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EDITORIAL

A school like Mill Hill tends to seem bewilderingly diffuse, not only to the newcomer, but to anyone who comes into close contact with its day-to-day routine. Timetables, mealtimes, bells and bedtimes; notices, initials, doors and corridors; taboos, traditions, privileges and prohibitions; pimply adolescents with vague enthusiasms: such is the world of public schoolboys. Most of them never clean their shoes because they forget to; but they all have a secret admiration for the one or two outsiders who refuse to clean their shoes on principle.

It is not until one is able to view school life from a distance, however, that one can discern a pattern and a direction in the continuous movement which at first seemed so nebulous. The Magazine's function is to provide this bird's-eye view; to show insider and outsider in their true positions; to take an aerial photograph of a terrain which may seem deceptive and confusing when observed on its own level. And if, in the Magazine's pages, the catholic aims of the School become apparent, then the Editor may be well satisfied that he has accomplished his weightiest task.



Et Virtutem Et Musas

APPOINTMENTS

Half Term:

SCHOOL PREFECT: R. H. Bee.

End of Term:

MONITORS: R. E. R. Holliday, P. B. Armitage, S. W. Bennett.

SCHOOL PREFECTS: P. J. Huston, L. P. Scammell, M. A. L. Holmes,

P. N. Christie, R. A. Hudgell.

School Staff

Senior Monitor: E. C. S. IVENS (Wey.)

Monitors

I. G. H. Halstead (S), A. McG. Gradon (R), K. L. Hinkley-Smith (S), A. D. B. Webster (B.B.), J. R. Griffith (S), T. C. Davis (S).

School Prefects

J. V. S. Bennett (S), C. S. Mence (M), P. B. Armitage (C), R. E. R. Holliday (Wk.), R. H. Goude (C), S. J. Sedley (R), S. W. Bennett (Wey.), M. W. H. Cohn (Wey.), R. H. Bee (M).

Committees

Games: The Headmaster (Chairman), A. Bush, Esq., O. J. Wait, Esq., R. N. Exton, Esq., A. McG. Gradon (Hon. Sec.), E. C. S. Ivens, K. L. Hinkley-Smith, I. G. H. Halstead, A. D. B. Webster, P. B. Armitage, C. S. Mence, L. P. Scammell, M. W. H. Cohn, M. H. T. Jourdan.

Executive: A. Bush, Esq. (Chairman), J. R. Griffith (Hon. Sec.), A. D. B. Webster, K. L. Hinkley-Smith, R. H. Goude, C. S. Mence, M. W. Corby, J. M. Gillingham, R. A. Hudgell.

University Scholarship, Dec. 1957

S. J. Sedley was awarded a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at Queens' College, Cambridge.

State Scholarships, 1957

S. J. Karran, C. S. Mence, S. J. Sedley.

General Certificate of Education

ADVANCED LEVEL

The following boys have passed in two or more Main subjects. The number of Distinctions gained is shown in square brackets. If they have also taken subjects at O or A/O level, the number of passes is shown in a bracket after their names. * Indicates a pass in the General paper.

CLASSICS.

- P. M. Audemars *, J. L. Brockington (1) *, J. C. Davies (1) *, A. D. S. Macdonald [1] *, A. Scobie (1) *.

 Mathematics.
- J. T. Ault (1), M. G. Ayre *, S. W. Bennett *, R. E. Branch *, M. T. E. Brooke *, R. J. Buckley, G. M. R. Graham *, E. C. S. Ivens, C. S. Mence [2], R. M. Tagg.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND MODERN SUBJECTS.

L. M. Alkin *, A. P. B. Figgis, H. Goldsmith, R. H. Goude, A. McG. Gradon, I. G. H. Halstead, J. C. Henley, J. D. Lawther (1) *, T. J. Lee *, S. H. Mono *, S. J. Sedley [2] *.

SCIENCE AND MEDICAL

J. F. Adamson (1) *, D. Auld *, M. A. G. Boothroyd (1), M. W. H. Cohn, J. Darracott, R. C. Haseltine (1), F. D. Higgs (1) *, P. Hillenbrand (1), S. J. Karran [1], J. H. Kent, L. P. Scammell (1) *, A. R. Tammar, T. E. T. West.

The following boys have passed in one Main subject.

R. J. Barton *, R. B. Bennett (1) *, M. M. Broido (1), J. M. Bunyard (1), M. J. Clarke [1] (1) *, P. J. Connolly (2) *, G. N. Elliott (2), D. E. Fowler (1) *, S. G. Fowler (1) *, M. R. Hopkins (1), K. L. Thomas (2), W. Wee (1), P. J. Williams (1).

ORDINARY LEVEL

The number of subjects in which a boy has passed is given in brackets after his name.

R. J. Abrahams (5), R. G. Angel (6), A. Armitage (5), M. J. Baker (8), R. F. Ball (1), L. G. Banks (6), R. M. Barlow (8), R. S. Bates (1), J. Bennett (2), D. J. Bevington (8), G. J. Blackmore (7), R. Bond (1), J. M. C. Bruce (1), N. Burggy (8), J. R. Butler (8), J. D. H. Cameron (1), G. le M. Campbell (1), R. D. E. Carpenter (1), T. F. Carpenter (8), C. J. Carter (9), R. C. J. Charlton (1), E. N. Cheadle (1), P. N. Christie (1), C. D. Clarke (9), D. B. Clement-Smith (5), M. W. Corby (3), J. Culver (5), M. I. Curry (1), T. M. H. Dalton (8), T. G. Davies (7), T. C. Davis (2), D. N. Deiches (2), S. Dimsey (6), C. Dinsdale (3), B. Dunglinson (1), P. Eckersley (7), M. A. Edwards (8), D. Evans (1), R. L. Evans (8), G. G. Fear (3), A. J. Ferryman (7), K. R. Fletcher (2), I. Forrest-Hay (4) P. J. Fox (6), W. T. George (4), J. M. Gillingham (1), J. G. Goodchild (1), D. T. Gould (4), B. V. Goulstone (2), J. R. Griffith (3) *, J. J. R. Grimsdell (6), P. V. Hamilton-Hunter (8), K. Haye (1), J. Hayes (7), F. W. Hayward (8), C. J. Holloway (2), M. A. L. Holmes (2), C. Holt (3), M. F. Hopkins (5), A. J. Horne (6), C. A. Howden (3), R. A. Hudgell (1), V. A. R. Hughes (1), S. J. E. Humphrey (8), J. M. G. Hunt (7), P. J. Huston (1), J. R. Ivens (1) *, A. W. Jackson (1), E. H. A. J. Jackson (1), M. J. G. James (7), O. E. Johnson (2), M. H. T. Jourdan (4), J. G. Jowett (6), R. C. Kidd (9), P. S. King (1), D. W. Knight (8), G. T. Knight (3), D. C. J. Lee (9), M. Leon (2), N. M. Lera (9), D. R. O. Lewis (2), J. C. Lewis (2), A. Liaquat Ali Khan (1), M. O. Lidwell (9), R. A. Lloyd Owen (6), C. H. Loke (2), M. J. Lunan (8), A. B. Macdonald (2), H. R. M. Macdonald (10), R. N. W. Marchant (1), P. E. Millwood (2), J. A. Milnes (2), B. G. Murphy (2), B. K. Na'isa (1), N. S. Nichols (8), P. R. M. O'Shea (1), D. G. Owen (2), T. C. Oxenham (5), N. R. Page (2), R. S. Palmer (9), R. F. Pennington (2), T. D. Phillips (5), R. C. Pine (7), K. C. Reavell (6), I. Reekie (7), L. J. Russell (2), D. C. S. Ryan (1), H. M. Saunders (8), C. D. Scott (3),

R. A. Smith (2), A. F. Sobey (1), A. C. T. Somogyi (7), J. R. Sorrell (1), D. J. Spiller (6), M. J. State (1), R. J. Stringer (2), M. E. Stuart (8), J. G. H. Stuckey (6), A. P. C. C. Su (9), A. D. Sutherland (6), M. A. Sutton (8), D. R. Talmage (6), B. Taylor (7), P. M. Taylor (4), R. J. Taylor (9), M. J. Thain (2), A. K. Toulson (7), A. P. Vincent (3), A. G. Walsh Atkins (9), D. J. Warner (5), R. B. Watts (1), A. D. B. Webster (2), S. W. Whyte (7), R. M. Williams (2), M. R. Wollerton (4), D. J. Wrottselav (2) R. M. Williams (2), M. R. Wollerton (4), D. J. Wrottesley (3).

Salvete

Easter Term:

Burton Bank: D. R. Lanner. Ridgeway: T. C. R. Jourdan.

School House: M. R. Archer, J. D. Perkins, R. M. Silk, P. J. Stranger. Winterstoke: R. A. Lee.

Valete

Autumn Term:

- E. C. S. IVENS (1952-57); Weymouth; Upper Mathematical VI and Upper Modern Subjects VI; Monitor, December 1956, Senior Monitor, July 1957; Games Committee; Chapel Committee; Senior Mathematics Prize 1957; 2nd XV 1956 · 7, 3rd XI Cricket 1956 · 7, 3rd XI Hockey 1956 · 7 (Capt. 1957), Golf Team 1956; Science Society (Hon. Sec.), Pythagoreans (Hon. Sec.), Interim (Committee), Playreading Society (President), Phoeban Group (Committee); C.S.M. in Army/C.C.F., Band (Senior Drummer); National Service prior to entering wholesale provision trade; "Rowleys", Yew Tree Road, Dorking, Surrey. Surrey.
- I. G. H. HALSTEAD (1952-57); Scrutton; Upper Modern Language VI; Monitor, December 1956, Head of House; Games and Chapel Committees; 1st XV 1956-57, 1st XI Hockey 1957, 2nd XI Cricket 1955-57, Senior Athletics Team, Eton Fives VI 1956-57, 1st IX 1955-57; Modern Language Society (Committee), Phoeban Group, Geographical Society; Flt. Sgt. in R.A.F./C.C.F.; 320, Devonshire Road, Blackpool, Lancs.
- J. V. S. Bennett (1952-57); Scrutton; Upper Modern Subjects VI; School Prefect; 2nd XV 1956-7 (Capt. 1957); Geographical Society, Phoeban Group, Playreading Society, Dramatic Society; Sgt. in Army/C.C.F.; Boatbuilding at Teignmouth; Torfiey, Golant, South Cornwall.
- C. S. Mence (1953 · 57); Murray; Upper Mathematical VI; School Prefect, Head of House; Games Committee; Executive Committee; State Scholarship 1957, Parkyn Prize for Mathematics 1957; 1st XV 1957, 1st IX (Hon. Sec. 1957), Swimming VIII 1955-6-7, Athletics Team 1957; Science Society, Pythagoreans; Sgt. in Army/C.C.F.; Studying Mechanical Engineering in Vienna, prior to entering St. John's College, Cambridge; 34, Endersleigh Gardens, N.W.4.
- S. J. Sedley (1952-57); Ridgeway; Upper Modern Language VI; School Prefect; Magazine Committee (Chairman); Jubber Entrance Scholarship 1953, State Scholarship 1957; Language V Prize 1954, French Reading and Speech Prize (Junior) 1955, McGowan Essay Prize 1955, David Needham Memorial Prize (Modern Languages) 1957; Senior Chess Team 1955 - 6 (Hon. Sec. 1956); Interim (Chairman), Modern Language Society (Hon. Sec.), Playreading Society, Phoeban Group; Reading Law at Oueens' College, Cambridge; 133, Millway, N.W.7.
- S. G. BAYLISS (1953 57); Weymouth; General V; Junior Athletics Team 1955; Colts XV 1956; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Journalism; 58, Milford Road, Southall, Middlesex.

- M. I. CURRY (1953-57); Burton Bank; General V; 3rd XI Cricket 1957, 2nd XI Hockey 1957, 2nd XV 1957; Natural History Society; Cadet in R.E./C.C.F.; Entering Millfield School, Street, Somerset; "Hildon", 34, West Hill Way, Totteridge, N.20.
- M. R. HOPKINS (1953 57); Scrutton; Upper Modern Subjects VI; House Prefect; Games Committee; 1st XV 1956-57, 2nd XI Hockey 1957, 3rd XI Cricket 1956-7, 1st IX 1956-7; Phoeban Group, Geographical Society, Natural History Society; Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Entering Textile Trade; Glebe House, Shipton Under Wychwood, Oxon.
- O. E. JOHNSON (1953 · 57); Winterstoke; General V; House Prefect; 1st XV 1956 · 7, Senior Swimming VIII 1956 · 7, Senior Athletic Team 1956 · 7; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Entering Carpet Industry; 36, Comberton Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.
- G. R. May (1954 57); Weymouth; General V; Chess Team, 4th XV; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Farming; 2, Corringham Road, Golders Green, N.W.11.
- G. H. Russell (1954-57); Scrutton; General V; Richard Lister Franks Music Prize 1955-6-7; McClure Music Prize (Senior) 1957, Choir; Cadet in R.A.F./C.C.F.; Studying Music; "Diamond Calmes," Priory Way, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
- D. C. S. Ryan (1954 57); Collinson; General V; 3rd XV 1957, Boxing Team 1957, Golf Team 1957; Geographical Society. Natural History Society; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Agriculture; The Grand Hotel, Rugby, or "The Cottage," Ashby St. Ledgers, Nr. Rugby, Warwickshire.
- C. D. Scott (1954 57); Ridgeway; Science V; Junior Athletics Team 1957, Golf Team; Choir; Natural History Society; Gunner in R.A./C.C.F.; Entering Engineering College; "The White Cottage," Skinburness, Silloth, Cumberland.
- M. J. STATE (1952 57); Winterstoke; Upper Medical VI; Senior Swimming VIII 1956 - 7; Science Society, Natural History Society; Sergeant in R.A./C.C.F.; Entering Paris Business House; 9, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Chapel

Preachers on Sunday mornings this term have been:

- SEP. 29 The Head Master.
- Rev. H. Starkey, M.A. Oct.
 - Rev. E. C. D. Stanford, British Council of Churches. 13
 - 20 Rev. Bryn Rees, Congregational Church, Muswell Hill.
 - Rev. T. C. Micklem, M.A., Congregational Church, Banstead. 27 ,,
- Nov. 3 Rev. H. Starkey, M.A.
 - 10 The Head Master.
 - Rev. E. Carpenter, M.A., Ph.D., Canon of Westminster. Rev. W. R. Blackburn, M.A., Vicar of Radlett. 17
- DEC. 1 Rev. M. O. James, M.A., London Missionary Society.
 - Rev. H. Starkey, M.A. 8
 - The Head Master.
- Rev. H. E. Wood and Rev. S. M. Watts were both unable, on account of illness, to preach this term.

The Large

To his disgust, the News Editor finds that the most journalistically rewarding school entertainments in the Large, namely "Julius Caesar" and the Music Club Concerts, are already reported elsewhere. He will, therefore, confine himself to

a few remarks about the films which we have seen this term.

It seems to be the habit of the Cinema Committee to start the term with a comedy, thus hoping to dispel any gloom that may have befallen us on our return to school. This time they chose "The Ladykillers," a somewhat macabre attempt at humour, made by Ealing Studios. Lacking much of the subtlety that marked its predecessors, it told of a mail van robbery and the perplexing events that ensued. Alec Guinness acted with his usual polish, and Peter Sellers was amusing as a "desperate Edwardian." However the glory, if there should be any, belongs to Katie Johnson. It was the début of this 76-year-old actress, but her consistent frustrating of the gang's plans gave rise to most of the laughs.

High above the dense German forests, surrounded by fences of barbed wire, and illuminated by piercing searchlights stood "Colditz Castle," the grim, forbidding destination of numerous P.O.W.'s during the last war. Upon entry they were told: "If you try to escape, you will be shot." However, with the inevitable bravery of the captured soldier, a few did try. Ivan Foxwell's "The Colditz Story" shows us how they did it. John Mills and Eric Portman acted well in their parts and helped to carry this sometimes exciting, but

essentially straightforward, film along.

Before our Field-day film we were entertained to a very polished programme of skiffle music from the School skiffle group - "Dave and his Shirtsleeves." It was very enthusiastically received, and we hope that we shall be able to

hear them again in the future.

"The Ship that died of Shame," which followed, was a sentimental story of a captain and his boat, which, having gained wartime distinction, was used for smuggling several years later. George Baker as the captain was outshone by Richard Attenborough in a film which, being an antidote to corps, was fairly

well received, but which was, in fact, mediocre and uninspiring.

Our end-of-term film "Scaramouche" may have appealed to the more junior members of the audience, but was not hailed with enthusiasm by the serious. In an attempt to be light-hearted and amusing, it was merely frivolous, illogical and pretentious. However, at such a time, people are not particularly critical,

and it probably had a better reception than it deserved.

The Library

Over fifty new books have been purchased this term, covering a wide variety of topics from the well illustrated "Life in Mediaeval France" to "Grock,"—the world-famous clown—by way of W. W. Sawyer's "Mathematician's Delight," and F. E. Adcock's "Caesar as a Man of Letters."

Several works by the late Monsignor R. V. Knox are welcome additions to the Theological Section, as also is "The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church." On a more controversial note are Bertrand Russell's "Why I am not a Christian," which has already sparked off countless arguments, and "Declaration"—the credos of various "Angry Young Men." Glubb's "A Soldier with the Arabs" is a book which throws considerable light on present-day Middle East problems while Taine's "Notes on England" give a shrewd picture of Victorian England, as seen by the French of that epoch.

This term has seen the introduction of a junior French Section, for which several volumes of suitable fiction have been purchased. Other purchases of fiction include a complete selection of C. S. Forester's novels, and last, but not least, the ever popular "Punch Almanack."

We would like to thank M. J. Stewart, Esq., for his gift of "The Scallop" -

a beautifully produced survey of marine shell-fish.

We are also indebted to Professor E. S. Walker, M.A., D. Litt. (O.M. 1901 - 05), for his book, "A History of Southern Africa." This is a new edition of his book, which originally appeared in 1928, and which has been revised to include present-day South African problems. We are most grateful for these fine gifts.

Here and There

The School and its environs have this term been the object of several malicious attacks by marauding gangs of what propriety compels us to call Edwardian youths. The Buckland Pool and the gas-lamps on Wills Grove seem to have attracted them, and some were actually apprehended and removed in a Black Maria — to their homes. We would not, however, recommend that Millhillians adopt this method of saving bus fares. On another occasion a posse of G.C. men, armed with broomsticks, tin-openers (vastly superior to razors), frying pans and other devastating weapons, was led onto Wills Grove. The courageous leader then decided that discretion was the better part of valour, bade the posse "Good-night," and went home.

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The Farm, too, has been subject to nocturnal visits. Grave suspicions were aroused when a newly-killed chicken was found one morning on a certain house-master's doorsten. We are assured however that it is impossible to train foxes

master's doorstep. We are assured, however, that it is impossible to train foxes. Because of the "'flu" epidemic, we had to wait several weeks longer for our military manœuvres. By some mistake we became entangled with a detachment of Regulars, and one lone and suspicious-looking cadet was quickly surrounded by whistle-blowing soldiers. Being ferreted out of his lair by a Thunderflash, the terrified Millhillian was lucky to escape with only a singed pair of trousers.

At a time when France was in political upheaval of a most serious nature, it was pleasant to see that "Le Figaro" enjoyed such widespread popularity in the school.

The following satirical jingle, pinned up by the Librarian, soon brought forth a storm of vehement replies:—

When toil becomes too much for us, And we crave idleness sans fuss, The safest alibi we know Must surely be Le Figaro.

By kind permission of certain francophiles we publish these replies: -

Methinks, dear Sir, that you are jealous (If you are not, by all means tell us) That we, with such unrivalled ease, Read what to you is like Chinese.

When toil becomes too much for us

and—

When toll becomes too much for And we crave idleness sans fuss, To Figaro we do not creep — Unseen by you we fall asleep.

An innovation this term was the extension of the "informal" team photograph (normally a 1st XV prerogative), to the 2nd XV. Indeed it seemed that the degree of informality had also been extended — but that is neither Here nor There.

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A group composed of members of the Upper Modern Language VI, calling itself "Der Geschlossene Zirkel," has met twice this term to read German plays and poems. Mr. Kirch, who was responsible for the formation of the "Zirkel," has extended his hospitality on both occasions, and the presence of two German-speaking ladies has helped both to stimulate fluent conversation and to improve members' knowledge of the language. At the first meeting, Lessing's "Minna von Barnhelm" was read; at the second, members read poems into a tape recorder and then discussed the poems themselves and the individual renderings of them, finishing with a communal performance of the song "Heidenröslein" which could only be described as impressionistic.



We extend our congratulations to R. P. Burn, Esq., on his engagement. It is a great pleasure to see how well our seven new masters have settled down to life at Mill Hill. All are conspicuous in their enthusiasm in out-of-school activities as well as in the classroom. We wish them all happiness in their time at Mill Hill.

Miss M. Beattie is retiring this term after ten years as Sister in the Sanatorium. Her never-failing efficiency has always been valued by the School, and we are sorry to see her go. Our best wishes go with her.

Finally we must bid farewell this term to Mr. Duncan. During his eleven years at Mill Hill he has earned the respect of all in his many services in countless aspects of school life. We wish both him and Mrs. Duncan the best of fortune in their new life at Loughborough, where he has been appointed Warden of the Town Halls.

The Editor's Table

To Mr. Duncan, who is leaving this term, the Magazine owes a special debt. The Editor has always profited by his advice and assistance in the running of the Magazine, and his judgment has proved of great value at all times.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of all our usual contemporaries.

T. C. Davis of School House, Mill Hill School, London, N.W.7., will edit the next issue of the Magazine,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Belmont Letter

Dear Sir.

We did not manage to avoid either the 'flu epidemic or Guy Fawkes Day this year, though we managed to settle for a bonfire by way of celebration. Fireworks were enjoyed at home over the half-term break.

Congratulations to our Common Entrance candidates who all managed to beat the fatal fifty per cent. — Archer, Lee, Lanner and Newton.

The gale in early November blew us into a certain amount of publicity on Movietone News, when a tree which was felled across the Ridgeway narrowly missed the old classrooms and blocked the road for some hours.

Mr. Gee has started a photographic club, using the old gun room (previously the French Library). We have had some equipment loaned to us by Mr. Holliday.

Among new members of the staff we welcome Mr. Harris, who has already made some converts to rock climbing; in return he has been led to enlarge his ideas on photography and has even been sold a camera by the head of the Mathematical Faculty. Perhaps in revenge, our afternoon games assemblies are frequently enlivened by classical quips and banter which all of us are not qualified to understand.

Another new member of the staff, Mr. Phillips, has close family connections with Mill Hill, and we are glad to have him with us.

The rugger prospects are well up to average. The team is light and young but is exceedingly keen and plays hard; the pack is already good. At soccer we have a lively young team, most of which will be available next season. They are already playing well, though handicapped by size.

Mr. Bromehead has found new talent for his gym. team. All our usual societies and groups are functioning; painting flourishes as ever, and we are looking forward to the Carol Service at the end of term.

We are grateful to parents of leaving boys who have made presentations of chairs for the Chapel; to Colonel Seifert for giving a House Rugger Cup, to Mr. Dinsdale for a Cup for Art, and to Mr. Beattie for a Cup for the best sprinter.

Yours, etc.,

BELMONTIAN.

Oxford Letter

Sir.

I have come to the conclusion that the Oxford letter is not read by the majority of O.M.'s (for what interest would they have in a few people at Oxford?) nor by the Oxford O.M.'s themselves, except for fiendish personal motives (for they know what is going on already). Perhaps, then, this letter should be addressed primarily to those still at school, and reference should be made only to those O.M.'s who are still remembered there. Hence such old hands as Stuart Melluish, Ronald Andjel and Hugh Thomas will have to excuse my not giving them more than a passing mention.

You will all remember, I am sure, your immediate ex-senior monitor, Fred Higgs. He is now at St. John's, still reflecting on his past glories, with the aid of large-size photographs and a Ridgeway scarf. I understand he believes in the divine right of monitors. It was very pleasant to see Graham Woodhouse and John Halliwell up this year. Graham is eagerly waiting for the summer, when he can try to give a repeat performance of some of that mighty hitting which used to enliven summer evenings on the Park. He tells me that while an officer in the army he had at one time an ex-senior monitor from Scrutton under him. John Halliwell was also an officer, but he has not changed much: indeed he always had a military mind. His room is, as ever, engulfed by

wireless pamphlets and pieces of electrical apparatus.

John Briscoe's main source of relaxation is the Labour club; there he can give expression to those radical—dare I say, socialist?—views which met with such vigorous opposition at Mill Hill. They are more in place in the progressive atmosphere of Oxford. Another Radical is Roger Murray; the sole decorations of his room in Magdalen, when I last visited him, were his glasses and the "New Statesman." Perhaps I ought to point out that no O.M. has been involved in the Union row, which, as I write, is still subjudice. Indeed only one O.M. at present up at Oxford has ever spoken in the Union. Perhaps the Interim could send us a few more of its bright stars.

These are our rather petty doings; but what, you may wonder, do we think? It is an acknowledged fact that whenever two of us meet we will sooner or later talk about Mill Hill, but we do not discuss Rugger, or Team Spirit, or the glories of the fagging system. To us Mill Hill is a collection of individuals, and our interest lies in these individuals, and in their relations with each other. That is why I, for one, was so pleased to read the remarks made by the Chairman of the Court of Governors last Foundation Day. I do not think I speak for myself alone, when I say that I look forward to the time when his ideal of a system based on "true justice and human understanding" prevails, as at Mill Hill, so in the outside world. For that the school is in many ways a microcosm is only too true.

Yours, etc.,

Oxon.

Cambridge Letter

Sir,

The state of the Cambridge O.M.'s is reflected in the fact that a mere scientist has been persuaded to write this letter. The drawback of this is that scientists, as even the most fervid Arts man will acknowledge, work far longer hours, and thus for your correspondent, contact with other O.M.'s is of the most fleeting kind; usually while negotiating a traffic jam on a brakeless

icycle.

One of the great social centres of the scientific world is the Dissecting Room in the basement of the Anatomy Department, which, although off the beaten track and not mentioned in the guide books, is well worth a visit. Here one can sit contemplating one's anatomical irregularities and watching the world go by. An O.M. scarf is difficult to ignore, and Stephen Karran is thus frequently to be seen looking puzzled, and wistfully stroking a rather reluctant moustache. Last year we were blessed with the presence of Jeremy Carradine, but he has forsaken us for the erudition of the English faculty; he was however, recently seen letting his back hair down at a performance of Gilbert and

Sullivan's "Yeomen of the Guard" at the Arts Theatre. While on the subject of music, Tony Harkavy may be heard blowing a very successful clarinet in a thriving jazzband.

Our belated congratulations are due to Ralph Schwarzenberger on his engagement — having graduated in June, he is still up, deep in research on geometry and topology.

The scarcity of O.M.'s, however, is counteracted by their ubiquity. They are to be found engaged in a wide variety of activities both in and out of Cambridge, and our versatility is due in large measure to the liberal education which we received at Mill Hill, and for which we are all so grateful.

Yours faithfully,

CANTAB.

The School Coat of Arms

Sir,

May I be allowed to congratulate you on your admirable Anniversary number, and to comment on two points? The first concerns the school's coat of arms, which you say is of "somewhat mysterious origin" and which you wrongly assign (perhaps by a misprint) to the year 1915. It was in the year 1936 that I as Headmaster had to write to Garter King-at-Arms about a point of precedence, and I wrote on the official notepaper with the then crest at the top. In replying, Garter King-at-Arms, after answering my enquiry, said that he had noticed the crest, which was not registered and to which we did not appear to be entitled: he suggested that with the addition of a "Difference" it should be registered as our coat of arms. This was done (at considerable expense!), the "Difference" taking the form of the open book, and the coat of arms was registered as that of the school. Full details may be found in the Magazine for July 1936.

My second point concerns my own article on Education, and is an apology for a mistake. I there said that "in 1944 free secondary education became available and compulsory for all." That is clearly wrong; had it been true, fee-charging schools like Mill Hill would have had to go out of business, and happily they are more in business than ever. What I should have said is that in 1944 secondary education (free where necessary) became available and compulsory for all.

I hope that you will print this letter and that it will not meet the fate of an anonymous contribution which I once sent to the Magazine during my Headmastership; this was rejected by the editor!

I am, etc.,

M. L. JACKS.

The Natural History Society

Dear Sir.

I have been perusing afresh your splendid Anniversary number; it must be very nearly the best issue yet produced. It is, therefore, with some diffidence that I venture to call your attention to a remark on page 34, made (apparently) by the Secretary of the Natural History Society: "The absence of records from 1897 to 1908 may indicate that it [the Society] ceased to exist." I hope that "P.B.A." will not mind a comment from one of his predecessors.

Certainly the Society existed at least for a part of that period, and was, in fact, the most flourishing of the School societies. It was between 1897 and 1900 that A. J. R. Roberts did his best work for the Society, and G. C. E. Simpson was another keen member who in later years achieved distinction. Among the masters, the Society owed much to F. S. Young and David Watson, especially the latter.

It is a pity that records have not survived, but they were certainly kept, and reference to the issues of the Magazine from those years may help to correct the inference which has been drawn from the absence of official minutes.

Yours faithfully,

THEODORE H. ROBINSON.

The Photographic Record of Mill Hill, 1957

Dear Sir,

It is proposed to make a complete photographic record of Mill Hill School as it was in 1957, culminating in the visit of Her Majesty the Queen.

The record is to be composed of 35 mm. colour transparencies with an accompanying recorded commentary.

A considerable number of colour slides have been collected, but it is felt that many others must have been taken by Old Millhillians and parents, either of the School or of Her Majesty's visit, which could increase the value of the collection. An appeal is therefore being made for the temporary loan of such slides. Copies will be made of suitable ones and the originals returned to their owners within a few days. Such slides should be sent to:—

Jack Robinson (Mill Hill 1925 - 1929), 85, Romilly Road, Cardiff.

He is a professional photographer and guarantees their safe and speedy return.

Richard Dimbleby has agreed to record the commentary and story of Mill Hill to accompany the collection.

When completed, copies of the collection, either in the form of slides or film strip, with or without commentary, on disc or tape, will be available to all connected with the school. Cost will depend entirely on demand. Those interested are requested to write to the undersigned at the school. Full particulars will be forwarded in due course.

This record is to be the work of the boys at the school interested in photography under the auspices of the Photographic Society, with the help of Jack Robinson and Richard Dimbleby. It is hoped that those owners of suitable slides will also help by loaning these slides to Jack Robinson as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. TURNBULL.

Society Refreshments

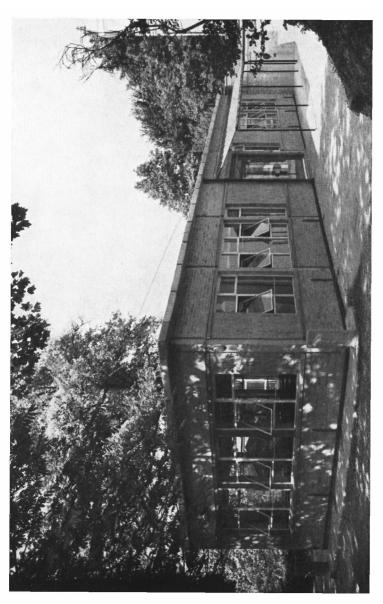
Sir,

May I be allowed to express publicly the thanks of all Society officials to the Lady Caterer for the excellent refreshments that she provides. Her readiness to supply biscuits and drinks whenever she is able to comply with the frequent requests of the various Secretaries enables all Societies to function in a far more agreeable atmosphere than would otherwise be possible. We are all most appreciative of her kindness and helpfulness.

Yours, etc.,

HON. SEC.





By courtesy of Sydney W. Newbery

THE NEW BIOLOGY WING



Photo: Sport and General

The Science School

The alterations and additions to the Science School are complete and Mill Hill now has excellent accommodation for the teaching of science. The former senior biology laboratory on the top floor has been refitted as an advanced chemistry laboratory with new benches and fume cupboards, and a new door has been made so that the three chemistry laboratories are all intercommunicating.

Apart from the Todd Science Library, the floor below is now wholly devoted to physics. The former Room "Q" has been refitted as an advanced physics laboratory and the adjoining room has been made into an annexe suitable for "dark room" experiments which can be approached either from this new laboratory or from the original senior laboratory. In the basement a laboratory workshop has been fitted up, in which apparatus may be made and repaired.

The new biology wing is connected to the basement entrance of the old building by a covered way. It contains a junior laboratory (also used for much of the general science teaching), a senior laboratory, a central preparation room and a "vivarium" in which plants and animals can be kept. The two laboratories have windows on three sides, fitted with dark blinds and also, on the south and west sides, with venetian sun blinds. Under the windows are Iroko-topped work benches with sinks and gas, water and electricity points. The fourth wall of each laboratory has a chalk board (dark green, not black) with a demonstration bench in front.

The alterations and extensions have been made possible by a generous grant from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools, from which we have also received a handsome grant for extra equipment. We wish to put on record our gratitude to the Industrial Fund and also to express our thanks to Messrs. Dalgliesh and Pullen, the architects, and to Messrs. E. H. Burgess Ltd., the builders, for a good job well — and speedily — done

D.M.H.

The School Play JULIUS CAESAR

by William Shakespeare. Characters in order of speaking

Characters in ord	er of speaking:
Flavius	J. V. S. BENNETT
Marullus	P. S. King
Citizens	C. R. SOTNICK, M. H. T. JOURDAN
	S. P. Honeybone, A. P. C. C. Su
Cæsar	L. J. Richards
Casca	J. R. Griffith
Calpurnia (Wife to Cæsar)	R. S. Burns
Antony	T. M. H. Dalton
Soothsayer	M. J. Lunan
Brutus	E. C. S. IVENS
Cassius	G. L. Brownlee
Cicero	I. Reekie
Cinna	S. P. Broido
Lucius	W. A. Fitzhuch
Decius Brutus	N. J. Farnham
Metellus	R. F. Ball
Trebonius	C. G. Rose
Portia (Wife to Brutus)	J. S. Abbott
Servant to Cæsar	B. A. WATES
Publius	J. R. BUTLER
Artemidorus	M. B. RAYNER
Popilius	R, J. Abrahams
Servant to Antony	D. J. G. Moore

Servant to Octavius
Cinna (The Poet)
Lucilius
Pindarus
Titinius
Messala
Octavius
lst Soldier
2nd Soldier
Clitus
Dardanius
Volumnius
Strato
Stage Manager
Stage Assistants

A. L. Stanhope
M. A. Sutton
T. E. Elkins
J. A. Lubbock
H. M. Saunders
I. Reekie
R. M. Farquhar
A. L. Stanhope
A. R. Charles
A. S. C. Air
A. E. Stuart
R. J. Coffin
J. D. Judelson
D. R. Younc
B. S. Dawes, P. N. Duxbury, R. J. Hayman
C. A. O. Holt, J. M. G. Hunt, M. B. Rayner
M. J. Thain, N. B. Thompson
M. W. F. Brown, Esq.

Make-up

Scenery and Lighting Costumes

Prompter
Trumpeter
Drummer
Box Office
Cover Design
Programmes and Tickets
Producer

THE HEAD MASTER, B. F. C. SENNITT, ESQ.
C. S. BAKER, ESQ., THE STAGE HANDS
MISS ADNAMS

assisted by other Ladies of the School
C. J. Carter
A. Snow
A. R. Charles

O. J. Walt, Esq.
B. V. Goulstone
The Printing Society
A. Robertson, Esq.

The action of the play takes place in Rome, Sardis and Phillippi.

Cassius, fearing that the growing power of Julius Cæsar might lead to tyranny, persuades Brutus and others to conspire against Cæsar and murder him.

Cæsar ignores various omens and the pleadings of his wife and goes to the Senate where he is killed.

Mark Antony is permitted by the conspirators to speak at Cæsar's funeral. In his speech he so inflames the crowd against Brutus and Cassius that they and their supporters are compelled to flee from Rome.

Octavius, Cæsar's heir, joins Antony and they meet Brutus and Cassius at Philippi. In the subsequent battle Cassius, believing the day lost, is killed by his servant. Brutus is victorious over Octavius but when the conflict is renewed he is driven from the field and kills himself.

Two years ago the School presented Twelfth Night, and this year we enjoyed a production of Julius Cæsar, the play which was written so soon afterwards in 1600 and is in such marked contrast. It was the first of the Roman plays which Shakespeare derived from North's Plutarch and the first play to show his move away from romantic comedy towards tragedy. There are some splendid passages in the play and some very weak scenes; and part of the difficulty of production lies in the relatively early climax and the problem of sustaining interest in the latter part of the play. Marching armies and Roman suicides are difficult to present and not to our theatrical taste today. Nevertheless it is a good choice for a school play, as the success of the production showed.

My main general impressions were of speed and vigour. A simple and effective setting which was capable of easy variation, together with the use of a blacked-out stage instead of curtains between scenes, contributed much to this speed of movement. We all admired the silence and efficiency of the stage management. The general level of diction was high; indeed I do not remember hearing Shakespearian verse better spoken on the School stage. The last general point I would make is to remark on the excellence of the crowd scenes. This production showed most clearly how very important is the acting of minor characters. There was a gusto and awareness in every actor, especially during the funeral orations, without which the great speeches of the main characters would have lost much of their value.

With a cast of this size it is only possible to comment on the performances of a few actors. Two were outstanding. G. L. Brownlee as Cassius and T. M. H. Dalton as Antony were very good indeed, and good in strongly contrasting ways. Conflict between two such men was inevitable. Both had passion: that of Cassius, contained and ruthless, expressed by stillness, restraint of speech and subtle facial movements; Antony's emerging with all the arts of the actor and the orator. Both have fine voices and both used their voices well and with real judgment. Cassius sustained interest admirably in the long opening scene with Brutus and made clear his own character, its fanatical greatness, its bitterness. I shall long remember, too, Antony's entrance after the murder of Cæsar and the emotional tension he built up during the scene that followed. On the acting of these two the success of the production was built.

Brutus (E. C. S. Ivens) improved remarkably during the week's performances. He had throughout a great dignity and he gradually gained control of his diction, which in early performances tended to be too hurried. He made clear that essential element of the play, Brutus's obstinate lack of comprehension of the motives and reactions of ordinary men. I liked L. J. Richards' Cæsar. He presented him as a petulant elderly man with elements of greatness still about him. His timing was good and his management of the difficult death scene adequately convincing.

Calpurnia (R. S. Burns) and Portia (J. S. Abbot) did well in their supporting roles. Calpurnia spoke her lines with feeling but I was not happy about some of her rather wooden gestures. Portia's quiet even voice was singularly effective and would have been even more so had she modulated it more and had she made use of more pauses. There was much good work done by minor characters but I have only space to commend especially C. R. Sotnick and M. H. T. Jourdan.

Once more the effective setting by Mr. Baker and the beautiful costumes designed by Miss Adnams and made by her and other ladies, contributed greatly to a School production. We should be hard pressed without their help. Good use was made of the resources of the stage lighting and the storm effects were a properly restrained background and not an irritating display of stage cleverness.

This very large team of actors and stage helpers was welded into a unity by Mr. Robertson as producer. We all enjoyed his production and there were many signs of the meticulous care we associate with everything that he does. It was a production with which he himself has every right to be well pleased and we hope that it will not be the last he does for the School.

R.M.

Obituary

MR. JOHN GIFFORD

Mr. John Gifford died suddenly on 24th August, 1957, at the age of 72. Generations of Old Millhillians will know him as Bursar and Headmaster's Secretary from 1915-37, and also as a teacher of shorthand and book-keeping. He assisted the late Rev. E. Hampden-Cook with the preparation of the Mill Hill School Register (1807-1926), and together with Major N. G. Brett-James, was responsible for the compilation of the Mill Hill School War Record (1914-18).

John Gifford will always be remembered as a devoted servant and true friend of the School.

The cremation took place on August 28th.



A. P. C. C. Su.

LITERARY

Night Time

A mountain, Snow capped and mighty; A lake, colourful and calm; The golden sunset sinks into night and I stand by watching.

The pine trees, Tall, green and quivering; The sky, star spangled and strange; Wavelets send stars dancing and shivering. They bounce on the water.

Moonbeams, Yellow and slender, Peep round the great purple mountain, Sparkling, they light up the water in splendour; Owls hoot in the pine trees.

P. N. CHRISTIE.

Duels

In any newspaper—any, that is, excepting The Newspaper—the most interesting titbits of news are found at the bottom of the front page. There, a careful reader would have noticed the report of a duel between the ex-president of Uruguay and a general of the Uruguayan army, fought a few days ago over a matter of precedence. It will be interesting to see if this has set a precedent for the future, for the resurrection of the duel—in my opinion long overdue—would serve an essential purpose in this age of mental strain, relieving the tensions and frustrations of participants and spectators alike, besides providing ample opportunity for a "sporting flutter."

Now the choice of weapons for a duel has always been a vexing question, and, if duelling is to be revived, we must rely on modern science to provide something original in this line; something reflecting the spirit of the age, and yet retaining a little of the uncertainty of former days, when the misfiring of

a pistol or the chance snapping of a rapier blade might alter the course of the fight and provide much amusement for the crowd. Anyone who has witnessed a road accident or seen a stock-car race will agree with me, I am sure, in thinking that the motor-car is the weapon most suitable for this purpose; it is easy to obtain, requires skill to control, and is always capable of going wrong at the crucial moment.

What a picture this calls to the mind's eye! Imagine the spectacle: bank managers in snow-white Cadillacs, ruthlessly ramming each other until the best man wins; shop stewards, battling for the honour of their unions in Fords; and undergraduates, as yet unblooded, playfully sparring on Lambrettas. We may yet see duelling elevated to a minor sport at Mill Hill, and indeed the only thing which would prevent it is the age limit for driving licences.

This is the answer to the teacher's plea for smaller classes; we of Mill Hill must not be backward in taking advantage of it. The writer confidently expects that the question will be raised in Parliament as soon as possible by someone in authority.

M. A. SUTTON.

To fut. contrib. to the Mag.

"When I've a syllable de trop
I cut it off, without apol." HARRY GRAHAM.

When writing verse, one's greatest dif. Is rhyme (unless one's very skil.):
To overcome this in a jiff.,
Just dock the final syll..
Although you rend your words asund.,
Your readers, I am sure, will und..

The unique value of this syst. I therefore much desire to dem.; Perhaps it will go down in hist. In tribute to my mem. That I, a keen, progressive stud., Tried to explain this system's rud..

I hope that I shall make quite ev. How it would solve the Mag.'s great dil. If Mill Hill's poets all would sev. Each final surplus syll.; For in the space thus saved could bloss. The fruits of new rhymes now made poss..

I wait your judgement; but I reck. That, though you think this system bil., It's cut the Literary Sec. By almost 40 syll..

Though this be sheer hot air I vom., At least I've done it econom..

S.I.S.

The Green Hand

I was returning from a cricket match with a few of my friends and we decided to stop at a roadside hotel to celebrate our victory. I think I must have had a few drinks too many, for when I stepped outside my friends had left. "Nice fellows," I said to myself.

It was a long way from Wandameer to Hull and as I had no money with me, I decided to hitch-hike home. I was feeling none too happy; I had a splitting headache and, to cap it all, it started to rain. Just then I saw headlights in the distance and jumped on to the road in the hope of securing a lift. The car was coming very slowly, not more than walking pace. Finally it drew level with me but, although it was going so slowly, surprisingly enough it did not stop. However, I did not wish to lose this chance of securing a lift, so I jumped in, expecting to see some drunken driver half asleep over the wheel. Imagine my astonishment, therefore, when I saw that there was no driver. I was so stunned that I thought my mind must be playing tricks on me. I tried to think of some logical explanation, but I could not.

Just then I was startled by a noise which sounded like a falling body, but I dared not look outside. I had never believed in ghosts, but now, as this strange car moved along the road, my scepticism was suddenly removed by a large green dripping wet hand which came creeping through the window. As it reached out towards me I cowered back into the depths of the seat. However, it then turned and reached out for the steering wheel. Paralysed with fright I could not move. I felt sure it was about to plunge the car into the waiting gorge below. But no sooner had the hand guided the car gently round the corner than it vanished. Again and again the hand returned, every time groping about as if to clutch me before finally seeking the wheel. Every time this "Monster" came in it seemed wetter and wetter. Was it the ghost of a drowned man?

After about a mile of this torturous drive, to my great relief we reached Hull. Gathering my wits I quickly jumped out of the car and, collapsing on the road, I began to hug the dear earth which I had thought I would never see again. It was then that a man in a green mackintosh walked up to me and picked me off the ground. He had walked, pushing his car in the rain, all the way from Wandameer.

P. SHERMAN (Science V).

The Veteran Car

On the eve of the London to Brighton Veteran car race I stood in my garage with "Lucie," my 1904 veteran Austin, putting on the last drops of oil and tightening the last few nuts and bolts. I was extremely proud of my "Lucie" and cared for her just as a mother cares for her baby. I patted and polished her coachwork until it shone like gold and when all was completed she looked just like a new-born babe. However, I soon cleared my tools away, switched off the light and went thankfully to bed.

I awoke the following morning early, but as I did not wish to be tired on that exciting day, I forced myself to sleep again. Two hours later I was out and about collecting the last few oddments for the journey, and forty-five minutes later was motionless at the starting line.

The starter's flag went down and away we chugged on that grey misty morning. When we had gone about ten miles, the veteran Riley in front of me gave a loud bang and slowly came to a standstill. What a joy it was to pass her! I had never dreamed that I would lead the race. Just then fate pointed her evil finger at me, for Lucie's engine spluttered and passed out.

I scrambled down and, opening the bonnet, started to fiddle with the engine. How discouraging it was to hear every few minutes the disconcerting whizz of first one car and then another passing me! I was praying hard that I could find the fault, when to my surprise I heard a voice. This was most strange as no one was at hand at that moment. It said:

"Get back into your car, and then pull the lever under your seat."

I put my hand under the seat and there to my surprise was a small lever as the voice had said, although I was certain that it had never been there before. I pulled it as instructed, and suddenly "Lucie" began to rise into the air. The voice spoke again:

"Pull the lever to the right," it said.

I obeyed; "Lucie" started to travel forwards about fifty feet from the ground. I was flying! I flew along above the road until I was about six miles from Brighton. It was a thrilling experience to watch all the other cars moving slowly along the road beneath me. Just then the voice said in an angry tone:

"Press the lever down."

We grounded smoothly without the slightest bump, and as I landed the engine broke forth into life again and purred along the last few miles to Brighton with all the other cars miles behind. However, as I came to the winning post the car stalled, there was a violent shaking and I heard the voice say:

"Get up dear, or you'll be late for the race."

D. HAUGHTON (Science V).

That's Achilles, That Was, or What Price Asymptotes?

The house match had just started, and the prefect was going round the house turfing out lingerers. Hearing voices from the common room, he went in. Down at the far end two boys were bent over a table. The prefect decided to startle them, and walked softly down the common room towards them.

He saw that they were two faos who were known to the staff as the Baked Bean and the Caveman. The Baked Bean had gained his nickname from the tomato sauce which was always liberally daubed on his face, his tie and his blazer. The Caveman was a big, docile boy who never washed and was always the object of jokes; but he had been impervious to gibes ever since his first day at school, when the head of house had caught sight of him and had been impelled to ask him what stone he had crawled from under. He had a very good scientific brain, although it usually took some time to function, which was why he always glowered aggressively at anyone who spoke to him before replying. The Baked Bean worshipped him.

"What are you two doing in house?" said the prefect loudly.

The Baked Bean jumped; the Caveman looked up slowly and scowled. On the table were two rows of chalked lines side by side.

- "It's an experiment," the Baked Bean explained mildly.
- "What do you mean, an experiment?"
- "Hercules and the tortoise," ventured the Baked Bean.
- "Achilles," grunted the Caveman. "We got it in class today," he muttered. He was obviously trying to justify his chalking lines on the table by invoking a higher authority.
- "He's going ten times faster," the Baked Bean piped up enthusiastically, and he can't catch it up."
 - "Who can't?"
 - "Achilles."
 - "Can't catch what up?"
 - "The tortoise."
 - "Rubbish," said the prefect.
- "That's what I thought," retorted the Baked Bean triumphantly, "until he showed me. It's true." He cast admiring eyes on the Caveman, who, embarrassed by the sudden attention, began to inspect his fingernails.

The prefect smiled sceptically—the sort of smile he used to show that he saw through it all really, whenever someone presented him with an improbable but impalpable excuse.

"Oh yes, "he said. "How?"

(He was on the Arts side and usually considered himself above such matters.)

"He's running ten times faster than the tortoise and the tortoise goes one yard so he goes ten—" began the Baked Bean, and then stopped dead, realising that he had got something wrong.

"You shut up," growled the Caveman. "He starts a hundred yards behind," he explained to the prefect, indicating everything laboriously on the chalked lines. "So when he's gone a hundred it's done ten, and when he catches up those ten it's done one, and —"

"I see," the prefect interrupted loftily. "And so ad infinitum. Ingenious, but not sense," he concluded, and could not resist a smirk of pleasure at the timely quotation followed by the neat adaptation of one of his form-master's pet phrases.

The Caveman eyed him suspiciously.

"Whaddya mean, not sense?" he demanded.

"It's a completely specious argument," said the prefect.

"That may be," the Caveman countered slowly, puzzled and playing for time. "But you prove it's not true if you can."

"Yes, go on, prove it." The Baked Bean was getting defiant too.

"Good heavens," the prefect exclaimed. "It's pretty obvious that he goes more than a yard or a tenth of a yard at a time. He doesn't keep stopping for the tortoise's benefit."

"He's still got to go just a yard first," argued the Caveman.

"First what?" It was now the prefect who was playing for time.

"First - before he goes the next tenth to catch it up."

"But he'll still go that tenth immediately afterwards."

"But,"—it was the Baked Bean this time, who had at last picked up the thread of the argument—"but it'll have gone a . . . a hundredth by then."

The Caveman grunted his approval.

A sudden inspiration came to the prefect. "You might as well say," he exclaimed, "that that door will never close because before it can move the necessary two feet it's got to move one, and before it can move that one it's got to move six inches, and so on: and that's obviously nonsense."

"Why?" demanded the Caveman stubbornly. "It sounds reasonable enough to me."

The prefect was cornered.

"Why!" he shouted wildly. "Why!" "Anything," he snarled, "would sound reasonable to an idiot like you."

He heard the Baked Bean sniggering There was no alternative.

"I'll show you why," he said, his voice ominously low. He marched down the common room, pronouncing rhythmically as he went: "Because in spite of your tortoise rubbish it defies all the laws of science and shuts when its pushed."

He turned round in the doorway: "Like this!"

He made sure he was on the other side.

JOE.



HOUSE NOTES

Weymouth

Head of House: E. C. S. IVENS.

School Prefects: S. W. Bennett, M. W. H. Cohn.

House Prefects: R. F. Ball, P. W. Ball.

How much longer must we suffer from the lamentable contributions to this column? — "We welcome this term Mr. Smith. We hope he will have a happy stay with us. We won a spirited lacrosse final against Widermere North by a broken leg and two black eyes to a sprained ankle and a broken nose. Congrats. to Lang-Foxley Tert. and Browne upon gaining their full colours. Tiddleywinks has never been our forte, and we succumbed in the first round to East Churchill: I feel I must mention "Winks" Walker, however, for his final tiddle very nearly brought us victory. With best wishes to all our leavers, lucky devils, go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage, I close on another successful term." Alas, as angry young men cannot be constructive, but merely destructive, so I, too, am reduced to the usual lamentable contribution.

Mr. Barsby, doubtless aided by the experience of Scrutton's house tutor, Mr. Bell, has shown us that he will be of great service to Weymouth, not least on the rugger field. Much against my will, I feel that the 'flu' epidemic must be mentioned in order to thank our Matron and all her willing helpers. Our Housemaster and tutors set a fine example, showing themselves unafraid of manual labour. While Mr. Bowring, jacketless and sleeveless, courageously scrubbed the figures of helpless invalids, Mr. Bell brought some amusement to the scene by approaching from the rear a bemasked "M.O.," a fictitious gun in hand. His "Bang!" was so realistic that the boy in question nearly dropped the aspirin jar....

Without wishing to be in the slightest way insulting, I must say that it was perhaps the sight of our Housemaster stripped for action that aroused so many pugilistic instincts in the house. P. S. King coached our large band of boxers with such commendable enthusiasm that of the ten finals, no fewer than seven contained a Weymouth man. A model of esprit de corps, so essential to any community for the gaining of the boxing cup, almost doubling the score of the runners-up, has done the house tremendous good.

When I began I was angry. Now I am sad. "For my tongue hath almost ended my life's history. I know my hour is come." You who are staying are the lucky ones, not we who are leaving. To my successor I wish health and prosperity, to my House and School I say, "Good luck, and thank you."

E.C.S.I.

Scrutton

Head of House: I. G. H. HALSTEAD.

Monitors: K. L. Hinkley-Smith, J. R. Griffith, T. C. Davis.

School Prefect: J. V. S. Bennett.

House Prefects: J. M. Gillingham, M. R. Hopkins, G. L. Brownlee, E. W. Davis, M. A. L. Holmes, F. M. N. Wills.

"'The time has come,' the walrus said, 'to talk of many things."

LEWIS CARROLL.

Truly the time has come. But for what? I write for every member of this House, and indeed for every member of the school, when I state that we stand at the threshold. "Ah," you will say, "these are but the wanderings of a leaver." But wait: let me take you on a tour of the House.

The Junior Common Room is the obvious start to our journey. The fags are not renowned for their powers of foresight, and that they can look ahead far enough in the month to decorate their common room seasonably, is proof of the enthusiasm with which they look forward to their Christmas fare. Besides, for

boys, many of whom are spending their first term away from their parents, any touch which can give an air of homeliness to a room as destitute as theirs is welcome. And perhaps that is why the rest consider themselves above such things.

The Middle Common Room is more sophisticated. Its members have been here long enough to reflect the musical inclinations of their seniors, and their dwelling is adorned with a variety of gramophones, which daily blare forth anything which might be considered "popular" or "jazz". Needless to say, the reflection makes itself heard far more than that which it reflects. "And their threshold...?" you may ask. They will soon be forming their individual tastes, a part of that process which also forms themselves.

The body immediately above this is spread in both the Senior Common Room and the Junior Studies. Some of them have just taken "O" levels. The rest await the holidays with both the anticipation and the self-assurance of 15- or 16-year-old public schoolboys. They will, of course, see that they have an inordinately good time over the festival, for that will be the subject of their conversation during the first week of next term.

As we walk into the studies of the senior non-staff, it may well be that our entrance causes an embarrassing silence. They were undoubtedly discussing the "chances" of certain gentlemen for "the end of term"! These have been almost unnaturally well-behaved throughout the whole term—scarcely a copy to their discredit. Will they receive due reward for such self-deprivation? Those who do are crossing not one, but a series of thresholds.

And the leavers. Whether they returned for the Rugger, or for the incredible toil leading up to a scholarship examination, the term is now almost over; the money is spent; has it given you good value?

But wait; we have missed the Quiet Room. On entering we are struck by an imposing trophy. Tangible enough proof of how well Hinkley-Smith led a very fine XV to victory. It shows up well beside the Senior cricket shield. I wonder if they will soon be joined by a Single-handed trophy. But is not the Senior fives cup somewhat conspicuous by its absence?

I.G.H.H.

Burton Bank

Head of House: A. D. B. WEBSTER.

House Prefects: M. T. E. Brooke, R. S. Atkinson, A. A. T. Davies, C. J. Holloway, P. N. Christie, C. D. Parker.

This term we welcomed to Burton Bank Mr. Stanham, our new House Master, and Mr. Sennitt, our new House Tutor. Hardly had they settled in when the House was thrown into disorder by an epidemic of "'flu." We owe a great deal to Miss Armstrong, our Matron, for the magnificent way in which she handled this difficult situation.

No sooner had the "'flu" passed than the House was invaded by workmen who, trying to locate a burst pipe in the heating system, dug holes in many of the studies and passageways. The trouble was eventually rectified but it is disquieting to know that parts of the system are corroded and may fail again at any moment.

Mr. Sennitt, a keen biologist, together with willing helpers from the House, has embarked on the vast task of building a lake in the waste ground below Burton Bank. He hopes that this will attract more birds to the neighbourhood and also provide members of the House with the opportunity of an early morning bathe!

The "Teddy Boys" of Mill Hill seem to find amusement in breaking the glass in the gas-lamps outside the House or throwing fireworks onto our lawns. When warned of a forthcoming attack one evening, the Prefects, armed with brooms and hockey sticks, were seen patrolling Wills Grove. All seemed quiet, however, and they returned a little disappointed.

Our sporting achievements are centred around our performances in the Junior Rugger and the Single-handed. In both these competitions we have

reached the finals and have high hopes of winning. The Junior Rugger team especially should be congratulated on their very spirited performance against Weymouth in the first round.

During the latter half of the term, the Quiet Room has been reverberating to the chants of "Dem Dry Bones," a Negro spiritual. The House choir, not content with a mere carol for the end of term concert, are singing this as an extra item. They are accompanied by a rather inexperienced rhythm section who, even if they do not aid the singers, should cause amusement.

I should conclude by saying that I hope Mr. Stanham and his family have enjoyed their first term at Burton Bank; we wish them all happiness in the future.

A.D.B.W.

Collinson

Head of House: P. B. Armitage.

School Prefect: R. H. Goude.

House Prefects: B. K. Na'Isa, R. C. J. Charlton, L. J. Wintle, M. R. Wollerton.

This term we have welcomed Mr. Kirch as our new House tutor. He has brought with him great enthusiasm for House affairs and new ideas, one of which—the singing of hymns in prayers (for which small hymn books have been purchased from House funds)—has been highly successful. We wish him every happiness during his stay in Collinson.

The "flu" epidemic at the beginning of term took toll of thirty-three members of the House, mainly Juniors. We must congratulate our Matron on the excellent way in which she coped with this trying burden.

In Senior and Junior Rugger and Senior Fives, this term, Winterstoke have been our opponents. Although we had to accept defeat in the Rugger (the Senior after a replay), we beat them in the Fives and went on to win in the final. This was mainly due to the gradual team building and continual interest shown over several years by past Collinsonians. We now hold, as in the Gym, both Senior and Junior trophies.

Preparations are being made for a short concert at the end of term. Items have been forthcoming from all years in the House, ranging from Opera to "Barrel House Boogie," interspersed with serious drama and farce. In contrast with this, the sedate strains of "Stille Nacht" are to be heard at our evening choir practices, the German pronunciation being severely criticised by our linguists. The further problem of learning the words has been surmounted by the use of small cards, surreptitiously concealed in the palm of the left hand.

P.B.A.

Ridgeway

Head of House: A. McG. GRADON.

School Prefect: S. J. Sedley.

House Prefects: P. J. Huston, R. M. Farquhar, R. Bond, M. H. T. Jourdan, A. S. R. Roberts, I. Reekie.

We welcome R. P. Burn as our new house tutor and congratulate him on his engagement. Unfortunately, together with fifty-one boys, he spent the first few weeks suffering from the "'flu" epidemic. Those who remained fit spent an arduous week assisting Matron, Mrs. Bush and their gallant band of helpers.

One of the landmarks in the life of members of Ridgeway is the change from the Common Room to the joys of study life. At last there is privacy to do what you like! But reality never quite sees the fulfilment of such hopes. Work in the afternoon is almost impossible amidst the noise of gramophones and radios. A quiet conversation invariably increases into a "social," and the intermittent door slams announce the rapid ejection of those unwelcome guests who either seek peace or suffer from ebullitions of wit. Even during the official period for work, there are always the interminable arguments or the surprise visit of the Master on Duty or House Staff to provoke fresh polemic.

But it is on the games field that there is a chance to bury old quarrels and unite in purpose. In the Senior competitions, the paucity of Seniors and the inexperience of the Juniors prevented any successes. The preponderance of Juniors, however, gave us a strong advantage which was fully exploited in the efforts of the undefeated League side and the splendid victories of the Junior House XV.

There can be no hope of success without training. Some enthusiasts took to cross country running, only to lose themselves in woods and scrubland and emerge later with tales of irate bulls, and vociferous warnings from farmers wishing to protect their land from the spread of foot-and-mouth disease. Even the prospect of bronchitis does not appear to have deterred one sprightly enthusiast.

Three Saturday evenings have been devoted to entertainment. The first evening witnessed a competitive general knowledge game and an amusing series of answers to topical questions from a panel consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Bush, Mr. Baker and Mr. Alston from Belmont. The first performance of Dave and his Shirt Sleeves was a resounding success, and the visit of ex-Det.-Supt. Robert Fabian ("of the Yard") gave us a sound understanding of the methods used in the prevention of crime today.

On behalf of one who narrowly missed the publicity of bald-headed film stars, I would pass this advice to posterity. The old gas lamp on the dormitory landing does work, and unless one wishes to experience ridicule or enjoy the panic of a real house fire, it is inadvisable to hold a match beneath the lamp while investigating its potentialities as a source of light.

A.McG.G.

Winterstoke

Head of House: R. E. R. HOLLIDAY.

House Prefects: L. P. Scammell, O. E. Johnson, M. W. Corby, A. R. Dyer, R. A. Hudgell.

Winterstoke, at the beginning of this school year, contains a variety of new faces. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wigram and their family, and Mr. Miller as house tutor. Our new Matron, Mrs. Phillips, began the term well with all but eight of the House down with "flu." She rose admirably to the occasion and we are pleased to report that there were no fatalities!

Once again Winterstoke has kept up its tradition of reaching the final of the Senior rugger, and unfortunately what also appears to have become a tradition, of losing it. The team, although with only fourteen men in the second half, played brilliantly throughout, losing only in the final moments of the game. The Junior side should also be congratulated on their fine performance; they were unfortunate to lose by a penalty goal in the semi-final to very strong opposition. The Single-handed became a marathon, and after one hundred minutes' play without score, darkness descended and a replay was necessary. Scrutton scored the first goal and so went through to the next round.

For any uninitiated person who enters the confines of Winterstoke, there is now the added hazard of vertical hanging wires, this being the outcome of an efficient inter-study communications system. However, operations had to be suspended temporarily when it was rumoured that the Housemaster had tapped the line.

This term we have had a radio presented to us by M. Baldwin, Esq., an Old Millhillian, which has been used successfully to counteract the cacophony of a certain "Rock 'n Roll" fiend who shall remain anonymous.

What promises to be a lively end of term concert has been organised by our versatile house tutor and it is upon this note of hopeful anticipation that I conclude this report.

R.E.R.H.

Murray

Head of House: C. S. MENCE.

School Prefect: R. H. Bee.

House Prefects: B. G. Murphy, A. Snow, R. M. Cohen, T. E. T. West.

"There is a section for sport," we are told. "The House notes need not repeat the details." But it is so easy for the editor to write off our efforts, our weeks of preparation, with the lucid description "Scrutton won." He does not record how magnificently we withstood their concerted attacks nor how our quarter-oranges at half-time spurred us on to even greater efforts in the face of certain disaster, to lose by only fifteen points. Nor can that boxing report portray how fifteen brave Murray boys were willingly led in to the ring for the first practice; only two surviving the treacherous course to the competition. However I shall obey his wishes and pass quickly over our first-round victories in the Fives and Junior Rugger in the hope that, in future, we shall have final victories to chronicle.

We were mildly amused at the beginning of term when rugger balls appeared and disappeared, seemingly of their own accord, but we were less amused when House pound followed suit. It appears that there were no serious consequences from the House's not receiving C.C. lunches for a week; only one boy was later reported with food poisoning. Apparently someone informed the B.B.C. who, the week after, started an early morning feature entitled "What to put in your sandwiches."

Murray, now no longer the smallest House, is holding her own in the School, mainly through the efforts of the individuals in her. This term we welcomed Mr. R. N. Exton as House tutor, who has already done much to improve the standard of sport in the House. His keenness has inspired us all, especially our zealous gym. manager who, in demonstrating some novel exercises of his own invention, became wedged upside down on the wall-bars.

C.S.M.

Societies

INTERIM

Chairman: S. J. Sedley. Hon. Sec.: J. R. Griffith.

The retiring Chairman will go to his grave in peace, the envy (he fondly imagines) of all his predecessors. For the Interim has at last held an orderly, profitable and extremely well attended political debate. That 95 of the 100 people present did not agree to vote Socialist was not unexpected; what came as a most agreeable surprise was the rational approach of the House, and in particular the number of good maiden speeches.

In consequence of this debate, the Interim's membership (at a rather low ebb at the beginning of the term) was almost doubled; and we were sufficiently emboldened to hold a closed debate on the motion "That Someone isn't using *mpl*x," proposed by Mr. Gillingham and opposed by Mr. Webster. Despite occasional digressions on such subjects as cosmetics, spare parts and sliding down the banisters, much sense was spoken about outsiders (those blandly smilling people in the middle) and about advertising methods in general. Since the motion in itself was hardly conducive to strong feelings either way, only three members saw fit to cast their votes, the rest prudently abstaining.

The Interim finally welcomed Mr. S. P. R. Rose, the Secretary of the British Young Federalists, who put before us the case for world government and told us how many practical steps his Association had already taken to persuade various bodies to act in this connection. He overcame the Society's initial incredulity, and provoked sufficient intelligent questions and discussions to show that he had made some impression on our assembly of hard-boiled cynics.

S.J.S.

PHOEBAN GROUP

Hon. Sec: T. C. Davis.

This term's meetings began with H. Goldsmith telling us that if we wanted to see a good film we should go to see "Gone with the Wind." Whether this good advice has been taken to heart is questionable, but I do know that the same film has been currently running for the past seven weeks at a cinema in the West End. He went on to tell us of the complexities of turning a novel or play into a money-making film and converting paper into celluloid. We are indebted to him for so completely dominating the scene and providing us with a most enjoyable evening.

Later in the term S. J. Sedley, sunk deep in a moth-eaten armchair, introduced what proved to be a fiery evening of cross argument and discussion on the explosive subject of "Angry Young Men." This proved a great success and it is hoped that the same type of meeting will be continued in the future.

Early in December a most pleasing evening was spent at the Globe Theatre, when fifteen members of the Society saw "Nude with Violin" by Noel Coward.

In conclusion I would like to say how sorry we are that Mr. Duncan is leaving us at the end of this term. We are indeed grateful for all the enthusiasm and energy he has put into the Society and wish both him and his family every happiness in the future.

T.C.D.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: S. J. SEDLEY.

"Ego Hugo"; "Le plus grand poète français — hélas": such were the enigmatic titles of two short talks presented to the Society on the same evening. The first, given by R. M. Farquhar, concisely and lucidly outlined Victor Hugo's life and personality. This was followed by a critical discussion of Hugo's place as a poet, introduced by the Secretary, who tried to persuade the Society that Hugo's apparently great poetry must be regarded with — at least — suspicion, in view of the poet's egocentric life and hollow personality. The Society, of course, begged to differ.

We next met to hear an account from C. L. Kirch, Esq., of his recent experiences in Germany. We enjoyed an instructive and entertaining evening listening to anecdotes, reminiscences and observations on German life in general and on German boarding-schools in particular.

This term's meetings have been held in Mr. Wigram's study: we are most grateful to our President for providing us with a venue whose pleasant atmosphere adds a great deal to the evening's enjoyment.

S.J.S.

WITAN

Prolocutor: A. McG. GRADON.

Hon. Sec.: A. A. T. Davies.

Rhodes was the subject of Mr. A. A. T. Davies' paper. He traced Rhodes' life from his early 'African days to Oxford and after, during his ruthless and sustained policy of pushing northwards to establish his dream of all Africa coloured red on the map. Mr. Davies showed that behind Rhodes' ruthless imperialistic policy was a normal human being, dogged by illness, prone to failure, but a great man.

For our second meeting, W. F. H. Johnson, Esq., dealt with the place of History in the Modern Scientific Age. He emphasized the need to strike a balance between science and the arts. The practised ease with which he defended his controversial ideas did not dampen the enthusiasm which his talk had engendered. The Society remains indebted to Mr. Johnson for this most interesting paper.

The last meeting was the customary historical games and quizzes. As usual members valiantly tried to hide their ignorance of historical figures and events behind irrelevant stories or indefinable mimes. For a change ignorance helped to make the evening a success. We were again very grateful for the refreshments provided by Mrs. Phimester.

A.Mc.G.G.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: P. N. Christie. Hon. Treasurer: R. F. Ball.

At the end of the Summer term Mr. Payne left Mill Hill. We wish him every success in the future and thank him for all the enthusiasm he has shown as President. At the beginning of this term Mr. B. Sennitt kindly accepted the Presidency.

The first lecture of the term was given by Mr. R. P. Burn on "The Fair Isle Bird Observatory." Mr. Burn had spent some time at this observatory and his lecture included first-hand knowledge about the capturing and ringing of birds. The Society next met to hear a lecture given by C. Dinsdale on "Sharks and their habits." Mr. Dinsdale dealt with the subject in great detail and his seemingly impromptu witticisms added flavour to the lecture.

Mr. Sennitt has led two very successful expeditions this term: one to Aldenham reservoir, the other to the Tottenham Hale reservoirs.

P.N.C.

PLAYREADING SOCIETY

President: E. C. S. IVENS. Hon. Sec.: T. C. DAVIS.

The 'flu epidemic and rehearsals for the School Play have curbed our activities this term, but nevertheless we have very much enjoyed reading "The Teahouse of the August Moon." One feels, however, that its success could never have been so great had not Mr. Duncan so ably and convincingly read the difficult part of the evergreen Sakini. The less that is said about "The Man who wouldn't go to Heaven" is, perhaps, the better.

We have now had the prospect of reading "Will Any Gentleman?" for several weeks, but the source from which we obtain our plays seems temporarily to have dried up.

T.C.D.

INTERPRETES

Hegemon: A. D. S. MacDonald. Scriba: J. L. Brockington.

The Interpretes has again limited itself to two meetings this term. The first consisted of a lecture by H. R. M. MacDonald on "Aristotle and his Philosophy." He gave a lucid, if somewhat brief, account of Aristotle's life and thought. After this meeting H. R. M. MacDonald was elected a full member and T. J. Sobey a half member; we have also, this term, welcomed Mr. J. A. Barsby into the Society. The second lecture, which is yet to be delivered, is to be given by the Scriba on "The Seleucid Dynasty."

J.L.B.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: A. R. TAMMAR. Treasurer: S. W. Bennett.

The Society has held three meetings this term. The first was on November 20th, when we saw two films from behind the Iron Curtain. One of these was a brilliantly photographed life story of a bee and the other, called "Atoms for Peace," was a long, almost entirely unbiased documentary concerning Russian achievements in the peaceful applications of Atomic Energy.

At our second meeting we were addressed by Dr. J. R. Shakeshaft, a Research Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, on the subject of "Radio Stars." His very large audience was privileged to hear an extremely lucid account of what is obviously a little known branch of science.

On the 26th November, 24 members of the Society, led by Mr. Hall, visited the works of Vauxhall Motors at Luton where a very interesting afternoon was spent viewing the most modern car assembly and testing line in Europe.

The Society continues to expand and now boasts its largest-ever membership.

A.R.T.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: H. Goldsmith.

On Thursday, November 14th, Mr. Frank Singuineau, a West Indian, came to speak to the Society. He told us much about the people and products of his country and also about the many problems which confront them today, dealing especially with the question of emigration and the advantages and disadvantages of the forthcoming Federation. His talk was illustrated with a film-strip. The Society is very grateful to him for coming, and also to the Royal Empire Society which arranged the lecture.

H.G

PYTHAGOREANS

Hon, Sec: R. E. Branch.

At our first meeting this term R. M. Tagg presented a paper entitled "Electronic Computors." The main part of his paper was devoted to an explanation of the workings of such machines, and their use in solving the complex mathematical problems associated with modern scientific work.

"The Art of Graham Greene" was the subject of an illuminating paper delivered by the Secretary a month later, and at our final meeting this term we hope to hear two short papers by C. S. Mence and P. L. Potts.

The two Sunday meetings this term have both been musical in nature. At the first we heard a selection of light classics, and the second was devoted to New Orleans Jazz, the programme being introduced by S. W. Bennett. We look back on a very successful term and wish those who are leaving success in the future.

R.E.B.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

President: T. C. Davis. Secretary: J. R. Griffith.

The Fellowship has now experienced some two terms of life, and attendance at the meetings gradually increases so that we may look forward with confidence.

We have met during this term chiefly on alternate weeks with the Voluntary Services either for discussion, Bible study, or a simple service for which there has been a speaker. The Rev. H. E. Roberts and the Rev. J. M. Scutt have both given us most excellent and lively addresses to remember and reflect upon; we are always more than pleased to have them with us.

On the departure of our patron, the Rev. P. H. Figgis, we extend a very warm welcome to Rev. H. Starkey, who has been most helpful to us, and we wish both him and Mrs. Starkey the greatest happiness at Mill Hill.

J.R.G.

Music

MUSIC CLUB

On Saturday, October 19th, in the Large, the first of the season's Music Club concerts was given. It was a happy occasion in that the principal artiste was our own violin master Mr. Clarence Myerscough, who was joined by his brother, Mr. Henry Myerscough (viola) and by Mr. John Fawcett Wilson (piano).

A Mozart Duo for violin and viola opened the concert, and then followed a work by Bloch for viola and piano. Some Spanish dances for viola and piano by Mr. Wilson were equally rewarding for both performers and listeners. Mr. Clarence Myerscough delighted his audience with a work by Sarasate which showed his brilliant technique to great advantage.

Later on in the term David Franklin, a very well known bass singer, gave a highly entertaining lecture entitled "The Singer in his Workshop." He first sang four songs, varying widely in style, and then talked about singers in general. Finally, with the aid of a tape-recorder, he criticised, in a novel and most amusing manner, one of the songs he had sung earlier in the evening.

CHAPEL CHOIR

Several notable changes have taken place in the choir this term. Our numbers were considerably increased, especially in the treble section, and three masters have helped us out in many of the anthems. Mr. Barlow hopes that next term the now somewhat effete alto section will be augmented by a few counter tenors from amongst the voices of the school.

In addition to performing several anthems during the term we are to provide the music at a meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Edgware Methodist Church.

I would, on behalf of the choir, thank Mr. Barlow for his seemingly inexhaustible keenness, and for his success in initiating what promises to be a very successful choir year.

M.A.G.B.

OPERATIC SOCIETY

During the course of this term Mr. D. A. Miller has arranged two expeditions to operas at Sadlers Wells. These visits proved so popular among the Senior members of the school that it has been decided to form an Operatic Society, open to all Sixth-formers. Members of the Society will be able to attend regularly in future terms operatic performances at Sadlers Wells and Covent Garden. It is hoped that members might even give concert readings of parts of the better known operas, keenness rather than talent being the only qualification.

M.A.G.B.

Hobbies

Perhaps the most active Society this term has been the Photographic Society which has continued its now well-established tradition of sports photography and has sold over three hundred prints of various matches (including one or two unusual pictures which evoked unexpectedly large sales). The Society's equipment in the dark-room continues to grow and a reserve fund has been instituted to enable greater scope to be given to the Special Section which has even photographed a skiffle group in action. Besides hearing regular lecturers, including a representative of the "Amateur Photographer", the Society has visited Sangamo-Westons, the home of the famous exposure meter.

In spite of the influenza epidemic, another vigorous group, the TRAVEL CLUB, was able to meet on the first Sunday of term when Mr. Shelley of Aer Lingus spoke about, and showed films on, Ireland. The TRAVEL CLUB did not seem to be moving far from home (even in imagination) as their next meeting was a programme of films dealing with many aspects of Wales, the films, appropriately enough, being lent by the Welsh Tourist Board. After a visit by proxy to the Mediterranean region, described by Mr. J. Robinson, an Old Millhillian, the members of the Club were shown items of historical interest and the scenic beauty to be found in Ceylon. The speaker was Mr. Dodwell Cooray of the High Commission for Ceylon. The final meeting this term, once more depending upon the attraction of celluloid scenic vistas, was a programme of films on the United States, the films being kindly loaned by Trans World Airlines.

Turning from the pseudo-art of photography we move on to its purer cousin, and we find that the ART CLUB has now recovered from a period of relative inactivity during the past two years and boasts a membership of over twenty, many of whom are painting with enthusiasm. Two expeditions have been conducted to the Tate Gallery and a most informative lecture on etching has been delivered by C. S. Baker, Esq. The Society of Philatelists, once in danger of becoming extinct, has received a new lease of life and claims to have a considerable and regular attendance at its meetings. Four competitions have been arranged this term, one in the form of a film show, the prizes being presented by Mr. Ricks, and a most useful and entertaining lecture was delivered by Squadron Leader Eunis of the Hale Lane Philatelic Society.

The Motor-Car and Cycle Club can no longer be accused of relying solely on the school projector, although, one must admit, it does receive its fair share; for its members are endeavouring to render roadworthy a now composite motor-cycle of uncertain vintage. Besides the evergreen and ever-popular film shows the Club has made its annual expedition to the Motor Show this term under the leadership of a noted school celebrity in the field of sporting motoring.

Interest in the PRINTING SOCIETY, also to a certain extent mechanical, has waned somewhat after the efforts of producing Trees of Mill Hill School last term. The proceeds from this venture have now passed the £100 target. However the programmes and tickets for the School Play were completed ahead of schedule and the Society is now engaged in completing orders of Christmas cards. Far from the cold metallic world of printing, the AQUARIST CLUB'S Siamese Fighting Fish, seduced by the artificially created warmth of their watery domain, have been lulled into breeding. But apart from one lecture the Club's interests have been centred mainly upon making further improvements to its premises. Constructional work too has occupied the members of the CARPENTRY CLUB and painstaking labour together with a little inventive genius have produced a number of articles of the highest craftsmanship. The members are now contemplating some change in the Club's constitution.

The Model Makers' Club has continued to produce its regular supply of model boats and aircraft but its activities have been hampered to a great extent by the dampness of the atmosphere; balsa wood of a consistency akin to that of wet rice-paper is no workable material. However, one thoughtful member of the Club has had recourse to plastic as his medium, while the remainder have occupied themselves with the renovation of their Top Field shelter. Also occupying a vantage point on Top Field, the Necromancers' Society has been extremely busy during the last few weeks of term preparing for its Variety Top Hat concert to be given sometime next term. Nevertheless, the Society has been active in other ways, having heard entertaining and instructive lectures from Mr. J. C. Henley, an Old Millhillian, and from Mr. Gil Leaney, a member of the Inner Magic Circle. From the realm of magic we turn to the more mundane, but no less mysterious, world of Wireless. Passing by the Wireless Club's hut, sprouting all sorts of aerials and strange antennae, one may hear sounds issuing forth not unlike those emitted by the Russians' "sputnik." And if one were to look inside, among the mass of complicated equipment one might see the patient members of this Club huddled over their sensitive controls, while the new initiates into this fascinating hobby practice their monotonous morse signals. The only other hobbies shed on the farm track, besides the farm itself, belongs to the POTTERY CLUB. Its members, delighting in the acquisition of a new "Jigger and Jolly", enough perhaps to keep anyone contented, have been busy creating specimen examples of their work, some of which have been on display in the Art Room; but their main occupation this term has been the renovation and extension of their working space. Undoubtedly possessing the largest area of working space, the Young FARMERS' CLUB has been somewhat slack this term. Taking advantage of this, a fox broke into the Club's premises and made off with no less than eight pigeons, having ignored the squawking hens completely. The Club has seen various films on farm animals and the problems of farm life, and has also made a visit to the Smithfield Show.

Scouts

SUMMER CAMP

This year the Scout Camp was held in Breconshire, in the valley of the river Grwyhe, near Llangenny. The camp site was in an excellent position beside the river, where there were pools for bathing. A fallen tree was removed from the river for a fisherman, and, when chopped up and split, provided the planks for a camp table, while some of the branches were used to construct an altar fire. On the second evening the scouts helped to rescue a horse which had fallen through a bridge nearby; luckily, both horse and rider were able to continue their journey.

An expedition was made up the "Sugar Loaf," and a whole day was spent walking over the Black Mountains, where a pound of mushrooms was collected at over 1000 feet. We made an expedition across the Brecon Beacons, camping for the night on the other side, and then rose at 4.30 the next morning, climbing to the top of the Beacons to see the sunrise. On the following afternoon we visited the village fête where a race was organised for scouts only, in which our champion runner showed his skill. The visit to the Bargoed training colliery was much enjoyed and we all returned with a greatly increased knowledge of coalmining. The last day was spent on a visit to the Llangattock Incline, an old railway line with a gradient of 1 in 1 at this point, where we explored a few of the smaller caves. Throughout our stay the weather remained very good, with rain on only one morning, so that everything combined to make an excellent camp.

S.J.E.H.

SENIOR SCOUTS

We congratulate Humphrey on attaining his Queen's Scout badge, and Lidwell, Sotnick and Walker, D. H. M. on completing their First Class tests. Activity this term has been concentrated on training for the Stalker Badge, as a preliminary to the Tracker Badge, with satisfactory results.

A.J.

JUNIOR SCOUTS

This term we have concentrated on the Second Class tests, and much progress has been made by the new members of the troop. We congratulate Mann, Jenkins, Walker, Brown and MacDonald on becoming patrol leaders.

Because of the weather our camp-fire was cancelled, but we had an enjoyable Field Day at Mote Mount, and a successful night exercise over Totteridge Fields.

R.F.B.

C. C. F.

ARMY SECTION

After a satisfactory and sometimes energetic camp held at Stanford P.T.A. in perfect weather, the term started with the usual preparations for the Cert. "A" examinations. Soon after, our ranks were considerably thinned as a result of "Asian" 'flu', which also caused the loss of one day's training and the postponement of Field Day for a fortnight. We eventually held Field Day on training areas near Pirbright where the R.A.F. section was included in an exercise to test their initiative; results were inconclusive and somewhat delayed by two cadets who had "gone off the beam".

The other specialist sections have been busy; the Signals section has erected new wireless masts and the R.E. section were expecting to erect a model bridge before the end of term. Classification tests have also been held in the R.A. section.

In November the Cert. "A" exams, were conducted by officers and N.C.O.'s from the Scots Guards, who soon detected our weaknesses — casualties were higher than usual. Other events included a visit to H.M.S. Corunna, a route march on which the band did very well, thanks to the training of R.Q.M.S. Crouch, and visits to Armoury House on the invitation of the H.A.C. In conclusion it was encouraging to note the high number of "Possibles" scored in the Winter Shield competition; for this our thanks are again due to C.S.M. Maloney for his help in the miniature range. The Winter Shield was won by Burton Bank.

C.S.B.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Although guided missiles are obviously going to be the main weapon of the near future, manned aircraft will still be necessary and the R.A.F. still requires pilots of a high standard. It is not economic, however, to give a pilot the very technical training now required for high speed flight unless he is prepared to make a career in the Air Force. A first step is the award of a Flying Scholarship, of which about four hundred are given every year. This enables a cadet to be trained to private pilot's licence standard at no cost to himself, except five shillings a day for food. Two cadets are now applying.

The whole day's training was done as an evasion exercise with the Army section at Camberley. The return was delayed because two cadets lost first a vital clue and then themselves.

E.P.S.



SPORTS RUGGER

Captain: K. L. HINKLEY-SMITH.

Hon. Sec.: A. D. B. WEBSTER.

Match Summary, Season 1957

First XV

	FIFST A					
$\overline{}$	ate	Opponent	Venue	For	Ag'st	Res't
Tues.	Oct.	1 Col. Cross-Brown's XV	Н	0	10	Lost
Tues.	Oct.	8 St. Mary's Hospital	Cancelled	U	10	23050
Tues.	Oct. 1		Cancelled			
				6	6	Drawn
Sat.	Oct. 1		A	3	8	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 2		H	3		Won
Sat.	Nov.	2 Felsted	Н	3	õ	
Tues.		5 Brighton College	H	5	5 9	Drawn
Sat.		9 Leys	A	3		Lost
Sat.	Nov. 1		Н	3	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 2		H	22	9	Won
Sat.	Nov. 3	Dulwich	A	0	3	Lost
	Second					
Tues.	Oct. 1		Cancelled			
Sat.	Oct. 1		A	3	8	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 2		Ĥ	ŏ	25	Lost
Sat.		Felsted	Ĥ	8	3	Won
Tues.	Nov.	5 Brighton	Ĥ	6	ŏ	Won
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Sat.	Nov. 3	3 Merchant Taylors 0 Dulwich	Ä	0	ő	Drawn
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	Third X					
Sat.	Oct. 1	9 Harrow	H	Cance	elled	
Sat.	Oct. 2	6 Old Millhillians	H	11	9	Won
Sat.	Nov. 1		Α	3	3	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 2		A	8	19	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 3	Dulwich	H	0	13	Lost
	Fourth .					
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Sat.	Nov. 1		H	8		Won
Sat.	Nov. 2		Ą	5	11	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 3	Dulwich	A	0	35	Lost
	Colts X	1				
Tues.	Oct. 1	5 Bishop's Stortford	Н	Cance	elled	
Sat.	Oct. 1		Ä	0	0	Drawn
Sat.		2 Felsted	Ä	ğ	ŏ	Won
Sat.		9 Leys	Ā	3	3	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 1		Ĥ	3	ŏ	Won
Sat.	Nov. 2		Ĥ	6	3	Won
Sat.	Nov. 3	Λ Dt 1.1	Ĥ	3	8	Lost
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<u> </u>	Junior (_		-
Sat.	Oct. 1		Ĥ	.8	11	Lost
Sat.		Felsted	A	14	11	Won
Sat.		9 Leys	H	16	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 1		Α	3	6	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 2		A	0	17	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 3	Dulwich	H	6	17	Lost
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Retrospect

1st XV

Since the School's hardest matches are those which come at the beginning of the season, it was not unexpected that we should lose to Col. Cross-Brown's XV. The play was undistinguished, and Cross-Brown's won 10-0 purely through the greater talent of their players, for the School's defence was sound throughout. The epidemic forced the cancellation of two matches, and it was a depleted XV that eventually met a comparably depleted HARROW XV and - suitably enough - drew with it 6-6. Our defeat at the hands of the OLD MILLHILLIANS is largely attributable to the fact that our backs had very little of the ball, which minimised our chances of scoring. After this match, the scrum was rearranged; and our subsequent 3-0 victory over Felsted may indicate that this reshuffle served its purpose, although the try was scored through Whyte's interception of a pass to the wing. Our draw with BRIGHTON was the most exciting home match of the season. The School was leading 5 0 at half-time, but Brighton pressed so hard in the second half that only Halstead's kicking and Hinkley-Smith's suppression of their scrum-half kept the play even and justified the result. Our defeat after this by The Leys was all the more frustrating because the three-quarters, through poor handling, failed to make use of the ground won by the forwards, who dominated the final twenty minutes of the game. The School beat St. Paul's by a penalty goal to nil. St. Paul's key man, on the right wing, was never given room in which to move, and Stuart's outstanding tackling and covering stoutened Mill Hill's defence and prevented the opposing fly-half from feeding his centres. Then came the climax of the season - our 22-9 victory over Merchant Taylors. Throughout the first half, Taylors rarely touched the ball, and every member of our three-quarter line broke through and scored. With the score at 22 - 0 at half-time, the XV relaxed, and Taylors showed far better form, scoring a try and two penalty goals (the latter from careless offences by the School). In the final match of the season, the School was, to begin with, disconcerted by DULWICH's method of fielding eight backs, and let their centre score in the opening minutes. The XV then fought back and, although they effectively suppressed the Dulwich attack, were unable to score themselves.



The 1st XV had a good season, and seldom, if ever, failed to play just a little better than was expected of them. There were several problems forward to start with, but solutions were soon found, and in the end the pack was well-balanced, strong and fairly fast. It played as a well-drilled unit under the leadership of Hinkley-Smith, who managed to combine his efficient captaincy, with his own excellent play on the blind side. Hopkins was an outstanding line-out player and was seldom outjumped. The front row, though rather clumsy, was very strong; and never was the pack dominated for any length of time.

Behind, it was decided to go for strengh and speed in the centre. Both centres had these qualities, though neither had the technique for back play. Webster, a forward by nature and practice, gallantly went through the season as a back, and it says much, that the centre was never penetrated by our opponents. The wings were fast and lively in attack though not too safe in defence. The half-backs combined well, and Halstead at fly-half was a steady influence, and played very sensibly.

It was plucky, spirited play that we saw from the XV, and their method was good, although their attempts to operate the method were sometimes crude.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a good season, and their success lay in the backs rather than forward. To start with, too much kicking at half-back wasted the potential that lay behind. All through, their defence was very bright, and they had plenty of attacking ideas. The forwards lacked push, but they were quick about the ground and stuck to their job with admirable determination.

3rd and 4th XV's

The 3rd and 4th XV's playing with keenness and spirit, both had an enjoyable season. The first two matches against Old Millhillians and St. Paul's resulted in a win and a draw for each team; but for both Dulwich was just too strong.

The 3rd XV forwards always did well and were never outplayed; the halves, Russell and Dyer, were an effective combination, but the rest of the backs lacked penetration.

After the first match, when the team was somewhat experimental, the 4th XV settled down to become a side, whose enthusiasm was always handicapped by lack of weight and height and ability.

Colts XV

The Colts enjoyed a successful season, being defeated only in their last match by a superior Dulwich XV. The forwards were small but showed plenty of "terrier", and although they could never command the lines-out against taller opponents, their energy, mobility and cohesion won them an increasing share of the ball in both tight and loose. Sadler was an intelligent leader; Sotnick, Lidwell and Harris were always on the ball and Rose was a splendid forager.

Behind, Horne was an inspiring captain. As he tends to hug the scrum, his pass is sometimes delayed, but his spirit was unquenchable and his covering superb. Except against Dulwich, Boon's handling was excellent and his kicking accurate. Of the three-quarters Hopkins revealed most penetration and Air was a resolute defender. Phillips played soundly at full-back, except at Felsted, and kicked a good length.

Junior Colts XV

It was not difficult to find a Junior Colts pack, who developed into a useful combination: their energy in the loose and intelligent covering were, perhaps, better than their close work. They did, however, give the backs their fair share of the ball, but we never managed to produce a three-quarter line which could both penetrate in attack and be relied on in defence.

In general there were three main faults: a tendency to run too far — often across the field — before passing, and an unwillingness to fall on the ball at once; and, with some notable exceptions, there were far too many whose ideas of tackling were confined to a nervous plucking at an opponent's collar.

1st XV Characters

K. L. HINKLEY-SMITH (10st. 10 lbs.)

Wing forward.

As a player he showed an excellent example to his team, for he had a very sure and hard tackle, a sense of position much more mature than is normally expected, and an attacking outlook. It says much for his example and leadership that the morale of the side was always high. He was willing to be the principal performer in any crisis—witness the penalty goal against St. Paul's—and the one that wasn't against Dulwich! Unfortunately he is not very fast, nor is he very heavy, factors which will weigh against him in the future. I have seldom seen a better schoolboy captain.

A. D. B. Webster (11 st. 6 lbs.)

Centre.

Performed his administrative duties very well. As a player he showed his experience of the game by playing centre three-quarter all the year—the first time he had ever played behind the scrum. He was very good, though possibly unorthodox, in defence; and in attack, provided he was not too restricted, was capable of breaking through any defence. It was too much to expect finesse in his play, but he showed to all what will and determination can do. His was an excellent example of unselfishness, a willingness to deprive himself of possible immediate personal honours for the sake of the side.

A.B.

R. E. FURLONG (13 st. 0 lbs.)

Left Prop.

He was invaluable for his efforts in the tight scrums; without the added stability that he gave in the front row the scrums would have been ineffective. Although at the beginning of the season he lacked experience, he became much faster and fitter as the season progressed, and finally emerged as an excellent

forward. However, his handling in the loose was poor and he had very little rugger sense. It must be added that at all times he put the team before himself and throughout did his utmost, especially in the St. Paul's match when he suffered from concussion for most of the game.

G. J. BLACKMORE (12 st. 1 lb.)

Hooker

Although more of a prop forward than a hooker, he performed more than adequately in this latter position. At the front of the line-out he fought admirably, often gaining valuable yards and preventing the majority of his opponents from breaking through. At the beginning of the season he was sluggish in his covering but improved during the course of the term, tackling well. He became more prominent in the loose and developed into a good all-round forward.

C. S. MENCE (12 st. 7 lbs.)

Right Prop.

A very strong prop forward who came into the team for the last four matches, having recovered from a broken finger sustained early in the season. When the front row was thus formed at no time did it yield any advantage even to the formidable Dulwich pack. In the loose his speed, unusual for a person of his stature, was outstanding, enabling him to cover a lot of ground.

L. P. SCAMMELL (12 st. 11 lbs.)

Lock.

He moved from the front row, for which he was unsuited, when Mence came into the side, and instantly improved in all departments of the game. The outstanding feature of his play was his covering. On numerous occasions he was at the corner flag to make the vital tackle when all seemed lost, especially in such close matches as those against Felsted and St. Paul's. In the line-out he backed up Hopkins admirably.

M. R. HOPKINS (12 st. 0 lbs.)

Lock

He proved outstanding in the line-out, holding his own against much taller people. Since last year he has matured considerably and become much stronger and faster. He was always prominent in the loose and showed good bursts of speed. At all times he backed up the three-quarters and was a hard tackler. His ability, coupled with his natural rugger sense, made him into the most outstanding forward.

A. E. STUART (11 st. 0 lbs.)

Wing forward.

He gained a permanent place in the side after the Brighton Match as open side wing forward. To start with his inexperience and lack of rugger sense were obvious, but he heeded advice and help given to him and consequently improved. His tackling was always hard and very low. He backed up the three-quarters very well and his speed served him well in the loose.

O. E. Johnson (13 st. 0 lbs.)

No. 8.

For the first half of the season he had to play in the unaccustomed position of wing forward. After a good start he faded a little, but when he returned to his usual position he improved. Throughout the season he was tireless in his efforts and covered more ground than any other forward, although at times to no apparent purpose. He never lacked ideas, though sometimes his manoeuvres came to nothing.

S. W. WHYTE. Left Wing.

His strength and speed alone carried him through our opponents' defences many times. This was seen best in the match against Merchant Taylors when, given the ball at full speed, his impetus was so great that he invariably scored. His tackling however, although still a little unsteady, has improved throughout the season.

R. A. HUDGELL. Scrum Half.

His passing was accurate but slow. Nevertheless, he was a very reliable player in that he rarely missed a tackle or failed to fall on the ball at pressing moments. Credit must be given for his performance at Dulwich when his falling prevented many forward rushes. In the open he also proved to be very elusive and deceptively fast.

I. G. H. HALSTEAD. Fly Half.

Although hampered by injuries throughout the season he was invaluable to the side. His handling was extremely good and his kicking saved the team from disaster many times. In the open he was both fast and tricky in his running and often made use of a clever dummy pass to break through our opponents' defences.

P. B. Armitage. Centre

As the season progressed he perfected a sidestep which, together with his strength and speed, helped him to make many openings. His passing, although a little wild at times has improved a great deal. He was indispensable, appearing, thanks to his tremendous speed, at the last moment and thus often preventing tries from breakthroughs.

M. A. L. Holmes. Right Wing.

Not being very strongly built, he found it difficult to penetrate the opposite defence by strength alone. However he made up for this deficiency by being extremely nimble and fast. In defence he rarely missed a tackle and in attack he often managed to beat the opposing wing by clever outward swerves.

A. McG. Gradon. Full Back.

As a full back he served the team adequately. His kicking, although a little weak, often saved the team from disaster. In defence he was rather slow in positioning himself but always seemed to arrive at the crucial point just in time. His tackling was rather weak but as he gained confidence he improved.

K.L.H.-S., A.D.B.W.

Make-ups

	1st XV		2nd XV	3rd XV
l.	K. L. Hinkley-Smith, 1956 · 7 (Captain	1.	J. V. S. Bennett. J. M. Gillingham.	R. C. J. Charlton. M. W. H. Cohn (Capt.)
2.	1957.) A. D. B. Webster,	3.	T. C. Davis. M. H. T. Jourdan.	M. W. Corby. A. R. Dyer.
3.	1956 - 7 (Hon. Sec. 1957.) I. G. H. Halstead,	5. 6.	E. C. S. Ivens. P. N. Christie. C. D. Parker.	A. J. Ferryman. J. A. Milnes. A. Russell.
J. 4.	1956 - 7. M. R. Hopkins, 1956	9.	R. S. Atkinson. I. Reekie.	D. S. C. Ryan. M. R. Wollerton.
5.	-7. I Yal	l0. l 1 .	P. R. M. O'Shea. M. I. Curry.	R. H. Bee. S. W. Bennett.
,	1957. O. E. Johnson, 1956		P. S. King. S. M. S. Khan.	M. T. E. Brooke. C. J. Holloway.
6.	L. P. Scammell, 1957.	14. 15.	A. A. T. Davies. B. K. Na'Isa.	T. T. Hignett. P. E. Millwood.
8.	P. B. Armitage, 1957. R. A. Hudgell, 1957.			
10.	(R. E. Furlong, 1957. (A. E. Stuart, 1957. (S. W. Whyte, 1957.			
12.	G. J. Blackmore, 1957 (C. S. Mence, 1957.			
14.	A. McG. Gradon, 1957.			

Those above the treble line are awarded 1st XV colours.

Those above the double line are awarded 2nd XV colours.

Those above the single line are awarded 3rd XV colours.

4th XV: P. W. Ball, R. Bond, R. E. Branch, J. R. Brown, P. Eckersley, T. E. Elkins, P. J. Fox, R. H. Goude, F. T. Hayward, K. Haye, J. C. Lewis, G. R. May, B. G. Murphy, T. C. Oxenham, P. L. Potts, A. S. R. Roberts, A. P. C. C. Su, A. K. Toulson, J. H. Waine (Capt.), R. M. Williams, L. J. Wintle.

Colts XV: A. S. C. Air, H. B. W. Barstow, R. J. D. Boon, J. Culver, G. C. Dyffnalt, R. D. Ehrlich, D. T. Gould, P. W. Hancock, H. H. Harris, M. F. Hopkins, A. J. Horne (Capt.), M. O. Lidwell, N. S. Nicholls, T. D. Phillips, W. O. Roberts, C. G. Rose, R. K. Sadler, C. R. Sotnick, P. R. Worrall.

Junior Colts XV: N. Burggy, R. S. Burns, P. A. D. Clarke, P. P. T. Davies, J. D. Evans, M. J. Fitzpatrick, A. H. Fletcher, J. C. R. Griffiths, B. Hampson, P. R. Holmes, C. A. B. Knott, A. S. Mortimer, A. J. H. Shaw (Capt.) P. C. Walker, G. J. M. Westoby, M. R. Williams, A. T. Wrigglesworth.

Under 14 XV: R. W. G. Allison, J. M. Barlow, D. A. B. Brown, J. R. Cargill, P. L. Cook, G. L. Drake, D. I. Flood, J. A. F. Galbraith, R. S. Harris, J. A. Jacobs, P. G. D. Johnston, J. R. McAllister, R. D. Mills, D. F. Paddison, P. L. Peat, R. M. Scott, C. B. Stevens, D. J. Thurgood, R. W. Turner (Capt.), G. D. Woods.

House Matches SENIOR

DEMOR

Scrutton

Ridgeway

Scrutton

Murray Ridgeway

Weymouth Winterstoke Burton Bank	Winterstoke Collinson) Winterstoke	(3 · 0)
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Scrutton Murray	Murray		`
Weymouth Burton Bank	Burton Bank	Burton Bank	Ridgeway (11 - 0)
Winterstoke Collinson	Winterstoke	Ridgeway	(11 - 0)

The Junior League Trophy was won by Ridgeway.

MINOR SPORTS

Fives

Hon. Sec.: K. L. HINKLEY-SMITH,

Admin. Sec.: R. H. GOUDE.

With school matches limited to two this term, interest has been centred on the Senior House Competition. Collinson were the winners, defeating Ridgeway in the final. However Scrutton were their closest rivals: Collinson beat them because their two pairs were better balanced.

Stowe, the school's first opponents, were convincingly overwhelmed without our conceding a game, but Oxford, as usual, proved to be more experienced and won easily.

RESULTS

v. Stowe, Won 3 - 0. v. Oxford University, Lost 4 - 1.

TEAMS

SENIOR:

K. L. Hinkley-Smith, R. H. Goude, I. G. H. Halstead, P. N. Christie.

JUNIOR:

C. J. Burt, M. J. Darke.

Collinson Winterstoke Burton Bank Scrutton Murray Weymouth HOUSE MATCHES Collinson Collinson Ridgeway Ridgeway Ridgeway

Single Handed

Manager: C. S. MENCE.

Single-Handed is the only game in the school in which there is a team photograph before there is a team, in which no member may play until a few days before the matches, in which the whole team can never play together owing to examinations, rugger and other commitments, and in which no opponents can be found with any practice at the game. Yet the game flourishes.

This term we had three fixtures with various O.M. teams. As usual we soundly beat the Cambridge O.M.'s, but against J. R. H. Bean's IX we could only draw. In the final game against a scratch team of old Murray boys, the school played with eight men, the goalkeeper short, which accounts for the result.

RESULTS

- v. J. R. H. Bean's IX, Drawn 5 5.
- v. Cambridge O.M.'s, Won 7 2.
- v. Old Murray IX, Lost 9 5.

MAKE-UPS

- C. S. Mence, 1957.
- M. W. Corby, 1955 6 7. I. G. H. Halstead, 1955 - 6 - 7.
- K. L. Hinkley-Smith, 1955 6 7. P. B. Armitage, 1955 - 7.
 - A. D. B. Webster, 1956 7.
- R. S. Atkinson, 1957.
- M. R. Hopkins, 1956 7. B. K. Na'Îsa, 1957.
- M. I. Curry.
 P. E. Millwood.
 W. O. Roberts.
 S. W. Whyte.

Those above the line were awarded or regained their caps.

HOUSE MATCHES

Collinson	Weymouth	l	
Weymouth	3 - 2	Burton Bank	1
Burton Bank	Burton Bank	7 - 1	
Ridgeway	∮ 4-1)	Scrutton 7-2
Winterstoke	Scrutton 1.0	Scrutton	
Scrutton	(after extra time) Murray	6 - 2	,

Squash

Hon. Sec.: M. W. CORBY.

The Senior Team has played well this season, being beaten only by Harrow (4-1). There have been some excellent victories, notably our narrow win over Eton (3-2), when the first two strings won comfortably and the third string, A. R. Dyer, just won 3 - 2.

M. M. Broido and R. H. Bee, the last two strings, are not of a very high standard yet, but are continually improving.

The Junior Team suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Harrow, but beat Stowe 3 - 1. Of the Juniors only R. M. Barlow, the first string, has shown any real talent and skill.

TEAMS

SENIOR:

M. W. Corby, T. D. Phillips, A. R. Dyer, M. M. Broido, R. H. Bee. JUNIOR:

R. M. Barlow, R. T. Hayman, F. Hadi, R. Thorpe, G. J. M. Westoby.

RESULTS

- v. Harrow, Lost 1 4.
- v. Stowe, Won 4 1.
- v. Aldenham, Won 5 0.
- v. Eton, Won 3 2.
- v. Felsted, Won 5 0. v. O.M.'s, Won 4 1.
- v. Selwyn College, Won 3 · 2.

Gym.

Captain: J. M. GILLINGHAM.

Hon. Sec.: M. R. WOLLERTON.

Unfortunately the Asian 'flu epidemic hit the gymnasts' world at the beginning of term. As a result of this the standard of Gymnastics was not as high as last year. Nevertheless four houses entered teams; the Burton Bank team unfortunately had to scratch the day before the competition. Collinson for the fifth year running won the team shield, and S. W. Whyte won the individual cup for the second time. Mrs. Duncan presented the prizes, and a most enjoyable afternoon ended with sympathy for most and tea for some.

J.M.G.

Boxing

Hon. Sec.: R. A. HUDGELL.

This term the Inter-House Boxing Competition has aroused much enthusiasm amongst the Juniors. Once again there was a notable lack of Senior boxers. However, through force of numbers, Weymouth dominated the competition, their only possible challenger during the preliminary and semi-final rounds being Burton Bank. Thus the finals took place with the winning house already determined. Perhaps a suggestion for future years might be that each house provides only one boxer in each weight; this will ensure than an equal opportunity is given to all houses.

In the finals the following won at their respective weights:—

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Under 6 st. 0 lbs. — Grimsdell ii.
Under 6 st. 7 lbs. — Mann.
Under 7 st. 0 lbs. — Davies v.
Under 7 st. 7 lbs. — Turner.
Under 8 st. 0 lbs. — Jenkins i.
Under 8 st. 7 lbs. — Sutton.

Under 9 st. 0 lbs. — Pring.
Under 9 st. 0 lbs. — Baker i.
Under 10 st. 0 lbs. — Hudgell.
Under 10 st. 7 lbs. — King ii.
Under 8 st. 7 lbs. — Sutton.

Under 11 st. 7 lbs. — May.
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Chess

A revival of interest in Chess has resulted this term in a large increase in the attendances at Club meetings. Since, also, the new boys have produced a certain amount of talent, the future of Chess now seems better provided for than at any time recently.

The teams, however, have not reached the high standard set up last season; although the fixture list is somewhat stronger than last season the chief difficulty seems to be the lack of incision, particularly among the Seniors, whose defeat by Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, was entirely due to blunders in favourable positions by the middle-board players. The other matches were won fairly comfortably. Only A. S. R. Roberts (on board 1 or 2) has been really convincing, winning in all four matches, although A. Weatherall has performed consistently on board 6.

The Juniors put up moderate displays against strong opposition.

The following regularly represented the teams:

SENIORS: A. S. R. Roberts, M. M. Broido, S. P. Broido, G. R. May, D. N. Deiches.

JUNIORS: M. A. Sutton, A. C. T. Somogyi, N. L. Pilkington, P. L. Cook.

RESULTS

Seniors: v. Highgate, Won $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$.

v. City of London, Won 6 - 0.

v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Lost 2½ - 3½.

v. Merchant Taylors, Won 4½ - 1½.

v. Mercers, Won 6 · 0.

JUNIORS: v. Highgate, Lost 1-3.

v. City of London, Lost 1-3.

v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet Lost 1½ - 2½.

M.M.B.

Holiday Sport

TENNIS: P. R. Worrall and T. D. Phillips won the Public Schools under 16 Doubles Tournament (the Thomas Bowl), in the summer holidays. In the final they beat Stowe 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

CHESS: A. S. R. Roberts came second in the British Boys' Chess Championship. He scored 8½ points out of a possible 12, half a point less than the winner.



OLD MILLHILLIANS' COLUMN

Items for insertion in the Old Millhillians' Column should be addressed to:— The Editor, Old Millhillians' Column, Old Millhillians' Club, 4 Whitehall Court, London, S.W.1, and will be acknowledged.

School 150th Anniversary Appeal

The Appeal Fund up to 4th December, 1957 has reached the sum of £55,300, and to produce this total less than one-third of all Millhillians have contributed. We are now well within sight of our objective, namely £75,000, and a contribution either in cash or by way of covenant from those Old Boys who have not yet supported the Appeal would enable it to be achieved.

If we do not obtain the full amount of £75,000, then some of the objects of the Appeal will have to be abandoned. This would be a great pity, as they are all of considerable importance and we have already made a start on some of the most urgent.

Therefore I would ask those of you who have not yet subscribed to the Appeal Fund to do so — NOW.

OGMORE (Chairman of Appeal Committee)

Births

BEADLE: On 18th June, 1957, to Elaine and Jim Beadle (1934-39) a son, Paul James.

CLIFFORD: On 21st October, 1957, to Marguerite, wife of David J. H. Clifford (1943 - 47) a son, Anthony Robin Edward.

FEW: On 21st June, 1957, to Joyce and Kenneth Spicer Few (1925 - 30) of Eldoret, Kenya, a daughter, Sara Elisabeth Spicer.

HASTILOW: On 12th September, 1957, to Sheila (née Barker) and Michael Hastilow (1936 · 40), a daughter.

MALLETT: On 25th July, 1957, at Bishop's Stortford, to Alison (née Melville), wife of F. Anthony Mallett (1934 · 40) a son, Christopher John.

TOWNEND: On 3rd February, 1957, at Woking Maternity Hospital, Surrey, to Ann (née Robertshaw), wife of A. W. Townend (1944-49), a daughter, Alison Mary.

WILD: On 25th October, 1957, to Doreen (née Jones) and A. T. Wild (1929 - 36), a son, Robert.

WILLS: On 11th December, 1956, at Bristol to Ann (née Reynolds), wife of P. F. Wills (1932-37), a son, John Douglas

Engagements

CRAIC - READ: The engagement was announced in September, 1957, between Ian G. Craig, M.P.S. (1945 - 48) and Jennifer Ann Read, M.P.S., of Ditchling, Sussex.

JOYCE - SEYMOUR: The engagement has been announced between Richard Henry Joyce (1942 - 47), only son of the late Mr. H. J. Joyce and Mrs. Joyce of Woodford, Essex, and Pamela Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Seymour of Woodford Green.

LIVSEY-CAMERON: The engagement was announced in October, 1957, between Brian Livsey (1942-45) and Dail, elder daughter of the late William Radcliffe Cameron and Mrs. William Cornish of 50, Sutton Place South, New York, U.S.A.

MILLER - LEVY: The engagement has been announced between Alan J. Miller, M.R.A.C. (1945 - 49) and Barbara Anne Levy of Hendon, N.W.4.

ROCKWELL - MARC: The engagement was announced in September, 1957, between Percy F. Rockwell (1943 - 46), only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rockwell of Edgware, Middlesex, and Felice Marc, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Marc of Basle, Switzerland.

Marriages

FIELD-ROBINSON: On 5th October, 1957, at Christ Church, Virginia Water, Surrey, Austin John Field (1948 - 53) to Sheila Margaret Robinson. The best man was G. M. Wonnacott (1948 - 53).

HUDD - BULLIMORE: On 7th September, 1957, at Spilsby, Lincs., R. G. Hudd (1946-51), only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hudd of Uckfield, Sussex, to Celia Margaret, elder daughter of Mr. S. G. Bullimore and the late Mrs. Bullimore of Spilsby.

MADDOCK - LONGLEY: On 31st July, 1957, at Orpington Methodist Church, Brian J. Maddock (1946-51), only son of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Maddock of Orpington, Kent, to Janet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Longley, also of Orpington. (New address:— 56A, Aldermaston Park Estate, Aldermaston, Berks.)

TEMBLETT - SMITH: On 14th September, 1957, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Watford, R. E. Temblett (1946 - 51) to Rita, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smith of Watford, Herts.

THORNE - WATSON: On 14th September, 1957, at St. Mary's Church, Battle, Sussex, Frederick Escott Thorne (1943 - 48), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Escott Thorne of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, to Jillian Anne Durant, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Watson of Henley Down, Battle.

TURNER - WALLACE: On 15th June, 1957, at All Saint's Church, Cheltenham, Glos., George H. Turner (1939 · 41) to Julia Mae Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Cheltenham.

Deaths

DAVIES: On 28th September, 1957, at Norwich Hospital, after a very short illness, S. Trevor Davies, M.R.C.S. (1897 - 01).

DAYER-SMITH: On 26th August, 1957, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Horace P. J. Dayer-Smith (1886-93) of Hendens Bungalow, Holyport, Berks.

HARVEY: On 28th November, 1957, peacefully, after three years' sickness during which he carried on his work to the end, Bernard Hassall Harvey (1902 - 04), of Lytham, Lancs.

HIGHAM: On 22nd August, 1957, Eli Higham (1905 - 09), of Waddow Lodge. Waddington, Lancs.

KNIGHT: In April, 1957, W. E. D. Knight (1883 - 87), of Kelso, South Coast, Natal.

PEARSON: On 12th September, 1957, Colonel T. W. Pearson, C.B., D.S.O., T.D., D.L. (1886 · 89), at the age of 85. (Obituary follows.)

PILLEY: On 25th May, 1957, J. S. Pilley (1906 - 08), of Willows, Elham, Kent. ROBERTSON: On 21st November, 1957, Colonel W. R. D. Robertson (1908 - 11), of Ruallan, Hillfield Road, Redhill, Surrey, at the age of 65.

SCOTT: On 4th September, 1957, A. N. Scott (1903-08), at the age of 68. (Obituary follows.)

SMITH: On 28th July, 1957, following a heart attack, Ralph Howard Smith (1890 - 95), at the age of 80.

WILLS: On 7th August, 1957, at Circncester Memorial Hospital, Alexander Cecil Wills (1926 - 32), following an accident.

WOOD: On 17th July, 1957, at his home in Stocksfield, Northumberland, John Ronald Wood (1901-11). He served in the 1914-18 war in the Machine Gun Corps, and in 1939, then a Major, he raised and commanded the 389 A.A. Company, R.E., at South Shields.

Obituaries

Colonel T. W. Pearson, C.B., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., who died at Newport on 12th September, was born at Bombay in 1872 and came to Mill Hill in 1886. He was in the VI Form, Captain of the XI and in the XV, being awarded a presentation cap. One of the most brilliant three-quarters who ever played for the School, his chief claim to distinction was the occasion when, playing in a match against Bedford, he converted 17 of the 18 tries scored.

Pearson first played for Cardiff whilst still at School and continued with them until 1895, captaining the side in 1892. In 1892/3 he was a member of the Barbarians, and in 1895 moved to Newport, playing for that Club until 1898, when his football career proper ended with a reputation as a wing three-quarter who had scored many tries for both Cardiff and Newport. However, his magnificent physique and all-round ability resulted in his return to international football five years later in 1903, when he captained Wales. He was capped for Wales 13 times, and was one of the most versatile players who has ever played for that country. Propably no wing has ever fielded or kicked so surely in defence as he did. One of Pearson's great memories was the occasion when he played in the all-Cardiff three-quarter line for his country.

After his rugger days were over Pearson turned to hockey, and played for Wales 20 times as well as representing them at tennis. Later golf became his game, and he always did things so thoroughly that he was soon one of the best players in Wales. He was a member of the Royal Porthcawl Club and a past captain of Newport Club.

In business Pearson was resident engineer to the Alexandra Dock and Railway Company at Newport. A keen Territorial Army officer, he was commissioned in the Monmouthshire Volunteer Artillery in 1900. In August, 1914, he mobilised with the 4th Welsh Brigade at Newport and served with them in France, Egypt and Palestine. He commanded the Brigade in Egypt and Palestine, was mentioned in despatches three times and was awarded the D.S.O. For his services to the Territorial Army, Colonel Pearson was appointed a deputy-lieutenant of Monmouthshire. A member of the Monmouthshire Territorial Army Association, he was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath on the termination of his office as Chairman. In September, 1936, he was gazetted honorary Colonel of his old brigade, later the 83rd (Welsh) Field Brigade, R.A. (Territorials).

Pearson celebrated his 85th birthday last May, and his golden wedding in June. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Andrew Norman Scott, Governing Director and Editor of the "Rochdale Observer," died at his home, "Highfield," Rochdale, Lancashire, on 4th September, 1957, at the age of 68. The younger son of Walter Scott, J.P., he entered School in January, 1903, with his elder brother, the late Colonel Gilbert Scott, D.S.O. He was a Monitor, in the VI Form and in the Hockey XI, and had the distinction of winning both the Junior and Senior Essay Prizes. Scott was Editor of the "Mill Hill Magazine" for two years, during which the 200th number was published and the School attained its centenary. His own chief contribution was light, humorous verse.

On leaving School he joined his father on the "Observer" and was already making his mark when the First World War intervened. Scott enlisted in the University and Public Schools Brigade of the Royal Fusiliers in September, 1914, and the following February was commissioned in the East Lancashire Regiment, serving with them in France. In October, 1916, he was wounded and taken prisoner during a night attack in the Somme campaign.

In 1919 he returned to the "Observer" and, in addition to his reporting work, he wrote every week a book review, an article on music, a leader for the literary page of the paper and a column on cricket. Scott had all the qualities necessary for a successful journalistic career — wide reading, a retentive memory and scrupulous accuracy — whilst possessing a thorough grasp of newspaper technique and a capacity for rapid and continuous work which was quite extraordinary. He was a first-class leader writer and an outstanding descriptive reporter, and his knowledge of music and drama made him a notable critic.

A man of great physical and moral strength, with decided views on most questions, yet he was always tolerant and understanding of the views of others,

In public life Scott did much for music in Rochdale. From 1923 to 1927 he directed on behalf of the Corporation the Sunday evening concerts in the Town Hall, and his personal influence was mainly responsible for bringing to the town many artists of international repute. He had also been a trustee of the Curtain Theatre from 1927 and a member of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society from 1934, serving on the council since 1936 and being elected a vice-president in 1938 after persistently refusing the presidency. He served on the Public Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum Committee from 1929 to 1952 and, much travelled, his cultural lectures in the town and district were well known. A keen photographer, he had been a member of the Rochdale Photographic Society for almost 30 years, and was made a life member in 1933. He was also a generous supporter of the Rochdale Swimming Club, of which he became vice-president in 1926 and life vice-president in 1933.

Scott is survived by his wife (formerly Miss Dorothy Crewe, the concert artist) and one son, Peter R. Scott (1938 - 41).

The following tribute has been received from N. E. P. Harris (1904-08):—
"To the quite remarkable notices which appeared in "The Times," "The Manchester Guardian" and the "Rochdale Observer," may I add a small personal tribute to a dear friend?

For two years, from 1906, it was my privilege to share a study with him. During that time he edited the Magazine, whilst I was proud to act as his unskilled assistant. Great events of those years were the production of the 200th number of the Magazine and the reporting of the School Centenary Celebrations. Norman Scott handled both in his inimitable manner. His own contributions were witty, original and delightful. "The True School-boy" and "My Bat" have been quoted far beyond the confines of Mill Hill. All this was indeed a labour of love, and memories are still fresh and fragrant.

He was, on his day, a fine bat, always a brilliant hockey player, and a wonderful man to have on one's side. I remember with gratitude his unfailing encouragement and support, and recall my impression of someone older, wiser and more experienced than myself. Our happy association continued so long as health permitted, and evenings spent at "Highfield" with Dorothy and Norman are a cherished memory."

Personalia

D. E. T. Bevan (1946-51) was admitted a Solicitor of the Supreme Court on 1st June, 1957, and has been elected a Member of the Law Society.

Sir Russell Brain, Bt., D.M., B.Ch., F.R.C.P. (1908-13) has published his memoirs of the poet in a book entitled "Tea with Walter de la Mare" (Faber, 12s. 6d.) which has been very favourably reviewed, one critic describing it as amongst "those which retain a place on the shelves of the elect."

- G. A. GOYDER (1922-25), who is one of the Trustees of the William Blake Trust, has taken a considerable part in the production of a particularly fine and important volume of Blake's series of illustrations to the Bible, for which he has written the introductory text in collaboration with Sir Geoffrey Keynes, the Chairman of the Trust. The original edition consists of some 500 copies at prices varying between 26 and 70 Guineas, and is distributed by William Collins, Sons & Co., Ltd.
- A. J. HAWES (1941-45), playing in the Autumn Meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews last September, defeated A. D. V. Elliott (1937-42) in the 7th Round of the Singles Knockout Tournament for the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase, and went on to reach the Final, where he was beaten by one hole. Whilst at St. Andrews, Hawes met Victor and Mrs. Elliott and George Milligan, late masters at Mill Hill, who are now living there.
- D. H. MacLennan (1948-52) is now a Graduate of Glasgow University, having graduated at the June Ceremony, with Honours in French and German.
- D. I. Macnair (1946-51) qualified as M.B., B.S., of London University, with Honours (Distinction in Surgery), in May, 1957.

The Rt. Hon. LORD OGMORE, P.C., T.D. (1917 - 20) and Lady Ogmore have returned from their tour of South-East Asia, which included the Independence (Merdeka) Celebrations at Kuala Lumpur. Having previously stopped at Karachi, they subsequently visited Penang, Bangkok, Rangoon and Calcutta. During the Independence Celebrations there was a small Old Millhillian reunion at Kuala Lumpur, at which Lord and Lady Ogmore entertained their son, the Hon. G. R. Rees-Williams (1944 - 46) and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shanks (1924 - 30). Shanks is the Attorney-General of Singapore.

At the invitation of the Government, Lord Ogmore was a Member of the United Kingdom Delegation to the N.A.T.O. Parliamentary Conference in Paris from November 12th/16th this year.

- D. W. RODDA (1945 50) and J. H. WILLIAMS (1945 50) played together in the winning team in the Mons O.C.S. Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition in the autumn. K. L. W. Armistead (1950 - 56) was also playing in the side which lost in the semi-final.
- G. F. TIMPSON (1900 10) has completed 30 years' work as special correspondent for British Education to the "Christian Science Monitor" which, during the late war, was recognised throughout the U.S.A. as carrying the best account published there of war-time changes in British education. After the war Timpson received a letter from the Education Editor, saying that this was largely due to his correspondence. R. A. Scott-James (1893-96), one-time Assistant Editor of "The Spectator," has recently written a number of notable articles for the "Monitor."
- B. W. VEALL (1946 51), having obtained a B.A. Degree at Birkbeck College, London University, has now taken up an appointment at Kaptagat School (P.O., Kaptagat), Kenya, and will be very pleased indeed to hear from any Old Boy who is visiting that district.
- A. O. Wills, O.B.E. (1924 28) has been installed as Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers, Bristol, for the year ending November, 1958.
- In the last issue it was inadvertently stated that T. H. Huxley Turner, C.B.E., B.Sc. (1908 - 14) had been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Cardiff. This should have referred to H. Turner, M.C. (1908 - 15), and the Editor offers his apologies to the two Members concerned.

Forthcoming Events

Friday, 31st January, 1958

Friday, 7th March, 1958

Thursday, 13th March, 1958

Friday, 14th March, 1958

Saturday, 15th March, 1958

Friday, 28th March, 1958 (Provisional date)

Tuesday, 14th January, 1958 CLUB EVENING, at 4, Whitehall Court, S.W.1. Speaker, Dr. Paul Matthews, M.A., Ph.D., Reader in Mathematical Physics at Imperial College, London University, on "Atoms and Nuclei."
ANNUAL BALL, at the Savoy Hotel, London, W.C.2, on the eve of the England/Australia match at Twickenham. Organising Secretary: - D. F. Twogood, c/o Old Millhillians Club, 4, Whitehall Court, S.W.1.

MIDLAND DINNER, at Leicester. (Please read special announcement below.)

YORKSHIRE DINNER, at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds. Area Secretary:— J. B. Fox, Candlesby, Otley Road, Bramhope, near Leeds.

CLUB EVENING, at 4, Whitehall Court, S.W.1. Speaker, Roderic Bowen, Esq., Q.C., M.P., on "China To-day."

SCOTTISH COCKTAIL PARTY, at 9, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, from 11 a.m. on the day of the Calcutta Cup Match. All Old Boys and their friends are invited. If possible, prior notice should be given to the Area Secretary: - J. L. Anderson, 9, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, 2. OLD MILLHILLIAN LAWYERS' DINNER in London. (Please read special announcement below.)

Old Millhillian Lawyers' Dinner

Lawyers amongst Old Millhillians will have noted with pleasure the elevation of Cyril Salmon (1917-22) to the High Court Bench. It has therefore been thought that a number of them would like to attend a dinner to commemorate this, and he has been kind enough to agree to be the Guest of Honour on such an occasion. The date at present fixed for the Dinner is Friday, 28th March, 1958, and it will take place at some appropriate venue in London.

Any Old Millhillian in either branch of the legal profession who would be interested in attending is asked to write as soon as possible to:— Joint Secretaries, O.M. Lawyers' Dinner, 26, Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.2.

Midland Dinner

Friday, 7th March, 1958

The annual Midland Dinner will be held in Leicester on Friday, 7th March, and promises to be an even greater attraction than usual.

In view of the enormous scientific achievements of the present time and the growing emphasis on science in the schools, it has been arranged that the toast of the School shall be proposed by B. L. Goodlet, Esq., O.B.E., one of the five top scientists responsible for the work at Calder Hall Atom-Electricity Station and one of the party of atomic scientists who visited Moscow in 1955 as guests of the Academy of Sciences. He is himself Russian born, and was educated in Russia and at Sheffield and Cambridge Universities.

J. E. Thorneloe (1910-13) will preside, and the guests will include Mr. C. M. T. Bowring from Mill Hill, who has kindly consented to show the coloured film of H.M. The Queen's visit to the School on 1st July, 1957.

Full details will be sent to all Midland O.M.'s in the new year, and Old Boys living outside this area who would care to attend the Dinner should apply to the Area Secretary: F. B. Thompson, High Barn, The Broadway, Oadby, Leicester. (Telephone Leicester 74655.)

72nd Annual Dinner

Friday, 25th October, 1957

The 72nd Annual Dinner of the Club was held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1., on Friday, 25th October. Attendance was over 200, and would have exceeded last year's number had it not been for the incidence of influenza at that time.

A. S. Hewson, M.B.E., T.D. (1916 · 19), the President, was in the Chair and proposed the toast of the Club and the new President before inducting F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C. (1912 · 16) with the chain of office. F. T. Sobey replied in humorous vein before proposing the toast of the School, to which the Head Master responded.

In his speech the Head Master was able to report a year which, whilst not outstanding in some respects, had been very satisfactory in others. In the public examinations in the past summer, results had been quite good, with a reasonable crop of distinctions and three State Scholarships at advanced level. The ordinary level results promised well for the future.

Games too had been encouraging, with a cricket side which was imbued with a will to win, whilst hockey and squash had enjoyed great success. The previous rugger season had culminated in the School going through to the quarter finals of the Public Schools 7-a-sides at Richmond.

The new wing to the Science School was now in use and provided a notable addition to the already excellent facilities for teaching science, thanks to a substantial grant from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Science.

The future was clearly fraught with changes which were going on all the time, and it was important that education in our public schools should be adapted to our age and generation, although the essential requirements of uprightness and integrity, gentleness and courtesy, scholarship and the will to work and courage, moral and physical, still remain. Public schools must

justify the name by drawing nearer to and not away from the public, in the widest sense of that term. The Head Master concluded by saying:—

"Those who enjoy the advantage of training and life in schools such as ours must be seen by the public to use those advantages, not for selfish and self-seeking ends, but in the public service. We can no longer live on the prestige of former days, or expect the world of to-day to accord to us automatic privilege. I believe we have a better and a greater future. I believe that, if it is based on those essentials of which I have spoken, an education can go far to meet the desperate need of our world for men who, in great or humble ways, seek to serve God in Church and State. But they will see that neither Church nor State are set in the mould their fathers knew; they are broader and more catholic; their bounds are set wider and, because many more sorts and conditions of men are found within them, the field of service is the greater."

Old Millhillians' Day

Saturday, 26th October, 1957

There was the usual large attendance at School on this occasion, and it was very gratifying to find that the tendency for an ever-increasing number of younger O.M.'s to visit the School seems to gather impetus. It is indeed a most healthy sign, and augurs well for the future of the Club.

The traditional rugger matches were played between the School and a number of O.M. XV's, the main game between the XV and the O.M.'s "A" XV resulting in a win for the Old Boys, where weight gradually proved superior to training.

Following the matches, the new President, F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C., and the Head Master received O.M.'s and their ladies and guests prior to tea in the Dining Hall.

The day, although dull, was dry and mild, and who could complain when an occasion such as this depends so much on clement weather?

The Club is grateful to the Head Master and the catering staff at School for the excellent arrangements made for our entertainment on this, as on similar occasions.

Club Evenings

Two social evenings have been held at 4, Whitehall Court so far this winter, and a further two are planned to take place after Christmas.

On 8th October, Thurston Bowring very kindly showed the coloured film he had taken of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Mill Hill on 1st July, 1957. The film was supported by a considerable number of coloured transparencies taken by members of the School Photographic Society. As anticipated, this proved to be a great attraction and a record number of Old Millhillians and their friends came to the Club. Some 140 people were present, and the film had to be shown to two very full "houses."

The second event, on 26th November, was a talk by Philip Unwin (1919-23), on "The Face of Publishing To-day." He described both the day-to-day excitements and the routine of a publisher's office, how manuscripts are dealt with and the relationship between an author and his publisher; and then went on to discuss present trends in the book trade and the new problems which publishers are facing, such as rising overheads, the competition of paper-back books, television, etc. Philip Unwin finally turned to the future and rounded off a brilliant talk by stressing that, as book-reading was a very personal thing, the relationship between author, publisher, bookshop and book buyer was unlikely to be substantially altered within the foreseeable future. The talk was followed by a great many questions, which served to emphasise the keen interest aroused by what Unwin had said.

The remaining two Club Evenings for this winter have now been arranged. On 14th January, 1958, Dr. Paul Matthews, M.A., Ph.D., Reader in Mathematical Physics at Imperial College, London University, will be speaking on "Atoms and Nuclei: " and on 14th March, 1958, Roderic Bowen, Q.C., M.P., will be giving a talk on "China To-day."

North American Old Millhillians' Association Annual Dinner

Friday, 18th October, 1957

The Sixth Annual Dinner and Meeting of the North American Old Millhillians' Association was held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on 18th October, 1957. Asian 'flu, together with a number of other unavoidable factors, was instrumental in reducing the anticipated high level of attendance, but despite this a very pleasant evening was spent as on previous occasions. The following Members were present:— W. D. Davies (in the Chair), J. P. Bolton, the Rev. Rowntree Clifford, P. J. de D. Envers, H. W. Gauntlett, J. G. Hillier, V. McCormick, E. H. Thackrah, I. A. Walker and P. H. A. Wykes.

The Guest of Honour was Dr. J. R. Hamilton, Headmaster of Ridley College, St. Catherines, Ontario, who spoke highly of the two Old Millhillians with whom he had come into personal contact prior to this occasion — A. J. C. Air, who was an exchange master at Ridley College about twenty years ago and, of course, Percy Wykes, who has been connected with the school for the major part of his life.

Before introducing the Guest of Honour, W. D. Davies read telegrams of good wishes from A. Stuart Hewson, the President, on behalf of the Club, and from several Members in Canada and the United States, who, unable to attend in person, were none the less present in spirit. Speaking about the public school system, the Chairman suggested that perhaps it was too monastic in some respects, especially in regard to the relationship of schoolboys to the fair sex. In the United Kingdom, he said, boys were awkward in meeting girls, and he thought that instruction in dancing, which is mandatory at West Point, the famous U.S. Military College, might well help to overcome this situation. *

As is usual at these gatherings, everyone was most interested to hear news of the activities of the Club and the School from the President, who sent a full and enlightening resumé. This custom is possibly the most eagerly awaited part of these North American reunions.

Dr. Hamilton, in his speech, drew comparisons between standards in North America and the United Kingdom, speaking in glowing terms of the latter. He mentioned the snobbishness that was prevalent in public schools late in the last century, and his pleasure in finding, during a recent visit to England, how much all that had changed. He was impressed by the high standards of the public schools and regretted that the need for libraries was not as well met in Canada as it was in the United Kingdom. On his next visit to England, he said, he would very much like to visit the School and meet the Head Master.

A joint toast was proposed by the Chairman to the Queen and the President of the United States, the first such in the annals of the North American Old Millhillians' Association. Dr. Hamilton proposed the toast of the Club, and the toast of the School was proposed by the youngest Member present, J. G. Hillier, a relatively short-term visitor to these shores who plans to return to England next year.

After the speeches, the formal business was conducted. The Rev. P. Rowntree Clifford was elected Chairman for the ensuing year, with John Bolton and "Tubby" Thackrah as Secretary and Dinner Secretary respectively. It was agreed that the next dinner should be held—for the first time—in New York, on Saturday, 11th October, 1958. This, it was felt by all, would put the Association on a truly "North American" footing.

* (The North American Chairman has obviously not visited the School in recent times or he would be aware that, with their usual foresight, the authorities encourage the very social activity he suggests. Editor.)

78th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 25th September, 1957

The 78th Annual General Meeting of the Old Millhillians Club was held at 4, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.1, on 25th September, 1957, at 6 p.m., when the Chair was taken by the President, A. Stuart Hewson, M.B.E., T.D. and 29 Members attended. The Hon. Secretary read the names of Old Millhillians who had passed away since the previous Meeting, after which the usual moment's silence was observed. The President then opened the proceedings and the Hon. Secretary, N. L. Millard, and the Hon. Treasurer, M. Moss, gave their Reports, which were received and adopted. Following on the practice of recent years, which had proved to be so popular, it was resolved that copies of these Reports and of the Accounts for the year to 30th June, 1957, should be circulated to all Members for information.

F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C. (1912 - 16), who had been nominated by the Council, was unanimously elected as President of the Club for 1957 - 58.

The following were elected as Officers and Members of the Council of the Club for 1957 - 58:—

Club for 1957 - 58:—	omcers and Members of the	Council of t
Chairman of the Council	J. E. Benham	(1913-19)
Honorary Secretary	N. L. MILLARD	(1920-24)
Honorary Treasurer	M. Moss	(1927-30)
Members representing House Comm	nittee:—	
	D. B. D'EATH	(1934-39)
	A. W. HAWES	(1907-09)
	A. S. Hewson	$(1916 \cdot 19)$
Members representing Quinquennia	l Periods:—	
Prior to 1916	B. J. M. Boys	(1914-19)
1916 to 1920	W. D. GIBBS	(1913-18)
1921 to 1925	J. Lapthorn	(1920-25)
1926 to 1930	N. S. FARROW	(1927-30)
1931 to 1935	N. W. ATCHLEY	(1930-34)
1936 to 1940	J. К. Соомве	(1939-43)
1941 to 1945	D. F. Twogood	(1940-45)
1946 to 1950	F. E. THORNE	(1943-48)
1951 to 1955	J. M. CAMPBELL	(1946-51)
Other Members:	•	
	K. R. COLMAN	(1922-26)
	C. N. G. Dore	(1895-98)
	E. ap G. Lewis	(1939-44)
	M. W. LLOYD OWEN	(1921-26)
	LORD OGMORE	(1917-20)
	A. W. RAMSAY	(1944-49)
	W. C. RAMSAY	(1912-18)
	J. Roberts	(1945.50)
	D. THATCHER	(1928-32)
	O. V. VINEY	(1900-03)
Members representing Subsidiary G		
Club Land & Investment, Tr		
Ltd	M. J. Stewart	(1927-31)
Alford House	N. C. GARRETT	(1919-27)
Cricket Club	С. D. L. Sмітн	(1938-43)
Golfing Society	C. R. STEELE	(1922-25)
Hockey Club	G. A. Stannard	(1940-45)
Literary Society	J. Busн	(1929-35)
Masonic Lodge	E. T. Dangerfield	(1920-24)
Rugby Football Club	B. LIVSEY	(1942.45)
Squash Racquets Club	R. J. Montgomery	(1946-51)
Swimming Club	D. R. ALLEN	(1946-51)
Tennis Club	J. B. Visser	(1941-46)
Liaison with Mill Hill School	R. S. Spong	(1918-24)

Ex-officio Members representing various Areas:-

North-West	Engla	nd			C. F. MILLARD	(1926-29)
North-East	Engla	nd			C. A. Blow	(1923-26)
Midlands	•••			• • • •	F. B. THOMPSON	(1926-31)
Yorkshire	• • •			• • •	J. B. Fox	(1924-26)
South-West	Engla	and			D. H. DAVIES	(1924-27)
Wales	•••	•••		•••	B. R. David	(1921-25)
Scotland	•••			• • • •	J. L. Anderson	(1918-23)
Ireland	• • • •	• • •	•••	• • •	N. A. KINNEAR	(1919-25)

Subsidiary Club Reports RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1st XV Results to date:-	v. London Hospital		Won	10 - 0
	v. Old Haberdashers		Won	19 - 11
	v. Northampton		Lost	$6 \cdot 17$
	v. Aldershot Services		Lost	0 - 13
	v. St. Thomas's Hospital		Won	6 - 3
	v. Manchester		Lost	11 - 17
	v. Exeter		Lost	3 - 8
	v. Metropolitan Police	•••	Lost	8 - 25
	v. Old Merchant Taylors		Lost	$5 \cdot 13$
Summary:	•			

dilinary.	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1st XV	ý	3	_	6	68 — 107
" A " XV	9	6	_	3	79 59
" B " XV	9	4		5	122 — 92
" C " XV	7		1	.6	3 4 — 165

The season has had a very disappointing start after last year's successes. For the 1st XV the problem has been at half back, with J. E. Williams not playing scrum half and G. H. Dickson required by his hospital. The team has had a fine pack of forwards and powerful outsides, rendered comparatively ineffectual by the lack of half backs. However, the team is now settling down and making the best of a difficult problem. Perhaps it should go on record that there were 4 penalty goals in the Metropolitan Police score.

The "A" XV has been in great spirit and their Captain, J. K. Coombe, must be pleased with the play and the keenness.

The "B" and the "C" XV's have suffered from a surprising shortage of players, which has hit the Club this season. Representative calls, injuries and influenza have all taken their toll, but it has been impossible at any time to turn out the 5th team because the numbers were not there. Dick Rossington will be pleased to hear from (or of) prospective players. His address is:—539, The White House, Regent's Park, N.W.1.

J. Roberts played for

London v. Combined Irish Universities,
London v. Paris,
London v. Australia
and regularly for Middlesex.

J. E. Williams played for London v. Paris and for Middlesex.

B. C. Jarman played for Middlesex v. Monmouthshire.

The biennial Dinner took place at the Hyde Park Hotel, London, on Wednesday, 4th December, 1957, and was, if anything, even more enjoyable than usual, the only flaw in the proceedings being the unavoidable absence of the Head Master and Mr. Alan Bush due to dense fog between Mill Hill and Hyde Park. W. D. Gibbs was in the Chair, and the President, F. T. Sobey, had travelled from Yorkshire to be present. The total attendance was about 120, and the guests included Lord Tenby, who replied to the toast of the Guests; Arthur Marshall, who replied to the toast of the Rugby Football Union, and Vivian Jenkins, who proposed the toast of the Club. Other speakers were F. T. Sobey, W. D. Gibbs, D. Thatcher and A. W. Ramsay, and it was agreed that the extremely high level of the speeches added in no small measure to the outstanding success of the evening.

CRICKET CLUB

The results for the second half of the season were as follows:-

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		lst	XI
July	20	O.M.'s	Old Alleynians Scratched
0)	27	O.M.'s 85	Stanmore 84-5 Drawn
		(D. V. Saunders 37)	
Aug.	3	O.M.'s 148	Old Emanuel 149-3 Lost
		(R. C. A. Fitzgerald 42)	_
	10	O.M.'s 123	Mill Hill Village Drawn
	17	Hornsey 127	O.M.'s
	24	Old Paulines 133-6 dec.	O.M.'s 53 Lost
	31	Bushey 167-8 dec.	O.M.'s 147-4 Drawn
		(M. A. Roberts 5-33)	(D. V. Saunders 51 n.o.) C. D. L. Smith 39)
Sept.	7	Old Citizens 80	O.M.'s 84-5 Won
~ · P · ·	14	Old Cholmeleians 83	O.M.'s 85-3 Won
			(L. J. R. Frayling 39 n.o.)
	21	O.M.'s 168-8 dec.	Hornsey 160-9 Drawn
		(A. I. F. Goldman 58)	
		(D. V. Saunders 37)	
		2nd	XI
July	13	O.M.'s 103	Old Dunstonians 78-7 Drawn
•		(R. L. Weavers 40)	(N. Wilby 4-24)
	20		Old Alleynians 94 Won
		(A. S. Bell 57)	(A. E. Kirkland 4-29)
	_		(M. W. Catesby 4-31)
$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{ug}$.	3		Old Emanuel 97-2 Lost
	17	O.M.'s 86	Mill Hill Village 89-4 Lost
		(B. J. S. Harley 41)	T
A	6	Sussex	Tour Middleton 137-3 Lost
Aug.	U	(M. A. Roberts 30)	Widdleton 137-3 Lost
	7	Storrington 138	O.M.'s 41 Lost
	•	(M. A. Roberts 6-37)	Onitio III TI Dost
	8	O.M.'s 160-6 dec.	Bognor Regis 85-8 Drawn
	,	(A. P. H. Wilkinson 98)	
	10	Burgess Hill 177-8 dec.	O.M.'s did not bat Abandoned
		(B. J. S. Harley 5-65)	

GOLFING SOCIETY

The Autumn Meeting was, as usual, a great success, in which seventeen players took part. With headquarters at the Bush Hotel, Farnham, golf was played at Blackmoor and Hankley Common with the following results:—

Herbert Marnham Cup ... Won by C. R. Steele, with 36 points.

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Captain's (C. R. Steele) Prize ... Won by A. J. Dexter with 33 points,
after a tie with A. J. D. Gibbings.
Won by J. A. B. Davidson and A. W.
Hawes with 34 points.

Kentish Cup Won by D. A. G. Reid, with 38 points. Other prize winners were J. C. Wolstenholme, A. J. D. Gibbings and C. Pilbrow.

Arrangements for 1958 are:—

The Brent Knoll Tournament, at Burnham-on-Sea, on 15th/16th March.

The Halford Hewitt Tournament, at Deal, on 17th/20th April.

Match against the Old Cholmeleians at New Zealand G.C., on Sunday, 8th June.

Match against the School, at Finchley G.C., on Thursday, 12th June.

A Match is also being arranged against the Old Malvernians in conjunction with the Old Alleynians.

There is to be a Meeting in the Spring at Sundridge Park, intended to attract Old Millhillian golfers who are not members of the Society. Anyone willing to play will be warmly welcome.

MASONIC LODGE

At the Installation Meeting held on 24th October, 1957, Bro. W. D. Chapman was duly installed as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. He then appointed and invested Bro. H. Munday as Senior Warden and Bro. W. Weir as Junior Warden.

Bro. Alan K. Lawson was elected and welcomed into the Lodge as a Joining Member.

Dates of the meetings in 1958 are Thursdays, 23rd January, 24th April, 26th June and 30th October.

All Old Millhillians and masters at the School are reminded that the Secretary of the Lodge, W. Bro. E. C. Emerson, 81, Knatchbull Road, London, S.E.5, will be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in the Old Millhillian Lodge.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

A full account of the match results will be given at the end of the season.

There will be a tournament for Club members in February and March, and it is hoped that everyone who is interested in the game will enter for it. Details may be obtained from Robert Montgomery, 81, Grosvenor Road, London, N.10, or from the Old Millhillians Club.

Entries must be received by 28th January, 1958.

Alford House Club

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There have been no outstanding changes at Alford House, but the Club continues to do well. Membership is well up in numbers, and there is always something of value going on. Having made a good job of modernising the decorations in the canteen, members are now engaged on one of the other recreation rooms, and its attractions should soon be added to the Club facilities.

The football teams are having quite a successful season and, looking back to the summer, the cricket results were better than average. The games played against the School in July were particularly enjoyable.

In a variety of ways the Club needs and receives a considerable amount of help from its well-wishers, both those connected with Mill Hill and others. On this occasion it would particularly like to thank the Rev. Patrick Figgis for his very helpful association as liaison with the School over a period of several years up to his leaving Mill Hill at the end of the summer term. It would also like to record its appreciation of the regular donations from School chapel collections. The special sum of £26 was remitted from the Foundation Sunday Commemoration Service — a most helpful contribution.

There is a continuing need for Old Millhillians who are prepared to interest themselves in running Alford House. The Warden, Cyril Belsham, at the Club (RELiance 1519) or N. C. Garrett at the Old Millhillians Club will be only too pleased to arrange to show people what Alford House is doing, and to explain in what way help is needed.

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Presentation and Dinner to Mr. Warren P. Phillips

Friday, 25th October, 1957

Old Millhillians, representing a span of some thirty-five years at the School, attended a presentation at the Club on 25th October to Mr. Warren P. Phillips, who retired in July.

On behalf of the 110 Old Boys who had contributed to the fund, T. A. Wilkins (1928-32) presented Mr. Phillips with a wrist watch, suitably inscribed, and a Gift Cheque; and expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips for everything they had done for Winterstoke and Mill Hill during their years at the School, and their good wishes for his retirement.

A bouquet of flowers and some chocolates were sent to Mrs. Phillips at "Tomlin" on the morning of the presentation.

Subsequently, Mr. Phillips attended the Annual Dinner as the guest of some of the ex-members of Winterstoke.

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