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EDITORIAL

The purpose of a Public School today is to build worthy individuals adequately prepared for the career they have chosen. For this to succeed a boy must learn the relative importance of the School's activities. Only too often we fall victims to the delusion that sport means everything, when really it is one of many factors which go to make up a full and healthy school life.

If we are to reap benefit from our time at Mill Hill we must retain our individuality, and not fall in with the prejudices springing from social position. Snobbery in any form is irreconcilable with manhood. Mill Hill has for many years enjoyed the advantage of having in its midst boys from many backgrounds and many lands, and we know how this has enriched the life of the School.

Let us not however, stop here, but continue to advance in building men of integrity, who can feel themselves properly entitled to take their position in a modern world's society.



Et Virtutem Et Musas

APPOINTMENTS

End of Term:

SCHOOL PREFECTS: M. H. T. Jourdan, M. T. E. Brooke, G. L. Brownlee, B. K. Na'Isa, A. A. T. Davies, E. W. Davis.

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General Certificate of Education

ORDINARY LEVEL, DECEMBER, 1957

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

M. J. Baker (1), P. W. Ball (1), R. F. Ball (1), R. J. Barton (1), S. G. Bayliss (1), R. H. Bee (1), J. Bennett (1), S. Dimsey (2), G. G. Fear (2), I. Forrest Hay (1), W. T. George (1), J. G. Goodchild (1), D. T. Gould (1), B. V. Goulstone (3), T. T. Hignett (3), C. Holt (2), A. J. Horne (1), S. M. S. Khan (1), G. T. Knight (1), J. C. Lewis (1), C. H. Loke (1), G. R. May (1), P. E. Millwood (1), J. A. Milnes (1), T. D. Phillips (1), I. Reekie (1), L. J. Richards (2), G. H. Russell (2), D. C. S. Ryan (1), M. J. State (1), B. Taylor (1), P. M. Taylor (2), M. J. Thain (1), D. J. Warner (1).

Salvete

SUMMER TERM:

Ridgeway: P. D. Briggs.

Collinson: V. A. S. Kitching.

School House: C. W. Knights, R. E. S. Woodroffe.

Winterstoke: J. A. Sotnick.

Murray: E. M. B. Cameron, G. M. Goolnik, B. H. Seifert.

Valete

EASTER TERM:

A. MCG. GRADON (1953-58); Ridgeway; Upper Modern Subjects VI; Senior Monitor, January 1958; Games Committee (Hon. Sec.); 1st XV 1957, 1st XI Hockey 1956-7-8, 1st XI Cricket 1956; Witan (Prolocutor), Geographical Society; C.Q.M.S. in Army/C.C.F.; Reading History at Downing College, Cambridge; Pear Tree Cottage, Oldfield Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

M. W. H. COHN (1953-58); Weymouth; Upper Science VI; School Prefect; Games Committee; Executive Committee; 3rd XV 1957 (Captain 1957); Manager, Single Handed Club 1958; Science Society, Phoebean Group, Playreading Society, Geographical Society; Sgt. in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Chemistry; 101, Platts Lane, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

R. E. FURLONG (1953-58); Winterstoke; Upper Modern Subjects VI; House Prefect; Executive Committee; Games Committee; Pearce Prize for Art 1955; 1st XV 1957, Senior Swimming VIII 1954-5-6-7 (Hon. Sec. 1957); Bombardier in R.A./C.C.F.; Studying Surveying; 41, Court Road, Eltham, London, S.E.9.

H. GOLDSMITH (1954-58); Collinson; Upper Modern Subjects VI and Lower Science VI; House Prefect; Geographical Society (Hon. Sec. 1957-8), Phoebean Group, Science Society, Modern Language Society, Playreading Society, Dramatic Society; Lance-Bombardier in R.A./C.C.F.; Reading Economics at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., U.S.A.; 55, Stockleigh Hall, Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8.

R. E. BRANCH (1953-58); Scrutton; Upper Mathematical VI; 4th XV 1956-7; Pythagoreans (Hon. Sec.), Science Society, Natural History Society, Geographical Society; Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Civil Engineering at King's College, London; 72, Avondale Avenue, Finchley, London, N.12.

Chapel

Preachers on Sunday mornings this term have been :

- JAN. 19 The Head Master.
„ 26 Rev. H. Starkey, M.A.
- FEB. 2 Rev. G. Holland Williams, Edgware Presbyterian Church.
„ 9 Rev. E. C. Blackman, M.A., B.D., New College, London.
„ 16 Rev. Patrick Rodger, M.A., Study Secretary, Student Christian Movement.
„ 23 Rev. B. R. H. Spaul, M.A., Worthing Congregational Church.
- MAR. 2 Professor A. Victor Murray, M.A., B.D., President, Cheshunt College, Cambridge.
„ 9 Rev. Dr. S. Maurice Watts, Union Church, Mill Hill.
„ 16 Rev. H. Starkey, M.A.
„ 23 Rev. H. E. Wood, M.A., St. Paul's, Mill Hill.
„ 30 The Head Master.

The Large

The customary film shows constituted the main source of entertainment in the Large this term, the first of which was held on the first Saturday evening. The programme was advertised as being "Cheyenne Cowboy" and "The Golden Salamander." Of the former, the less said the better; the latter featured Trevor Howard who did his best to raise the quality of the film, but as he had very little support from the rest of the cast, his own performance was a futile attempt to salvage the salamander.

The next presentation, in "glorious Technicolor," was "Doctor at Sea," starring Dirk Bogarde and featuring Brigitte Bardot. The medicine provided by "Doctor" Bogarde and "Nurse" Bardot was a very pleasant antidote to the sting of the salamander, and thus it was that the school eagerly awaited another "dose" in the form of the Corps Day films, which were the "Teckman Mystery" and "The Blazing Caravan." The "Teckman Mystery" proved to be one of the most interesting films which we have had for some time. A good fast-moving plot was supported by excellent acting from the entire cast. "The Blazing Caravan" was another film in the Edgar Lustgarten series on Scotland Yard and was as well done as any other in the series. The films on the last night of term were "The Case of the Second Shot," yet another of the Scotland Yard thrillers, and "The Red Badge of Courage" which starred Audie Murphy in a story of the American Civil War.

From the locked doors and mysterious hammerings and various other noises heard throughout the term, we deduced that films were not to be the only entertainment provided in the Large. Our calendars set 15th March as The Day, and on that evening the Necromancers' Society presented "Variety Top Hat." Although the title implied a magical evening, the compère informed us that we were to have "Some magic, some music, and some skiffle!" Indeed, we started with the Shirtsleeves Skiffle Group who are fast acquiring a place for themselves in school life. After this however, the music took a classical turn and certain factions of the audience tended to show their displeasure, which was unfortunate as the performances were of a high standard. The first big surprise of the evening came during an act called "The Music Box." This was like a chocolate box, where it is the filling and not the wrapping which provides the pleasure. In this case the "filling" was Mr. Dennis Deiches who gave a very spirited rendering of a popular song from the Hit Parade.

As for the actual conjuring, the basic material was of a very high standard and the only drawback was a lack of experience in movement on the stage. The younger performers did not have voices strong enough to carry to the back of the Large, and consequently the Producer allowed them to use microphones. The result was that as soon as they moved more than six feet from their microphone, everything they said was lost beyond the first few rows of the audience. It is a pity that such a small factor should have marred what were otherwise excellent performances. Some of the more senior members of the Society performed to music which, one feels, is a most suitable background for conjuring, far more so than the usual "patter." The tricks were well presented and the Producer is to be congratulated on a very fine production. Praise is also due to the stage manager for the efficient way in which all backstage movement was carried out.

The greatest surprise of the evening — indeed it was more of a shock — was the non-appearance of the guest artist, who not only failed to appear, but gave no notice that he would not be coming. Fortunately for the Producer, Mr. John Henley (O.M.) was present at the performance and, upon hearing of the Producer's dilemma, he offered — at very short notice — to fill the gap in the programme. His baffling performance successfully rounded off an evening which was enjoyed by all. The show was held together admirably by the compère, Mr. John Gillingham, to whom was entrusted the difficult task of entertaining the audience between acts. The Necromancers' Society, however, wish to make it known that they disclaim all responsibility for the behaviour of Mr. Gillingham's "assistant."

The following Saturday evening Mr. J. Dinsdale (O.M.) provided a strong contrast in the form of a recital on gramophone records designed to show the advantages of High Fidelity Sound Reproduction. He played a wide selection of various types of music and between records explained the basic principles of High Fidelity. The equipment which he used had been loaned by Pye Electronics Ltd., and had been used the previous evening when Mr. Dinsdale delivered a more technical paper on the same subject to the Science Society.

The School House play this year is to be "Seagulls over Sorrento." Many rumours about this production are circulating, but one must wait and see . . .



The Library

The Marshall Bequest provided seven of the forty new books added to the library this term. These included "History in a Changing World" by Geoffrey Barraclough, a modern view of post-war European history; "The Box and the Puppets," an autobiography by Nathaniel Micklem; and "The Land and People of Australia," a short book by G. O. and J. F. Cairns, intended to give as true an impression as possible of Australia and Australians. Language specialists will, no doubt, appreciate Barbara Foxley's translation of "Emile" by Rousseau, and for the collectors of such there is a "Select Bibliography of Coins and Medals" by Philip Grierson. Gavin Maxwell's book "A Reed Shaken by the Wind" is a personal narrative of a journey through the virtually unexplored marshes surrounding the lower reaches of the Tigris. Well written and profusely illustrated with excellent photographs it is a most welcome addition to the library. "Methods of Mathematical Physics" by Sir H. Jeffreys and Bertha Swirles has been presented to the Maths. Library and is therefore unavailable to the layman.

Additions to the History department include: Vol. I ("The Renaissance") and Vol. VII ("The Old Régime") of "The Cambridge Modern History," edited by G. R. Potter; Vol. IV of Churchill's "History of the English Speaking Peoples;" "A Popular History of the Reformation" by Philip Hughes; "Historical Essays" by Hugh Trevor-Roper, and "The Meddlesome Friar" by Michael de la Bedoyere, the story of the conflict between Savonarola and Pope Alexander VI. "Pleasure in Ruins" by Rose Macaulay is a novel book which falls midway between the History and English sections. Miss Macaulay has searched literature, art and the memories of her own travels to illustrate the pleasure which she and others have gained from visiting the ruins of the past. Palaces, temples, houses, fortresses, cities and the artificial follies of the last two centuries all come within her scope, providing only that they are sufficiently ruinous to qualify for inclusion.

The English section has received: "Tea with Walter de la Mare," presented by the author, Sir Russell Brain (O.M.); the "Collected Poems 1933-53" of Hedley Lucas, also presented by the author, and "An Approach to Shakespeare" by D. A. Traversi, purporting to continue where A. C. Bradley and the romantic critics of the nineteenth century left off. Hans Carossa's "Ungleiche Welten," "Les Enfants Terribles" by Jean Cocteau and a copy of La Rochefoucauld's "Maximes" have been added to the Language side. Leroy Edwin Froom, a special instructor in the Historical Development of Prophetic Interpretation at the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary of Washington D.C., U.S.A., made a gift of his work "The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers." It does not come as a shock to learn that it is a comprehensive book in four volumes. But for the less experienced theologian there is Stephen Neill's book "The Christian Faith Today." Although expressing a more orthodox view it is by no means to be regarded merely as old wine in a new bottle.

Other purchases this term were: "English Silver Coins 1066-1648" by H. E. Seaby; "Timon of Athens" by Shakespeare; "Gold Coast to Ghana" by P. Redmayne; "Georgian Afternoon" by L. E. Jones; "Spain in Decline" by R. T. Davies; "The Scientific Adventure" by H. Dingle; "Latin Verse and European Song" by W. Beare; "Face to Face" by Ved Mehta; "A History of the Roman World 753-146 B.C." by H. M. Scullard, and "The Moderns and their World" by Sir John Rothenstein.

R.Q.M.S. CROUCH, B.E.M.

R.Q.M.S. Crouch, B.E.M., was appointed Permanent Staff Instructor to Mill Hill School O.T.C. in 1937; before then he had already assisted the Corps in a part-time capacity. Since that time five or more generations of Millhillians have known his kindly personality and felt his gentle influence while learning to respect his integrity and devotion to duty.

At St. Bees he made many friends, both in his capacity as Q.M. to the local Home Guard and in his relationships with the local population. He was also able to maintain a high standard of administrative efficiency during those difficult war years. During the immediate post-war period he did much to assist the expansion of the Corps in the formation of R.A.F., R.E., R. Signals and R.A. sections, and in the considerable task of providing specialist equipment. For this, and for other jobs well done, he was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1953.

His versatility as a soldier is well known, for apart from his work as a P.S.I. he was responsible for the training of the band and the careful and sometimes ingenious maintenance of its equipment. In the preparations for the annual Band displays he unselfishly devoted much of his own time and energy to producing what was always a high standard of drill and musicianship. When the times for camp drew near his enthusiasm and energy seemed endless, and while at camp he worked tirelessly and cheerfully to make each one a success.

It is difficult to do justice to his many-sided accomplishments, now that he is retiring from full-time service at the age of 73, but we are pleased to report that his familiar figure will still be seen with the band for at least a time to come.

We wish him luck in his well-earned retirement, and thank him again for his twenty-one years of loyal service with the Corps.

C.S.B.



Here and There

The arrival of a large proportion of the magisterial body in chapel one morning heralded the arrival of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, who during the course of the following week, caused the staff much embarrassment and the school much amusement. While being justly proud of the academic prowess of our tutors we were, nevertheless, astounded to hear of one of their number, who not only declined to accept the learned Inspector's advice but even refused to allow him to express any opinion whatsoever. However, the visit of the Inspectors at least reassured the school that the photographs in the Scriptorium, which claim that the tables in the School House Dining Hall all sport sparkling white table-cloths, are not entirely misleading. Although relieved to learn that the school does not lack such articles of table-ware, we feel that the addition of paper serviettes was perhaps pressing the point a little too far.

While partaking of the brew provided in such establishments, five distinguished members of the school had occasion to meet a self-confessed Inspector of Coffee Houses. This loquacious "world-entertainer" (also self-confessed) amused the party for some time, occasionally receiving grunts of affirmation from his suede-attired friend, whom he addressed as "Count Jim Morino." After accepting (and also receiving!) a ten-shilling bribe for removing a particular record from the rather elaborate, neon-lit gramophone, the Millhillians came to the conclusion that their acquaintances must be recuperating from a late-night party. Indeed, as our friends departed, the "Count" was offering five pounds to anyone who would prevent "Rufus Whistlin'". This story cannot be dismissed as pure blarney, for how can one explain away a ten-shilling note?

After receiving repeated complaints about a life-endangering trip-wire in the gutter, a well-known school francophile went out into Wills Grove in order to investigate. He found the offending piece of metal, which stretched away, as far as the eye could see in both directions, and being an experienced Engineer, he carefully inspected it for booby-traps before giving it a mighty tug. Upon feeling one end come loose, he began to draw in the wire, hand over hand. Some time later a boy hove in sight, hands in pockets, eyes thoughtfully downcast. Evidently the owner of the piece of wire, he was contemplating its rapidly disappearing end with characteristic amused indifference. The Winterstoke - Burton Bank telephone line (for such it was) is now believed to have taken to the trees.

This term the huts on the car park suffered what was presumably a recurrence of last term's visitation by local "Edwardian youths". An alternative theory suggests that the damage caused was the work of an undercover agent of the I.R.A. This is borne out by the fact that on St. Patrick's Day, rifle No. 61 was reported absent without leave from the armoury. Evidently unwilling to suffer the ignominious fate of being recaptured, No. 61 appears to have insinuated itself back into the armoury, for the "grapevine" reports that it was found by the authorities standing next to rifle No. 60.

Upon walking into breakfast one morning the school was astonished to perceive what looked very much like a barricade at the end of the School House corridor. The menacing circle of kit-bags was the work of several resourceful prefects who happened to notice (one of them could scarcely have failed to do so!) that the roof of the Octagon was shedding large chunks of plaster. The cause of this was never ascertained but it appears to have been natural. At least we are informed that brooms and Single Handed sticks would not reach — unless tied together!

Our sympathies are due to the unfortunate house prefect who, while lazily towelling himself after a late Sunday morning bath, heard a knock on the bathroom door. Upon giving the usual gently administered signal for the visitor to enter, imagine his horror when he found himself confronted by the House Matron! The good lady remained entirely undisturbed but the distressed and bashful individual involved dived for the enveloping cover of soapy water, towel and all.

On several occasions this term a very effective smoke screen has been seen drifting across Top Field. This is rumoured to be the result of scientific tests which are being carried out on a five-yard length of cigarette which was appropriated on a Science Society expedition to a cigarette factory. Alternatively, it could have been the Seven-a-Side's "ultimate weapon" to be employed at Roehampton this year.

Two be-duffed figures making their way across the car-park one evening saw a glowing cigarette moving along towards them about six feet from the ground. Upon greeting its owner, whom they recognised as a master much given to naval terminology, they received this curt reply: "You're out of luck. They've closed!" Unfortunately, this not-quite-slandering remark was utterly lost on two confirmed teetotallers.

The Ides of March lived up to its reputation this year, for the guest artist of the Variety Top Hat Show, who was to have dazzled us with his unbelievable artistry, finally excelled himself and fell a victim to his own disappearing trick! Efforts to locate him have produced nothing more helpful than a few tame rabbits and innumerable silk handkerchiefs.

The problem of the round peg in a square hole has cropped up once again. It was brought about by someone who forgot to replace the lid of the trap-door in the middle of the Study floor; for along came the Housemaster in his best military manner, head up and eyes looking to the front, and promptly fell down the waiting hole. The results of this novel attempt to solve the age-old problem are unavailable for publication.

After a long period of hibernation *Rasbo* has at last reappeared. While the newer masters might suspect this of being a new political party or at least a student underground movement, their seniors will no doubt be thinking back with nostalgia to the days of yore.

Many people this term have been engaged in the hectic struggle of securing for themselves a place in one of the accepted seats of learning. However, one does not always realise the extent to which some people are prepared to go. Take, for instance, the case of the enthusiastic scientist who, after pondering at some length the somewhat misleading abbreviation *Cantab.*, wrote off to Canterbury University.

Not to be outdone by a mere University (the Light Blue one at that!) an enterprising group of Millhillians volunteered to defend the honour of the public schools by challenging the Goons to a Tiddly-Winks contest to be fought according to the Queensberry Rules. Doubtless intimidated by the subtle phrasing of this challenge, the Goons declined the offer and refused a match — either Here or There!

The Editor's Table

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of all our usual contemporaries.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Belmont Letter

Dear Sir,

The end of term revue last December was once more a great success, Mr. Goldsbrough being author and producer, while Mr. Lanyon wrote some very catchy tunes. Much new and unexpected acting talent was, among other things, revealed.

The Carol Service was once more both moving and beautifully sung. It was a welcome return to have members of our staff in the choir; Messrs. Goldsbrough, Phillips and Hewlett have been good enough to remain with the choir all this term, giving the hymn tunes far more point, for otherwise we are limited to unison treble with occasional descants.

Mild wet weather at the beginning of the term, followed by a belated winter, have robbed the XV of most of its practices. Recently it has shown itself lively and spirited, and versatile enough to win a hard game against Shirley House with three reserves among the backs. The Soccer XI have had an excellent season, and most of the players are young enough to be signed on for next year.

Our P.E. House Competition reached yet another highest peak this year, and it is difficult to see how Mr. Bromehead can improve on this in the future; there can be few, if any, prep. schools which could match us. The Junior Competition, judged by Mr. Dean of U.C.S., was won by the Angles, while in the Senior Competition, judged by Mr. Alec Robertson, the Jutes and Saxons tied for first place.

The Verse Speaking Competition was won by the Angles, Franklin being the outstanding performer of the evening. We are very grateful to Mr. Winter for coming over to judge this competition for us.

There have been many expeditions to London this term. The London Society have visited the Mint, and groups have been to Art galleries, Museums, Stamp Exhibitions, and even Cup Ties.

Work has begun once more on the new playing fields, and builders have been making a fine mess at the end of the drive in the process of rebuilding the old gate-keeper's lodge.

Knights and Goolnik coped successfully with the C.E. for Mill Hill, Walford was successful at Epsom.

Mr. Alston and Mr. Gee are once more going off to Paris at Easter with a party of senior boys.

Yours, etc.,

BELMONTIAN.

Cambridge Letter

Dear Sir,

One evening last term we met for cocktails *chez* Robin Arnold, and clearly our spirit was stronger than our resolve, for the dinner planned for this term did not take place. Since that evening we have continued to move along our own channels (perhaps this is a euphemism). For insularity is a feature of life here, and we (your correspondent is now using the royal, rather than the common, plural) met in one college sports pavilion two men who were unaware that they were in either the same team or college. On the other hand, one of our number, just arrived from the armed forces, has discovered, to his great indignation, that his former fag is now a year senior to him. Thus does the disappearance of National Service raise awkward problems of etiquette.

Anyhow, we invited to tea socialite Geoffrey Tipplestone, (now embarked on the *Rake's Progress*: seen at the Cardinal's Ball wearing a light blue sash with

emblazoned red cardinal; photographed in leading society journals; and earning several columns in *The Times Law Reports*). To him we are greatly indebted for much of the following information on leading personalities.

David Buck continues to act; Alan Bain won or was awarded a Law Scholarship; Simon Barber attended a beer party, dressed informally in a dark suit; and Edward Fiddy may be observed moving round Cambridge in a hat which appears to be a cross between a topee and a motor-cyclist's helmet. Keith McDonald and Bill Skinner apparently met at a religious *soirée*, and each was astonished to see the other. The latter is now out of his plaster cast; the former will be playing cricket next term, and regrets that he will be at Cambridge for only three years.

At a particularly smooth cocktail party in Christ's we overheard the following animated conversation:

Débutante: "I do think the *Sketch* is a fearfully good paper, don't you?"

Third Year O.M.: "Yes — it makes such a change from the *Tatler*".

David Hancock is reported to have been the author of an outstanding act of generosity. It seems that he made a present of a dozen inscribed silver spoons to a Newnham acquaintance, after having collected many K*ll*gg's Corn Flakes packets. She, however, returned the gift and David Hancock, wondering what to do with the spoons (which were inscribed with the letter "M"), sent them to Magdalene. He appears to have been surprised when, a few days later, he received a letter from the Fellows of that College:

"Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind donation of a dozen spoons. Your name has been added to the list of College benefactors, and you are entitled to one free dinner at the High Table per annum."

On the whole, though, it has been a refined term, from the beginning (Edward Fiddy forgot to come up for this), via the occasional diversion such as the Tiddy-Winks match against the Goons, to the end, though this was enlivened by the drive for blood donation. Notices appeared everywhere, urging one to give that precious pint: but who produced the notice with the following exhortation "Bring a bottle and a partner"?

Yours, etc.,

CANTAB.

Oxford Letter

Dear Sir,

The privilege of being asked to write the Oxford Letter is one which, under normal circumstances, is received with very mixed feelings; but since the request came to your correspondent as he was *en route* for the Examination Schools (where he had already decided he would be unable to put pen to paper) feelings on this occasion were perhaps rather more mixed than usual.

The infrequency with which one encounters Old Millhillians in Oxford is, of course, a consequence of our relatively small number and, in the case of some, the industry forced on us by "mods" and other examinations at the end of last term. Millhillians still at school who have been taking exams. here seem to have been more in evidence at the beginning of the vacation than Old Boys have been during the whole term. However it was very encouraging to see so many entrance and scholarship candidates up from the school and we look forward to a great strengthening of our numbers next year. It is regrettable to see Mill Hill's finest talent going to other institutions when all interests and aspirations are provided for so excellently in this ancient seat of learning and — dare we say it? — gracious living. We would particularly like to see more scientists coming up.

And so to *personalia*. Gwynne Edwards, of Regent's Park College, is in his final year and is at last able to claim membership of a real college in a real university. Stewart Melliush, also in his final year, has been seen attired in riding breeches and presumably takes his recreation on horseback. The other

day a glimpse was caught of John Halliwell hastening along the Turl to a lecture, while John Rogers is to be seen haunting the Physiology Department's splendid new buildings. Roger Hopkins—although not a member of the University, might well be mistaken for one as he strolls along the Cornmarket in the lunch hour—surveys the academic scene from the seclusion of Boswell's. What of the others whom your correspondent has not seen at all during the Hilary term? No doubt they have been profitably poring over books in a remote corner of the Bodleian or energetically cutting the waters of the Isis to secure a bump for their boat in Torpids. When another hand pens this letter perhaps a different and wider section of the Millhillian community will be brought to light—unless, by that time, we have all suffered under the ruthless hand of M.I.5 which yesterday, so we read, descended upon the University.

Yours, etc.,

Oxon.

The 1st XV Photograph

Sir,

For eighteen years I have waited, hopefully, for this December issue of the magazine, and now it comes with no 1st XV photograph.

Would I be alone in thinking this a sad thing, for the School and for O.M.'s alike, whether they are parents or not?

Yours, etc.,

"AN ANGRY O.M."





A. P. C. C. Su.

LITERARY

A Parting Kiss

Where bursts of sea-spray leap into the air to damp the careless Skies,
 I gaze at shadows dancing on the rock-pools with untiring Eyes;
 Then is the deep monotony of the imperial surging Lulled,
 Along the narrow strand, the golden strand that night has coolly Dulled,
 Amid the soft romantic voices of the wind that whispers Near,
 Re-echo still the sounds of that parting kiss you gave me Here.

L.J.R.

Emptiness

No bustle in the pantry,
 No movement on the stairs,
 And the lounge is always cold now,
 And the timbers look so old now,
 For all the house is empty;
 It's been empty fifty years.

There was a time
 When all was chime,
 And tick and tock,
 And doors did knock,
 And people joked,
 And fires were poked,
 And breakfast no later than nine.
 There was a time . . .

All the shelves are dusty,
 Walls stare at vacant chairs,
 Yet the door will sometimes creak now,
 And the shutters sometimes speak now,
 But all the house is empty;
 It's been empty fifty years.

P.N.C.



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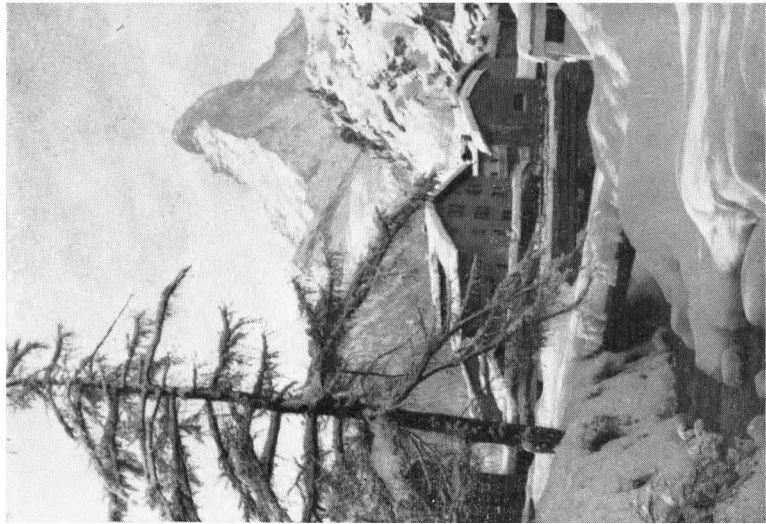


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The Hep Cat

A hep cat was ther with heed not square,
Y-tight his breeches and ful longe his heer.
Longe was his cote with velvêtes round the nekke,
His hosen grene, his botes shodde with crepe.
Upon his heed he hadde a smalé cappe,
His sydé-boardes henge longe the girles to trappe.
He knew the coffee barres in al the town,
And everich tappestre and juke-box tune.
Wel koude he rocke and rolle through the night,
Diggyng that crazy beat with al his might.
A guitar wel coude he twange and sowne
And therwithal he "sente" us in the town.

Mike.

La Ronde Adolescente

(As soon as he looked at her he fell in love. Sitting there demure, her glistening lips curved in a faint smile, she was beautiful,

"More lovely than the azure monarch of the sky".

Her hair was a pool of shining gold glinting in the half-light. Her blue dress shimmered with quiet radiance. She was so lovely, he must tell someone, say that he was in love, shout her beauty to the skies.)

"See that woman over there, she's terrific. I've really fallen for her".

(No, that was not it, not it at all. His love for her was not sensual, not like these adolescents around him. How could he say that she was everything to him when no one would understand? They would merely laugh. How could he say that he loved her, all of her? He will go to her and tell her how he feels.)

"I'm going to ask her to dance. You watch me, boy! This is going to be good".

(Look, she was smiling. She must not refuse him. He must talk to her, only talk to her and tell her how beautiful she looked; tell her in poetry how lovely she was.

*"Thou art fairer than the evening air
Clad in the beauty of a thousand stars".*

How quietly she sits—

*"Thou still unravished bride of quietness,
Thou foster-child of silence and slow time".)*

"Would you like to dance?"

(She accepted. She knew he loved her! He must tell her his name and say he loved her.)

"My name is Tony. I guess I don't know yours".

("Jennifer!" The name was like the ripples of a stream over smooth pebbles. It was as beautiful as she was.

*"O thou who art so lovely fair and smell'st so sweet
That the senses ache at thee".*

How firm and light she was! When she looked up he would tell her how much he loved her.)

"What school do you go to?"

(He did not mean that. He meant to say that he had never seen anybody lovelier than she.)

"Do you know Jackie Roberts?"

(He should not be talking about meaningless trivialities. He should be telling her that she was the only person in his life whom he had ever loved. He must stay with her, forever.)

"You doing anything tomorrow? . . . Oh! Well, thanks for the dance".

(He did not tell her, she did not know, he did not tell her.)

"She's no use, she's going away tomorrow. Hey, boy! Look at that dame just come in . . ."

TIRESIAS.

The Tramp

Human shadows, heavy with the blissful dew of sleep,
Move in strange contortions of their real form
Away from shelter, hedge-hid hovels,
To beg and borrow from their fellow beings
Fare enough to please their gnawing minds.
These sweaty, parasitic plays of God,
Whose limp insipid features, obscured
Beneath a tangled, thorny countenance,
Resemble some ragged nomad, intentionless,
Incapable of deeds on which the world could smile.

R.E.R.H.

Night Passage

This place of ghostly spirits cursed,
Is fateful hell. It is the path of doom,
And if you walk on a winter's evening late,
Beware the shadows and unfriendly moon.
First past the Field and the Hedge
And Lamp, which no longer lights the way,
Down Steps which lead but to the Path
Where souls of tortured ages stray.
At each turn of that hated path
Voices of past spirits groan and chime,
Until at length you run and run,
Past hovering trees of endless time.

E.D.B. (Rve. C.)

The Mould

Cast :

Master

Outside Truth — young boy without cap

Ordinary Dull — first boy with cap

Mind Dull — second boy with cap

Imagination Dull — third boy with cap

Sensitivity Dull — fourth boy with cap

} Collectively called "They".

Scene :

Classroom with blackboard covered with a ridiculous graph and a few nonsensical words. There is a large desk littered with books and papers and a large chair in front of the board; this is for the master. Five old-fashioned desks complete the furnishing of the room. Off stage a bell rings; there is a pandemonium of bangs, yells and crashes. Enter in single file five boys and a master. The first four boys all look old but wear school caps on their heads. The fifth boy appears young in comparison, and he does not wear a cap. The master wears a sports jacket and a mortarboard. The pupils seat themselves, while the master shuffles through some papers on his desk.

Master: Answer your names, please. Ordinary Dull?

O.D.: Present, sir.

Master: Mind Dull?

M.D.: Present, sir.

Master: Imagination Dull?

I.D.: Present, sir.

Master: Sensitivity Dull?

S.D.: Present, sir.

Master: Outside Truth?

O.T.: I am here.

Master: Very good.

O.T.: What may I ask is very good?

Master: Well, um, well — you all being here.

O.T.: What is good in that?

Master (*ignoring question*): We shall continue with our study of the philosophy of life.

They (*in a childlike singsong chant*): Good, we like studying the philosophy of life. We want to be told our special importance in life. Then we may say to ourselves, "Dull, are you not the centre of all? Surely your movements rock the stars? Around you the universe rotates".

Master turns his chair around to face the blackboard, Truth walks to the front of the room. "They" sit bolt upright, jaws sagging.

Truth: Do you know what you are? You dull mindless fools. You abuse knowledge. Across ten thousand years of life I have come from one place of learning to another. Around camp fires in primeval forests I told how those very fires could be kindled from the chipping of flint. I was spurned for they only worried about sharpening their stone axes. When wise men lectured I tried to show their follies; to show what knowledge is for. Knowledge is not to increase your importance, train your mind or guide you to prosperity. It is to give you strength so that knowing as you do, and as no other creature does, that he is dying from the day on which he is born, you need not go mad. True knowledge must not be obscured; neither Epicurean nor religious mystic must be allowed to subdue it or its importance. I have been called Judas but it was for Mankind, that it might live. [*He walks up to the master, taps him on the shoulder.*]

Go, and write on the board the world's most important word.

[*The Master, amidst the collection of nonsensical words, writes "Love".*] Now justify it!

Master (*His position is that of someone delivering a sermon; his gestures are exaggerated*):

Love gives a purpose to life. Through children born of that love a man becomes immortal, their creation makes him a God. It stops his aimless drift, it gives life a purpose . . .

Truth (*quietly*): You have said that once before, you machine. There is no Truth in you, you are nothing.

[*He takes a piece of chalk and writes in large letters on the front of the master's desk "Olympus".*]

Right, now get up where you belong.

[*Master climbs sheepishly on to the desk. Truth turns sarcastically on "them".*]

Laugh, laugh, confound you. Can't you see how pathetically funny it is. Go on, laugh!

They (*slow and deliberately*): Ha! Ha! Ha!

Truth: Now you, all of you, think about the meaning of life and then tell me the answer.

[*They all assume exaggerated positions of concentration, beating their heads with their clenched fists from time to time. Offstage is heard a thousand clocks ticking in unison. Truth writes one word on the board, "Madness", and then turns to face "them".*]

What have you decided?

They: We don't know. What is there to decide?

Truth: Look at the board. What do you see?

They: A graph of rainfall in Never Ever land plotted against the resistance of the individual.

Truth: No, this!

They: Yes, but what about that?

Truth: This is you, this is everyone, this is the world. This is what life is.

They: No, life is gracious, people are noble.

Truth (in anguish): Can't you see that your ideals are false? This is your life, world without end, end without meaning. You are not living, you are shadows, you are nothing.

[Truth sinks down wearily to his knees, his head resting in his hands.]

They: We don't like you. You are trying to disrupt our happy way of life. *["They" stand up and walk up to Truth and in grotesque slow motion they kick and strike him, but he makes no effort to defend himself. Truth lies obviously dead in front of the master's desk as "They" file back to collect their books. The lights fade as the master slowly drops pieces of paper on to Truth's body. Suddenly outside is heard raucous carnival music.]*

M.J.B.

Reputation

I am sitting in a niterie minding my own business, hurting no one, when Joe the Lugs comes in. Now Joe the Lugs is bad business. He is called Lugs because his ears stick out like the doors of a taxi-cab and he is stupid. He is so stupid he likes cops. He is not even a good crook. I figure that it is bad for my reputation if I am seen talking to Joe the Lugs, so I hide behind a Martini. I am not so clever though because Lugs sees me and comes over.

"You are strong tonight, Butch?" he says, "you look real good". I figure he is going to touch me for a loan so I say "No", and start to slink away. It is not good to do business with Lugs; he may pay me back. He is stupid.

He says, "I do not want your money, Butch. I want you to help me take some."

This cheers me up until I realise who is talking and then I am sad. The last time Lugs takes money he is sent up the river because a cop saw his ears. I say, "No."

"But, Butch," he says, "there is much money and there is no one to share it. It is a shame to let it go to one man". I ask him how much and he tells me. It is much money and I think it is not right to waste money. So I say, "Yes."

Lugs says that Maxie Rosenheim puts his money in his safe before he takes it to the bank. Lugs tells me all I have to do is to lay out the cop on the corner. It is a long time since I have hit a cop and I wonder if I still have my old skill. Lugs says that he will crack the safe after the cop is okay.

So I walk down to Rosenheim's and see the cop on the corner. I tap him on the shoulder and as he turns round I let him have it. I have not lost my skill. The cop is stretched out flat on the side-walk and his face looks like a pig's, only it is flatter. I am glad for I know I am still good with cops.

I go back to the niterie and wait for Lugs. He is long in coming and when he comes he is pleased. He is so pleased that his face is split by one large grin and his ears look like snow-ploughs. I think he is not so good, because I can lay out cops. "This is joke", he says, "I am now rich with money. Here is half for you". I now know that Lugs is not stupid, he is crazy. But I take the money, thank him politely and scam.

It is now the next morning and I am full of happiness. So I step into a jeweller's and buy some doll a ring. I choose one big rock; so big is it the guy selling it almost faints. I give him the money, take the rock and go. The next thing I know is that I am pulled in by a cop for handing over phoney money.

I am not pleased with Joe the Lugs when the judge sends me up for a stretch. The money Lugs gave me was kid's money which Maxie Rosenheim was keeping for his kid. It is just like Maxie to keep dud money in his safe, he is so mean.

When I come out I am no longer socially acceptable. Because I have done business with Lugs, the boys do not talk to me. It is no fun without a reputation and no peanuts.

BUTCH.

Last Will and Testament

Having nothing material to leave I can afford to be magnanimous, to bequeath equally to the whole world the little knowledge I have gained from life.

I am going on a long journey, from which I shall never return, for I have gone to the mountains on the other side of Time. It is a journey for which one prepares for an entire lifetime, a lonely preparation for a lonely journey.

Like you, I had hate and love, not knowing fully the one from the other. In my youth I had life in which I could pretend there was no dying and in senility dying in which there had been no life. Now the waters have closed over me and I have ceased to be what I was, I shall never be what I could have been.

... "And in the winter there was snow but in the spring the sun came to melt it and in the summer it was not even remembered."

In my life there was a time for greatness, for immortality, a time for everything. It is a time that if not seized will mean failure, and bitterness will grow in your heart and consume you. Then when the time comes for your journey you will not be ready. Death will not wait to take you to the distant mountains while you pack a little life in a suit-case.

... "I crossed over the bridge but remembering my soul I tried to go back but could not for the rush of people coming onwards."

There is much to be had from life yet few will get much and many nothing. Ask for a lot and you will receive little; ask for a little and getting it you will be disappointed you did not ask for a lot.

Do not strive for perfection; run from evil. If you accept mediocrity, until your end you will be satisfied, but in your death there will be emptiness and despair. If you do as you wish, not as is expedient; if you rejoice when you are evil, are cynical when you do good; if you hold little precious and nothing binding, and sell your allegiance but not yourself, then you will be ready for the journey to the other side of Time.

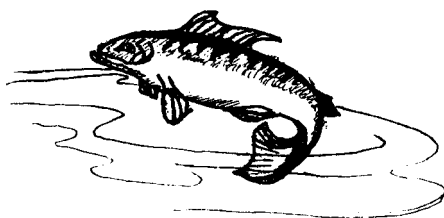
... "And in the beginning the earth was without shape or form,

And in the ending the earth was without shape or form,

And between them on the waters of the deep moved shadows without shape or form".

Bon Voyage!

M.J.B.



HOUSE NOTES

Scrutton

Head of House: K. L. HINKLEY-SMITH.

Monitors: J. R. Griffith, T. C. Davis.

School Prefect: M. A. L. Holmes.

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

To some, the Scrutton notes without an opening quote may indeed seem strange, but I have no desire to emulate my predecessor's literary talent. For Scrutton, this term is essentially one of rest in the field of physical activity.

Complacently we regard the triumphs of last term—the capture of the Senior Rugger and Single Handed trophies. Moreover, equally smugly we look forward to next term with the knowledge that the House has not lost a Senior Cricket match since 1955.

What then, you may ask, has the House accomplished this term? Affairs of a more cultural nature seem to have been the centre of attraction. As holders of the Music Cup it was fitting that after many hours of hard work, our efforts should not be fruitless. For we regained it mainly through the Herculean efforts of J. R. Griffith and M. A. G. Boothroyd. With our brother (or is it sister?) House, we shall again be presenting an end-of-term play. This year it is "Seagulls over Sorrento", a production that was so successful in London that it may appear ambitious to attempt it. However, under the able supervision of J. R. Griffith the majority of the House have rallied round magnificently, and have produced from a difficult original a highly amusing piece. We only hope that unbounded enthusiasm will not go unrewarded and that the play will meet the success it so well deserves.

K.L.H.S.

Ridgeway

Head of House: A. MCG. GRADON.

School Prefect: P. J. Huston.

House Prefects: R. M. Farquhar, R. Bond, M. H. T. Jourdan, A. S. R. Roberts, I. Reekie, E. N. Cheadle.

The Spring Term acts as an interim between the full games and work programme of the autumn and summer. The spotlight is apt therefore to fall on the particular rather than the general events, and on personal rather than House activities. We might mention, for instance, that the immediate outward sign of our Housemaster's appointment was the purchase of a new sports jacket. Then there was the warm welcome given to the corpulent and spectacled new boy, Morris. His sudden appearance and departure met with, apart from one exception, uproarious approval.

Disturbances, too, have come from the domestic side. The first mishap occurred in Matron's sitting room where part of the ceiling fell upon her chair; fortunately Matron was out at the time. The second noise emanated from the loft. An ambitious tom-cat, eager in its pursuit of our lady-resident, had finally lost itself amongst the beams. Numerous sorties failed to locate it and it was not until a trap was procured that the thwarted and deluded "tom" was secured.

The end of this term brings to a close another chapter of Ridgeway life. Major Bush is leaving to take up his post as Headmaster of Merchiston Castle School. There are many things about Major Bush which will always be remembered. His north country accent, his addiction to nick-names and his continual help in house activities, especially in the Rugger field. The House will miss his quiet but friendly personality and, too, his charming wife and three spirited and bonny children. We wish them all happiness and success at Merchiston.

A.McG.G.

Winterstoke

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

School Prefects: L. P. Scammell, R. A. Hudgell.

House Prefects: M. W. Corby, A. R. Dyer, R. E. Furlong, A. D. S. Macdonald.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Miller upon his engagement this term. Despite numerous other activities he has found time to help the House in many ways, especially in the organisation and training of a choir for the Annual Music Competition. The usual telephonic activities have been in progress, and Winterstoke is now linked with Collinson, B.B. and Ridgeway. H.M. School Inspectors recently honoured us with their presence and an unprecedented panic arose in which the House was reduced to a hitherto unknown state of tidiness; all is now normal. Since the untimely departure of our Alsatian maids, we have gained a second quiet room, away from the constant click of billiards balls and the noise of everyday life. Indeed, although this term is usually the lull before the storm, there seems to have been considerable academic and cultural activity.

Performances in sport have been of a high standard this term. The Squash team won the inter-house competition for the second year in succession. The Junior Fives team did unusually well, losing narrowly to B.B. in the semi-final. Our spirited Junior Cross-Country team promise well for the future and we await with mixed feelings the outcome of the Senior Hockey final. However, come what may, the end of term will come, as always, as a welcome respite from the arduous activities of school life.

R.E.R.H.

Burton Bank

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

School Prefect: P. N. Christie.

House Prefects: M. T. E. Brooke, R. S. Atkinson, A. A. T. Davies, C. J. Holloway, C. D. Parker, A. E. Stuart, A. J. Ferryman.

Throughout this term, I have heard many people refer to B.B. as the "Kultur Kampf." This nickname is perhaps justified in that recently, many "Cultural Societies" have been formed in the House. A poetry group, principally for encouraging scientists to appreciate the arts, and a playreading society have been well supported. Perhaps the most successful of such activities, however, was a debate which the majority of the House attended. The motion "That this House would welcome Co-Education", was, surprisingly, defeated.

Having a number of keen musicians among us, we managed to arouse enthusiasm in the Music Competition, which took place towards the end of term. It was encouraging to hear that many people, thought to be completely devoid of any musical ability, succeeded in gaining at least one point in the vocal solos. In spite of our efforts, however, we failed to win the whole competition but gained the trophy for the best choir, which justified the strange noises that have emanated from the Quiet Room during the latter half of the term.

Following the adage that "All culture and no play makes Jack a dull boy" we have tried not to forget sport. We now use our lawn as a "flick Hockey pitch", which has enabled many keen juniors to play, at least, some form of hockey. Our Junior Fives team did well to reach the final and the Hockey team has yet to play in the semi-final.

Thus we have tried to provide some interest for everybody in an effort to prevent boredom from obtaining its grip.

A.D.B.W.

Weymouth

Head of House: S. W. BENNETT.

School Prefect: M. W. H. Cohn.

House Prefects: R. F. Ball, P. W. Ball, P. A. Danciger, P. S. King.

The Single Handed league, designed to give Seniors who do not play other games a chance to take some mild exercise, has been exploited to the full by several members of the House. In fact, far from being mild exercise, Single Handed has become an even more ferocious sport. Two or three members of School House found out that it could also become rather expensive, two pairs of spectacles belonging to Scrutton House staff being smashed to pieces in the School House match. Whatever the drawbacks of the game it is hoped that the league will be continued next spring term.

Although many people consider the sport of long distance running rather a waste of time it is not to be denied that Weymouth has a great deal of talent for this sport. For proof, this year we repeated our win in the Senior Cross Country.

Hockey unfortunately is not Weymouth's *forte* but we managed to battle our way into the second round of the Senior Hockey only to be defeated by a very powerful Winterstoke side.

So much for sport for which I am constantly told there is a separate section. What else can one talk about? One could, I suppose, make known the spare time activities of the members of the House or something equally exposing, but that would hardly be flattering. Suffice to say that the House continues in its happy and more or less carefree existence. We all look forward to the next few terms for they will surely provide something more concrete to write about.

S.W.B.

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, H. Goldsmith, P. Eckersley.

The institution of a Single Handed league has served its purpose, our team becoming the eventual winners after some hard fought games in which both goalkeepers received considerable batterings. I wish we could speak as enthusiastically about our Hockey.

Many juniors have trained hard throughout the term for Cross Country, and some certainly deserved more success than they achieved. We have still to look forward to the final of the Junior Fives and the Senior Gym Competition, the latter of which we have won for the last four years.

At the moment we are not over-gifted with musical talent; nevertheless twenty people performed in the heats of the various solos, some for the first time. A somewhat select choir of only ten members performed creditably in the Music Competition and we feel that if our number had been larger our success would have been greater.

On four Saturday evenings this term we have enjoyed House entertainment. A committee was formed from representatives of the staff, studies and common rooms to decide upon the type of entertainment, and the results have included a performance by the House Jazz Quartet; two panel games — "What's my line?" and "My Wildest Dream", and a debate on "This House deplores Professionalism in Sport". We were also privileged to hear "The Shirtsleeves" and hope that the Junior Common Room Skiffle Group will one day attain their high standard.

P.B.A.

Murray

Head of House: R. H. BEE.

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

There is now no one in Murray who was at the school when we moved to our present building. The underground life in the Marnham Block is quite forgotten.

A rather weak Hockey team played spiritedly against Weymouth to force a replay, which we unfortunately lost by a penalty bully.

The House choir has practised hard but to no ultimate avail, and similarly with the Cross Country team, despite R. Hillenbrand's winning the Senior event.

Those in the House who are keen cricketers will be able to put in some practice during the holidays when some special nets have been arranged.

A new idea has been introduced this term in awarding prize money from House Pound for the winners of various knockout competitions. Needless to say these competitions have doubled both their frequency and number of entrants.

R.H.B.

Societies

INTERIM

Chairman: J. R. GRIFFITH.

Hon. Sec.: A. A. T. DAVIES.

The first debate this term did not, unfortunately, presage things to come. In an open meeting the motion "That this House would remove the *Daily Mirror*" was defeated by a large majority. Although the speaking was spirited if not intelligent, many speeches from the floor proved disappointing. Perhaps this was because their ears had been deafened already by the fiery rhetoric of a member of the Opposition.

The next meeting was a closed "hat" debate which, it was hoped, would produce some good impromptu speeches. Although the first three motions were debated with reasonable success, the meeting deteriorated into that turgid, unintelligent debate from which it had been hoped the Society had escaped.

The most successful meeting was undoubtedly an impromptu meeting which decided the candidates for the P.D.S.A. Competition. As a result of this meeting, J. R. Griffith and A. A. T. Davies were chosen, the former speaking very well indeed in the preliminary round to get into the final.

A.A.T.D.

PHOEBAN GROUP

Hon. Sec.: T. C. DAVIS.

This term we welcomed Mr. Winter as our new President.

On 26th February, A. D. S. MacDonald gave a most interesting and entertaining paper entitled "Beowulf, the Early English Epic". This was followed a few days later by R. E. R. Holliday telling, in light and serious vein, of the life of Jerome K. Jerome, and also on the same evening by M. W. H. Cohn reading an extensive selection of W. H. Auden's poetry.

A week later sixteen members of the Society went to see the current A.Y.M. drama "Epitaph for George Dillon". Although this was one of Osborne's earlier plays it nevertheless provoked much argument, in part beneficial, but mostly futile.

Later in the term F. M. N. Wills successfully introduced a novel approach to literature, by illustrating a paper on "Falstaff" with records of Elgar's music on the same theme.

On 26th March, we were much honoured by the presence of Sir Russell Brain, Bart., D.M., F.R.C.P., who came to speak to us on "Walter de la Mare and his Poetry". His obvious close contact with the now deceased poet did much to enhance a most successful evening. We are deeply grateful for his visit.

T.C.D.

WITAN

Prolocutor: A. MCG. GRADON.

Hon. Sec.: A. A. T. DAVIES.

The first meeting of the term was held during the Visitation when an Inspector joined the Society to hear F. M. N. Wills deliver a paper called "An Historical Sketchbook of the Isles of Scilly". The speaker began with a description of a stream meandering between "monolithic" cliffs, but nevertheless the paper did contain some history. He was relieved to find at the end that the nearest the Inspector had been to the Isles was Land's End. It was however an enjoyable paper which perhaps helped to ward off the Dissolution.

The next paper was given by C. M. Charteris Johnston on 12th March (Julian Calendar), which was called "The Scene before the Interval", a political and social sketch of Russia from 1893 - 1919. This was indeed "pure theatre," featuring such fantastic comedians as Prince Felix Youssouppoff and the Grand Duchess Anastasia. The speaker concluded his paper with the prophecies which the Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovitch made in 1919. "All", he said, "have been borne out".

A.A.T.D.

PLAYREADING SOCIETY

President: T. C. DAVIS.

Hon. Sec.: M. A. L. HOLMES.

This term we welcome Mr. Winter to the Society. Our thanks are due to him for attending the readings of all three of our plays. The first, "Murder at the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie, did not prove to be quite as enthralling as we had hoped, partly because several members of the Society had already read the novel, and also because most of the vital actions were contained in the rubrics, which one always tends to ignore. "The Confidential Clerk" by T. S. Eliot, a drama in verse, proved an interesting play, although some of our number were not sufficiently acquainted with Eliot's style to appreciate it fully. We rounded off the term on a comic note with George Axelrod's hilarious comedy "The Seven Year Itch" which, despite the difficulty everyone had with American accents (everyone, that is, except our member from the other side), was extremely well read.

M.A.L.H.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President: H. E. RICKS, Esq.

Hon. Sec.: H. GOLDSMITH.

The Society has only had one meeting this term. It was held on Thursday evening 27th February, and the speaker was Mr. T. H. H. Skett, LL.B. His talk covered a vast range of countries, areas and raw materials and he also spoke about Industrial development within the Commonwealth.

H.E.R.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: A. R. TAMMAR.

Hon. Treas.: S. W. BENNETT.

The Society has had three meetings so far this term. Dr. M. W. Lloyd Owen, a distinguished Old Millhillian, lectured on "The History of Anæsthetics". This interesting talk, which was much appreciated by its large audience, brought us right up to date as regards surgical techniques.

Another Old Millhillian, J. Dinsdale, Esq., held us spellbound while telling us about the problems of "High Fidelity Reproduction of Recorded Sound". Having explored our upper limits of audibility, with the aid of equipment kindly loaned by Messrs. Pye Electronics Ltd. on one night, he proceeded to demonstrate the potentialities of the medium with a full scale recital in the Large on the following night.

The expedition this term, which proved to be very popular, was to the London factory where Kensitas cigarettes are made.

We look forward to the last week of term, when two members, M. W. H. Cohn and M. M. Broido will be giving us the benefit of their knowledge in two papers.

A.R.T.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: R. H. GOUDE.

La Fontaine and Handel were the subjects of the two papers which the Society has heard this term. The former was delivered by the Secretary, who, dividing his material into two sections, spoke first of La Fontaine's capricious yet zestful nature, and then went on to appreciate his works.

G. L. Brownlee's paper on Handel was finely illustrated by records of the composer's major works, which admirably set off the factual details of his life.

The Society also made a visit to the Institut Français early in the term to see Jean Anouilh's "Antigone". The production dealt competently, for the most part, with a difficult play, and the evening was both enjoyably and profitably spent.

R.H.G.

PYTHAGOREANS

Hon. Sec.: R. E. BRANCH.

The first meeting of the term was held in the Library, when "Ceramics" was the subject of a paper by S. W. Bennett. He began by giving a short account of the history of pottery, and went on to describe in detail the work of a studio potter. The latter part of his paper dealt with modern methods of mass production and the applications of ceramics in modern technology.

Further meetings have been held in Ridgeway, by courtesy of Mr. Burn, and to the first of these each member brought along a favourite record. The result was an evening's entertainment that displayed a great diversity of taste, much to the dismay of the highbrow element present.

M. T. E. Brooke, speaking on "Dvorák; his Life and Works", showed us the profound effect which events in a composer's life can have on his music. Mr. Brooke's very interesting study was followed by the playing of the composer's Fifth Symphony.

It is our intention to indulge in an evening of playreading later in the term, and the Secretary is to give a paper on "The Development of Opera".

R.E.B.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: P. N. CHRISTIE.

The Society was unable to have as many functions this term as was wished. There was however, an outing to the Natural History Museum and also a film show.

The party, which was escorted round the museum by a professional guide, was led by Mr. Burn. Despite the fact that the whole museum could not be seen fully in the short time available, an interesting afternoon was spent there.

The films showed, by some very clever photography, how certain diseases develop, and the life cycles of various plant pests. There was also a film on Malaria which explained how the malaria parasite attacks the human bloodstream, and at the same time examined the two groups of mosquitoes which carry it, Anopheles and Culicines.

It is hoped that next term there will be more outdoor activities.

P.N.C.

INTERPRETES

Hegemon: A. D. S. MACDONALD.

Scriba: J. L. BROCKINGTON.

There has unfortunately been only one meeting of the Society this term, since another potential speaker found the preparation of his subject too complicated to be completed in the short time remaining. Therefore we have been content with the pleasure of an informative lecture by T. G. Davies on "Athletics in the Ancient World". After a summary of the athletics of the older civilizations, he dwelt at some length on Greek games. His lecture provoked considerable discussion and he was afterwards elected a full member of the Society.

J.L.B.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: J. R. GRIFFITH.

We firmly believe this group to be of singular importance in this place, having something positive and lasting to offer to all its members; the term has been a good one but provides no cause for complacency.

We are much indebted to Mr. Geoffrey Bull, the Rev. Spence and the Rev. Salmon for three fine and thought-provoking talks—however, much of our life must stem from within, and Bible study, prayer meetings and discussions must have their place, for this is not a Society which puts on its Sunday best to greet a visiting parson, but rather a group which has a vital day-to-day function in the life of this School.

May we look forward in hope to a term of boundless opportunity in activities of concern to all.

J.R.G.

THE SOCIETY OF PHILATELISTS

President: H. E. Ricks, Esq.

Hon. Sec.: P. J. Fox.

The meetings this term have been both varied and interesting. We started well with a competition, in which apparently easy questions were deceptive enough for members to produce the wrong answers.

In the middle of the term we had a film strip which was entertaining as well as educational, although its accent was more on errors of design than errors in printing.

We are extremely grateful to Harrow whose Philatelic Society entertained us for tea one Sunday and with whom we spent a very profitable afternoon exchanging stamps. Our special thanks are due to Mrs. James, who organized the meeting.

The visit to Stampex, which has now become an annual outing, was very popular.

Lastly, but by no means least, mention must be made of those assiduous sorters who have regularly turned up to help with the School Collection. Old Millhillians may rest assured that this collection will always remain intact, whatever vicissitudes may befall the Society itself.

P.J.F.

Music

CHAPEL CHOIR

The Choir has performed with distinction almost every day this term. This was particularly noticeable in those verses marked with a dagger and on those not infrequent occasions when the congregation left us in the lurch. Many visitors have remarked on the high standard of our singing, particularly in the psalms; this is due no doubt to the efforts of Mr. Barlow, who has spent a great deal of time and trouble in Chapel practices, imbuing the congregation with the benefits of his seemingly inexhaustible knowledge and experience.

The Choir acquitted itself nobly in a great variety of anthems throughout the term, the most successful of these being "Jesu, joy of man's desiring", although a certain Chapel Manager was heard to remark that he did not enjoy it because the Choir was singing in unison the whole time!

Such is the trial of any Choir.

M.A.G.B.

OPERATIC SOCIETY

We are proud to publish the second report of the Operatic Society which was formed last term under the patronage of D. A. Miller, Esq., with the object of promoting an appreciation of all forms of opera. We have tried to cater for all tastes, from the sedate "Rigoletto" to the more fanciful "Marriage of Figaro" or the voluptuous "Samson and Delilah." We hope to visit many more performances in the future and we are very grateful to Mr. Miller, who has not only accompanied all the outings but has made it possible for us to say, "Never before in the history of the School has so much opera been available to so many people for so reasonable a consideration".

M.A.G.B.

MUSIC COMPETITION

This was held in the Music School on Sunday 23rd March, at 2 p.m.
It was adjudicated by Sir Steuart Wilson.

Junior Sight Reading:

1. Dorken (C); 2. Nelson (M), Barlow ii (R).

Intermediate Sight Reading:

1. Blackman (R); 2. Macdonald (Wk.); 3. Spiller (B.B.).

Senior Sight Reading:

1. Boothroyd (S); 2. Farnham (B.B.).

Organ Solo:

1. Boothroyd (S).

Junior Piano Duet:

1. Ayre and Blackman (R); 2. Hammond and Howard (R); 3. Davies ii and Davies v (B.B.).

Junior Piano Solo:

1. Aron (Wk.); 2. Ayre (R); 3. Palmer (Wk.).

Alto, Tenor, Baritone and Bass Solos:

1. Griffith (S); 2. Richards (C); 3. Dyson (M).

Senior Piano Solo:

1. Boothroyd (S); 2. Hanchet (B.B.).

Senior Piano Duet:

1. Macdonald and Wates (Wk.); 2. Deiches and James (S); 3. Griffith and Boothroyd (S).

Wind Instruments:

1. Snow (M); 2. Day (S); 3. Cohen (M).

Lower Intermediate Piano Solo:

1. Nelson (M); 2. Blackman (R); 3. Dorken (C).

Treble Solo:

1. Stone (S); 2. Cargill (M); 3. Nelson (M).

Strings:

1. Humphrey (M); 2. Hugill (Wk.); 3. Tagg (C).

Upper Intermediate Piano Solo:

1. Macdonald (Wk.); 2. Hammond (R); 3. Phillips (W).

Total Points Awarded:

1. Scrutton (112); 2. Murray (95); 3. Ridgeway (85).

House Choirs:

1. Burton Bank; 2. Weymouth.

Reading and Speech Competitions

ENGLISH:

- Senior:* 1. L. J. Richards.
2. R. S. Burns.
- Junior:* 1. B. J. Jenkins.
2. N. J. Wyndham.

FRENCH:

- Senior:* 1. R. H. Goude.
C. D. Parker.
3. T. E. T. West.



Hobbies

The Spring Term is the time when clubs compete for the subscriptions of the mass of as yet undecided flotsam, the debris of last term's fierce struggle for supremacy in the Hobbies world. In their efforts to entice potential members into their various pursuits, clubs and societies alike provide outings, expeditions and films with cheerful disregard for cost, with the net result that many people reap all the benefits free and still remain uncommitted, leaving the impoverished treasurers to weep over their losses.

However, the TRAVEL CLUB has entertained two outside lecturers: Mr. Grinyer, from Canadian Pacific, who gave an excellent commentary on the films he brought on Canada, and Mr. Frank Singineau, from Trinidad, who gave an illustrated talk on the West Indies. Their President Elect, Mr. O'Shea (Irish naturally), has also spoken on Killarney, and the club has seen films on Chile, The Caribbean and Scotland.

The customary trip has been arranged for the Easter holidays, when a party of nineteen boys, to be led by D. A. Miller, Esq., will visit Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

Preferring to provide its own glorious scenery, the ART CLUB has increased its membership to forty, of whom at least half are "painting with enthusiasm", although what is receiving their attention is, perhaps fortunately, unmentioned. Two expeditions were arranged; one to the "Picasso Mystery" film, the other to the Winsor and Newton factory at Wealdstone. In addition film-strips on Surrealism, Impressionism and Pottery, and a film supplied by Winsor and Newton were shown at internal meetings.

From the real thing to a more synthetic counterpart. Startlingly, the PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY reports a drop in membership; the remaining devotees have listened to an interesting illustrated lecture on Colour Photography given by Mr. Thomas of Photo-Reportage, and seen part of the Comet flight around the world. The Plate Camera, procured with the wealth gained by the Special Section in previous terms, has so far been used with little success apart from Passport work.

This term has been a busy one for the NECROMANCERS' SOCIETY, who have once again produced their own peculiar brand of variety in "Variety Top Hat". Many guests were able to enjoy the show this year, and it was unfortunate that the guest artist, David Berglas, did not appear.

From magic to machinery—in the MOTOR CAR AND CYCLE CLUB, concealed in its underground cavern, motor cycle parts have been dismantled and assembled until the novice mechanics are part perfect. All they lack now is a race to compete in!

For the first time, the Secretary claims, members of the CARPENTRY CLUB have seen some films, mainly about tree felling, and are looking forward to viewing more next term. A gift of an electric motor from Mr. A. F. Holt, which has been attached to the lathe has proved a great asset to the Club, and it is hoped that members will take full advantage of it.

Farther down the farm track we discover the President of the YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB bemoaning the paucity of seniors who keep livestock and the consequently smaller number of animals on the Farm. However, with a brooder on its way, kindly lent by J. A. Turnbull, Esq., they hope to make good the deficiency. Contenting themselves with mostly educational films with several lectures interspersed, including one by a Fisons representative on "Pest Control", the club has only just started preparation for the rally next term. They hope to carry off the Schools Shield for the fourth consecutive year.

Not far away the WIRELESS CLUB, fearing the imminent collapse of their hut, have removed the aerial and retired to the muck inside to study the latest reports on communication systems. Even the morse key is silenced, as resonance might shatter their quiet backwater.

MODEL MAKERS are still gamely producing planes and other lethal objects in their dripping semi-dungeon, but are inclined to think the conditions more suited to the tropical fish of the AQUARISTS' CLUB. Members of the latter have installed a new electrical system and added a cabineted stand for their aquaria to their equipment.

Descending to the bottom of the Marnham Block and the PRINTING SOCIETY we find they have received an entirely new "type face", the gift of Col. O. V. Viney, O.M. They now have ten such faces, and the latest has already been put to good use, for despite setbacks the junior members successfully printed the literature for "Variety Top Hat", and also the School House play.

With all these active bodies catering for so many tastes, it was a very definite surprise to find a new society. The RAILWAY SOCIETY, inaugurated this term, has the Rev. H. Starkey and D. A. Miller, Esq., as Patrons, and caters for a very exclusive sect who are devoted to trains and railways.

We look forward now to a continually expanding vista of Hobbies that will maintain the excellent standards of today.

Scouts

SENIOR TROOP

We congratulate Bates on becoming a Queen's Scout, and Baker and Palmer on completing their First Class tests. We are grateful to the staff of Mill Hill Fire Station for training and examination for the Fireman Badge. Since our course there ended, we have been practising for parts of the Venturer Badge to be tested at the end of term. Night hikes on the eve of Field Day led us to Well End hut where we tried to keep warm enough to sleep and enjoyed an excellent "brunch".

A.J.

JUNIOR TROOP

We were very pleased this term to welcome Mr. Starkey and Mr. Burn, who are to serve as Scouters with the Troop. We also congratulate P/L Brown on gaining his First Class.

During the first half of the term each patrol made a survey of the school grounds and produced a map. These maps now adorn the patrol corners. The Kingfisher and Woodpecker patrols in particular are to be congratulated on their accurate and well-drawn maps.

Field Day was fortunately sunny, and a useful and enjoyable day was spent in exploring the countryside. Faced with the alternatives of either learning how to light a fire and to cook, or having cold bacon and raw egg for lunch, most scouts seem to have achieved the former.

We are looking forward to a full programme of outdoor Scouting next term, including some bridge building and plenty of camping.

A.W.B.

C. C. F.

ARMY SECTION

The training policy of the C.C.F. has so far changed little since the announcements about National Service. We will have to adapt ourselves to these new conditions, and hope to add further sections for post-Cert. A. training to absorb more senior cadets.

The specialist sections have made good use of training time, but are somewhat restricted by the equipment available and the numbers of already classified personnel.

The term has been a good one for training, without the usual crop of spring illnesses, and fewer "mufti" parades because of bad weather. The encouraging results of the Cert. A exams. showed that the N.C.O.'s worked hard with their squads and some extra work was done by the cadets themselves. Field Day was curtailed for domestic reasons but some cadets of the N.C.O.'s cadre will remember it as a particularly active day, while others were variously occupied with a map-reading scheme and trips to Cove, Woolwich and the Depot, The Middlesex Regiment.

A visit by members of the Parachute Regiment enlivened one afternoon's training when two parachutes were exposed in the Large. We hope to see much more of this next term at "Wormwood Scrubs".

Preparations for the "Newcastle" are already under way; the standard of drill should be higher this year if the example of a very smart N.C.O.s cadre is followed. Next term will also witness a change in the parade drill, when N.C.O.s will take an active part in the procedure which will take a more orthodox form.

The numbers for camp are below average as yet, despite early warning; it promises to be a good camp in pleasant surroundings and cadets will find it a useful experience.

As reported elsewhere, we have said goodbye to R.Q.M.S. Crouch, B.E.M., who retires from regular duties this term.

Major A. Bush, M.C. (O.C. of the Corps 1946-1950) is also leaving; we thank him for his example as an officer, and for the work he has done for us in the past.

C.S.B.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

After twelve years at the controls, Flt. Lt. Stanham has this term retired from active command. It is most fortunate however that he will remain to be the power behind the throne — or rather the navigator behind the pilot — and, as the new pilot, I should like to thank him most warmly for his excellent service in building and maintaining such a keen and interested section.

Cadets Murphy and Watts are to be congratulated on both being awarded Flying Scholarships enabling them to be trained for private pilot's licences.

The whole day's training was spent in a visit to U.S.A.F. Wethersfield, an operational base in North Essex where we received true American hospitality. Exhibits were "disassembled" F-100 fighter bombers, the control tower, radar scanners, the bowling alley and a magnificent gymnasium. Mathematical cadets, however, were more interested in determining n , where n =no. of coke bottles consumed per man per hour.

D.A.M.

Band

Drum Major: P. B. ARMITAGE.

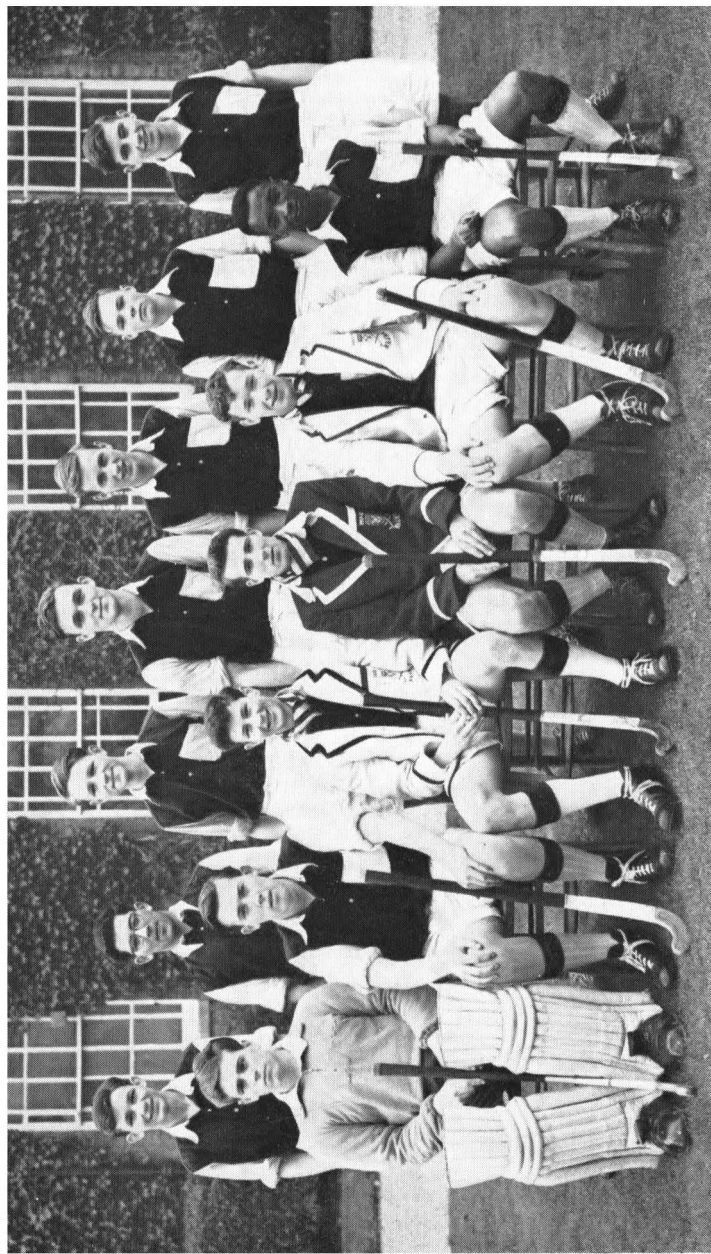
Although there have been no engagements for us this term we have been practising hard. All thirteen drummers have put in a regular attendance, and have reached a high standard considering they are juniors. The twenty-seven buglers, even if some of them are not so consistent in their attendance, have achieved a standard comparable with that of previous years.

R.Q.M.S. Crouch has been as enthusiastic and as devoted to the Band as ever. Although he is retiring from the Corps it is hoped that he will come up next term to look after the Band and maintain the standard necessary for the important occasions in the Summer Term.

P.B.A.



1st XI HOCKEY



Back row: A. R. Dyer, S. W. Whyte, H. M. Saunders, P. B. Armitage, T. D. Phillips, R. H. Goude, C. D. Parker.
Front row: A. J. Ferryman, L. P. Scammell, M. W. Corby, A. D. B. Webster (Capt.), A. McG. Gradon, B. K. Na'Isa.

SPORTS

HOCKEY

Captain: A. D. B. WEBSTER.

Hon. Sec.: M. W. CORBY.

Match Summary, Season 1958

First XI

| Date | Opponent | Venue | For | Ag't | Res't |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----|------|-------|
| Thurs. Jan. 30 | Hounslow H.C. ... | A | 1 | 12 | Lost |
| Thurs. Feb. 6 | Hampstead H.C. ... | H | 1 | 4 | Lost |
| Sat. Feb. 8 | Southgate H.C. ... | Cancelled | | | |
| Sat. Feb. 15 | Bishops Stortford ... | A | 3 | 2 | Won |
| Sat. Feb. 22 | Wellington ... | H | 2 | 1 | Won |
| Sat. Mar. 1 | The Leys ... | A | 0 | 4 | Lost |
| Thurs. Mar. 6 | Old Millhillians ... | H | 2 | 0 | Won |
| Tues. Mar. 11 | Felsted ... | A | 2 | 0 | Won |
| Thurs. Mar. 13 | Stowe ... | H | 2 | 1 | Won |
| Tues. Mar. 18 | Caterham ... | H | 2 | 0 | Won |
| Thurs. Mar. 20 | Aldenhams ... | H | 1 | 0 | Won |
| Wed. Mar. 26 | Cranleigh ... | H | 1 | 1 | Drawn |

Second XI

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|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|---|---|-------|
| Sat. Jan. 25 | Hendon H.C. ... | Cancelled | | | |
| Sat. Feb. 8 | Southgate H.C. ... | Cancelled | | | |
| Sat. Feb. 15 | Bishops Stortford ... | A | 6 | 1 | Won |
| Thurs. Mar. 6 | Old Millhillians ... | H | 3 | 1 | Won |
| Tues. Mar. 11 | Felsted ... | Cancelled | | | |
| Tues. Mar. 18 | Caterham ... | H | 0 | 2 | Lost |
| Thurs. Mar. 20 | Aldenhams ... | A | 0 | 1 | Lost |
| Wed. Mar. 26 | Cranleigh ... | H | 1 | 1 | Drawn |

Colts XI

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---|---|------|
| Sat. Mar. 1 | The Leys ... | A | 0 | 1 | Lost |
| Tues. Mar. 11 | Felsted ... | Cancelled | | | |
| Thurs. Mar. 20 | Aldenhams ... | A | 1 | 0 | Won |
| Wed. Mar. 26 | Royal Masonic ... | A | 2 | 1 | Won |

Retrospect

1st XI

Of eight school matches played, six were won, one was drawn, and one lost; the Old Millhillians were beaten for the first time in six years. This success was almost entirely due to a great team spirit which failed on only one occasion. The hockey was rarely attractive to watch, but always determined, and, for the most part, very intelligent. The forwards lacked co-ordination but were never short of ideas. The defence was a compact unit, whose covering was faultless.

In spite of frequent changes as the season progressed, the team played with increasing skill and confidence, and on no less than six occasions, the vital goal was scored in the last ten minutes; a tribute to their fitness and determination. The example and leadership of the senior members was an inspiration to the team, which without ever claiming to be a great hockey side, fully deserved its success.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI lost their long unbeaten record and this was partly due to lack of teamwork caused by countless changes in personnel. The forwards played without plan, and against sound defences could neither keep possession of the ball nor score goals. The defence, gallantly though it played, could not hold out indefinitely against constant pressure. The standard of stickwork was high but the lack of tactical passing in midfield set our opponents few problems.

The side normally played with great enthusiasm, but this alone will not score goals.

R.N.E.

Colts

The Colts started the season with six members left from last year's team, some of whom were frequently surrendered to the 1st XI. For a side who learnt the game in the Gym. they did remarkably well, showing a high standard of ball control, especially in defence, and a good positional sense. Scoring goals proved difficult, even though possession of the ball for long periods gave them ample opportunity. They showed themselves able to gauge their opponents and, playing well within their own capability, they usually did just enough to win.

A.P.H.

Team Characters

A. D. B. WEBSTER (Capt.). Inside Left. A tireless worker who used the ball most intelligently. By his example and encouragement he showed great qualities of leadership.

M. W. CORBY (Hon. Sec.). Inside Right. An outstanding player whose ball control, hard shooting, and energy were an inspiration to the team.

A. MCG. GRADON. Centre Half. A resolute defender whose tactical passing was exceptional, and whose shooting on occasions was superb.

R.N.E.

A. J. FERRYMAN. Goalkeeper. His positional play was sometimes at fault, but this apart, he performed admirably, and made many fine saves.

L. P. SCAMMELL. Left Back. His positional play and covering have been excellent throughout the season. Although a steady and confident player he was prone to dribble with the ball, when a pass would have been more effective.

R. H. GOUDE. Right Back. Not being very fast, he found it difficult to recover, when beaten up-field. Nevertheless he "kept his head" and made good constructive use of the ball.

T. D. PHILLIPS. Right Half. It was only after being moved from the forwards that his capabilities were seen. As a half-back he showed good positional play, although he still lacks a knowledge of the science of the game.

P. B. ARMITAGE. Left Half. A strong, robust player who was very effective in defence. His method of play could be described as destructive, as he invariably hindered our opponents' attacks, but failed to give any constructive passes to his own forwards.

H. M. SAUNDERS. Left Half. Not being of a forceful nature, he found himself at a disadvantage against a thrustful winger. He made up for this by being skilful with his stick, and by making many constructive passes.

C. D. PARKER. Centre Forward. On a hard pitch he proved to be a skilful player with good stick-work. However he often seemed to be subject to periods of exhaustion, when he failed to keep up with the game.

S. W. WHYTE. Centre Forward. Gifted with quick acceleration, and the art of playing with one hand, he often took our opponents' defence by surprise, and scored many fine goals. His crude method of play was suited to a slippery pitch, and he was often ineffective on hard ground.

B. K. NA'ISA. Right Wing. His speed and determination enabled him to do many good runs which usually ended in his making a fine centre. He also "tackled back" well, often robbing his opposite number of the ball.

A. R. DYER. Left Wing. A skilful ball player, who gave some good passes. He lacked the vigour and determination of a good winger, but always positioned himself well to receive passes.

A.D.B.W. M.W.C.

Match Reports

1st XI v. HOUNSLOW. Lost 1 - 12.

This Hounslow side, containing 2 internationals and 5 county players, is currently the most successful in the country. The match was played in gradually thickening fog. Surprisingly the G.C. scored first within five minutes, through a well-timed shot by Hinkley-Smith. After this set-back Hounslow showed their real worth, and treating the XI to a masterly display of hockey, put in 9 goals by half-time.

It says much for the defence that our opponents managed to score only three more goals in the second half. Considering the opposition the XI put up a good performance, and certainly learnt a great deal as later matches showed!

Team: Ferryman, Scammell, Goude, Parker, Corby, Gradon, Webster, Phillips, Hopkins, H-Smith, Na'Isa.

1st XI v. HAMPSTEAD. Lost 1 - 4.

For their first home match of the season the XI were not unduly confident as Hampstead had drawn against Hounslow. However our opponents were not at full strength and the G.C. began with several vigorous attacks, which they could not unfortunately sustain. The first goal, scored shortly before half-time was a solo effort by Webster, who beat 2 defenders, before steering the ball past the goalkeeper.

In the second half our opponents suddenly came to life, and the G.C. goal was continually under heavy pressure, although the forwards made several dangerous breakaways. Nevertheless by the final whistle Hampstead had scored four times.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Atkinson, Corby, Gradon, Webster, Phillips, H-Smith, Parker, Dyer.

1st XI v. BISHOPS STORTFORD. Won 3 - 2.

In their first match against a school side the XI displayed good all-round defence and approach work, but a lack of thrust in their opponents' circle.

Mill Hill attacked convincingly from the start with Corby and Webster looking particularly dangerous, and it was not long before Corby scored. Shortly afterwards Stortford were awarded a penalty bully, from which they equalised, but Mill Hill went ahead again through a hard shot by Phillips. Our opponents once again pressed hard, and were soon rewarded with a break-away goal from the right wing.

In the second half Mill Hill showed their superior skill, but managed to score once only, when Corby flicked the ball in from a goal mouth mêlée.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Atkinson, Gradon, Hopkins, Webster, Corby, Phillips, Parker, Dyer.

Colours: M. W. Corby regained 1st XI colours.

1st XI v. WELLINGTON. Won 2 - 1.

Despite a very muddy ground, and a snowstorm which persisted for the whole game, some good, exciting hockey was produced.

In the first half Wellington did most of the attacking, and in spite of valiant efforts by fullbacks Goude and Scammell they took the lead after 15 minutes.

In the second half Mill Hill were completely in command. Webster and Dyer, the wingers, both looked dangerous, and Corby was as elusive as ever. Hayward soon equalised, and just before the final whistle Gradon scored a superb goal from a short-corner.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Atkinson, Gradon, Armitage, Webster, Phillips, Hayward, Corby, Dyer.

1st XI v. THE LEYS. Lost 0 - 4.

The Leys pitch was far faster than anything Mill Hill had yet played on, and it took the team some time to settle down. For the first ten minutes the School goal was continually under pressure. It was not long before Leys went ahead, and they added a second goal from a short-corner just on half-time.

Mill Hill then pressed hard, and several times the Leys had narrow escapes, especially when Corby shot over the bar. In the latter stages of the game the Leys returned to the attack, scoring two further goals, both from corners. The Leys played with a speed and directness to which the G.C. were not accustomed, but had the Leys corner-taking not been so effective, the result would have been far closer.

Team: Unchanged.

1st XI v. OLD MILLHILLIANS. Won. 2 - 0.

A Fishing Net in good condition and pleasant, sunny weather greeted the O.M.'s for the annual hockey match.

After some fierce attacks from the O.M.'s the School scored when Corby shot past the goalkeeper after a good run by Webster. Play now switched to the School's half, and the defenders, especially Gradon, did well to prevent the Old Boys scoring.

The second half did not see much improvement in a rather unexciting game. Corby scored again from a right wing centre, but the game petered out into a midfield battle. Phillips, in his new position, always looked dangerous.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Phillips, Gradon, Armitage, Na'Isa, Corby, Whyte, Webster, Dyer.

1st XI v. FELSTED. Won 2 - 0.

The wet conditions at Felsted seemed to hamper the home team, and Mill Hill brought off a splendid victory.

Felsted certainly had more of the ball but they seldom looked like piercing the solid G.C. defence. At half-time Mill Hill were leading 1 - 0, through a solo effort by Whyte, who beat two men and the goalkeeper.

In the second half Mill Hill had more of the ball. Webster was in excellent form, but it was some time before Whyte scored again from a perfect pass by Corby.

Felsted now made an all-out effort to score, but the School goal somehow remained intact, thanks largely to Ferryman who had an excellent game in goal.

Team: Unchanged.

Colours: L. P. Scammell was awarded 1st XI colours.

1st XI v. STOWE. Won 2 - 1.

Mill Hill kept up their winning record in a fast, exciting game, the play swinging rapidly from end to end. After an equal first-half, in which neither side managed to score, the G.C. began to gain the advantage. Gradon scored from a short corner, but Stowe equalised soon afterwards. With 4 minutes left Corby gave us victory with a hard, high shot.

The forwards played very well, with Corby, Webster and Dyer always prominent.

Team: Unchanged.

1st XI v. CATERHAM. Won 2 - 0.

With 2 regular players missing, the XI did well to defeat a fast, powerful Caterham side. No goals were scored in the first-half. In fact both defences seemed well in control of the game. Mill Hill in spite of some skilful attacks by the inside forwards seemed reluctant to feed their wingers. However in the second half they combined better and with goals by Corby and Phillips made certain of maintaining the fine sequence of victories.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Phillips, Worrall, Saunders, Na'Isa, Corby, Whyte, Webster, Dyer.

1st XI v. ALDENHAM. Won 1 - 0.

This was one of the most exciting games seen on Fishing Net for some years. Both sides played some attractive hockey, but did not seem to have the

necessary thrust in the circle, although Mill Hill might have scored several times, but for the Aldenham goalkeeper. Corby and Na'Isa time and again pierced our opponents' defence, but it was only in the closing minutes that Parker finally managed to evade the goalkeeper, and gave Mill Hill their 5th successive win.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Phillips, Worrall, Saunders, Na'Isa, Corby, Parker, Webster.

1st XI v. CRANLEIGH. Drawn 1 - 1.

The wet pitch made stick-work very difficult, and, consequently the hockey in this, the last match of the season, was not up to the standard of the previous 1st XI matches seen at Mill Hill.

Only the closing minutes of the game provided any real excitement. Cranleigh scored from a short corner, and immediately the game came to life. Mill Hill attacked strongly, and equalised when Corby scored with a fine high shot. The attack continued and Armitage was unfortunate not to score. However, when the final whistle went the scores were still level, and so ended a highly successful season.

Team: Ferryman, Goude, Scammell, Phillips, Gradon, Saunders, Na'Isa, Corby, Armitage, Webster, Dyer.

Make-ups

First XI.

1. A. D. B. Webster, 1957 - 8
(Capt. 1958)
2. M. W. Corby, 1957 - 8
(Hon. Sec. 1958)
3. A. McG. Gradon, 1956 - 7 - 8.
4. L. P. Scammell, 1958.
5. {A. J. Ferryman, 1957 - 8.
B. K. Na'Isa, 1957 - 8.
7. T. D. Phillips, 1958.
8. A. R. Dyer, 1958.
9. R. H. Goude, 1958.

10. P. B. Armitage, 1958.
(C. D. Parker, 1958.
11. {H. M. Saunders, 1958.
S. W. Whyte, 1958.

Second XI.

1. K. L. Hinkley-Smith (Capt.)
2. R. S. Atkinson.
3. P. E. Milwood.
4. {F. W. Hayward.
P. S. King.
6. R. J. Taylor.
7. {T. C. Davis.
P. V. Hamilton-Hunter.

9. A. Liaquat Ali Khan.
(R. J. Abrahams.
10. I. Reekie.

Those above the double line are awarded 1st XI colours.

Those above the single line are awarded 2nd XI colours.

The following represented the Colts XI:

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| J. J. Allured. | M. F. Hopkins. |
| P. Bennett. | C. A. B. Knott. |
| M. J. Darke. | A. J. H. Shaw. |
| G. C. Dyfnault. | C. J. M. Westoby. |
| D. T. Gould. | P. R. Worrall (Capt.). |
| F. Hadi. | A. T. Wrigglesworth. |
| P. W. Hancock. | |

House Matches

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|-------------|---|-------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Collinson | } | Winterstoke | } | Winterstoke | } | Winterstoke (2 long corners, 1 short corner) | | |
| Winterstoke | | | | | | | | |
| Weymouth | } | Weymouth | | | | | | |
| Murray | | | | | | | | |
| Burton Bank | } | Burton Bank | } | Burton Bank (1 long corner) | | | | |
| Scrutton | | | | | | | | |
| Ridgeway | | | | | | | | |

The Senior House Competition came to an unsatisfactory finish on the last day of term when one semi-final and the final had to be played in atrocious conditions, both results being decided by corners.

MINOR SPORTS

Fives

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

Admin. Sec.: R. H. GOUDE.

With the increasing number of conflicting activities, it has become more difficult to keep the team in practice. Nevertheless, although only one match has been won, the VI have given all their opponents except Aldenham a close fight, and the standard of their Fives has risen considerably, particularly in the lower pairs.

Smith and Goude proved an experienced first pair, who with more practice might have had an excellent record. The second pair was hampered by the frequent absence of Corby, but he and Christie were a good, if somewhat erratic second pair. Millwood and Ali Khan improved throughout the term, and had the best record of all three pairs.

On two occasions we have fielded an enlarged Junior side. This has enabled us to give experience to more Juniors than previously, and is an encouraging sign, particularly as only one member of the Senior VI will be left for next year.

In spite of this the standard in the Junior inter-house Competition was still disappointingly low. Only the final produced good Fives, and in a hard-fought match Collinson won the trophy for the second year in succession.

MAKE-UPS

1. K. L. Hinkley-Smith, 1954 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8.
2. R. H. Goude, 1956 - 7 - 8.

3. P. N. Christie, 1956 - 7 - 8.
4. M. W. Corby, 1956 - 7 - 8.
5. { P. E. Millwood, 1958.
- { A. Liaquat Ali Khan, 1957 - 8.

Those above the double line are awarded or regain full colours.

Those above the single line are awarded or regain half colours.

JUNIORS:

C. J. Burt.
M. J. Darke.
R. D. Ehrlich.
D. T. Gould.

All are awarded vests.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|-----------|
| Burton Bank | } | Burton Bank | } | Burton Bank | } | Collinson |
| Ridgeway | | | | | | |
| Murray | } | Winterstoke | } | | | |
| Winterstoke | | | | | | |
| Collinson | } | Collinson | } | Collinson | | |
| Weymouth | | | | | | |
| | | Scrutton | | | | |

Squash

Hon. Sec.: M. W. CORBY.

The School has had another successful season. Harrow were the only school team to defeat us, but this has been offset by two excellent victories over Eton and Brighton, both matches being decided only by the final rubber. Our two other defeats were at the hands of Selwyn College and the O.M.'s, both in return fixtures.

M. W. Corby and T. D. Phillips have played well throughout the season. A. R. Dyer, third string, has also played well, but had some disappointing results. M. M. Broido and R. H. Bee have both played with great determination, but have been well below the standard of the first three. R. M. Barlow has occasionally played for the senior team, and as a junior shows great promise.

Winterstoke, with the School's first three strings, easily retained the Senior House Trophy. The most even and exciting match was probably that between Scrutton and Murray, the former just winning the final rubber 3 - 2.

M.W.C.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|---|----------|---|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Scrutton | Collinson | } | Scrutton | } | Winterstoke | | | |
| Murray | Scrutton | | | | | | | |
| Ridgeway | Winterstoke | } | | | | Winterstoke | | |
| Winterstoke | | | | | | | | |
| Burton Bank | Burton Bank | | | | | | | |
| Weymouth | | | | | | | | |

RESULTS:

Seniors:

- v. Aldenham, Won 5 - 0.
- v. Selwyn College, Won 3 - 2.
- v. Old Millhillians, Won 4 - 1.
- v. Harrow, Lost 1 - 4.
- v. Stowe, Won 4 - 1.
- v. Felsted, Won 5 - 0.
- v. Eton, Won 3 - 2.
- v. Merchant Taylors, Won 3 - 2.
- v. Dulwich, Won 5 - 0.
- v. Selwyn College, Lost 2 - 3.
- v. Brighton, Won 3 - 2.
- v. Old Millhillians, Lost 1 - 4.

Juniors:

- v. Harrow, Lost 0 - 5.
- v. Stowe, Won 3 - 1.
- v. Merchant Taylors, Won 2 - 1.
- v. Brighton, Lost 1 - 2.

MAKE-UPS

1. M. W. Corby, 1955 - 6 - 7 - 8.
2. T. D. Phillips, 1956 - 7 - 8.
3. A. R. Dyer, 1956 - 7 - 8.

4. M. M. Broido, 1957 - 8.
5. R. H. Bee, 1957 - 8.

Those above double line regain full colours.

Those above single line are awarded half colours.

Juniors:

1. R. M. Barlow.
2. { R. Thorpe.
- { F. Hadi.

4. R. J. Hayman.
5. G. J. M. Westoby.

Those above single line regain or are awarded Vests.

Gym.

Captain: J. M. GILLINGHAM.

Hon. Sec.: M. R. WOLLERTON.

This term has been a very successful one for the Gym. VIII. Since all members had at least one year's experience, they were able to concentrate on perfecting their vaults and continued to improve throughout the term under the critical but kindly eye of Mr. Robertson. All four matches were comfortably won, the narrowest being our 38 points victory over Harrow. The Stationers' School were beaten by 63 points, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle by 72, and Brighton College by 96. M. R. Wollerton, S. W. Whyte and J. A. Milnes were the outstanding individuals. The Senior Individual Competition at the end of term was closely contested. The outcome was a tie between Wollerton and Whyte, with Milnes in third place. Collinson won the Senior Shield.

J.M.G.

MAKE-UPS

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| 1. | { J. M. Gillingham, 1955 - 6 - 7 - 8 (Hon. Sec. 1957, Capt. 1958). M. R. Wollerton, 1955 - 6 - 8 (Hon. Sec. 1958). |
| 3 | { J. A. Milnes, 1956 - 7 - 8. S. W. Whyte, 1957 - 8. |
| 5. | L. J. Wintle, 1957 - 8. |
| 6. | R. F. Ball, 1957 - 8. |
| 7. | R. J. Hayman, 1956 - 7 - 8. |
| 8. | C. D. Clarke, 1957 - 8. |

Those above the line are awarded or regain full colours. Those below, half colours.

Boxing

Hon. Sec.: R. A. HUDGELL.

As my predecessor pointed out last year, boxing takes a certain amount of courage and determination. It is therefore highly commendable that those who have boxed this term, have trained both hard and willingly.

On the whole, it has been a moderately successful season, with two wins and two losses to our credit. All bouts have been very close, and this was especially so in the match against Highgate, which in spite of the score, was very keenly contested.

Of the Seniors J. R. Griffith and P. R. Worrall deserve special mention for their skilful, spirited performances, and M. A. Sutton a junior, also boxed very well. Everyone however, has put up a very creditable performance.

R.A.H.

RESULTS

- v. Harrow, Won 6 bouts to 4.
- v. City of London, Won 6 bouts to 2.
- v. John Fisher, Lost 4 bouts to 6.
- v. Highgate, Lost 2 bouts to 8.

MAKE-UPS

Senior:

1. R. A. Hudgell, 1955 - 6 - 7 - 8
(Hon. Sec. 1958).
2. P. R. Worrall, 1957 - 8.
3. J. R. Griffith, 1954 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8.
4. P. S. King, 1958.
5. M. J. Baker, 1955 - 8.
6. { R. J. Abrahams, 1957 - 8.
H. B. W. Barstow, 1956 - 7 - 8.
P. R. M. O'Shea, 1958.

Junior:

1. M. A. Sutton, 1957 - 8.
2. S. D. Jenkins, 1957 - 8.
3. C. W. Pring, 1958.
4. J. A. F. Calbraith, 1958.
5. M. R. Mann, 1957 - 8.
6. P. P. T. Davies, 1958.
7. D. A. B. Brown, 1957 - 8.
8. E. W. Turner, 1958.
9. { R. S. Grimsdell, 1958.
P. D. James, 1958.

Those above the triple line are awarded full colours.

Those above the double line are awarded half colours.

Those above the single line are awarded vests.

Shooting

Hon. Sec.: J. C. LEWIS.

Although only one match has been won, the eight has maintained a high standard of match shooting. Unfortunately on several occasions the grand total has been spoilt by one or two low individual scores; nevertheless in a match against King's College, Taunton, a new school record was established.

Since the war the standard of shooting has been gradually improving, and this year, for the first time, possibles have been scored in the rapid by both J. C. Lewis and J. R. Griffith.

The team has also practised on the ranges at Rainham in preparation for the Middlesex .303 competition.

We are greatly indebted to C.S.M. Maloney for his individual coaching, and also to R. A. Lloyd Owen who has assisted in the range during matches.

J.C.I.

MAKE-UPS

1. J. C. Lewis, 1956 - 7 - 8
(Hon. Sec. 1958).
2. J. R. Griffith, 1956 - 7 - 8
(Admin. Sec. 1958).
3. N. M. Lera, 1958.
4. F. M. N. Wills, 1958.
5. R. J. Coffin, 1958.
6. L. P. Scammell, 1957 - 8.
7. { M. T. E. Brooke, 1958.
L. J. Wintle, 1958.

Those above the double line are awarded full colours.

Those above the single line are awarded half colours.

Cross Country Running

Hon. Sec. Athletics: R. HILLENBRAND.

After last year's modest beginning, Cross Country is now fully established, and has made considerable progress, due mainly to the boundless interest and enthusiasm of Mr. Sennitt. A proficient team bearing the title "Hammer Hounds" has been formed, and we have had three most enjoyable matches.

At our first home fixture, against the Middlesex Regiment, we had P. Hillenbrand, Esq. and Mr. Sennitt as guest runners. To our surprise we had an overwhelming victory. R. S. Bates ran excellently to achieve the time 26 m. 48 s.

Against Thames Hare and Hounds we fielded a school team, since Mr. Sennitt was running for Thames. He came second, behind A. D. Gordon, the international miler. Bates and Hillenbrand were third and fourth; the rest of the team also performed commendably and we lost only by ten points.

In our away match versus Harrow and John Lyons we found the five-mile Harrow course heavy going. Nevertheless Bates, Hillenbrand, Lidwell and Thain were in the first dozen, with Elkins, despite a heavy cold, close behind. Mill Hill were second to Harrow in the team result.

The House Competitions are nigh and should be keenly contested. There are 75 Juniors willing to pit themselves against Mr. Sennitt's tricky course — the result is a matter of conjecture.

Team: R. S. Bates, R. Hillenbrand, T. E. Elkins, M. O. Lidwell, M. J. Thain, T. E. T. West, P. J. Huston, J. Hayes.

Single-Handed

Managers: M. W. H. COHN, E. W. DAVIS.

This term Single-Handed was played for the first time as an inter-house league, intended primarily for those Seniors in the School who were not engaged in hockey. It developed nevertheless into a keenly fought contest, which produced many exciting matches. The result was decided only in the last match when Collinson snatched the lead from Scrutton by a mere point.

The game has hitherto been confined to the last fortnight of the Autumn term, but this term's experiment has introduced it to many new players.

The success of the league should serve to promote interest in a game which, unique to the school, deserves more widespread popularity.

E.W.D. M.W.H.C.

Chess

Match Captain: M. M. BROIDO.

Match Secretary: A. S. R. ROBERTS.

The term's fixtures have included almost all the strongest Schools sides in the London area. It is therefore satisfactory that both Senior and Junior teams, although weakened as compared with last term, broke even on their results. A. S. R. Roberts has had some notable victories, particularly against D. E. Rumens, of the Cedars, the British Boy Champion. S. P. Broido has also played well, but the lower boards are not yet holding their own. The complete concentration necessary for good chess is an art which they must cultivate.

M.M.B.

Senior Team: A. S. R. Roberts, M. M. Broido, S. P. Broido, D. N. Deiches, A. Weatherall, M. A. Sutton.

Junior Team: A. C. T. Somogyi, N. L. Pilkington, P. L. Cook, J. R. Butler.

A. S. R. Roberts has been invited to play on one of the first six boards for England juniors.

A. S. R. Roberts, M. M. Broido and S. P. Broido have regularly represented the Middlesex Junior XII this season.

RESULTS

- v. Harrow, Won 3 - 0.
- v. City of London, Drawn 3 - 3.
- v. The Cedars, Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Eton, Lost 2 - 4.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Public Schools' Sevens

Once again Mill Hill won through from the preliminary rounds to the last day of the competition. On the first day a comfortable win by 11-0 against West Buckland was followed by a harder game in which we beat Surbiton 11-8 after they had scored first. We first scrambled home by 5-0 on the second day against King's, Macclesfield, and then beat St. George's, Weybridge 6-5.

Playing our best football of the tournament on the final day against Blundell's, we had far more of the ball, but defensive errors enabled them to win 6-5. Blundell's were just beaten in the quarter-finals by the eventual winners.

All the team played well, with much spirit and skill, and a little more luck might have taken us still further. It was altogether a most creditable performance, much enjoyed by both the team and our strong and vocal band of supporters.

Team: A. D. B. Webster, P. B. Armitage, I. G. H. Halstead, K. L. Hinkley-Smith (Capt.), O. E. Johnson, M. H. T. Jourdan, M. R. Hopkins.

Holiday Sport

SQUASH

M. W. Corby reached the final of the Junior Carlton Club Tournament, losing to K. A. White by 3 games to 1.

T. D. Phillips won the junior section of the tournament, beating J. E. Griffiths in the final by 3 games to 1.

RUGGER

K. L. Hinkley-Smith represented England Public School Boys against Ireland, and also played for Blackheath.

M. A. L. Holmes represented Blackheath Public School Boys.

G. J. Blackmore represented Berkshire Public School Boys on three occasions.

P. B. Armitage represented Middlesex School Boys v. Eastern Counties, Surrey and Kent.

A. D. B. Webster played for the O. M.'s 1st XV in four games.

M. R. Hopkins represented Oxfordshire and Blackheath Public School Boys and was reserve for England Public School Boys against Ireland.

HOCKEY

M. W. Corby represented England School Boys against Ireland.

1st XI Cricket Fixtures, Season 1958

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Opponent</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. May 10th | Hampstead (Home) |
| Sat. May 17th | St. Paul's (Home) |
| Sat. May 24th | Highgate (Home) |
| Sat. May 31st | Dulwich (Away) |
| Tues. June 3rd | Aldenham (Away) |
| Sat. June 7th | Merchant Taylors (Home) |
| Tues. June 10th | Incogniti (Home) |
| Sat. June 14th | Old Millhillians (Home) |
| Tues. June 17 | Felsted (Home) |
| Tues. June 24th | Cranleigh (Away) |
| Sat. June 28th | Masters (Home) |
| Tues. July 1st | M.C.C. (Home) |
| Sat. July 5th | Leys (Away) |
| Fri. Aug. 1st | Clifton (Home) |

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 50th Anniversary Appeal

Since the last issue of the School Magazine a substantial number of donations has been received and, including a bequest under will, the Fund now totals over £59,000. The major part of this amount is in covenanted sums, and in arriving at the present total it has been assumed that the covenants will all run their full course and that the standard rate of income tax will remain unchanged.

It will be apparent that we are still considerably short of the required target of £75,000. However, it is not intended to close the Appeal in the near future, in order to afford to the many who have not yet contributed an opportunity to do so. It should be emphasised that, in reaching this total, just over 40 per cent. of Members of the Old Millhillians' Club have contributed to date.

The Executive Committee recently decided that the time had come when steps should be taken to implement some of the objects of the Appeal. Contributors will therefore be interested to know that the following have been recommended to and approved by the Court of Governors:—

1. *Scholarships and Bursaries*

As an *interim* provision, pending a final decision, the sum of £100 will be set aside from the income of the Fund in 1958, and £300 in each of the four succeeding years, for the provision of scholarships or bursaries to the value of £200 and £100 respectively. Candidates must be the sons or relatives of Old Millhillians. Scholarships or bursaries will be awarded on the recommendation of the Head Master, and with the concurrence of the Educational Committee of the Governors, to candidates who have taken the School Scholarship Examination or the Common Entrance Examination.

2. *Chapel Organ*

Major repairs required, after allowing for a grant of £1,500

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| from the Marnham Organ Fund | | £3,500 |
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| 3. <i>Buckland Pool, Provision of Filtration Plant</i> | | £4,500 |
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| 4. <i>J. H. Todd Science Library (Specific Donation)</i> | | £ 500 |
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| 5. <i>Old Cricket Field, Improved Drainage</i> | | £ 300 |
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In addition, £7,000, has been loaned from the Appeal Fund to the School, free of interest, in connection with the new Biology Wing to the Science Building which was completed last year, pending a decision by the Court of Governors on how this will ultimately be financed.

The Committee has very much in mind the other major object of the Appeal — an art school and workshops. Plans are now being formulated for this, so that a scheme can be approved in the near future. It is hoped that work will start within a year or eighteen months at most.

The fulfilment of the objects is wholly dependent on the Appeal target being reached, and it is hoped that those who have not done so to date will make an early donation to ensure that these will not have to be curtailed.

(Note:— The Appeal Committee sent out a further reminder to non-contributors in December, 1957, accompanied by a list of contributors up to that time. This list should have contained additionally the names of the three following:—

K. L. W. Armistead

D. O. Hawes

R. L. Penhale.)

Births

CROSS: On 25th February, at Casterbridge, Doods Road, Reigate, to Brenda (née Shedherd), wife of E. F. R. Cross (1915 - 1919) a daughter, Anne Rosemary, a sister for Léonie Jane.

HOILE: On 8th January, 1958, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Jane Jeanette (née Forty), wife of J. F. Hoile (1946 - 51), a daughter, Suzanne Philippa, a sister for Jeremy.

TWOGOOD: On 26th January, 1958, at Stanboroughs Hydro, Watford, to Linda (née Eadie), wife of R. E. Twogood (1938 - 42), a son, Neil Gordon.

WEAVERS: On 13th July, 1957, to Sheila Peggy (née Comper), wife of R. L. Weavers (1928 - 35), a son, Thomas Paul, a brother for Anthony.

Engagement

CURRY-LOWRIE: The engagement has been announced between Aubrey J. Curry (1944 - 49), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Curry of 115, Village Way, Beckenham, Kent, and Helen C. Lowrie, elder daughter of the late Mr. W. J. D. Lowrie and Mrs. Lowrie of 162, Oxford Road, Middlesbrough, Yorks. The marriage will take place on 19th April, 1958.

Marriages

JONES-BIGGS: On 28th September, 1957, at the Church of St. John, Stoke Row, Henley, R. S. Jones (1946 - 51) to Doreen Mary Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biggs of Stoke Row, Henley, Oxon.

LIVSEY-CAMERON: On 1st February, 1958, at the Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Brian Livsey (1942 - 45), son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Livsey of 62, Millway, Mill Hill, to Dail Cameron, elder daughter of the late William Radcliffe Cameron and Mrs. William Cornish of 50, Sutton Place South, New York City. Brian Harley (1937 - 42) came down from Newfoundland to act as best man and Harold Thackrah (1932 - 36), who is resident in New York, was an usher.

PEPPIATT-WEEDEN: On 1st February, 1958, at Broomwood Road Methodist Church, Clapham Common, S.W.11, J. O. Peppiatt (1948 - 52) to Muriel Marion Mason Weeden.

ZIMMERMAN: On 24th August, 1957, at Cheddon, F. P. Zimmerman (1939 - 43) to Mary Day, of Cheddon Fitzpaine, near Taunton, Somerset.

Deaths

BELL: On 27th January, 1958, at South Park, Lincoln, W. T. Bell, O.B.E. (1883 - 84) at the age of 90. (Obituary follows.)

BURNS: On 24th December, 1957, at Rhu Grianach, Newtonmore, Air Commodore E. S. Burns, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B., D.P.S. (1912 - 17), at the age of 58. (Obituary follows.)

PEAKE: On 30th December, 1957, at the Old Mill House, Framsdan, near Debenham, C. V. Peake (1903 - 04), at the age of 68. (Obituary follows.)

Obituaries

WILLIAM THOMAS BELL, O.B.E. (1883 - 84), who died at South Park, Lincoln, on 27th January, 1958, aged 90, was fittingly known as the oldest business man in that city. He had the unusual distinction for one of his years of dying in harness, for he remained Chairman and Managing Director of the well-known engineering firm of Robey and Co. Ltd., right to the end.

On leaving School in 1884, Bell served his apprenticeship in the Robey works, where his father was a partner prior to the formation of the present company in 1893. He became a Director in 1910, and four years later was appointed Managing Director. In 1922 he was elected Chairman, and his death brought to an end a lifetime's service of 73 years with the one company, a record which must be almost unique.

Bell was a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, with which he had been associated for over 60 years. He received the O.B.E. in 1918, and was a Justice of the Peace for the City of Lincoln.

AIR COMMODORE ERIC SCOTT BURNS, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B., D.P.S. (1912-17). The death occurred at Rhu Grianach, Newtonmore, on 24th December, 1957, at the age of 58, of Eric Scott Burns, a son of the late Very Rev. James Burns. He is perhaps best remembered in his schooldays as an athlete. A Monitor and in the VI Form, Burns was in the XV and was awarded a presentation cap. He was also in the XI and the Hockey XI, and represented the School in nearly every other sport including Athletics. On leaving School he saw service with the Royal Naval Air Service in the 1914-18 war, before going up to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, where he played for the University XV, and his ability as a high jumper gained him a Blue. He was in the University Athletic Team from 1920 to 1922, represented Oxford and Cambridge against Harvard and Yale, and also represented Scotland against England and Ireland in 1922. Burns was very keen on flying, and in pre-war days was Chief Instructor to the Cambridge University Air Squadron.

A former Director of Personnel Services at the Air Ministry, he was awarded the C.B.E. During the war he commanded the R.A.F. Stations at West Freugh and Banff, and subsequently at Lossiemouth. From 1942 to 1945 Burns was with the R.A.F. Mission in China, and was awarded the Cloud and Banner decoration. From 1947 to 1950 he was Air Officer Commanding No. 66 (Scottish Reserve) Group, R.A.F., with headquarters at R.A.F. Station, Turnhouse, Edinburgh. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

BERNARD HASSELL HARVEY (1902-04), whose death at his home at Lytham, Lancs., on 28th November, 1957, at the age of 70, was announced in the last issue, was one of the leading figures in the British leather-making industry and Chairman of Harvey & Sons, Ltd., the well-known tanners of Bury and Nantwich.

A family business founded in 1870, Harvey joined the company on leaving School. His career was interrupted by the first World War, when he served as a Captain in the King's Own Royal Rifles and was mentioned in despatches. He was severely wounded and invalided out, serving on the Leather Control for the remainder of the war. Subsequently he returned to the family business and became a Director. He was elected Chairman of the Company in 1949.

Harvey was Chairman of the United Tanners Federation General Council from 1935 to 1937, and again from 1940 to 1946. He was this year's President of the Federation. A keen golfer, he was a member and past captain of the Royal Lytham and St. Anne's Club. He was also an enthusiastic yachtsman, and was this year's commodore of Lytham Yacht Club. Harvey leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

CYRIL VIVIAN PEAKE (1903-04) died at the Old Mill House, Framsdon, on 30th December, 1957, in his 69th year. He was with the General Electric Company for 40 years until his retirement, and was in charge of the testing and inspection departments at the company's Witton Works, Birmingham. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Personalia

A. L. BAIN (1950-54), now at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, has been awarded by the Inner Temple a Student Scholarship to the value of £850 to come into effect when he is called to the Bar.

S. W. DAVIS (1927-30) has been elected President of the Leicester Boot Manufacturers' Association for the next two years.

P. F. KINSEY, LL.B. (1921-23) has retired from legal practice, and his only address in future will be:— The Haven, Bourne End, Bucks.

THE RT. HON. LORD OGMORE, P.C., T.D. (1917-20) and Lady Ogmores have now returned from Nigeria, where Lord Ogmores represented the Government of the Eastern Region before the Minorities Commission presided over by Sir Henry Willink, Q.C., Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge. Lady Willink, who

accompanied her husband for part of the time, is a daughter of the late Dr. Morley Fletcher, a former Governor of Mill Hill. The Commission heard evidence in Enugu, Calabar and Port Harcourt.

D. P. READ (1947-52) was admitted to the Rolls as a solicitor on 1st November, 1957. He is now doing his National Service with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and passed W.O.S.B. of the 20th December, 1957.

THE HON. G. R. REES-WILLIAMS (1944-46), who is with the Chartered Bank, has been posted to Bombay from Bangkok, where he has been playing rugger and cricket for the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

THE HON. M. R. REES-WILLIAMS (1951-56) has been commissioned 2/Lt. and has joined the 1st Bttn. the Welsh Regiment in Cyprus, having previously served with this Bttn. in Germany.

J. H. WILLIAMS (1945-50) has been commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys and has joined his Regiment at Catterick, Yorks. He graduated from Birmingham University in July, 1953, and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the November, 1956 Examinations.

Forthcoming Events

The attention of Members is drawn to the following Club functions which have been arranged:—

Saturday, 14th June, 1958

OLD BOYS' DAY AT SCHOOL, when the usual cricket and other matches will be played. As on previous occasions tea will be served on the lawn at Burton Bank from 4 p.m. onwards. Attendance has increased in recent years, and it is hoped that there will be an even larger gathering on this occasion.

Saturday 11th October, 1958

SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE NORTH AMERICAN O.M.'S ASSOCIATION, which will take place for the first time in the U.S.A. Full details will be available later at the Club, and Members who are interested in attending should write to the Dinner Secretary:— I. A. Walker, 59, Park Street East, Port Credit, Ontario, Canada.

Saturday and Sunday,
27th and 28th September, 1958

OLD MILLHILLIAN GOLFING SOCIETY'S
Autumn Meeting at Hankley Common.

Friday, 31st October, 1958

ANNUAL DINNER at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1. Full details will be sent to all Members in due course, but meantime please make a note of the date.

Functions held since last Issue

Old Millhillians' Annual Ball

31st January, 1958

The Annual Ball at the Savoy Hotel has always been a gay and well attended evening, and this year was no exception. In all some 250 people were present, and Members and their guests were greeted on arrival by the President, F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C., in company with the Head Master and Mrs. Moore.

An excellent dinner, to accompanying music provided by Bill Savill's band, was succeeded by several hours of highly varied and enjoyable dancing, of which some Members were still not tired when the dance ended at 2 a.m.

The Raffle in aid of the Headstone Lane Sports Fund is now an accepted feature of the evening, but nevertheless we would like to say again how grateful we are to those Members who give such generous gifts, to the ladies who sell the tickets and last, but certainly not least, to the President's wife for presiding

so graciously over the all-important matter of the Draw! In addition to providing an agreeable diversion, the Raffle this year produced the handsome sum of £78 for the Fund.

For some time we have been considering the question of holding this very popular function on a fixed date. The Council has now ruled that the Annual Ball shall in future be held on the first Friday in March of each year, which will simplify the matter of the hotel reservation and enable Members to make their arrangements well in advance. **DO PLEASE NOTE THE DATE— BOTH FOR 1959 AND THEREAFTER.**

Midland Dinner

7th March, 1958

There was a record attendance at the Midland Dinner at Leicester on 7th March, 1958, and with the exception of 1909 every year at School between 1900 and 1957 was represented. Old Boys came from Leicester, Birmingham, Northampton, Nottingham, Kettering, Kidderminster, Loughborough, Lichfield, Rugby, Aylesbury and London.

To propose the toast of the School we had Russian-born Mr. B. L. Goodlet, one of the scientists responsible for the Calder Hall atomic power station, and former Chief Engineer at Harwell. He outlined the country's changed status in the modern world, which had made the part of our scientists of such vital importance, and he appealed for a longer view by our educationists because it took ten years to train a scientist. Mill Hill was fulfilling its task very worthily and producing the man — for ultimately it was the man and not the equipment that mattered most. But it was distressing, he said, that generally speaking such a small number of public schoolboys went into engineering, and he added, "Classics have no exports. If we do not export we cannot eat, and if we do not eat we founder".

In reply the Head Master referred to the high proportion of a very large Sixth Form which was taking science — a larger number than the average in the public schools. Quite emphatically he claimed that it was enough, for it was essential to preserve a balance; and in the most impressive speech Midland O.M.'s have ever heard at their annual gatherings he outlined his own views on the part to be played by the public schools in training boys for the world today. He was given a great ovation by those privileged to hear him.

J. E. Thorneloe (1910-13) presided, and other speakers were the President of the Club, F. T. Sobey, and Mr. C. T. Barton, President of the Newspaper Society. Also amongst the guests was the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

In the absence through illness of Mr. C. M. T. Bowring, his film of the Queen's visit to the School was shown by the Head Master, and the opportunity of seeing this was greatly appreciated by those present.

The next Midland Dinner will be held in the Northampton area.

Scottish Cocktail Party

15th March, 1958

The usual biennial function was held in Edinburgh on 15th March, 1958, the morning of the Calcutta Cup Match at Murrayfield. There was a good attendance of about 40 Old Boys and friends, and it was particularly encouraging to see quite a number of recent "leavers". The President and Mrs. Sobey and the Head Master and Mrs. Moore were present throughout the proceedings, and their kindness in coming north to one of the outposts of the O.M. empire was greatly appreciated.

Welsh Dinner

21st March, 1958

The Welsh Dinner was held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, on Friday, 21st March, when 33 Old Millhillians and 14 guests were present. The principal guest was Mr. Justice Salmon (1917-22) who was sitting at the Assizes at Cardiff at the time. The Chair was taken by E. Charles-Jones (1901-04), the

senior O.M. present, and the toast of "Her Majesty's Judges of Assize" was proposed by His Honour Judge H. Trevor Morgan M.C., Q.C. (1907-12) and responded to by Mr. Justice Salmon, who also proposed the toast of the School.

The Head Master replied in an interesting speech giving an account of activities at School, and in conclusion proposed the toast of the Old Millhillians' Club. The President, F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C., who had travelled from Yorkshire to be present, responded, and the proceedings terminated with a great deal of reminiscence.

Amongst the O.M.'s present was D. E. Wright from North Wales—the only Member to attend from those far distant parts—and amongst the guests were Mr. Tasker Watkins, V.C., who will shortly have a son at School, and Mr. G. V. Wynn-Jones, the well-known broadcaster.

(Note:— The YORKSHIRE DINNER was held at Leeds on 13th March, 1958, and a full report will be included in the next issue of the Magazine.)

Subsidiary Club Reports

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Results to date:—

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| 1st XV | 21 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 160—194 |
| "A" XV | 19 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 162—134 |
| "B" XV | 19 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 275—186 |
| "C" XV | 17 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 85—157 |
| Ex. "C" XV | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 23—25 |

The 1st XV continue to hold their own, in spite of fielding a team which changes constantly. Alan Holloway has been unable to play again, and Jim Roberts and Brian Livsey have not been available for over two months. A very good win against London Irish made us the first London Club to beat them.

The players coming up from the Junior sides have done well, and the experience they have gained will be valuable.

The "A" has an excellent blend of experienced and young players, but this is unfortunately not true in the more junior teams, where there is a great shortage of older players—and indeed, of players at all! We need more new players, and we need some older ones who will play with the "C" and Ex. "C" to pass on their experience and the traditions of the Club.

The players from School who joined us over the Christmas holidays showed that we have some very good members coming along.

The Easter Tour will be in the West Country again, with matches against:—

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| Taunton | — | Friday, 4th April |
| Torquay | — | Saturday, 5th April |
| Bridgwater | — | Monday, 7th April |

As usual, we shall be staying at the Esplanade Hotel, Paignton.

We have entered two teams for the Middlesex Seven-a-Side Competition.

CRICKET CLUB

After three years as Captain of the 1st XI, A. I. F. Goldman has unfortunately had to relinquish the post, and the Cricket Club is very glad to be able to take this opportunity of placing on record their appreciation of his ability and leadership since 1955. For the coming Season, C. D. L. Smith has been elected Captain, and M. W. Catesby has been re-elected Captain of the 2nd XI.

An attractive fixture list has been arranged for 1958, including the usual matches against the School on 14th June, and the week's tour in Sussex beginning on 4th August.

Anyone who is interested in playing cricket this summer should contact the Hon. Team Secretary:— J. A. McAdam, 45, Muswell Road, London, N.8. (Telephones:— TUDor 0683 or CLERkenwell 0292.)

GOLFING SOCIETY

By the time this is in print we shall have competed in the Brent Knoll Tournament at Burnham and Berrow, to which we have been invited to send our side of six players during the past three years. We shall also have competed in the Halford Hewitt Tournament at Deal, together with sixty-three other public schools, 10 members of each society playing in a knock-out foursome tournament. We have drawn Whitgift in the first round.

Other arrangements for the year include an all-day match against the Old Cholmeleians at New Zealand Golf Club on 8th June, and our match against the School at Finchley on 12th June. Arrangements are also being made to play the Old Alleynians and the Old Malvernians. The Autumn Meeting is at Hankley Common on 27th and 28th September.

The Society is very short of players. Anyone interested, or knowing any Old Millhillian who might play, should get into touch with the Secretary:— C. R. Steele, 32, Finsbury Square, E.C.2.

HOCKEY CLUB

This season the weather has treated us more kindly, and we started off with an improvement on previous seasons' results, which can be partly attributed to an increase in the number of younger players.

However, influenza and various injuries have taken their toll in recent weeks, and what first promised to be an excellent season has partially faded. Results are as follows:—

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| October 20th | Beachcombers | ... | ... | Won | 3 — 0 |
| December 15th | Guildford | ... | ... | Drawn | 2 — 2 |
| December 29th | Scorpions | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 3 |
| January 12th | Old Cholmeleians | ... | ... | Drawn | 3 — 3 |
| January 26th | Avorians | ... | ... | Won | 3 — 1 |
| February 2nd | Old Laurentians | ... | ... | Won | 3 — 1 |
| February 16th | Middleton | ... | ... | Lost | 0 — 2 |
| March 2nd | Imperial College | ... | ... | Lost | 3 — 4 |
| March 6th | The School | ... | ... | Lost | 0 — 2 (1) |
| March 6th | The School | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 2 (11) |

Any Old Millhillian wishing to play hockey, please contact the Secretary:— G. A. Stannard, The Cottage, Oxshott Way, Cobham, Surrey.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

The following are the results of matches played so far this season:—

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| October 8th | Coolhurst | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 4 |
| October 20th | The School | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 4 |
| November 24th | The School 2nd V | ... | ... | Won | 4 — 1 |
| November 29th | Old Tonbridgeans | ... | ... | Won | 3 — 2 |
| December 13th | Old Harrovians | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 4 (Londonderry Cup) |
| January 7th | Coolhurst | ... | ... | Won | 3 — 2 |
| January 30th | Lloyds | ... | ... | Cancelled | |
| March 20th | Hornsey | ... | ... | Lost | 1 — 4 |
| March 23rd | The School | ... | ... | Won | 4 — 1 |

The Squash Tournament had to be abandoned because of lack of support, but nevertheless it is hoped to try and arrange this next season. Anyone interested in playing Squash should contact the Secretary:— R. J. Montgomery, 81, Grosvenor Road, London, N.10.

TENNIS CLUB

A team has again been entered for the Public School Old Boys Competition for the D'Abernon Cup, in which we reached the semi-final last year. There will also be the usual match against the School VI on Old Boys' Day in June. Anyone wishing to play, particularly in the latter, should contact the Secretary :— J. B. Visser, 47, Southway, Totteridge, N.20.

OLD MILLHILLIAN LODGE

In appreciation of his service to the Old Millhillian Lodge as a Founder and its first Master, and of his unfailing interest in and assistance to the Lodge since its Consecration, W. Bro. William Birch Carnley, P.G.St.B., has been unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

The Lodge continues to meet on the fourth Thursday in January, April, June, and October, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.2.

The Secretary, W. Bro. E. C. Emerson, 81, Knatchbull Road, S.E.5, will be pleased to hear from any Old Millhillian or master at the School who is interested in the Lodge.

ALFORD HOUSE CLUB

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Alford House now has as strong and active a membership as at any time in its history, and it is encouraging to see the use made of its many facilities.

Members have been working steadily on the redecoration of one of the main rooms, and the result looks like being worth the effort.

The Club was very pleased to have a visit in February from the President of the Old Millhillians' Club, F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C.



