter, which won the modelling Competition, to scale models of the latest aircraft. The most popular event was the film show of the school party visits to Denmark, last summer, and to Switzerland in the Christmas holidays. The Lecture Theatre was packed for both sittings, and even so many people had to forgo this item. Another "full-house" listened to "modern music" in Room W, which to the uninitiated sounded weird and unintelligible, but which was highly appreciated by the audience. The School Orchestra also gave a concert in the form of a practice, which included some music by M. A. Spence, originally intended for the School Play.

The recently formed Meteorological branch of the Science Society made its first appearance at the Hobbies Exhibition, and the display of equipment was worthy of the occasion. In particular the large weather balloon in the centre of the room attracted much attention and drew many comments. The competition for the most original entry was won by D. R. Brough, who exhibited a home-made electronic computer. Other exhibits deserving special mention were:—a bust of President Theodore Roosevelt made from cardboard strips by A. L. Stones; a very fine oil-painting of "Mountain Scenery" by R. Hill, which was the best of a fine display of drawings and paintings; and the School Play programme and poster competition entries—especially the winning designs by J. R. Witney and R. S. Pratt respectively. Two gymnastic displays were held during the evening, of which the first took the form of a "commando course" competition between the four First Forms.

Altogether it was an enjoyable evening, and R. J. Shore deserves our congratulations and thanks for arranging so successful an Exhibition.

## FOOTBALL

### RETROSPECT 1958-9

This was quite a successful season, and it would have been a pleasant one but for the unusually heavy rains which rarely allowed playing conditions to be really good and, on occasion, they were rather wretched.

The First Fifteen won six matches, drew one, and lost five. As this side was rather young and light, and suffered from injuries—not excessively, yet a little more than is normal—this record is creditable. The forwards, though often giving away a good deal in weight, always got us a reasonable share of the ball from set scrums and line-outs, and, in the loose, although somewhat slow in getting a foot over to heel, they usually had the better of the game. They even showed signs of reviving what had seemed to be a lost art to us—that of spreading out when dribbling or passing so as to turn a mere rush into a movement. Behind them the outsidés were mostly young and inexperienced. They showed a stout defence, and it was hard that we had to pay so heavily for the few slips they made. This was largely because we still had not the scoring power to take full advantage of similar slips by our opponents. Here the trouble was a little the want of sheer speed, but much more the lack of clever running and of proper timing of passes. These things come by a mixture of experience and practice. As it was, the responsibility for getting tries was laid too heavily on the young shoulders of Henderson; but the backs as a whole were by no means without promise. Only in one respect was the play of the side really weak—that of kicking. There was no proper place-kicker, only the full-back could manage a reasonable drop, and not more than about five of the side could even punt a proper length, and quickly, into touch; and these could do it only with one foot. Attention has been called to this before in these pages: it is purely a matter of practice, and it is time something was done about it.

The Second Fifteen, besides the expected handicap of filling gaps caused by injuries in the First, suffered inordinately from the sick-list on its own account. Among the forwards this did not matter a great deal, for there were good reserves, and the pack was always the strength of the side. But outsidés need to play together to get real team work, and what seemed likely to be a good back division was almost ruined. As the team was never at full strength, and never even took the field with the same side two games running, its final and most equitable result of won four and lost four was more than merely satisfactory.

The Third Fifteen, losing only one match, while winning four and drawing the remaining one, would have deserved congratulations in any case, and doubly deserve them when one considers the calls made upon it by the second side, which

meant that it never played at full strength, and, on one occasion, was really seriously depleted. It says much, both for our system of coaching, and for the spirit of the players, that it did so well. Chopped and changed as it unavoidably was, its play was a little less skilful than in some years, and the main strength was forward, where Mayes led the side, with MacLachlan as his deputy; but several of the outsidés had their good points.

Heartiest congratulations of all, however, must go to the Colts, who won all their six matches outright, and, except for one game, by a double figure margin. The back division was built up round the captain, Wormald; rather crude to start with, it was beginning to show real promise by the end of term. The pack was powerful; the vice-captain, Tarry, and Johnstone were perhaps the most notable forwards; but all were good.

Therefore, taking our four fifteens together we ended the season with 20 wins, 2 draws and 10 losses, and no side had an adverse balance. Well done, all.

### FIRST XV CHARACTERS

T. A. GIBBS (*Colours* 1957-8). Made a sound job of the captaincy, though unlucky to be crocked for half the matches. Hardworking and thoroughly competent forward.

J. R. GOULD (*Vice-Captain: Colours* 1958). A real vice-captain. As scrum-half with young backs behind him he had the responsibility of generalling the game, and showed good judgment. Clever with his left-foot kicking and accurate, though not powerful, with his pass-out. His slip-away was too wide.

J. G. SMITH (*Colours* 1958). A good hooker and, apart from some weak kicking, a forward of something like class.

M. T. JACK (*Colours* 1958). Really a centre or fly but had to play at full-back *pro bono publico*. Not always sound in tackling and positioning, but faultless with his fielding, a useful right-foot kick, and good at joining in the attack.

J. M. BISBY (*Colours* 1958). Centre three-quarter, a shade lacking in pace, and still a little shaky with his passing; but a determined runner and defender. Perhaps unique in the game in that he has never been known to kick for touch.

K. HENDERSON (*Colours* 1958). Young wing three-quarter, quick-moving and slippery rather than actually fast, with a fine sense of anticipation. Scored, or had a hand in, most of our tries.

M. E. NOBLE (*Colours* 1958). Tall forward, made pretty good use of his height in the line-out (but could do more still), shoved his weight in the second row, and was reliable, though somewhat slow, in the loose.



B. J. CARPENTER (*Colours* 1958). Noble's nearly-as-tall companion in the line-out and second row. Unlucky to be crocked for some matches.

G. A. JONES (*Colours* 1958). Lively back-row forward. Good hands and tackle, and a neat dribbler.

I. C. A. GREEN (*Colours* 1958). The other outside forward, quite good with his hands and feet, and a stout defender. Played one or two fine games.

M. N. CROFT (*Colours* 1958). Unselfish fly-half with beautiful hands, and good judgment of when to kick. Is curing himself of a bad tendency to go across, but has not yet entirely succeeded.

J. A. HUME. Hardworking forward, young for the fifteen, but of good promise. Should practise place-kicking.

G. B. SIMPSON. Centre three-quarter, very young for the fifteen, and with a lot to learn about making openings, but a determined player of promise, and already sound defence.

G. L. HORNER. Young wing three-quarter who always goes hard, and has adequate pace, but needs more nippiness and more subtlety in his running.

M. J. PARRISH. Hardworking front row forward. At his best in loose scrums, for he grabs his man heartily, and takes a bit of holding.

## SECOND XV CHARACTERS

J. G. RANSOME (*Captain: Colours* 1958). Led the side with drive and enthusiasm. A forward often prominent in line-out and loose, and seemed to last the pace better than most.

P. C. BIBBY (*Colours* 1957/1958). As hooker, secured more than his fair share of the ball: also played a full part in the loose and was often on hand to take part in passing movements.

J. F. BRADBURY (*Colours* 1957/1958). Back-row forward who mostly filled a gap in the First and was unlucky that some loss of speed prevented him from keeping his place there.

K. R. HARRIS (*Colours* 1957/1958). Fast for a forward and a skilful dribbler. Uncertain with his handling and tends to run across field, but on his day plays very well indeed.

K. J. STAFFORD (*Colours* 1958). Prop forward who filled a gap in the First on occasion. Hard worker, but perhaps lacks the finer touches.

K. A. BLACKMORE (*Colours* 1958). Scrum-half with a long, quick service, who improved tremendously. His covering and touch-kicking were invaluable, and he proved our best and most consistent outside.

M. J. CHADWICK (*Colours* 1958). Centre with good acceleration and an eye for a gap, but he never quite realised his promise. His defence was shaky—partly due to poor positioning.

M. T. HARRISON (*Colours* 1958). A thoroughly useful forward, in his second year in the side, who always gave of his best.

K. L. LEWIS (*Colours* 1958). Tried hard to learn the centre game, and succeeded pretty well. His defence is sound and he is acquiring some skill in attack. If he can improve his handling and kick naturally with his left foot, he will be useful next year.

R. D. RANSOME (*Colours* 1958). Promising in all phases of forward play. Has plenty to learn with regard to positioning, but his tackling on occasion was a delight.

H. L. ADDINGTON (*Colours* 1958). Wing three-quarter (who sometimes had to play out of place) and useful place-kicker. Has much natural ability but some lack of determination.

T. J. BELL (*Colours* 1958). Promising back-row forward with the knack of being at hand for the scoring chance. Led the scrum well when required.

A. J. SHERRARD (*Colours* 1958). Rather slow moving and small for a full-back, but full of courage and quite imperturbable. His tackling saved many awkward situations.

B. R. SALTER (*Colours* 1958). A good line-out forward, kept out of many matches by injury.

M. S. HANCOCK. Small slippery wing with sound defence. Unlucky to miss some games.

B. J. BROMLEY. Fly-half who rather disappointed. His kicking was often shrewdly directed, and he showed the ability to break through a weak defence, but failed against

more solid opposition and was unable to stimulate passing movements.

As so many players had to be called on because of the injured list, a ninth colour was given forward: even so, J. C. Swann, a soundly capable reserve scrummager, was needed for most matches. Sympathy must go to J. G. N. Blaxall who would have been certain of colours as the mainstay of the threes, but was crocked for nearly all the season.

## FIRST XV MATCH

v. OLD ELIZABETHANS (Past v. Present) on Stapylton. December 13th. Won 3-0.

A sensational win in the closing seconds of the match. The O.E.'s may well feel that a draw was the fair result, for such bad luck as lay in the run of the game all came their way. Yet all agree that, if any side deserved to win, that side was the School. As the Past, though containing some formidable players, were by no means all used to playing together this year, the School were much more of a team; their lighter pack shared the honours in tight and line-out and were better in the loose, and their outsides brought off a few passing movements, while the Past wings each had only one reasonable run.

The heavy rains of the whole season had made conditions on Stapylton the worst for many a year; but the game never became a dreary mud struggle. The good hands and heavy foot of J. E. Winchester were invaluable to the Past; as was Gould's kicking to the School. This early led to an unusual incident when, changing direction suddenly, he banged the ball, at a foot's range, straight into the face of the referee. This arbiter, recovering reasonably quickly from an almost literally stunning blow, whistled both teams to come, walking like Agag, to find his spectacles, which were now indistinguishable from the slush into which they had been knocked. At length retrieved, cleansed and replaced, they allowed the match to continue. In an even first half, the O.E.'s were nearly in twice, once when their only real passing movement saw Johnstone make a fine opening for his wing, whose raiment was effectively grabbed in the very nick of time, and once when Allen worked the blind side for Hewitt. The School also was nearly in twice, through good dribbles, in which Jones was prominent.

In the second half the School outsides were more in evidence. There was one fine movement on the left, initiated by Jack, that nearly brought a score, Simpson and Bisby each once broke down the centre, but the latter, though playing a sterling game otherwise, was a bit off with his passing; so, though the School were plainly on top in the last few minutes, a draw seemed certain, till Henderson, scooping up a badly rolled pass, beat his man and the back to score with a fine run.

Gibbs, leading the School for the last time, put in a tremendous amount of work, so did Noble, and, indeed, the whole pack. Gould was tireless and sage at their heels, Croft mastered the bad conditions admirably, and Henderson, as usual, was always on the spot. Despite the bad weather there was a fine turn-out of O.E.'s of all ages.

*School:* M. T. Jack; K. Henderson, M. J. Bisby, G. B. Simpson, G. L. Horner; M. N. Croft, J. R. Gould; T. E. Gibbs, J. G. Smith, G. A. Jones, M. E. Noble, B. J. Carpenter, I. C. A. Green, J. W. G. Hume, M. J. Parrish.

*Past:* R. K. Smith; B. T. Hewitt, F. R. Jackaman, K. S. Johnstone, G. S. Surtees; J. E. Winchester, P. J. Allen; H. W. Bell, I. Jackson, R. D. Parker, A. B. Thomas, R. D. Sinclair, G. W. Davies, K. G. Haslewood, W. T. Smith.

## THIRD XV MATCH

v. BOREHAMWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. December 6th. Won 14-3.

## COLTS XV MATCH

v. BOREHAMWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. December 6th. Won 20-0.

## JUNIOR MATCHES

THIRD YEAR v. ST. ALBANS. At Galley Lane. March 4th. Lost 0-9.

SECOND YEAR v. ST. ALBANS. At Galley Lane. March 4th. Won 6-3.

## SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

In the first round, on an unpleasant day, Harrisons beat Stapylton by two goals to two tries. Harrisons seized their chances before things got too heavy, and scored when bad tackling let Horner go through half the side, and by a neat slip-away from the scrum by Blackmore—who kicked both goals and, on this day, was about the best player on the field. In the second half, Stapylton, though then unluckily one short, pressed all the time and should have won. But their unvaried tactics in keeping the ball *always* to the *closest* of forward rushes were not entirely good—by spreading out they could have used their greater experience in the pack and on the wings. They scored tries through Hancock and a forward maul on the line, but in failing to convert them, and kick some possible penalties they wasted the opportunities that their tactics had given them.

The semi-finals produced two quite Homeric struggles, each match being won by the only score made. In one, Harrisons (without Blackmore—but Woodford proved a decent substitute) did most of the attacking in the first half, but wasted their chances because their outsides went across and passed too closely to one another. In the second half they produced a movement which saw Horner score under the posts with a good run, but otherwise Leicester, for whom Jones got through a tremendous amount of covering, had the better of things, and all but saved the game in the closing minutes. It was excellent that the standard of play was good, though in both Houses most of the players were not in any of the School fifteens.

In the other match (Underne—Broughton) the standard was less good; though there were distinctly more 'big noises' operating. The backs on both sides seemed in awe of one another. Gould and Croft did just occasionally pass to the Underne line instead of kicking (and then Jack kicked!), but Bromley, at fly for Broughton, kicked almost invariably. The scrum was a tense forward struggle for which Broughton were not at full strength; and for all the stout work of Smith and Noble, the Underne pack were better together. Gould went away from the scrum to score for Underne at the end of the first half, and his side were just about value for the narrow win this gave them.

Those who thought that this match was, for practical purposes, the final, were just about proved to be right when the real final was played—for Underne won it by fourteen points to nothing. Harrisons played up well, however. Forward, Borrow and Little each did the work of two men, and Woodford did a fairly successful best to make Gould's life unpalatable; behind them, the outsides, which were their strength, tried to seize such small chances as they had, and Underne were more than once glad that Sherrard was in form at back. But the greater strength and experience of the Underne pack, in conditions that made it a forward's

day, was the deciding factor. The pack, with Gould at their heels, got three of Underne's tries, the fourth coming from a sound, orthodox passing movement to the wing.

The series, as a whole, was the best for a few seasons. It showed that there is an excellently sound standard of orthodox play, especially in defence, that is by no means limited to those in the teams; but it also showed some weakness in kicking, some lack of clever running and passing, and a bad tendency of outsides to go across: a couple of yards straight and then a pass is better than any number of yards across, followed by a so-called attacking kick, which usually leads nowhere.

## JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

In the first (or bye) round Underne beat Stapylton 9-3. Stapylton had the better of the first half, scored when Cowie made a try for Norman (who played well throughout), and it was against the run of the play when Underne drew level just before half-time with a score by Honeybone. But Underne had much the better of things in the second half, scored when Jeavons intercepted a pass and Iller got over from the scrum on the line that this led to, and again with a passing movement that sent in Plummer. When one considers the heavy conditions and the fact that a number of second formers were in the teams, the standard of play was pretty good, especially in defence.

In the next round Harrisons carried far too many guns for Broughton, and won 61-0 almost as they pleased. But on the adjacent pitch Underne and Leicester waged a battle with something of a hospital cup-tie flavour about it. Leicester, with a powerful pack, were expected to win, but did not make the wisest disposition of their backs—Curry, their best outside on the day being partly wasted on one wing. They scored first through Johnstone, but Underne went ahead before half-time with two tries by Plummer, one of which Wiggs converted. In the second half, with the advantage of wind and slope, Leicester pressed nearly all the time; but Underne, exhorted with raucous wisdom from the touch-line by their House Captain, stuck most determinedly to their work and just managed to keep their line intact.

Although this result somewhat belied the prophets, there was nothing unexpected about the final, Harrisons winning 21-3. The lighter Underne pack, with Honeybone and Jeavons prominent, mainly contained and occasionally subdued their opponents, but Harrisons' halves, Newton and Edmonds, played admirably in appalling conditions, and contrived opportunities for Wormald to show his thrust and positional sense in the centre despite Plummer's keen tackling. The handling of the heavy and muddy ball was remarkably good, and all seven Harrisons tries resulted from passing movements by the backs. Jeavons scored the Underne reply. A goodly number of parents braved the elements to watch, and the football seen augurs well for the future.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The season opened poorly, for in the Hertfordshire Youths Championships we were placed last. This race is always on the second Saturday of January and this year we were clearly not up to the standard required. However, it was a salutary lesson for a team which thought it would be good! The course was an open, fast one and should have suited our better runners. The placings were K. Henderson 5th, G. S. Smith 48th, R. D. Addy 54th, T. E. Carroll 56th, D. Walsh 57th, and R. J. Davey 58th from a field of 61.

By the 31st January, when we entered for the Ranelagh Harriers Cup at Petersham, we were distinctly improved. This is another open and fast course with little in the way of obstacles. We finished 16th in a field of 24 teams. R. C. Harrison was the first home being 48th, A. A. May 59th, R. J. Paget 67th, and G. S. Smith 74th; these were the scoring numbers, which gave us a tie with Luton Grammar School. Addy was 103rd and Carroll 104th. On 7th February, we entered the Hampstead Harriers first inter-school competition. There was a field of about 50. The course at Brook Farm, Totteridge, was soggy on top, but firm underneath. The team, weakened by the absence of Paget and Henderson and by May's being too young, finished reason-

ably well, but too far back in its packing. A. J. Bell was 15th, C. S. Aubury, 16th, D. A. L. Every 17th, D. J. Burr 18th. These were the scoring four, who brought us 4th place out of the 8 schools competing. Also in the school team were K. P. Hopkins 21st, C. Standfield 28th, D. P. Walsh 33rd, and R. D. Addy 37th. On the 14th February, we entered in the Southern Counties Youths Championship, at Aylesford, Kent. The real purpose of our competing here is always to give the team an experience of running in a big race. The field was 250 runners from 40 teams. Our positions were K. Henderson 69th, R. J. Paget 111th, C. S. Aubury 172nd, G. S. Smith 186th, and T. E. Carroll 194th. The Herts. Schools Race was held at East Barnet Grammar School on 18th February. The team ran quite well to finish third with 81 points. The highlight of the race was the perhaps unexpected excellence of Henderson in winning the individual title, in a stiff field of 79 competitors; his time of 18 mins. was said to be the fastest for that course. His performance was especially pleasing since he beat several runners who had beaten him in other meetings earlier in the season. R. C. Harrison, too, ran well to finish 6th; R. J. Paget was 23rd, G. S. Smith 51st, A. J. Bell 53rd, and D. J. Burr 54th.

On 21st February, the Inter-house Race was run. This year each house ran 10 boys, of whom 8 scored: Broughton could unfortunately raise only the minimum of 8. The course was slightly longer than usual. In spite of several days without rain, the going was still very heavy indeed. The individual winner was K. Henderson (Harrisons); second was R. C. Harrison (Stapylton) and third R. J. Paget (Leicester). The result of the House competition was Leicester 117 points, closely followed by the former holders, Stapylton (124 points); third was Underne (167 points), fourth Harrisons (173 points)—this was their first appearance as a House in this competition—and fifth, Broughton (225 points).

On 25th February we held our match with St. Albans School. In this, each side enters a team of 30 boys, of whom the first 25 home score. In earlier matches, the victory has gone to the home team; but this year, we lost over our own course. Perhaps the race was just a little too soon after our own school race, and certainly our regular team had had a strenuous fortnight before. However, the importance of a match of this sort is that it is not the 'stars' who matter, so much as the more lowly placed runners, and here we were not good enough. In the first half of the field we were evenly matched, but the tail end runners of St. Albans were clearly better than ours, for we occupied ten of the last twelve positions. The respective totals were St. Albans 620 points, School 668 points. As a competition, this is undoubtedly the

most enjoyable fixture of the cross-country season and we look forward to our meeting, with the hope of turning the tables on our opponents. The season closed for us with our appearance in the Southgate Harriers Inter-Grammar Schools Race. This course is an open, fast one and we never seem to do quite as well as we hope. This year we finished fourth out of nine competing schools. As individuals, Henderson was 8th, Harrison 11th, Paget 20th, May 33rd, H. L. Addington 38th and K. P. Hopkins 45th in a field of fifty runners.

The season has been better than last year, for in every meeting we have improved on last year's performances. There is still a long way to go before we return to our eminence of seven or eight years ago. We have, however, the nucleus of a good team for next year, and it is to be hoped that, next year's team will not be content with this season's results, for this is a weakness that affects second-year teams in so many things. One way in which we can ensure some progress is by starting our training earlier in the season, that is to say, before Christmas. Among the boys, more co-operation is needed in holiday training, for pious intentions to train are no use in cross-country which mercilessly reveals the weaknesses of the unfit. Perhaps fewer, or even shorter, holiday jobs might leave more time for training. It is hard to believe that senior boys really do need to work in the vacation on outside jobs. But that is a different story

## CHESS

Results to date:—

### FIRST TEAM

- Played 22. Won 17. Lost 3. Drawn 2.  
 v. ENFIELD CHESS CLUB. (B.L.). Lost. 3-7.  
 v. CHRIST'S COLLEGE. (F.L.). Won 6-0.  
 v. ST. ALOYSIUS' SCHOOL (F.L.). Won 4-2.  
 v. B.N.C., OXFORD (Fr.). Lost 4½-5½.  
 v. TOTTERIDGE CHESS CLUB (B.L.). Won 4½-3½.  
 v. HENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL (F.L.). Won 5-1.  
 v. SIR GEORGE MONOUX SCHOOL (S.T.T.). -Won 4½-1½.  
 v. CHESHUNT GRAMMAR SCHOOL (H.C.T.). Won 5-2.  
 v. RICKMANSWORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (H.C.T.). Won 4-3.  
 v. SOUTHGATE CHESS CLUB (B.L.). 3½-3½ (one game undecided).

- v. WELWYN GARDEN CITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL (H.C.T.). Won 6½-½.  
 v. OLD ELIZABETHANS. (Fr.). Won 15-10.

### SECOND TEAM

Played 4. Won 4. Drawn 0. Lost 0.

### INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Played 4. Won 4. Drawn 0. Lost 0.

### JUNIOR TEAM

Played 5. Won 3. Drawn 0. Lost 2.

B.L.: Barnet League.  
 S.T.T.: "Sunday Times" Tournament.  
 F.L.: Finchley League.  
 H.C.T.: Herts. Coronation Trophy.

## FIVES

This term our usual special group has been training to produce a team of as good a standard as our conditions allow: in fact at the moment we have more experienced players available than in any previous year. On Thursday, February 19th, we were again most generously entertained by the City of London School, whose Reserve VI beat us by the usual score of 3-0: however, this paper result belies our improvement, and we scored more points than ever before, much of the play being very closely contested. All the team took time to adjust themselves to the faster conditions, but made a very creditable and determined effort. Team: J. R.

Gould (Captain) and M. T. Jack; H. G. Griffiths and D. R. Mosely; M. N. Croft and C. J. Akhurst. Akhurst was a late substitute for S. J. Highley, who was unfit. We are glad to have a new fixture, against Chigwell School, at Chigwell on Saturday, March 14th. In the Easter holidays we shall again take part in the Public Schools Championship at Highgate School: our nominated pairs are J. R. Gould and M. T. Jack; and H. G. Griffiths and D. R. Mosely.

Normal play for those on the full-time list has been proceeding under the praiseworthy control of the Keeper of the Fives Court, B. S. Smith.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### MUSICAL SOCIETY

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Secretary: M. A. SPENCE.

This term has seen an innovation in the shape of lunch-hour concerts every Monday and Thursday, in which the items have been solos played by boys and masters on their own particular instruments. Pieces have been fairly light and fairly short, and the complete informality and relaxed atmosphere, whereby listeners could enter the Hall just as they pleased, have combined to make the series an outstanding success. The list of performers is as follows:—

The Headmaster (piano), M. A. Spence (horn), M. S. Iller (piano), Mr. Cocks (bass), Mr. Fry (piano), J. R. Pater-noster (soprano), P. J. Rhodes (piano), Mr. Crofts (bassoon), Mr. Finnitt (piano), G. S. Smith (piano), R. H. Mayes (violin), Mr. Fry (violin and viola), A. H. Stones (piano), and K. E. J. Wiseman (piano).

The Orchestra has not had a good term, chiefly owing to the inevitably great number of other calls on players' time on Tuesday evenings. At the Hobbies Exhibition it put on a short "specimen rehearsal," as opposed to a prepared concert; but this has been its only activity. M.A.S.

## ELIZABETHAN UNION

President: MR. COVINGTON.

Chairman: MR. SMITH.

Committee: MR. FINNETT, M. A. Spence, M. M. Small, H. G. Griffiths, P. C. Bibby, P. J. Rhodes (Secretary).

The Committee thanks T. A. Gibbs, who left the School at Christmas for his services to the Union. P. C. Bibby has been elected to the committee in his place.

At the end of last term the Union was defeated by the Debating Society of Cheshunt Grammar School in the second round of the Hertfordshire Schools Debating Competition. M. A. Spence and P. J. Rhodes proposed the motion, "*That in the opinion of this House it would be better if Columbus had stayed at home*". After Mr. John McKnight, head of the B.B.C. Schools Broadcasting Department, had delivered judgement, the electricians dazzled us while Mr. Townsend made a photographic record of our activities.

On 19th January the Union held its annual joint debate with the New Barnet Literary and Debating Society. The motion, "*That this House does not regard education as an unmixed blessing*," was successfully proposed by P. C. Bibby and B. R. Salter. The debate was lively, and we are grateful to the Society for its hospitality and friendly rivalry.

The first ordinary debate this term was held on 10th February, when the motion, "*That this House applauds the action of the demonstrators at Swaffham*," was proposed by C. J. Akhurst and B. A. Spatz, and opposed by H. G. Griffiths and A. J. C. MacLachlan. On 3rd March the Union was led by the Prefects in a debate on the motion, "*That this House believes that Crime Does Pay*," proposed by M. A. Spence and J. G. Ransome, and opposed by B. R. Salter and P. C. Bibby. We note with regret that some members remain reluctant to display their talents; it is impossible to hold a good debate in such conditions, and we hope that members will soon become more eager to give voice to their opinions.

P.J.R.

## CHRISTIAN UNION

President: MR. PEARCE.

Chairman: MR. PINNOCK.

Committee: P. C. Bibby, K. Henderson, C. J. Akhurst, A. H. Brook, C. R. Brand, E. M. Forgan, G. S. Smith (Secretary).

This term the Union continued to hold weekly meetings as last term, with the Senior and Middle School Groups meeting on Wednesdays after lunch, and the Juniors at the same time on Fridays. The latter group has flourished under the auspices of Mr. Reid, C. R. Brand, and E. M. Forgan, and we should like to thank them for the work they have done in this sphere. After Christmas the majority of last year's Middle School Group entered the Sixth form, so that the support the Union receives from the Seniors has been increased. In the senior Bible studies this term members of the group have taken it in turn to lead studies of certain Old Testament characters.

We are sorry to say that other School activities have a marked effect on attendance, and due to the commitments of the School Play and cross-country we have only been able to hold one after-school meeting this term, when Mr. Goddard of Oakhill College spoke on Christian Service.

Regular prayer meetings have been held throughout this term.

G.S.S.

## SCHOOL SOCIETY

President: MR. HOSKISON.

Secretary: R. J. Shore.

The main activity this term was, of course, the Hobbies Exhibition, the success of which was due to all those boys who helped to organize it. The School supported this annual function well and it was pleasing to see the large number of parents who were interested enough to come. As last year, programmes were printed on the School press and sold to the visitors. There were several displays throughout the evening, and refreshments were sold in the Refectory.

Over half-term a number of Seniors visited "*The Sunday*

*Times*"; this was an extremely interesting and enjoyable visit and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking our hosts for their hospitality.

R.J.S.

## GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President: MR. FINNETT.

Secretary: B. S. Smith.

Due to the overwhelming demands of the School Play, this term's meetings have been somewhat limited both in number and attendance. Only three meetings have been held, but even so a wide field has been covered. Symphonies have ranged from the ever popular No. 5 in C minor by Beethoven, to Dvorak's symphony "From the New World," concertos have been as divergent as Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A major and Sibelius' Violin Concerto. Past meetings have been noticeably lacking in examples of religious music, so at one meeting some all too brief extracts, from two of the great "Requiem's" of the 19th century, those of Fauré and Verdi, were introduced to illustrate the contrasting approaches of different composers to the same subject. Our other music this term has included the "St. Antony Variations" by Brahms, a piano sonata by Beethoven, excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Casse Noisette" and Elgar's "Introduction and Allegro for Strings." Unfortunately the shortcomings of our equipment are becoming more and more apparent, but these have not been sufficient, as yet, to damp the enjoyment of our established audience.

In addition to our usual meetings, two visits to Sadler's Wells were arranged; the first, last December, was to see Franz Lehar's "The Merry Widow;" and the other in January to see "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart. These visits proved popular and provided two enjoyable evenings entertainment.

B.S.S.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

### Photographic Society

President: MR. FAIRBAIRN.

Secretaries: P. W. A. Lever, A. J. Sherrard.

Soon after the beginning of term the new darkroom was available for use, and we moved from our temporary premises adjacent to the Biology Laboratory, where we have been operating since last September. The new darkroom is fitted with a sink and hot and cold running water, which we have not had before, and is situated where the old kitchens used to be.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent have given us a large amount of very useful and welcome equipment, and we should like to thank them very much.

As the Oates Prize was carried over to this term to enable boys to take photographs in the Christmas holidays, the new darkroom was soon in use, mainly from boys wishing to submit photographs for the Hobbies Exhibition. This year there was a very good showing from boys in the first forms, this interest augurs well for the future years of the society.

The Hockett Cup Competition for House Photography will be held next term and we hope that there will be a good standard of entries from boys throughout the School.

P.W.A.L., A.J.S.

### Astronomical Society

President: MR. HAYES.

Secretary: R. J. Dodd.

Although the society has been rather less active than last term, two rooms were successfully prepared for the annual Hobbies Exhibition; one room contained telescopes and stellar observations, while the other had planetary photographs and drawings.

A short illustrated talk was given on "Minor Planets" by R. C. Costin, which was well attended considering the other attractions of the evening. On March 7th a small party of boys visited the University of London Observatory at Mill Hill. It is hoped that the school's ten inch reflecting telescope will be completed in the near future, so that it may undergo observing tests next term.

R.J.D.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY

*President:* MR. WINTER.

*Secretary:* T. E. Carroll.

The main event for the society this term was the Hobbies Exhibition. The standard and quantity of exhibits was about average. The competition produced a varied collection of entries, some good others not. The Senior competition was won by C. J. Akhurst with a comprehensive display of stamps from Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, the Junior winner was S. C. Smith with an attractive selection of stamps from Hungary.

Fortnightly meetings have again been held this term, but we are sorry to report that the quality of stamps has not risen as had been hoped; it is trusted that this fault will be rectified as soon as possible.

T.E.C.

## GYM. CLUB

*President:* MR. HICKS.

*Secretary:* M. S. Hancock.

The club's activities have been particularly encouraging this term. The increase in attendance of Juniors has continued and about twenty-five to thirty a week has been usual at Junior meetings. The Senior club although still not large has built up a nucleus of really keen members, who, although not always of outstanding ability, have reached quite a high standard by their keenness.

At the Hobbies Exhibition the Senior club had a chance of showing its paces in what proved to be a popular display.

M.S.H.

## RAILWAY CLUB

*President:* MR. FRANCIS.

*Secretaries:* H. M. Gunston, R. C. Vice.

The term started with preparations for the Hobbies Ex-

hibition. The model railway layouts were smaller and better than usual, and the evening passed without any major mishaps. Towards the end of term H. M. Gunston gave a talk on Southampton Docks, which are the largest railway owned docks in Great Britain.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Francis, who has presided with great interest over the Club's affairs for the past two terms.

H.M.G., R.C.V.

## METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

The Stevenson's Screen built by members of the Science Club was finally sited on Stapylton early last term, and regular observations began on October 1st. Despite suggestions from the Masters' Common Room that this was responsible for the abnormal number of foggy days, a group of boys has made observations three times a day under the general supervision of Mr. Dilley. This has enabled the School to take part in a scheme (sponsored by University College, London) to study the local climate of the Lea Valley and its environs. Leading figures are shewn on the following table.

	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.
Highest Maximum (°F.)	69	57	54	52	59
Lowest Maximum	.. 49	39	39	30	34
Highest Minimum	.. 60	51	49	46	44
Lowest Minimum	.. 41	31	29	19	29
No. of days with Frost	0	1	4	20	11
No. of days with Fog	.. 2	5	5	4	9
Rainfall in inches	.. 3.939	3.053	3.862	3.180	0.078
Days with Rainfall	.. 18	18	23	15	6
Max. fall in 24 hours	.. 0.75	0.39	0.80	0.59	0.02

The outstanding feature of the period was the exceptional dryness of February.

## HOUSE NOTES

### BROUGHTON

*Housemaster:* MR. TIMSON.

*Prefect:* J. G. Ransome. *Sub-Prefects:* J. F. Bradbury, J. G. Smith, M. E. Noble.

This term has been made sadly memorable by the death of B. J. Carpenter. We extend to his parents our most sincere condolences. The House has lost a very keen member and his presence will be greatly missed.

Our congratulations are extended to M. E. Noble on his election to sub-prefect. The House has shown the usual "Spring Term lethargy" so generally prevalent this term. The results of the House Football have gone against us this term but for two different reasons. The Seniors failed not through any lack of individual ability but by a certain deficiency in team spirit; the reverse is probably true of the Juniors where we have a grave dearth of players of ability and our heavy defeat to a very powerful Harrison's House was ample evidence of this.

It was pleasing to note that our superficially weak Chess Team acquitted themselves well under the captaincy of D. E. Guy and succeeded in placing themselves second in the House Competition. The Cross-Country produced an expected result for the House despite the efforts of J. G. Smith. It is to be hoped that the rather long hibernation of the House is indicative of a very vigorous Summer Term.

We should like to extend our most hearty congratulations to S. H. Freedman on his winning his Law Scholarships.

J.G.R.

### HARRISONS

*Housemaster:* MR. PINNOCK.

*Sub-Prefect:* K. Henderson

Congratulations are due to the Senior football team which, although handicapped by lack of weight and years, succeeded in reaching the final; only to be defeated by a heavier and more experienced Underne side. By way of a contrast the Junior fifteen, captained by Wormald, lacks neither weight nor experience and defeated Underne in the final by 23 points to 3. The lack of football potential in the second year, however, is a little alarming.

This term saw Harrison's compete in the House Cross-Country Race for the first time. All ran bravely and although

placed fourth we were the first team to close in.

Our chess players, with Logsdon as captain, show considerable enthusiasm and ability and are to be congratulated on winning the Senior House Chess Cup.

This enthusiasm is general and pleasingly shows itself in School as well as House affairs.

We shall be very sorry to lose the Little brothers at the end of term, and wish them every success at their new school in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

K.H.

Congratulations to Henderson on being re-awarded his athletics colours, and on winning the Herts. Schools Cross-Country and the School Cross-Country races.

B.P.

## LEICESTER

*Housemaster:* MR. WINTER.

*Prefect:* M. A. Spence. *Sub-Prefects:* L. J. M. McKenzie, T. E. Carroll.

The particular success of the House this term has been its victory in the House Cross-Country. The team, ably captained by T. E. Carroll, although it did not get either first or second place, nevertheless brought off a fine win by virtue of some excellent packing high up in the scoring order; and all the following boys who ran are to be congratulated:—T. E. Carroll, A. A. May, R. J. Paget, D. J. Burr, A. J. Bell, C. J. Standfield, W. E. Gross, I. W. D. Croker, M. F. Lock, A. D. Bolden.

On the rugby field we were narrowly beaten by Harrison's after a tremendous struggle in the semi-final of the House Rugby Cup, and the team, which was as follows, may be proud of their performance:—L. J. M. McKenzie (*Captain*), M. A. Spence, T. E. Carroll, A. J. Bell, M. J. Parrish, D. J. Burr, P. H. Cooke, W. E. Gross, D. A. Hammond, G. A. Jones, M. F. Lock, A. A. May, R. J. Paget, K. J. Stafford, B. A. Spatz.

The Junior rugby team under the captaincy of H. A. Sinclair, also failed to pull anything off, but they played well against a strong Underne side.

Next term the House will be captained by L. J. M. McKenzie.

M.A.S.



We are sorry to say good-bye to M. A. Spence, who has so distinguished himself in cultural and intellectual activities. We would like to congratulate him on his winning an open scholarship at Exeter College, Oxford, and wish him every success there and afterwards.

L.J.M.McK.

## STAPYLTON

*Housemaster:* MR. COVINGTON.

*Prefect:* B. R. Salter. *Sub-Prefects:* M. S. Hancock, R. H. Mayes, B. S. Smith, R. C. Harrison.

The House has not covered itself with glory this term. Both the Senior and Junior football teams were eliminated in the preliminary rounds. The cross-country team ran very well under the enthusiastic captaincy of R. C. Harrison but unfortunately failed to win the school race. As for chess, our team was ably captained by N. J. E. Reynolds but fell far short of success. Our outlook for next term must not become defeatist because of our apparent failure in inter house activities, for there are many opportunities in the form of Athletics, Cricket, Swimming, Fives, and Photography in which each member of the House can play his part.

We extend our congratulations to B. S. Smith who was appointed a sub-prefect at the end of Michaelmas term. At the lunch table we welcomed W. J. Filer who came back after a long stay in Germany to fill the vacancy in the Physical Education Department during the 'flu epidemic.

B.R.S.

## UNDERNE

*Housemaster:* MR. PEARCE.

*Prefects:* P. C. Bibby, J. G. N. Blaxall. *Sub-Prefects:* P. J. Rhodes, J. R. Gould, R. J. Shore, C. J. Akhurst, M. T. Jack.

As far as Underne House was concerned last term was crowned by the promotion of J. G. N. Blaxall to the rank of Full Prefect, and the election of M. T. Jack as a Sub-Prefect. No sooner had we heard of this than we heard of the Scholarship Exam successes of P. J. Rhodes, and M. J. Tomkinson, our previous House Captain. Congratulations

to all four of them.

As far as House sporting achievements are concerned, pride of place must go to the Junior Rugby Team. Classified by most observers as the fourth strongest team in the field, by their own enthusiasm and determination they reached the final. In the preliminary round they defeated Stapylton by sheer enthusiasm. After being 0-3 down, they fought back up the Galley Lane slope to win 9-3. Against Leicester the scrum played superbly, first to hold, then to outshove a heavier pack, to win 8-3. In the Final against Harrisons we played with our usual vigour, but they had so much more natural skill that they beat us 3-21. This does not seem good, but our team was for ever trying, and never let up until the final whistle. A. J. Honeybone captained the side well.

In the Senior House semi-final we played Broughton in a dire battle in which our forwards contained the bigger Broughton pack, even when one man short, and gave our superior backs as much of the ball as they needed to win 3-0. In the Final, in glorious mud, our pack nearly annihilated the plucky Harrisons scrum, gaining the ball nearly all the time, so that we won at our leisure by 12-0. Our outstanding players were J. R. Gould and T. O. R. J. Herbert.

In the Cross-country race all our team ran well, K. P. Hopkins especially, to gain a good third position; while in the Senior chess matches we came third, gaining  $6\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 12. During this term Underne boys have played more than their full share in most school activities, especially the School Play. This increased enthusiasm has been noticed throughout School and House affairs, although some have never put themselves out for House or School. These people are very few in Underne and I trust they are a dying race.

We are always pleased to see Old Undernians at the lunch table, and since we last went to press we have had the pleasure of the company of C. D. Shargool.

P.C.B.

This term we must say good-bye to P. C. Bibby. He has been Captain since last Easter, and the House has achieved some notable successes under his leadership. He has a place at Queens' College, Cambridge, for this year, and he is spending next term teaching before his European tour in the summer.

J.G.N.B.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following contemporaries:—*The Albanian, The Aldenhamian, The Eagle, The East Barnet Grammar School Magazine, The Elthamian, The Finchleian, The Fullerian, The Georgian, The Mill Hill Magazine, The Masonian.*

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### 1958 BIRTHS

Oct. 13th—To Doreen, wife of J. Wood (1940-44), a daughter—Elisabeth Jean, a sister for Stephen.

### 1959

Jan. 4th—To Heather, wife of F. A. Henderson (1930-37), a son—Jeremy Stuart, a brother for Christopher and Juliet.

Feb. 8th—To Margaret, wife of D. L. J. Cadney (1936-45), a son—Stephen Reginald.

Feb. 23rd—To Cecile, wife of J. Strugnell (1939-43), a son—David.

### 1958 MARRIAGES

Dec. 6th—At Bristol, Rev. R. T. Beckwith (1938-48), to Janette Pullin of Bristol.

Dec. 13th—At Northaw, A. L. Lane (1943-49), to Jennifer Banks Davies of Cuffley. A. G. Salisbury (1941-50) was Best Man.

Feb. 21st—At Barnet, J. M. Bailey (1944-52), to Margaret Edwards of Barnet. A. J. Dobbins (1947-51) was Best Man.

## CORRESPONDENCE

5th January, 1959

Dear Editor,

May I once again ask for a little space, in order to thank most sincerely the O.E.'s who sent me Christmas cards. They were many, and it gave me the greatest possible pleasure to receive them.

Apart from those from O.E.'s in the British Isles, which ranged from Glasgow to the south west (by way of Bridges at Harwell), there were two from diplomats (R. A. Hibbert portraying a market in Guatemala, and Leslie Fielding a mosque in Iran), some naval ones from R. B. Bell in H.M.S. Dalswinton, Neil MacEacharn in H.M.S. Centaur, Peter Northey in H.M.S. Cook (a surveying vessel operating in the south west Pacific—he was just about to start surveying the Solomons so that the royal yacht should not run aground when it pays a visit in March), J. W. Hickman at Dartmouth and Athol Robertson from the Pay and Records Office of the Royal Marines. From Malaya came cards from R. E. Beacham who is an officer in the Gurkhas, and from N. C. Roethenbaugh; from Aden from Bob Elderfield, and from Kenya from J. O. Luterbacher. There was a Rhodesian batch from Chappell in Salisbury, from Brian Nightingale in the Police at Bulawayo, and from H. C. Griffiths. Anton Obrist sent from Basle, Pittet from Canada and John Sterry, determined to make sure, sent two cards to different addresses from West Point, Virginia. As, also, W. G. Roberts' card was that of the Oxford Chitral expedition, I got a pretty clear impression that O.E.'s are seeing a good deal of the world at the moment and, with apologies for some seventy omissions, am grateful to them all.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) E. H. Jenkins,

HEADMASTER.

*We publish below some reminiscences of School life in the 1890's contained in a letter to the Headmaster from J. H. Owen (1889-92), who was for many years a schoolmaster at St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, and later at Felsted. He now lives in Montgomeryshire.*

... In my time, as far as I remember, very few boys went to the 'varsities. We had some topping good masters, but I regret to say that we were not above playing tricks on some of them. The wretched man who taught us inorganic chem-

istry was one of the worst afflicted. He took us in special classes in the evenings to prepare us for a South Kensington exam. Another whose time we often wasted was the Senior French Master, Monsieur Massé, a Parisian. He had fought in the Franco-German war and was always easily diverted from class work to talk about it. His pet question was, "When did Napoleon III lose his appetite?" "When he lost Sedan." He really got very interesting and excited, when we got him properly on the move. I never heard him utter a word in favour of a German.

Kingsford looked after the games, but he was not a great performer. G. W. N. Harrison was a very good cricketer and occasionally played for us against clubs. I do not know if you still have the same ground, but it was a beauty. One of its disadvantages was that at one end, behind the pavvy, there was a very deep large gravel pit, and the cricket ball had a knack of finding it. One day we played a club that would not have boundaries, so that everything had to be run out. Harrison carted a ball into this pit and ran and ran and ran. When he was about beat, the ball came back without him knowing it and he was run out. Our first match was always against the local police. We played St. Albans, The Masonic School and others I cannot remember: I think one was Totteridge.

My brother, O. R. Owen, and I were very keen bird-nesters and wandered afield as far as we could get, whenever we had a chance. Our favourite was a green lane from somewhere by Ravenscroft Park to South Mimms and back by Hadley Wood...

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1958-1959

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Thursday, 24th April, 1958, and the Committee there elected submits the following report covering the period 11th March 1958 to 5th February, 1959.

#### Administration:

At the first meeting, held on 8th May, Mr. K. E. Harris was elected to serve as Chairman for the year.

There have been eight meetings of the Committee, at which attendances of elected members have been: K. E. Harris (Chairman) 8, F. J. Parsley (Hon. Treasurer) 6, K. M. Clifford (Hon. Secretary) 8, P. G. Brealey (Hon. Editorial Secretary) 8, K. Townsend 8, L. O. W. Herbert 7, J. M. Robertson 6, R. E. Orton 6, M. W. B. MacEacharn 5, B. Jones 2, J. H. Sharpe 2.

#### Membership:

At 31st December, 1958, the total membership of the Association was 814, compared with 818 in 1957. Membership of 43 must be deemed lapsed owing to non-payment of 1957 subscription.

Following the recommendation of last year's committee, Mr. P. G. Brealey has undertaken the task of keeping up to date the list of Association members and their addresses.

There is still a great need for someone with time to give to the Association, who could concentrate on extending its membership and regaining lapsed Members. Alternatively, it would be extremely valuable to have Members who would be prepared to work on these lines among Old Elizabethans of their own generation.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the deaths of J. W. Clark (1893-96), L. Ollier (1913-18), A. de St. L. F. Perigal (1884-86), and A. L. Yates (1892-98).

#### Remembrance Day:

Wreaths were placed on the Memorial Tablets at the School and at the Pavilion on Remembrance Day.

## Social Events:

1. The 385th Anniversary of Founder's Day was celebrated on 21st June. The 8 o'clock Holy Communion Service, which was followed by breakfast in Church House, was conducted by the Rector of Chipping Barnet, the Rev. C. W. Earle. At the Thanksgiving Service, the Second Lesson was read by T. E. Knibb (1931-37).

In the Cricket Match against the School, the Association Team was captained by F. J. Parsley (1922-27). The Match was abandoned owing to rain.

The new customary Social Evening, held in the School Hall, proved even more successful than in previous years.

2. The 61st Annual Dinner was held at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, on Tuesday, 30th September. As was reported last year, it was held during the university vacation to enable university Members to attend, but this arrangement met with little response from such Members.

Dress for the Dinner was optional, and in fact there was a happy mixture of formal and informal dress. It is hoped therefore, that more Members will now feel free to attend, who previously were kept away by the need for dinner-jackets.

3. In the Rugby Football Match against the School, held on 13th December, the Association XV, captained by I. Jackson (1938-47) lost by three points to nil.

4. A Dinner-Dance has been arranged at the Salisbury Hotel on Friday, 6th March. It has been decided to continue to allow Members to attend the Dance only, at a reduced charge.

## Finance:

The financial investments of the Association have been carefully reviewed during the year, following a request at the Extraordinary General Meeting of 15th October. The Committee is satisfied that the general policy of investing in building society stock is the soundest at present.

There has been considerable discussion as to the best policy with regard to the  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  War Loan. The Committee feels that in view of the fact that the market price of this stock is so low, and as it is still yielding a steady income, the Association may cut its losses somewhat by retaining it in the expectation of an appreciation of its value.

The Committee has also reviewed the Life Membership Fund, and feels that the present Life Membership subscription of 7 guineas is unrealistic, bearing no relation to the ordinary annual subscription, and making Life Members a heavy financial burden to the Association.

It therefore recommends that the Life Membership subscription be increased to ten guineas or eleven annual payments of one guinea, and that the special overseas subscriptions, annual and life, be abolished.

## Subsidiary Sections:

The Cricket, Rugby Football, Swimming and Chess Sections continued to function, and accounts of their activities may be seen in the appropriate issues of the *Elizabethan*.

**Athletics:** In the Match against the School, held on 26th July, the Association team won by 76 points to 56. The Association again entered a team for the Inter Old Boys' Competition for the Harrison Shield, which team gained sixth place.

**Dinner Club:** It is very pleasant to record the very successful launching of this new Section, under the guiding hand of Mr. J. M. Robertson.

Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1958, are subjoined, and show an excess of income over expenditure of £47 2s. 8d.

*Signed* K. E. HARRIS, Chairman.  
F. J. PARSLEY, Hon. Treasurer.  
K. M. CLIFFORD, Hon. Secretary.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The main questions discussed at the A.G.M., held at the School on 3rd March, concerned the Association's finances. The meeting accepted unanimously the Committee's recommendation to increase the life membership subscription from seven to ten guineas or eleven annual payments of one guinea and to abolish the reduced subscription for overseas members. None of these rates was altered when the ordinary

subscription was raised recently to ten shillings. While a life member's subscription has been worth only four shillings a year, the cost of printing and postage alone for the Year Book and *Elizabethan* amounts to an annual cost of about 4s. 3d. per member.

Particular attention was called at the meeting to the large number of subscriptions still unpaid for 1958: the total at the end of the year, as shown in the balance sheet, was 219, which the Treasurer believed to be by far the highest ever. This represents well over a third of those paying subscriptions annually, and it means that total income from subscriptions was only a little larger than in 1957 in spite of the increase from 7s. 6d. to 10s. in the rate. The Committee is confident that a large number of these will pay the arrears, but even so such a figure does arouse serious concern for the future strength of the Association. This is a point on which individual members can do far more than members of the Committee to help—by reminding or encouraging their friends to maintain their membership, and also in many cases simply by remembering to pay their own subscriptions. And if you do intend to resign why not save the Treasurer a great deal of work by writing to tell him?

## THE YEAR BOOK

A revised edition of the Year Book is now being distributed. There are probably a considerable number of mistakes in it: in fact we know of a number of cases where members have moved from the addresses given, but have not been told the new one. If any member can help us bring the list up to date would he kindly write to P. G. Brealey, 21 Hadley Road, New Barnet.

## HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

Members may be interested to know that M. B. Tripp still has available a few copies of his father's history of the School. The price is 15s. 6d. (postage extra). His address is 117 Hatfield Road, Little Heath, Potters Bar.

## CRICKET

*Hon. Secretary:* K. E. Harris, 28 Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet (Barnet 7987).

The following officers have been elected for the coming season:—

Captain of Club	B. L. McKean
Captains 1st XI	C. A. Winchester, D. B. Palombo
Vice-Captain 1st XI	A. E. McCormack
Captains 2nd XI	J. E. Winchester, S. S. Leveroni
Vice-Captain 2nd XI	W. C. Bonner
Hon. Secretary	K. E. Harris
Hon. Team Secretary	S. S. Leveroni
Hon. Match Secretary	D. J. McCall
Hon. Social Secretary	A. G. Salisbury
Hon. Treasurer	E. N. H. Shearly

Last year the Club found itself seriously short of playing members, and any one wishing to play this season will be very welcome indeed.

The Club will hold a pre-season dance on Saturday, 2nd May at the Brookmans Park Hotel.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

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

The pattern of the pre-Christmas season has been maintained, the 1st XV continuing to be reasonably successful and the 'A' XV showing some improvement, although the 'Ex A' XV has been in the doldrums. However, it is pleasing to report that a 'B' XV has been fielded on five occasions with reasonable success.

H. W. Bell has introduced a certain amount of new blood into the XV in the past few weeks with some success and for the first time for some years there is competition for places in the side, which is a good sign. There is, however, a dearth of reserve of hookers in the Club, as was proved when I. Jackson was a 'flu victim recently and missed his first game for the team for some seasons.

The 'A' XV, with a shifting population due to the calls from above and the ravages of the recent 'flu epidemic, has been more successful than earlier in the season, having won six games and drawn one in the last eleven played. There is an apparent lack of penetration, as only 64 points have been

scored in these games, a record in keeping with the trend in international Rugby Football.

The 'Ex A' continues to be an enigma. There are a number of young players in the side who would appear to have promise, but they have failed to combine to form a reliable side. It has proved a disappointing season for M. W. Back.

For the 'B' XV it has been an amusing season, a highlight being the game against Barnet, when a side with a Common Room flavour gave a spirited display. E. N. H. Shearly, playing his first game for six years, gave a demonstration of fly-half play that had to be seen to be believed.

Our thanks are due to P. F. Walpole and B. L. McKean, who have refereed the 'Ex A' and 'B' XV's during the season, and once more to E. N. H. Shearly for organising his Tuesday "torture" sessions, which are still being well patronised.

Unfortunately, our Social Secretary, D. C. Eade, was forced to resign, as he had moved from the district, but before his departure he organised another successful Social Evening on Christmas Eve in the Pavilion. He has been one of the Club's most successful Social Secretaries and has done a good job in his two terms of office. David Walsh has succeeded him in the office and is making ambitious plans for social events in the future. The Annual Dinner is being held on Wednesday, 22nd April at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, and tickets, price 15/—, will be on sale shortly from the members of the Committee.

The Club is holding the Inter-House Seven-a-Side Competition on Sunday, 22nd March, and will be competing in the Herts. and Middlesex County Competitions.

Arrangements are being made for the Club to visit Bournemouth for the Easter Rugby Festival, matches being arranged for the Saturday and Monday. It is anticipated that this will be an enjoyable as well as a strenuous week-end.

Results up to and including 28th February, 1959, are as follows:—

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Points	
						F.	A.
1st XV	..	20	12	2	6	169	102
'A' XV	..	20	6	3	11	81	247
'Ex. A' XV	..	20	3	2	15	66	355
'B' XV	..	5	2	—	3	32	30
Mid Week XV	..	1	1	—	—	14	5
B.J.F.							

## SWIMMING

*Hon. Secretary: P. V. Douglas, 70 Lynton Mead, N.20 (Hillside 6193)*

If you think we are due for a warm summer this year, why not join the swimming club? It meets every Wednesday evening at the School during the summer months. Details from the Secretary.

## TENNIS

Would any member willing to organise the tournament this year please get in touch with the Secretary of the Association.

## DINNER CLUB

*Hon. Secretary: J. M. Robertson, 26 Slades Rise, Enfield (Enfield 0443)*

The second meeting of the Club was held at the King George Hotel, High Street, Barnet on Monday, 2nd February. Thirteen members were present, and it was unfortunate that the date coincided with several other functions.

It is hoped that many more members and friends will be at the last meeting of the winter on Thursday, 9th April, again at the King George. If you would like further particulars please get in touch with J. M. Robertson.

J.M.R.

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The 4th Annual Dinner Dance took place at the Salisbury

Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, March 6th, 1959 with K. E. Harris as President for the evening.

The function was a tremendous success with more than eighty people present for the dinner. The Association members covered a wide range of age groups and it was pleasant to see such a good representation. This success must be attributed largely to M. W. B. MacEacharn who worked extremely hard to organise the evening.

The toast to the ladies and guests was proposed by D. A. Nelms, who contrived in a speech both gracious and witty to make the guests and the ladies feel that they were the most important group present. Mr. M. F. Spragg was no less effective with his polished reply.

A new feature this year was a cabaret, in which John Robertson and his Bachelors of Song proved extremely popular. They found it difficult to escape from a barrage of "encores!"

Footnote: It is understood that C. A. Winchester is available to teach the cha-cha-cha. It is observed that before attempting his performance he carefully removes his spectacles and puts them in a safe place.

K.E.H.

## VARIA

S. H. FREEDMAN (1946-53), who is due to take his Bar Finals next month, has received two major awards from the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple—a £1,000 scholarship and a 100 guineas' studentship.

D. HERRING (1947-55), at present at Edinburgh University, has won an open scholarship in classics at Jesus College, Cambridge.

E. N. H. SHEARLY (1929-40, A.M. from 1949), was installed as President of the Barnet and District Teachers' Association at their annual meeting in January.

J. A. WOODS (1936-45), has played a major part in compiling a recently published volume of the correspondence of Edmund Burke.

C. ST. J. GATES (1943-51), is Assistant Resident Engineer on an oil jetty construction site at Saltend, which he says is a rather desolate spot on the Humber a few miles East of Hull.

P. J. ROETHENBAUGH (1945-52), was admitted as a solicitor in December. He has now been called up into the army at Aldershot.

J. G. WARD (1948-54), is studying structural engineering in his final year of training with Holloway Brothers. He has recently been successful in the Institute of Builders Licentiate examination. He has also been awarded first prize in the advanced building course at Brixton School of Building and received the prize of the London Master Builders' Association.

R. M. GODFREY (1934-41), is head of the Telecommunications Division of the Midland Research Laboratories. His work recently took him on an extended tour of the U.S.A. and Canada. He was particularly impressed by the Britannia on which he made his return flight just after it had gone into service.

D. F. R. GILSON (1945-53), who is at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, has been managing to play some cricket, although he says the standard is very low. Considering the small number of games played he is very proud of his bowling analysis for last season—53 wickets at an average of 8.7. He is not keen on rugby as played there: "All the players talk their heads off, argue with the referee and linesmen, are not averse to blocking and tripping and in general are pretty rough. So I played grass hockey: first time out I wrenched a knee when a full-back put his stick between my legs as I passed. The spirit in which they play games here is very different from that at home."

# THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET)

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1958

1957	EXPENDITURE		1958	1957	INCOME		1958
£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
41 13 8	Postage and Poundage, etc.	..	32 0 1	4 16 3	Subscriptions, 1957	2 6	
71 15 3	Printing and Stationery	..	28 15 1	175 17 0	„ 1958	£179 8 6	
106 2 4	<i>Elizabethan</i> for 1958	..	104 6 10				179 11 0
2 0 0	Wreaths	..	2 7 6	180 13 3			
39 3 9	62nd Annual Dinner (53)	..	37 2 6		Transfer from "Life Membership Fund," 197 (188) Mem-		
31 19 4	385th Founder's Day (131)	..	28 11 1		bers at 4/- each	..	39 8 0
	Donation to Parish Church Restoration Fund, (£25 less £23 Is. collected)	..	1 19 0	37 12 0	62nd Annual Dinner	..	38 5 0
10 0 0	Donation to "School Club"	..	10 0 0	32 14 4	385th Founder's Day	..	33 1 6
45 15 1	Dinner-Dance (62)	..	74 1 0	42 19 0	Dinner-Dance	..	74 7 0
1 1 0	H. Mayes "Jubilee Gift"	..	—	2 11 2	Profit on Sales	..	3 8 8
	Provisional Members Social Evening	..	1 2 6	23 9 3	Excess of Expenditure over Income	..	
2 11 11	Addressograph	..	12 11				
11 4	Combined Dance	..					
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	..	47 2 8				
£358 19 0			£368 1 2	£358 19 0			£368 1 2

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1958

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>Creditors:—</b>			<b>Subscriptions Outstanding:—</b>		
December <i>Elizabethan</i>	38 1 11		(219 Members Unpaid) Valued		
Subscriptions in advance	10 5 0		At .. .. .		44 7 6
Inland Revenue	6 11 0		<b>Investments at Cost:—</b>		
Postage	5 19 0	60 16 11	£250 3½% War Loan (Market Value at 31st Dec., 1957, £167 10s.)	257 5 7	
<b>Life Membership Fund:—</b>			£50 2½% Defence Bonds	50 0 0	
Balance as at 31st Dec., 1957	928 13 10		£50 3% War Loan, 1955/59	50 0 0	
Add Receipts, 1958	82 1 6		£50 3% Defence Bonds (C.I.)	50 0 0	
Add Premium on Redemption of £100 2½% Defence Bonds	1 0 0		Temperance Permanent Building Society Shares, plus accrued interest	334 7 5	
Add Interest on Investments less Tax	19 9 4		£5 Old Elizabethans (Barnet) Playing Fields, Ltd., shares of £1 each, fully paid	5 0 0	746 13 0
	1,031 4 8		£550 Loan to Old Elizabethan (Barnet) Playing Fields, Ltd. (unsecured)		550 0 0
Less Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account, 197 Members at 4/- each	39 8 0	991 16 8	<b>Stock:—</b>		
<b>Balance of Funds:—</b>			Blazer Buttons		4 18 10
Dramatic Section	3 0 0		<b>Cash:—</b>		
Tennis Section	2 15 0		At Bank and in Hand		128 15 8
Athletic Club	17 8 6	23 3 6			
<b>Playing Field Fund:—</b>					
Total Received as at 31st Dec., 1957	1,050 12 3				
Less Total Payments	1,050 12 3				
<b>Income and Expenditure Account:—</b>					
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1957	351 15 3				
Surplus for 1958	47 2 8	398 17 11			
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1958					
		£1,474 15 0			£1,474 15 0

(Signed) F. J. PARSLEY, *Honorary Treasurer.*  
1st March, 1959.

(Signed) K. E. HARRIS, *Chairman of Committee.*  
1st March, 1959.

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the Association, dated 31st December 1958, 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.*  
1st March, 1959.





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