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EDITORIAL

“And alas, when we hasten thither, when ‘there’ has turned to ‘here’, things are still as they were before, and we stand in our poverty and our limitation, and our soul thirsts after the consolation which has evaded us.”

“WERTHER.”

The leaver is often maligned by members of the lower school for the obvious relish with which he regards his forthcoming departure. It is deemed incredible that he should contemplate leaving such a school as this with anything but the deepest regret, for Mill Hill provides great opportunities for all who are prepared to take them : opportunities of acquiring not only academic and sporting distinction but also experience, and it is the emotional and rational experience gained in the day to day contact with one's contemporaries which constitutes the chief benefit of a public school education. It is to be regretted that this intangible, but worthwhile, gift of a developing and expanding personality is not fully appreciated by those to whom it is given. The leaver is inevitably indebted to the school and he cannot escape the significance of the past five years. If he is wise he will accept and acknowledge these criticisms of his ungrateful conduct.

Nevertheless, he feels some justification for his behaviour although his reasons tend to be "ces raisons du coeur que la raison ne connaît point." But they are not just an example of the student's revolt, of the anger of unspoiled youth with pedantic authority. The leaver's desire for external change is a perfectly healthy one, prompted by a vital internal change, for he is now aware of the pointlessness of petty privileges and feels a very real resentment against artificial inequality. Public schools easily become closed corporations sealed against wider experience, microcosms which regard themselves as complete, independent of and superior to the world around them. When this occurs their range becomes too narrow and it is time to accept the challenge of that wider world.





Et Virtutem Et Musas

School Staff

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APPOINTMENTS

Half Term:

Monitor: E. W. DAVIS.

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Monitors: M. R. WOLLERTON, R. J. TAYLOR, F. M. N. WILLS.

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Committees

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General Certificate of Education

The following boys were awarded State Scholarships on their results:

M. M. Broido (Natural Science), E. H. A. J. Jackson (Mathematics), C. D. Parker (Modern Languages), R. M. Tagg (Mathematics), A. R. Tammar (Natural Science).

ADVANCED LEVEL

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

CLASSICS.

J. L. Brockington *, A. D. S. Macdonald [1] *, G. Le M. Campbell *, W. A. Goyder (1) *, J. R. Griffith *, D. I. Hammond (1) *.

MATHEMATICS.

S. W. Bennett [2], R. Bond *, E. N. Cheadle *, A. J. Ferryman, P. J. Huston (1) *, E. H. A. J. Jackson [3] (1) *, S. C. King *, D. W. Knight, M. O. Lidwell,

M. J. Lunnan (1), P. L. Potts *, A. S. R. Roberts *, H. M. Saunders, R. M. Tagg [3] (1) *, A. G. Walsh-Atkins (1), A. Weatherall [1].

MODERN LANGUAGES AND MODERN SUBJECTS.

J. R. Brown *, G. L. Brownlee [1] *, C. M. Charteris-Johnston *, A. A. T. Davies [1] *, A. R. Dyer, T. E. Elkins (1) *, R. M. Farquhar, R. H. Goude [1] *, R. Hillenbrand *, N. M. Lera *, C. D. Parker [1] *, K. L. H. Smith, J. H. Waite *, F. M. N. Wills (1) *, L. J. Wintle.

SCIENCE AND MEDICAL.

R. S. Atkinson, R. H. Bee, M. A. G. Boothroyd *, M. M. Broido [3] *, M. T. E. Brooke [1] *, J. D. H. Cameron (1), R. C. J. Charlton, P. N. Christie, R. M. Cohen (1) *, T. C. Davis (2), C. Dinsdale, A. A. Glossop, R. A. Hudgell, P. S. King *, C. H. Loke (1), B. K. Na'isa (1), R. F. Pennington (1), L. P. Scammell, T. J. Sobey (1), A. R. Tammar [2] *, R. B. Watts, A. D. B. Webster *, T. E. T. West [1] * R. M. Williams.

The following boys have passed in one Main subject.

R. F. Ball, J. M. Bunyard, E. W. Davis (1) *, D. Evans (1), K. Haye (2) *, R. E. R. Holliday (1), C. J. Holloway M. A. L. Holmes (1) *, C. A. Howden (2), R. C. Kidd, R. M. H. Lefever, J. C. Lewis (2), A. Russell, A. Snow (2) *.

ORDINARY LEVEL

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

J. S. Abbott (8), M. J. Addison (9), A. S. C. Air (5), H. H. Andrews (9), R. G. Angel (1), A. Armitage (1), P. B. Armitage (3), N. Baker (5), L. G. Banks (1), R. M. Barlow (1), R. S. Bates (1), P. Bennett (5), G. J. Blackmore (1), S. R. Bloom (7), S. P. Broido (8), A. A. J. Browne (8), R. S. Burns (9), C. J. Burt (5), J. A. Cayley (2), A. R. Charles (2), S. Y. Chinoy (4), C. D. Clarke (1), R. J. Coffin (4), M. W. Corby (1), J. Culver (2), N. B. David (8), A. J. Davison (1), P. R. Dorken (9), P. N. Duxbury (9), G. C. Dyfnallt (6), A. Dyson (3), M. A. Edwards (1), R. D. Ehrlich (3), R. L. Evans (1), N. J. Farnham (4), M. P. Finlay (7), I. Forrest Hay (2), A. N. Fowler (6), P. J. Fox (3), R. A. Furness (6), W. T. George (1), J. M. Gillingham (2), D. T. Gould (1), B. V. Goulstone (1), F. Hadi (7), J. G. Hanchet (6), P. W. Hancock (6), H. H. Harris (2), J. H. Harrison (3), D. Haughton (4), R. J. Hayman (9), G. R. M. Henderson (6), P. R. Holmes (5), S. P. Honeybone (9), M. F. Hopkins (2), H. M. Howard (8), G. L. Howell (5), S. J. E. Humphrey (2), A. W. Isaac (8), J. A. Jacobs (5), M. J. G. James (1), P. D. James (8), S. D. Jenkins (8), J. G. Jowett (3), S. M. S. Khan (2), J. D. M. King (4), H. J. Larkin (9), C. Lawrence (7), A. A. Levy (7), D. R. O. Lewis (2), A. Liaquat Ali Khan (3), B. A. Loudon (7), J. A. Lubbock (9), A. B. Macdonald (2), T. R. V. May (7), P. E. Millwood (4), J. A. Milnes (1), D. J. G. Moore (8), B. G. Murphy (2), G. E. Nosworthy (6), R. F. Olsen (9), N. R. Page (1), M. J. Palmer (4), R. S. Palmer (1), D. Passingham (3), J. W. Patterson (8), A. G. Peters (7), R. C. Pine (2), C. W. Pring (5), C. D. Rayne (1), M. B. Rayner (3), W. O. Roberts (7), S. P. Robinson (1), R. K. Sadler (7), P. J. Savoury (7), G. H. M. Scutt (1), A. J. H. Shaw (2), P. Sherman (4), K. S. Smith (7), M. J. Snell (8), C. R. Sotnick (4), A. McK. Stewart (6), A. P. Stone (7), A. P. C. Su (1), M. A. Sutton (2), P. M. Taylor (1), R. J. Taylor (1), J. C. Tchighianoof (7), M. J. Thain (1), G. M. B. Theaker (7), R. J. Thorn (8), A. K. Toulson (1), D. H. M. Walker (3), H. D. Walker (8), P. C. Walker (6), D. J. Warner (1), B. A. Wates (8), M. R. Williams (5), P. T. D. Winocour (3), P. R. Worrall (5), A. T. Wigglesworth (6).

Salvete

School House : R. S. Clancey, R. P. Cohn, M. I. Crawford, J. A. Davis, J. R. Kemp, D. F. F. Peradon, T. J. Westbury-Jones.

Murray : R. J. Butcher, J. L. Howe.

Winterstoke : T. D. J. Leemington.

Collinson : R. D. J. Knott.

Valeté

R. H. GOUDE (1953-58); Collinson; Upper Modern Language VI; Monitor, June 1958; Senior Monitor, September 1958; Games Committee, Executive Committee, Magazine Committee; David Needham Memorial Prize 1958; Upper Sixth prize (Modern Languages) 1957; 1st XI 1957-58 (Hon. Sec. 1958); 1st XI Hockey 1958; Fives VI 1956-7-8 (Hon. Sec. 57 Capt. 58); Modern Language (Hon. Sec.); Playreading Society, Phoebean Group, Geographical Society, Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Modern Languages at Trinity College Cambridge; 117, Welholme Avenue, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

M. A. L. HOLMES (1953-58); Scrutton; Upper Modern Language VI; Monitor, June 1958; Head of House, September 1958; Games Committee, Selection Committee, Executive Committee; Monitorial Board (Hon. Sec.); 1st XV 1957-58 (Captain 1958); Athletics Team 1955-6-7-8; Playreading Society (President), Phoebean Group, Modern Language Society; Corporal in R.A.F./C.C.F. (Civil Defence); Studying Law; Lamport Grange, Lamport, Northamptonshire.

G. L. BROWNLEE (1954-58); Scrutton; Upper Language VI; Monitor June 1958; Games Committee, (Hon. Sec.); Magazine Committee (Chairman), Lower VIth; Prize for Modern Languages and English 1957; Isobel Hector Fleming Prize for Modern Languages and English 1958; Modern Language Society (Committee), Playreading Society (Hon. Sec.) Phoebean Group; Corporal in R.A.F./C.C.F. (Civil Defence); Reading Modern Languages at Queens' College Cambridge; 2,406, South Monticello, Big Spring, Texas, U.S.A.

C. D. PARKER (1953-8); Burton Bank; Upper Modern Language VI; School Prefect; State Scholarship (1958); Marnham Essay Prize (1957), Hamilton Bailey Memorial Prize (1956); 1st XV 1958, 1st XV Hockey, Colts XI Cricket, Athletics Team; Interim (Hon. Sec.), Modern Language Society, Phoebean Group; C.S.M. W.O. Class II in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Modern Languages at St. Johns, Oxford; 13, Holmwood Grove, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

M. M. BROIDO (1954-8); Scrutton; Upper Mathematics VI; State Scholarship 1958, Prize for Science and Mathematics 1958, McGowan Essay Prize 1956; Squash V 1957-8, Chess Team 1954-5-6-7-8 (Captain 1956-7-8), Junior Tennis Team 1955-6; Science Society (Hon. Sec.), Phoebean Group, Modern Language Society, Pythagoreans; Leading Cadet in R.A.F./C.C.F.; Reading Natural Science at Trinity College, Cambridge; 11, Danethorpe Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

N. A. BAKER (1956-58); Weymouth; Bench; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; studying in France; Mellor Brook, Leicester Road, Hale, Cheshire.

D. D. H. CAMERON (1955-8); Murray; Bench, Senior Scout; 106, Hendon Lane, Finchley, N.3.

J. A. CAYLEY (1956-58); Winterstoke; General V; Cadet in Army/C.C.F. 710, Duncan House, Dolphin Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

A. R. CHARLES (1955-8); Ridgeway; Upper Science V; Junior Boxing Team 1955-7, Junior Gym VIII, 1956, Junior Colts Cricket 1956, Junior Tennis 1958, Junior Swimming 1958, 4th Rugger 1958; Natural History Society, Interim; Corporal and Senior Drummer in Army/C.C.F.; Studying at St. Martin's Art School; 47, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.

B. V. GOULSTONE (1954-58); Scrutton; Lower Science; VI; 3rd XV 1958; Science Society, Art Society; Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Industrial Physicist for Telcon; "Newlands" 37, Parkhill Road, Bexley, Kent.

D. HAUGHTON (1955-58); Weymouth; Lower Modern Subjects VI; Photographic Society (Hon. Sec.), Geographical Society, Natural History Society; Signals Section/C.C.F.; Arden House, 31, Upper Highway, King's Langley, Hertfordshire.

T. T. HIGNETT (1953-58); Murray; Upper Modern Subjects VI; House Prefect; 3rd XV 1957; Geographical Society; Colour Sergeant/C.C.F.; Entering Articles for Chartered Accountancy; Bays Hill Cottage, Barnet Lane, Elstree, Hertfordshire.

E. H. A. J. JACKSON (1954-8); Murray; Upper Mathematical VI; State Scholarship 1958, Lower Mathematical VI; Parkyn Prize for Mathematics 1958; Pythagoreans, Science Society, Society of Philatelists, Natural History Society, Astronomical Society (Hon. Sec); Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Science at Cambridge; 17, Mountfield Road, Finchley, N.3.

S. C. KING (1953-58); Weymouth; Upper Mathematical VI; Chapel Manager; Lower Mathematical VI; Form Prize; Printing Society (Hon Treasurer), Pythagoreans, Science Society, Phoebean Group; Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Studying Statistics Prior to Reading Mathematics at University; 40, Mount-grace Road, Potters Bar, Middlesex.

A. D. S. MACDONALD (1954-58); Winterstoke; Upper Classical VI; Form Prize 1957 and 1958; Interim (Hon. Sec.) Interpretes (Hegemon), Phoebean Group, Natural History Society; Reading Classics at Caius College Cambridge; L/Corporal in Royal Engineers/C.C.F.; 72, Barton Road, Cambridge.

P. L. POTTS (1953-58); Scrutton; Upper Mathematical VI; House Perfect; 3rd XV 1958, 2nd XI Cricket 1957, Boxing Team 1956-7; Pythagoreans (Hon. Sec.) Interim (Committee), Science Society; Flight Sergeant in R.A.F./C.C.F.; Reading Mechanical Engineering at St. John's College, Cambridge; 11, Mortimer Road, Ealing London, W.13.

M. J. THAIN (1958-58) Burton Bank; Lower Modern Subjects VI; Cross Country 1958; Natural History Society; Senior Scout; Training for Metallurgical Industry; 8, Kingwell Road, Hadley Wood, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

J. H. WAINE (1953-58); Scrutton; Upper Modern Subjects VI; 4th XV (Captain 1957-8); Natural History Society, Photographic Society (Vice-President), Geographical Society (Hon. Sec.), Phoebean Group, Witan; Civil Defence/C.C.F.; Reading History at University; 119, Morley Hill, Enfield, Middlesex.

Chapel

Work on the organ has finally reached completion and it is now a source of delight to all those members of the school who appreciate organ music. On November 2nd a rededication service was held for the organ, whilst in the evening of the same day Mr. Sidney Barlow gave a recital which demonstrated to the full, the potentialities of this fine instrument.

Voluntary services have been held in the chapel as in previous years and the attendance has clearly shown the value of these more informal services. Preachers on Sunday Mornings this term have been:

SEP.

21 The Headmaster.

28 The Chaplain.

OCT.

5 Rev. John T. Watson.

12 The Chaplain.

19 Rev. C. A. G. Saunders.

26 The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Leicester.

NOV.

2 Rev. Nathaniel Micklem, D.D., LL.D.

9 The Headmaster.

16 Rev. R. Calder, M.A.

23 Canon R. D. Say, M.A.

30 Rev. H. E. Wood, M.A.

DEC.

7 Rev. Maurice Watts, D.D.

14 The Headmaster.

Library Notes

The Library has added some one hundred and fifty books to its shelves during the course of the term. These have been exceedingly varied in kind, dealing with such subjects as Religion, Art, Music, Literature, Social and Natural Sciences, Ancient and contemporary History and Travel.

An innovation this term has been the purchase of a number of hard-backed "Penguins." These allow the library committee to purchase a very much wider range of books than would have otherwise been possible. Penguins purchased include "Three European Plays" edited by E. Martin Browne, "Penguin Book of Contemporary verse", "The Grapes of Wrath" by J. Steinbeck, "Buddhism" by C. Humphreys and "The Science of Flight" by O. G. Sutton.

Other books purchased include the following titles, "The Wisest Fool in Christendom" by McElwee William, "The Decipherment of Linear B" by J. Chadwick, "The King Must Die" by M. Renault, "The Crossing of Antarctica" by Sir V. Fuchs and Sir E. Hillary, "The Overreacher" by H. Lerin, "Vie de Henry Brulard" by Stendhal, "Les Jeux Sont Faits" by J. P. Sartre, "Collected Poems 1909-35" by T. S. Eliot.

The receipt of books from Dr. BESWICK which include "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austen, "Observations on the Life and Letters of Dr. Johnson" by J. Hayward and "Best Cricket Stories" by E. W. Swanton is gratefully acknowledged. The following books have also been generously presented, "Picasso" by R. PENROSED. Presented by J. BUSH Esq., "Cricketers and the Law" presented by the author J. W. GOLDMAN Esq., "Et Virtutem" presented by the author G. F. TIMPSON Esq.

The Classical Library is indebted to the generosity of Mr. GARETH CRWYS-WILLIAMS and J. P. MORRISON Esq., for presenting many valuable books. Acquisitions include:- "A History of Rome" by Scullard, and "Tacitus" by Mendell.

Some twenty new books have been added to the Science library during the term. These include, "Plant Anatomy" by Eames and MacDaniels, "A History of Industrial Chemistry" by S. Taylor, "An Histology of the Body Tissues" by M. Gillison, "A Second (M.K.S.) Course of Electricity" by McKenzie.

The Large

The Large is entitled to look forward to the Christmas vacation considering the great pressure of events that have been thrust upon it. Doubtless the austere portraits that adorn the walls contemplate a happy respite from the activities of M. H. T. Jourdan and sundry other members of the School Jazz Group, the "Flatfoot Stompers."

At the other end of the musical scale the Music Club have enjoyed a Lecture Recital by Bernard Brown Esq. entitled "Sound the Trumpet" and a Recital given by Bernard Shore Esq., F.R.C.M. and Sidney Barlow Esq., A.R.A.M. The former played on viola and the latter the piano.

A lecture to the Geographical Society was delivered on November 29th, by John Heap Esq. of the Scott Polar Research Institute. He spoke most interestingly on his subject, "Scientific Work in British Antarctica" and attracted a remarkably large audience.

This term's films whilst appealing to the more junior element in the school have failed to impress the seniors, who have of late become increasingly discriminating. The quality of these films has however been much improved, thanks to the generous gift of an excellent new projector by Mr. A. E. Ball.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the events which have taken place within the Large this term has been the School's production of T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral. A full description of the play is given elsewhere in this magazine.





CHEMISTRY PRACTICAL

Here and There

Eheu! Me miserum! Despite frantic entreaties and offers of outrageous bribes no one was prepared to dive headfirst from the summit of the Portico into a bucket of water. What a scoop it would have been for this section! Is the School's Spirit of Adventure withered and dead? Is there no person prepared to "borrow" a steamroller from the Broadway or to sell Topfield as Real Estate? Must every act of enterprise and endeavour be left to our more Edwardian neighbours?

It was these very gentlemen who under cover of a bitter November night launched three ferocious attacks along the Wills Grove Perimeter. At the Winterstoke bastion the pure in heart seized D. P. rifles and hurled the foe backwards. The victory was hard won, one of our troops suffering a black eye and another, "Thunderflash" shock. Full of bitter rage for things thwarted the cunning enemy struck south for Ridgeway. There, hideous with wrathful ire, the valiant garrison-commander met the 'bear in the mouth.' Armed with a walking stick, he dealt dire destruction and horrible confusion to their massed ranks, which were once more forced to retreat, ever southwards.

When they arrived leg-worn and weary outside Burton Bank the mere sight of a rushing furious figure who threatened to call the police almost caused a panic. However, they rallied rapidly and if certain stalwarts of the 1st XV had not arrived our hero would doubtless not have escaped unscathed.

Winterstoke has, it is sadly noted, given up its old "foolish ways" to concentrate the more fully upon the sober science of catering. A "Juke Box Snax Bar" has been opened by the progressives, which has been countered by a new "Olde Tea Shoppe." The latter establishment stews tea in a bucket, for, as the proprietor sorrowfully said, "It's so terribly difficult to get a really large teapot these days." The School House "Do-it-yourself Toasting Service" was compulsorily suppressed just as production was topping one hundred slices per day.

The Cadre, under their enthusiastic commander have reached the zenith of their achievements. Having raided the local barracks, killed a chicken, assaulted various courses, been forced to march, and competed in tug-of-war events in which they dragged furiously, the Cadre must rank second only to Ken Colyer's Jazz Club as the most active youth movement in the country.

If T. S. Eliot was beyond the understanding of the majority of the audiences that attended "Murder In the Cathedral" the line.

"Please be careful not to loiter in groups at street corners." had an effect that the dramatist could scarcely have visualized.

If the literary element in the school has become more serious of late, at least one house master has kept pace with developments. It is to him that we are indebted for the following profound statement.

"Electricity costs Money!!!"

Members of the monitorial board who have been frustrated by pad-locked bicycles and missing late tubes from the West End, expressed their determination to withstand "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" by singing dressed in tin battle bowlers.

Originality has not it seems been totally lacking during this term. One master thought up a thrilling new sport to utilize South Kensington Station's long underground passages. It is, to express the matter simply, an underground cross country run. A certain member of the school who, having been punished for every offence possible, thought himself immune to surprise punishment. However, being punished, "for what he might have done whilst he wasn't doing something else," staggered even that intrepid criminal.

A certain gentleman of whom the Upper Medical VI do not boast, was heard to engage in the following conversation during a Chemistry Practical.

"Hi, I think you're burning me."

"What makes you thing that?"

"Well (pause) I can smell burning flesh."

A recent phosphorus fire in the Biology Block showed most clearly two things. First, that if you are going to have fire extinguishers you may as well have ones that work. Secondly, that although you may cut up phosphorus in the atmosphere and nine times out of ten not cause a fire, that is scarcely a justification for doing so.

In the November fogs a ghastly, gory, twelve foot high, seven-headed Hydra was seen. It later transpired that the monster was from Burton Bank and it was only the fog plus imagination which had warped his shape. No such rational explanation is offered for a murky figure seen wandering about the quad on a foggy night, trying to persuade "Timmy" to go back into his "Tube."

It is a pity that a certain gentleman's efforts to ease overcrowding in chapel one Sunday evening was not smiled upon as being the noble gesture that it was. Whilst in Absentia, he received one 'M' for talking in chapel. Finally, a lesson different from the stated one was read and only the canon noticed this. Perhaps our eyes and ears are too firmly fixed on Here and insufficiently on There.

Vital Statistics

If Hellenic democracy has left any lesson for posterity that lesson must surely be that the opinion of the people should be heard strictly for its entertainment value. Some may think this a cynical approach; they now have the chance to decide. In a recent survey the opinion of the school on a number of topical and personal issues has been analysed and statistics can now reveal its true feelings. The organizers of the survey disclaim responsibility for any of the views, revolutionary or otherwise, which may be implied in the results of this survey. They did their best to cull the greatest sincerity out of both the morons and the intelligentsia of the school.

Question: Which do you value the highest:- School Spirit, House Spirit, or Esprit de Corps?

Answer: School Spirit 28%; House Spirit 54%; Esprit de Corps 18%.

This result caused no surprise; it indicates the current and traditional feeling noticeable especially in the smaller houses that the house, the intimate community, commands more allegiance than the school as a whole. Few people knew what Esprit de Corps was, let alone knew how they valued it. A number of gentlemen jumped to the conclusion that it had something to do with the archaic and rusting relic of the Boer war seen exercising itself on the Quad on Monday afternoons. This association had the beneficial effect of throwing into clearer perspective the interesting division of loyalties between the house and the school.

Question: What is the greatest deterrent to misbehaviour on your part:- Corporal Punishment, Copies, or your "Drive?"

Answer: "Drive" 32%; Corporal Punishment 28%; Copies 20%.

The school authorities are invited to study this carefully. Is it the prelude to a radical reform in our system of discipline?

Apparently a large part of the school would sooner spend time laboriously copying out epigrammatic impositions, sooner even smart under the slipper, than see the ruin of an obsequiously perfected "drive." A number of people replied with commendable straightforwardness that nothing ever deterred them from misbehaving if they felt like it. An equally large number of hypocrites claimed that "personal morality" was what kept them to the straight and narrow. We doubt it.

Question: If Corps was voluntary would you attend?

Answer: No 72%; Yes 28%.

As expected, a large part of the school felt that they have better things to do on Monday afternoons than "play soldiers." It was nevertheless surprising to learn that well over a hundred members of the school were interested in the C.C.F. and this is significant. For if Corps was completely voluntary there would be enough members to ensure that it had a future; indeed, this would undoubtedly prove a far more enthusiastic and energetic contingent than the present one. This question provoked a number of interesting reactions. Certain N.C.O.s seemed extremely concerned at the suggestion of voluntary Corps. They feared they might be declared 'redundant' and be 'axed' like their Service counterparts. The prize for the most rational and profound remark during the survey goes to a Murray boy who answered, "No, I am a bird dog."

Question: If Chapel was voluntary would you attend (a) Never (b) Once a week (c) Three or more times a week?"

Answer: Never 23%; Once 30%; Three or more times 47%.

Human nature being what it is, in discussion there seem to be many who are ready to criticise Chapel, but few to stand up for it. A survey of this kind ensures that everyone states his opinion with complete freedom and without self consciousness. In fact nearly half the school would participate regularly in Chapel Services with many more "on the fringe." Considering the variety of individual beliefs and creeds in the school this is an interestingly high proportion. These figures provide a good case for some measure of voluntary attendance at Chapel. Certainly there are enough believers to ensure maintenance of services. Evidence of one strange sect appears from this comment from our Burton Bank correspondent; "There are also certain persons

who treat the Chapel Services as singing festivals." They sound like Welshmen. There was also one in the same house who said he would never go to Chapel, for "religious reasons."

Question: "Do you think the school should be allowed (a) Complete freedom of dress (b) Restricted freedom (c) No freedom?"

Answer: Complete freedom 13%; Restricted freedom 72%; No freedom 15%.

Evidently the gentlemen of the school would prefer to choose what they wear, within limits. School uniforms are a hotly debated issue, and there is much to be said for the minority who feel that they cannot trust their colleagues' sartorial taste to suit the occasion. This opinion was most concisely expressed by a day boy who said, "I don't like Edwardian clothes." Another bright fellow raised the anticipated objection that there was "no such thing as restricted freedom." When asked to co-operate rather than raise irrelevant objections, he scratched his head, and, reluctantly spurning his philosophical scruples, voted in favour of that contradiction in terms.

Question: "Have you ever written anything for the magazine, and if so, was it published?"

Answer: Yes 18% (Published 5.6%); No 82%.

Comment from the Literary Editor: "Speak, statistics, for me."

Question: "Do you get your money's worth?"

Answer: Yes 37%; No 63%.

Taken at its face value this seems to indicate a pronounced dissatisfaction on the part of many members of the school. The heart of the matter, however, probably lies in the interpretation of that difficult word "get." If the question is taken to mean "are you getting the best out of the school" it will reveal that the cause of much dissatisfaction is in the individual rather than with the school authorities.

Question: "What would you give your house master for a Christmas present?"

Result: Complete chaos and uproar. Suggestions ranged from the philanthropic to the explosive, from the hilarious to the impossible. Enquiries of this nature were curtailed forthwith.

The report of a survey such as this cannot suggest changes based on the findings of the survey, because it is not in possession of the full facts. It only shows one half of the picture. All it can do is indicate certain tendencies and trends which are evident in the school. Those who are inclined to regard statistics as the be-all and end-all of inquiry would do well to remember the Hollywood star, renowned for her silhouette from Salzbouurg to San Diego. But as an actress she would make a good brick-layer. Which only goes to prove that statistics are not everything.

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The Editor's Table

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of all our usual contemporaries. A. A. T. DAVIES of Burton Bank House, Wills Grove, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7., will edit the next issue of the Magazine.

W. T. BESWICK, M.A., M.D., Cambridge

Dr Beswick first took up his appointment as a School Medical Officer in 1923. Since then, up to his retirement in the Autumn Term of 1958, generations of Millhillians, especially temporarily incapacitated rugger players, have come into contact with his cheerful personality and will remember him for his consideration as well as for his professional attention.

Dr. Beswick was a most devoted friend of the School as well as being one of its Medical Officers. He was deeply interested in music and attended all the organ recitals which were held in the chapel. He had an abiding interest in all the activities of the School and he and Mrs. Beswick were always present on School occasions.

It was Dr. Beswick's son, Dr. T. Beswick, at present working at the National Institute for Medical Research, who organised and administered the series of poliomyelitis inoculations in the Spring Term of 1958.



Acknowledgement of 100 Guineas

Through the medium of this magazine we should very much like to acknowledge the gift of one hundred guineas towards the cost of musical instruments for the School by the father of a former pupil at Mill Hill. It is all the more appreciated since it comes at a critical stage in the life of the reborn School orchestra.



Death of C. J. Rayner

It is with a very real regret that we record the death of the School gardener, C. J. RAYNER, who died on the 8th September, 1958. Rayner completed twenty-nine years of very faithful service to Mill Hill School. We should like to extend our deepest sympathy to all his family and friends.



“Victor”

Elliot, Victor Arnold, M.A., Master 1911-42 (Part-time 1942-45); House-master of School House 1922-38; Second Master 1938-42; Games Master; Custodian of Library, January 1946-July 1954.

Let me fill the picture in. Tall, spare, dark-haired, and quiet. He never thrust himself into prominence, but you were never in doubt that he was there, all there, and in control of his own province; but he never trespassed on the province of a colleague. With his purposes both as housemaster and teacher clear in his mind, he was patient endeavouring and wise in their pursuit. The affection and respect that is so audible in the voices of all O.M.'s who speak his name, was not won by cheap popularity, for though not eager to exact penalties he had no inclination to put up with fools and knaves, and most certainly did not. As a teacher his greatest achievement, in which, I suspect, he himself took his greatest pride and pleasure, was his work with the Shell. Into the skulls of that collection, renewed year after year, of those who did not wish to work, those who did not know how to work and those who had little to work with, by patience and perseverance, by clear presentation of essentials and by sympathy, he pushed a remarkable amount of learning. But both in

house and class he never set up a trellis-work of his own pattern, and tried to train the plants up it; it was his business to be the sun and the soil, to stimulate the rising of the sap.

As Games Master his real business was Rugger. He had himself been an exceptional player. The oddest of mischances robbed him of an English cap, and in a book in the School Library he is mentioned as the best player who never got his blue. He was also a good coach. No coach can produce team after team of high quality unless he has the raw material, but his poorest teams were workmanlike, and in 1926 he produced the great team that won every match, the team at whose memory grey beards wag and bald plates nod recalling joyfully a season of mastery in which even a specially strengthened London Scottish "A" was beaten.

He was a good tennis player, and though short of practice at cricket he was sometimes an entertaining batsman to watch in the annual staff match against the School. Wielding a bat twice the weight of that of mortal man, he waited for the proper ball. When it came his bat swung in a long deceptively slow curve from which in another counter curve the ball emerged sailing placidly in mid-air up and over the boundary.

Victor was a friendly man, his wife, Mary, was as friend'y as he was, and their house was a friendly house. I was one single person in the constant flow of people who went in to see them, from Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiasts, down to folks who wished to discuss the demerits of "Soandso Anartus". If you ever meet any of them ask what the charm was and you will be told, sheer friendliness from two delightful people, who could make you feel that you too had some merits as a friend.

And the friendliness of Victor worked no less in another sphere, the Masters' Common Room. Masters who have gone from us to other schools or vice versa, have remarked on the pleasant atmosphere of our M.C.R. Much of this was undoubtedly due to the deliberate policy of Victor, a policy whose success was of course due to his own qualities.

Lastly he came to Mill Hill from Carlisle Grammar School. The move was mainly due to the influence of "Buster" Brown; to have brought Victor to the School would be a major feather in anyone's hat.

T.F.J.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Belmont Letter

Dear Sir,

On October 12th our Chapel was used for the first time for the religious ceremony of a wedding. We petitioned to be a recognised place where marriages could be solemnised, but this was turned down by the authorities. They did, however, register the Chapel as a place of worship and went so far as to make it rate free, so the effort of the parents has not been in vain. Alastair MacMath and Elizabeth Vinten were the couple. Dr. Maurice Watts conducted the service; Mr. Lanyon and the Belmont Choir also assisted professionally.

We congratulate Peter Sturgess on his engagement to Miss Rita Hulgaard.

At the end of last term Mr. Robbins left us to devote more time to his own art. His work at Belmont for the past six years has been extremely important; the lives of many boys have been permanently enriched by a love of painting, apart from the present pleasure of the boys' own pictures. Mr. Robbins is an exceptionally gifted and understanding master, who could bring out an enthusiasm and a new self-respect in all the boys who knew him.

The soccer side, whose coaching was begun by Mr. Robbins in Form I and II days, has been well brought on by Mr. Phillips and has had a successful season. Only one match has been lost (since revenged) by the 1st XI. The rugger XV has played hard and with considerable promise, and is unbeaten.

Mr. Goldsbrough has produced three of the Chester Miracle plays with great success, in the Chapel. Original music for organ and choir was composed by Mr. Lanyon; scenery was made by Mr. Sturgess to the design of Mr. Tiley, who decorated it most effectively. Costumes were made mostly by Mrs. Burgess. The acting of both the main and subsidiary parts rose to a very good standard by the last night. Miss King and Miss Downes organised and marshalled the animals, who wore masks, and, though tamed for the occasion, retained plenty of spirit. The voice of God was provided by a distinguished Old Belmontian and was throughout one of the main stays. The cast went to see the plays at Southwark Cathedral and there has been a London Society visit to the House of Commons. We look forward to our usual Carol Service next Sunday.

At the end of the term we say good-bye to Knott i and Westbury-Jones, who are joining you in January, and to Garnett who is going to Felsted.

Yours, etc.,

BELMONTIAN.

Oxford Letter

Dear Sir,

If the object of this letter is to chronicle the daily activities of the Old Millhillian, it is difficult to achieve; if it is to record the impact made on Oxford life by the Old Millhillian it is almost impossible. We do not descend en masse on Ifley Road each Saturday afternoon, nor frequent the same pubs or coffee bars, nor flock to the already overcrowded libraries, nor even exchange hurried greetings in the High on the way to lectures. We are an amorphous body with few common activities, and we differ in our political views perhaps more than in anything else. It was thus with inexperience that your correspondent set out in quest of news of interest to the readers of this letter. However, he was considerably heartened by the publicity-consciousness of his fellow O.M.s, some of whom, on hearing that he was to write this letter, instantly invited him to tea and dictated sentences which they hoped to see reproduced here.

Some of the news is quite unbelievable; that, with one exception, all O.M.'s are working too hard to spare the time to write this letter; that Tony Bramley-Harker has been seen in the Bodleian; that John Briscoe possesses a blue tie and Graham Woodhouse a red one. Roger Murray remains unopposed to the Labour Party Group, though his interpretation of socialism differs from that of John Briscoe, who prefers to be called a moderate. John is to be con-

gratulated on achieving a particularly distinguished first in Mods. He attributes his success to Sunday afternoon rambles in the countryside, and Tony Bramley-Harker, impressed by the infallibility of this method of getting a first, is following suit. Roger Moorey also leaves Oxford from time to time with his bucket and spade; he is an enthusiastic archaeologist. John Halliwell's absence is semi-permanent; he has digs near the Churchill Hospital and seldom needs to come in, though he is said to have been seen late one night, up a lamp post playing a trombone. His enthusiasm for jazz is shared, though to a quieter degree, by Michael Fletcher. Charles Love and Rick Pollock have arrived after their successes at Cambridge, and Peter Rosenfeld has arrived back from Russia with a fund of amusing stories.

I make no apologies for breaking what appears to have become a tradition in the Oxford letter of mentioning as few names as possible. The fact that we are little more than a collection of individuals has already been emphasised. I apologise only for the paucity of my knowledge of the activities of these individuals.

Yours, etc.,

OXON.

Cambridge Letter

Dear Sir,

Recent Oxford letters have been rather like successive verses of "The Ten Little Nigger Boys", last terms seeming to have reached the, 'and then there was one' stage. By contrast, numbers of unsuspected O.M.'s have been unearthed at Cambridge as a result of Stephen Sedley's Clarion-inspired, multi-signatured protest to the Hendon Town Council. Bill Skinner, for instance was mortified to find the signatures of two of his former fags on the document. Apparently, only a handful of notorious reactionaries and fence-sitters did not sign, though Alan Kendall must not be included in this category as he was engaged in the time honoured Cambridge pursuit of "Liardice" when approached.

Mind you it is still true that you have to be either very determined or very fortunate to unearth some of our number. When we tried to contact our Senior Treasurer we found that he was wintering in the States, whilst Alan Bain's landlady had one harassing weekend explaining that he was "Au Havre." Nevertheless, the fear of being nominated as your correspondent 'in absentia' prompted a few of us to turn up for the termly-meeting of Cambridge O.M.'s.

Some, of course, could not attend; David Hancock was still on his way back from the Stevenage area, where he spent Poppy Day in pirate rig complete with bicycle clip ear-rings. Edward Fiddy's car broke down on the way from Queen's to Cats, whilst Alan Jackson had to be in bed early as he is in Jesus and therefore already in training for the Mays. Dave Webster arrived exhausted after a needle match for the Queens' "Winks"; rugger despite games for the LX club, has obviously been supplanted in his affections.

After consulting the press, we decided that our squash fixture with the school had better be postponed until some of the school team left and we could persuade our squash pundits Robert Bee, Keith McDonald and Robert Dawson to turn out together. Accordingly we were a little dismayed to find, on arriving at the GC, that our Singlehanded team was to play Squash. Nevertheless, next term our Squash players are hoping to show you that Singlehanded isn't the game it was despite something about 'New Rules'.

Yours etc.,

CANTAB.

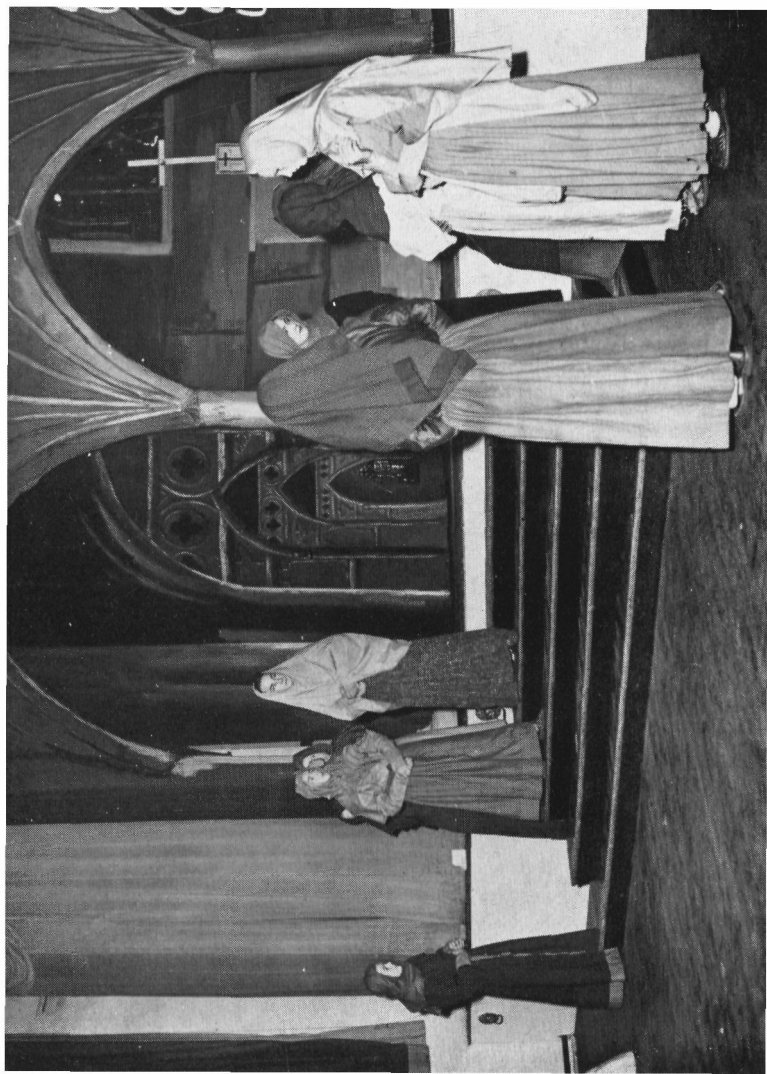
Pianos

A few terms ago I wrote a letter to all parents telling them of our hope of increasing the orchestral side of School music and asking for the gift of musical instruments. I have been most grateful for the instruments which have been sent to us and for a generous donation of money for the purchase of others. I should like now to make known to parents and Old Boys another need we have in the music department.

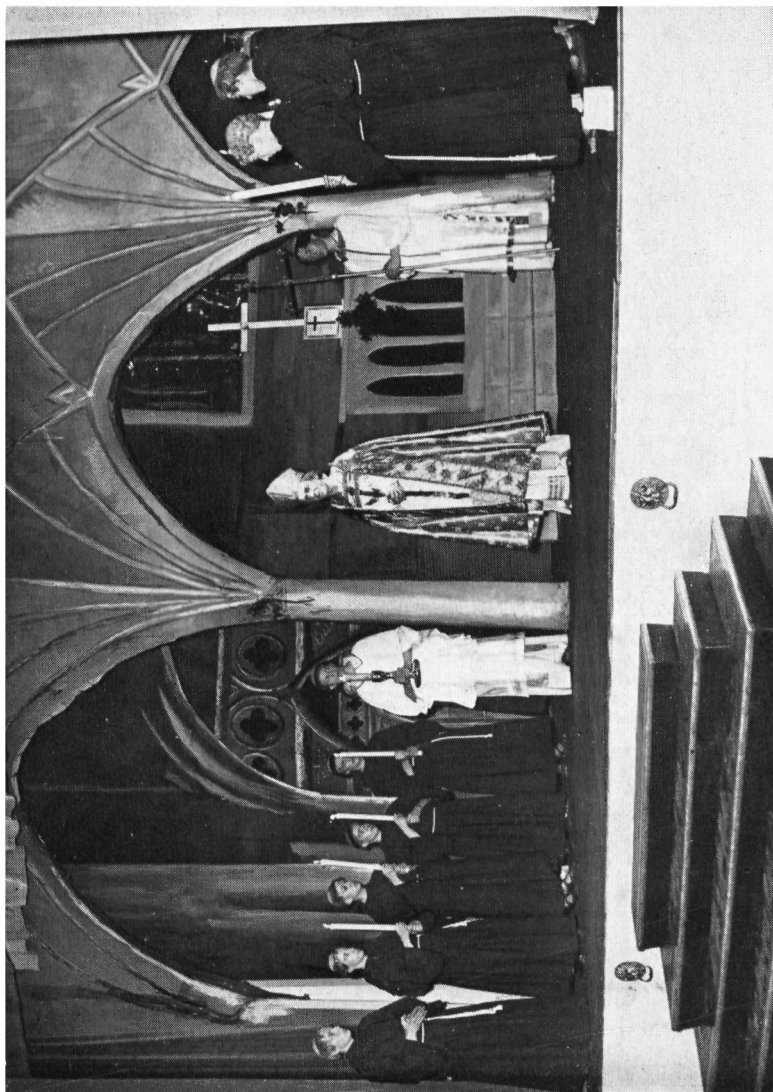
The practice pianos here are in constant use and are subjected inevitably to a good deal of hard wear. They need constant maintenance and from time to time pianos have to be replaced. I venture to suggest, therefore, that if any families have serviceable pianos, for which they have no longer any use, we should be very glad to have them. Such gifts would be most generous and would be of real value to the School.

R.M.





THE WOMEN OF CANTERBURY OUTSIDE THE CATHEDRAL



THE ARCHBISHOP PREACHES ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL

By T. S. ELIOT

Characters in order of speaking

A chorus of Women of Canterbury

B. A. Wates, J. C. Holt, S. A. B. Parish, K. S. Smith, S. R. Wilkinson, B. J. Jenkins, A. H. T. Harris, H. R. M. Macdonall, J. W. Patterson, P. S. Farren, A. J. Dorken, P. H. Graves.

FIRST PRIEST	...	...	...	...	...	R. Hillenbrand
SECOND PRIEST	...	...	...	...	...	N. J. Farnham
THIRD PRIEST	...	...	...	...	...	H. M. Saunders
A MESSENGER	...	...	...	...	...	M. J. Lunan
THOMAS A BECKET	...	...	...	...	...	L. J. Richards
FIRST TEMPTER	...	...	...	...	...	C. J. Bart
SECOND TEMPTER	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. Abbott
THIRD TEMPTER	...	...	...	...	...	S. P. Broido
FOURTH TEMPTER	...	...	...	...	...	R. S. Burns
FIRST KNIGHT	...	...	...	...	...	R. J. Abrahams
SECOND KNIGHT	...	...	...	...	...	M. B. Rayner
THIRD KNIGHT	...	...	...	...	...	J. A. Lubbock
FOURTH KNIGHT	...	...	...	...	...	D. G. Moore

Members of the Choir

N. Baker, W. T. George, D. I. Hammond, J. G. Hanchet, G. R. M. Henderson, M. J. G. James, J. W. Phillips, M. J. Snell, R. A. M. Wade.

The action of the play centres in and around the Cathedral of Canterbury between December 2nd and December 29th 1170.

Stage Manager	...	...	...	...	P. N. Duxbury
Assisted by	...	...	...	...	T. J. M. Day; B. L. Evans
					J. A. Jacobs; D. Passingham
					M. J. Thain; N. B. Thompson
					H. D. Walker; W. H. Tucker
Make up	...	...	...	...	M. W. F. Brown Esq.
					The Head Master; D. Moore Esq.
Scenery	...	...	...	...	H. M. Howard; A. P. C. C. Su
Costumes	...	...	...	...	Miss M. Adnams assisted by
					other Ladies of the School
Sound Effects	...	...	...	...	D. R. Young; J. G. Hanchet
Prompter	...	...	...	...	R. J. Thorn
Box Office	...	...	...	...	O. J. Wait Esq.
Cover Design	...	...	...	...	B. S. Dawes
Tickets	...	...	...	...	The Printing Society
Choir under the Direction of	...	...	...	...	S. J. Barlow Esq.
Producer	...	...	...	...	A. Robertson Esq.

Eliot wrote this play for the Canterbury Festival in June 1935 and it was produced in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, a few yards from the scene of the events which the play recounts. I remember well this first production, the great impression it made on all who saw it and the excited discussion which followed. Eliot had moved far from his great poem of despair *The Waste Land* (1922), but there were many echoes in the play of the symbols used in this earlier poem and Eliot's technical accomplishment as a verse writer was even more sure. There has been much argument since 1935 about the play: whether it is drama at all; whether the play is better heard than seen; whether it merely marks a stage in what one critic has called Eliot's escape "to Anglo-Catholicism and a barren traditionalism".

The play certainly has one of the great elements of drama, conflict, though the conflict is within the soul of a man and is not the clash of different personalities. It revives the mode of the old mystery plays, in which fundamental characteristics of men are represented by individual actors; so Becket's temptations come to him in human form, simplified, conventionalised. There is little or no action, and theatrical interest is sustained by expressing, through the choruses, the mounting tension on the stage. The chorus, too, links the

audience emotionally, almost physically, with the stage, and through their words, at times harsh and strident, at times rising to great lyric beauty, our feelings are gathered up and released.

The School production strove to realise just this unity of audience and actors and in the last two performances the aim was remarkably achieved. We were in the Cathedral. There was no strangeness in processions of monks chanting the office, no theatricality about the sermon on Christmas morning; we were drawn, like the dark shapes of the women of Canterbury, towards the altar and the eternal sacrifice. Of many in the audience it became true that

“They know and do not know, what it is to act or suffer”.

“They know and do not know, that action is suffering and suffering action”.

L. J. Richards carried the part of the Archbishop with dignity and feeling. He has a good voice, both for speaking and singing, and he used his voice well; there were only one or two moments when he seemed to be straining for effect or when an unnecessary unctuousness crept into his tones. His work throughout the play was a real achievement, one of the best pieces of schoolboy acting I have seen. Of the remaining actors I shall not write individually for their achievement, and a notable one, was their remarkable unity; there was no serious weakness anywhere. The chorus work was good, excellent in timing and intonation, simple and quite in movement. All members of the cast seemed anxious to make their contribution unobtrusively to the whole and the result was, in my opinion, the best production of the last seven years.

Many people, as usual did most valuable work for the play. The setting, a most effective one, was the work of Howard and Su, and Mr. Baker's work on the staging as a whole was as important as it has been for many years. Miss Adnams once again designed and executed costumes, both simple and elaborate, with skill and art. The music, under the direction of Mr. Barlow added notably to the atmosphere of the play and was in itself of high quality. The production as a whole, of course, was the work of Mr. Robertson. Once more we saw an imaginative use of the stage and the auditorium and a meticulous attention to detail. All the actors reflected the producer's own high standards of speech and his feeling for poetry. If I have written in unusual terms of praise about the production, it is because I, in common with a great many others, was much moved by Mr. Robertson's presentation, by its unusual beauty and the reality of the emotion that it conveyed.

R.M.



LITERARY

How to write a Horror Story

There are many ways in which to begin a horror story. For the tyro there is nothing better than the age-honoured, penny-dreadful, onomatopoeic artery-hardening gambit, 'AAAARRRRGGGGHHH!!' The number of letters and exclamation marks depends entirely upon the characters introduced. If the author wishes to depict a wrinkled sexton, crabbed with years and bent by time, howling over the demise of his pet earth worms, he should use only asterisks as his story will be limited to magazines whose circulations are confined to retired market-gardeners and a woman who once knew Kenneth Grahame's Aunt. But if he is next to introduce a gnarled crone of indeterminate years, a fully authorised vendor of black-cats, broomsticks, toads, spells and demons, bent over a maiden, lured, by the promise of goodies, to a lair in the woods, the full treatment is essential. To declare later on in the story that this black-hatted, evil-exuding besotted harridan has always been misunderstood because she was once crossed in love, defeats the whole point of the story. Neurotic she may be, homicidal psychopath undoubtedly, but to the hardened scanners of horror, the thwarted dipsomaniac step-mothers and the unwanted bad-babies, whose vocabulary is terse and usually to the point, the woman is a witch and must remain such.

The beginner in horror is well-advised to think clearly about his title. "Tales from the Crypt" is admissible, "Mayhem and Monsters with Mothers Macabre" just up to the mark, but "The Cautionary story of the Unfortunate End of Uzziah Jourdan" is certain failure. The cosmography of an under-the-counter-selling, cigar-mashing, blue-jowled night-club keeper is unlikely to contain a work which is more destined for Tiny Tim than gorillas of gore and devotees of darkness. For the learner there are also invaluable cliches which every chilled-spine knows. The invitation of two innocents to a secluded mansion which harbours a homicidal butler, a family monster and a trained vampire, is always the aftermath of a seemingly innocuous phrase, sibilantly spoken by a smooth-haired Baron. "Won't you come down to my castle for the week-end? Heh! Heh!" is invariably seized upon by the adept. It is important that the Baron should chuckle evilly after speaking to the amazement of the innocents and the enlightenment of the reader. The approach of the blood-crazed, human-crazed monster should root the incarcerated innocents to the floor. They should never seize the nearest fire-extinguisher and open up; nor walk up to it and offer it a biscuit, asking if it was hurt. Rather than this, the following dialogue should be spoken. "It's coming nearer!! (Sob!)," or alternatively "It's escaped!! (Gulp!)" For the ending there is one axiom — there should be no one living unless it is the monster, seen last shambling off into the woods. This leaves food for further episodes and the monster.

It is difficult for the experienced writer to find any theme worthy of his twisted ingenuity now that so many amateur hacks have entered the field. However, nursery stories and fairy tales afford good material and very little attention is needed. Fairies can still gamble in the dell, but this time playing a cut-throat brand of poker, or whiling away odd moments by Russian roulette. The innocent dialogue can now take on a sinister meaning.

"You do like fairies, don't you?"

"Yes (thinks; especially for dinner)"

Imagine the delight given, when the blood-swelling, hell-raising, cain-making torture-devising hellions of fairy-tale fame, are no longer captured by the kindly woodman but instead eat him alive, when Hansel and Gretel are successfully roasted and the Three Bears finally catch up with Goldilocks!

A final word about the ending, which should be simple, concise and thought-provoking. Few words can have a more satisfying finality than 'AIIIIIEEEE!' or GLURRRRRKKKK!' or 'URRRRRGGGGHHH!' With these screams at his finger-tips the writer of horror is well set.

FRANK N. STEIN.

Action Painting

I live in a study. At first I lived with four other civilized human beings, but now I live with three other civilized human beings and an action painter. The first indication we had of the presence of an action painter in our midst was when the miserable individual poured half a bottle of ink into his hand, splashed, flicked and deposited it on to a sheet of paper, rubbed it, stamped on it, rolled on it, kicked it, bit it, mutilated it, and finished by setting fire to it. The result he pronounced a masterpiece. We other saner beings sat in awed silence whilst this ritual was being carried out, and on its being completed unanimously asked what it was, to which the "artist" could offer no adequate explanation. Suggestions immediately started rolling in, and after half an hour of stimulating argument, it was eventually decided that "it" was a painting of some description. We sat and gloated over this by-no-means-easy reasoning, not realizing that the worst task, (that of naming the thing) was yet to come. Once again there was no scarcity in suggestions. Some gave vent to their inmost feelings by suggesting the name of such-and-such a master, whilst the more intellectual, thinking more on philosophical lines, were convinced it was everything from "Happiness" to "Sorrow." The eventual title was: "Hand grenade thrown by British Serviceman exploding in midst of Eoka terrorists killing one and wounding two others."

But that was only a beginning. Such proceedings as those described above are now commonplace sights. It is now by no means out of place to be met by a flying ink-blob on entering the study, and nobody would dream of raising any comment on seeing our genius hanging by one hand from the lamp, and depositing some green pigment onto the "canvas" by means of a mapping pen attached between his big toe and his big toe but one. "Action painting," he explains, "is merely a means of release, and of expressing oneself without conforming to the traditions of colour and rectilinear propagation." We were forced to agree with this.

There are, of course, many variations and openings for all prospective action-painters, and if you are hesitating as to whether or not to take up this absorbing and destructive hobby, may I urge you most sincerely to hesitate no longer.

PICASSO.

Incident

At fourteen I started work. At fifteen I saw prosperity lay in a different direction.

Soon my financial problems were solved and crime took on a new meaning. No longer was it the sordid affair of the professional. For the pure 'amateur' it assumes the respectability of a game of chess. The devastating finesse, at once so essential yet delightful, enraptures the connoisseur. Not that crime was my only pastime. Born with a sense of duty, I soon developed a veritable Robin Hood complex. And I look back with pride on my many kindnesses to fellow beings in need.

Once on a business trip to the neighbouring principality of Crotsagovia, I shared a compartment with a local peasant, who bore a striking resemblance to me both in build and features. He was however, evidently nervous and soon confided his worries to me. His tale was indeed heart-rending.

In trouble with the police in his native town, he had been forced to flee to Smarau, on the border. From there a friend would smuggle him into Crotsagovia, where he would rejoin his wife and six children, to set up a new home. The train was however running late, and if, as sometimes happened, the driver decided not to stop at Smarau, he would be held as an alien in Crotsagovia, since he had no papers. What, he asked would become of his family, while he was spending a month in a detention camp.

He waited anxiously. The train did not stop. Compassion moved me to answer the desperate pitiful plea in his eyes. Nobly I handed him my tailored suit, my leather bag and my passport and donned his shabby overalls. The change was soon complete. I was Josef Schlutzka, no more. I will never forget his look of heartfelt gratitude, as the border police led me off to Giovnik jail. I smiled back.

On my release a month later, I strolled down into the town and discovered that the public execution of a notorious traitor was scheduled for that very morning. The firing party was already lined up, when I reached the market square, but I was in time to behold a pitiful scene, as the traitor's wife pleaded tearfully for a reprieve, and her six children wept clinging to her skirts. The magistrate was a hard man, "There is but one reward for treachery," he said, secretly pleased that he had caught his man with such ease. The firing squad took aim. The children screamed. They fired a volley. The woman fainted. Josef Sclutzka, the betrayer of his country, fell lifeless in a pool of blood.—Not being sentimental, I left at this juncture, for there was work to be done.

J. S.

The City

"We were,

Two lads that thought there was no move behind

But such a day tomorrow as today,

And to be boy-eternal." (Polixenes, *The Winter's Tale*, Act I Scene 1)

The watery stars arose perpetually
In the eternal basin of the sky
And slowly settled with almost
Imperceptible drift to their fixed places,
Whilst loud alarms blazed abroad
News of that bleak hour's arrival
When bleary eyes survey the morning world
And bodies needs must be astir
From out their curled cocoons
The sultry kettles hiss and steam
And blue smoke drifts from smoke
And the morning papers come at eight
And the damp mist dissipates,
Revealing a debilitated world which seems
Hardened to admitting its existence
Whenever harsh daylight piercing
Through the night, comes to expose it;
Thus it is resigned to what it cannot help

No bell is toll'd for those
Who go by tube to Charing Cross
To reign in full ascetic glory
Over ante rooms, offices and the like,
Is there one amongst that multitude
Who does not seek a sign
Of six o'clock's approach, to end
Another day for the parings
In which the evening papers may be read?
What hope can there be here
Where passing days are worse
Than horrible imaginings which shake
The mind and soul, fit cause for lamentation?
And time is wished a thousand times away
By weary lives that mark the passing years
With season tickets; what else is there to do
For those who only sit and wait to die.

M. J. B.

X = ?

They stood at the top of the escalator, silently facing the unending stream of passengers from the trains. One, tall and black-haired, scowled at the crowd while his eyes searched for faces which he remembered and knew. But although his memory often sparked, it lied in its flashes, for when the shapes grew more distinct he saw they belonged to strangers who passed him by like figures in a dream. The other leaned back against the wall, eyes half-closed and nervously twisting his watch-strap. They had been waiting for fifteen minutes, sometimes talking in savage bursts, but more often bound up in their own anxious thoughts and memories. The tall one looked at his watch and shrugged.

"They should be here, any moment now, Ben," he said.

The other turned to him, staring intently as if it was a stranger who had spoken, then slowly answered.

"I've been thinking Nick, I'm not going to meet them. I don't want to."

Nick exploded in a paroxysm of anger.

"Why not? you went to all the trouble of writing to them, asking them to meet us again after these past three years. You arranged the place and the time and even dragged me here fifteen minutes early. And now you say you don't want to meet them. Listen to this won't you?" he appealed to the swelling rush of passengers from the trains beneath.

"I don't want to drag the past up again."

"Why not, you liked it at the time? Remember that holiday by the sea, with its dances, the midnight bathes? You liked each minute of it, and you lie if you say you did not."

"Listen Nick, please listen."

"No I won't! Of all the crazy ideas."

"It was not like that. Remember three years ago? I remember it so well, so clearly. Everything I did is sharply etched on my brain but not how you described it. I was fifteen then, an animal who lived completely every action, every thought; each experience was a part of it with meaning. The clothes I wore, the way I suddenly used to jump for joy, or bound along the cliffs making strange singing noises in my throat, or my shyness and wonder at all that was happening. One evening we walked barefoot along the cool sand, watching the moon's light reaching out to us along the wave-tops until it burst to our feet in myriads of crystal sea-foam. It was something almost out of this world which we shared in the loneliness of youth. I used to lie awake at night staring through the window at the clear sky and listen to my heart pounding in my chest in an ecstasy of fantasy and wild dreams. It sounds stupid but that's how I felt. You do see that, please, Nick?"

"All right so you weren't normal, so it meant something more than the usual holiday. But why say that you won't see them again?"

"Because I'm scared Nick, frightened of what might happen. I wanted to see her again in the first place to find out what I have lost in these three past years. Something inside me has gone, destroyed or just decayed. But what is it? I felt then so bubbling full of life. Everything I did had meaning. My agony of growth, my gaucheness, my bitter hatred of adult tours were all passionately lived and I saw them as the fulfilment of my life. I was caught up and bound in events and my own existence that everything I did had purpose. Now it seems as if everything I touch turns ludicrous and mean. Is it because I no longer accept everything and disparage the motives of others that my own actions appear unclean to me? Then I accepted nothing, conventions or beliefs and saw through people so clearly, but I did not hate myself. I was not good nor wholly bad but lived out my decisions and actions and thoughts. Then I felt the unshakable conviction that a world of beauty and joy and hope lay outside and it only needed people to reach out and grasp it if they had the courage. Now it is different, so different that it hurts. I look back on my actions and see them as I would the life of a stranger. I look at my hands, my legs, my body and wonder if it ever belonged to that person who lived three years ago under my name." He turned and gripped

Nicks' arms, then abruptly dropped them, and stared into the crowd with far-seeing eyes, like a traveller looking from a cliff out to sea.

"I had hoped they could have shown me the thing I have lost," he continued, "Now I feel they cannot do this and will only make me forget. If I want to discover this thing I will have to search for it myself. I can't seem to pin it down. I know it is there, I feel it like a bird struggling inside me but I cannot take it or find it. I am not going to meet them, Nick. I could not face them or myself afterwards."

"Don't be silly, you just can't go. It's not the thing to do."

"Please make my excuses Nick. Tell them I am sick!"

And Ben turned away into the crowd.

SISYPHUS.

Decline

From nothingness to nothingness
Return,
From tender lands of dreams
That are not yours to hold
— But only to touch with
Fingertips of fantasy —
And then withdraw
To climates cold
Of empty souls.
What? Have you not seen
The void?
Have you not heard that a lion's roar
In a vacuum
Is nothing?
Have you not smelt
Stale perfumes in an empty room,
After the party,
When all the guests have gone,
And thought "My God, they've gone!
She's gone!"?
— Or perhaps they were never there.
She was never there,
Never there at all.
— Only the remembrance
Of nothingness
The feel of
Emptiness....

"IXION"

The Latest Fad

Bug racing, once a favourite pastime of P.O.W.'s, has, it seems come into its heyday once again. The exact reason for the revival of this enthralling pastime is not yet known, but the fact that it has come to the fore once more is yet another sign of the times. It was the Organiser who explained all about it to me, as we sat in a dark corner of the Tuck Shop, huddled over the racing programme for the following half-holiday.

"The type of bug is of little importance," he whispered confidentially. "The fact that a wood louse has twice as many legs as a beetle is not important: there is handicap, except of course in races between bugs of the same species."

"Why is this?" I asked, already engrossed in the intriguing intricacies of this sport.

"Some wood lice have more legs than others," he explained, "and as this is liable to cause dissensions, we handicap them a second a leg to satisfy the backers...."

"Backers!" I echoed, "You have backers?"

"Yep-you bet. Quite a lot of financial interest in this game. These bugs have money in them. And we have to pay their trainers too..."

"Trainers!" I started.

"Oh yes, we have trainers."

"But how can you possibly train a woodlouse," I protested, "its ridiculous — I can't believe it."

He leaned over the table and whispered confidentially in my waiting ear, "You feed it on plum jam and nothing else," he said "and on the big day you starve it. Boy, you should see the thing go; talk about whizz round the track. The poor creature just goes crazy for plum jam, and doesn't stop for breath until he finds it. I've known one stag beetle get round the 440 cms. in fifty seconds — all because he wanted plum jam."

"Do you think I could watch some of them in training?" I asked, still a little doubtful.

"Why sure. Tell you what, come down to Tich's stable after periods and I'll get him to let you have a look at his boys; My, you oughta see them fly!"

As he promised we entered Tich's bug stable, where a small, ruddy-complexioned little fellow with rolled up shirt-sleeves and freckled brow came forward to meet us. He took us over to the track — a 440 cms circle built from old Cornflake Packets and art paper. On one side stood the time-keeper, while on the other knelt the starter, already carefully transferring the insects from their tins into the patent starting-pens. Tich took one and placed it beside a drop of whisky. The creature—whatever it was—gulped it down in a matter of seconds, and was then deposited in a starting-pen.

"Give it a minute to go down," said Tich, "and then let 'em rip."

Although the whisky hadn't far to go down, we waited for a minute and when the starter opened the pens off pelted the insects. Number three, the tippler, hared off at a top rate, and soon led the field by several centimetres.

"If he keeps this up, he'll soon be going the equivalent of three miles a day," muttered the timekeeper, anxiously eyeing the drink-sodden insect.

"That's if he doesn't wear his legs out," whispered the Organiser, by way of explanation.

It certainly looked as if this was so, and to cut a short story even shorter, the drinker staggered past the finishing point, winner by a pretty fair margin, much to the delight of the small trainer who celebrated by downing the remainder of the whisky.

"That" he beamed, "should fix us up for the two-thirty next Saturday afternoon. I don't think old Charlie-boy will find an answer to this bug. No Sir, I reckon we've got a winner here.

He lifted the valuable creature from the track, and, with slightly unsteady fingers, replaced it in its tin, where it immediately fell asleep.

This was the end of the afternoon's training programme, and I took my leave of Tich, the time-keeper and the Organiser, who stayed behind to discuss the latest bug-doping case, and turned my footsteps homewards, reflecting on the way about the immense opportunities afforded to some ambitious racing sponsor who may care to erect a bug-racing stadium in central London. I am informed, in fact, that there is a project under way, and all those wishing to subscribe to the cost of erecting this stadium should write for further details. As an extra incentive it is announced that all those who subscribe more than five shillings will become Founder Members of the Bug Racing Club of Great Britain and will be sent by return of post a Club tie, or (in the case of members of the gentle sex) a Club brooch designed in the shape of an Egyptian scarab.

HORSE.



HOUSE NOTES

Burton Bank

Head of House: A. A. T. DAVIES.

School Prefects: C. D. Parker, A. E. Stuart, P. V. Hamilton-Hunter.

House Prefects: A. J. Ferryman, P. R. M. O'Shea, W. T. George.

"Keep 'em happy" has been the keynote of policy this term and except for the usual malaise of "half-term blues" this has been successful. However the incense exuding from behind study 4's closed door has made the House wonder if achievements have hinged upon the invocation of occult forces.

In company with our compatriots we too had "youths" loitering outside the House. Not only did our valiant House Tutor encourage them to leave but the whole of Dormitory — dressed in dressing-gowns, stood behind him and laughed. So, for that matter, did the intoxicated unfortunates; the only person who kept a stern face was the House Tutor. Perhaps, in some unaccountable way, all this is linked with the nightly deluge outside the Quiet-Room. Many times have House-Staff been called by irate study occupants to trace this mysterious flow of water from above. So far no reasons have been satisfactory, and a tentative suggestion that it was the over-flow of a private bath was hotly denied.

The House Staff this term have been busy chasing mice. The writer once waited in vain with a bow and arrow beside a hole, and another prefect pursued an unconcerned rodent to Dormitory 6. There he found that an occupant kept cheese in his blazer to satisfy nocturnal hunger. With this accounted for all remained quiescent until a frog, set free in assembly decided that he would go "a wooing." Our shattered composure has not yet been regained.

Subversive notices have recently appeared, which commenting on the "petty reactionary policy of the bourgeois administration," seemed doomed for destruction. The writer had, however, foreseen such an exigency and had fastened a subsidiary notice which stated that if his complaint was forcibly removed his point would have been amply demonstrated. The notice remained.

Finally as a sop to those for whom these esoteric meanderings are sheer gibberish, there are a few outstanding events in the usual carousel of routine. The Choir sang well, the Glee Club was encored but "policy" overrode this folly, and the Senior Rugger Trophy was won. Our new matron, Miss N. G. Jones, has dealt very well with the usual crop of colds which bad weather, and the lack of some protective garment brings. Perhaps "duffle-coats" or some form of headgear could do away with such unnecessary complaints?

A.A. T.D.

Weymouth

Head of House: R. J. TAYLOR.

House Prefects: R. F. Ball, P. A. Danciger, C. J. Carter, T. E. Elkins, J. M. G. Hunt, S. W. Whyte.

With the appearance of lurid pictures on the house board, of complex diet sheets and of abstract works of contemporary art, one would have hardly have expected—until further enquiry had perhaps thrown light on the matter—that this advertising was part of a scheme initiated by the house manager of boxing to draw attention to the wonderful facilities of the gymnasium. However, the result was pleasing and in consequence those who tried their skill in the noble art of self-defence secured for the house second position in the contest. This was not a performance as good as last year, but was nevertheless an achievement.

The cross-country runners took the opportunity given to show their prowess in an inter-house "point-to-point" earlier this term, and the eventual winning of the event speaks well of our chances in the forthcoming cross-country competition, the trophy for which has only recently come back into circulation, and which we at present hold.

The choir have employed their usual zest in preparation for the Concert of Christmas Music which forms part of the customary festivities, and it is our earnest hope that the standard shall be high, though the competition from the Choral Society—who by accident or design happen to be singing the same piece at the Royal Festival Hall—may prove rather exacting.

Regardless of the concentration of sport which always prevails at the end of the Autumn term, we have managed to find time to try our luck in that once dangerous game of Singlehanded, the draw for which has conveniently given us a bye into the semi-final, and even though one of our dashing forwards has been claimed by a university, we have already had some keen and spirited performances to substantiate our hopes and in the words of the poet:

“Our legions are brim-full, our cause is ripe.”

R.J.T.

Scrutton

Head of House: M. A. L. HOLMES.

Monitors: G. L. Brownlee, E. W. Davis.

School Prefect: F. M. N. Wills.

House Prefects: M. F. Hopkins, P. L. Potts, R. M. Williams.

“The Moving Finger writes: and, having writ, Moves on:” *Omar Khayyam.*

In a closed community like a boarding school one always finds that the spotlight rests only on a few people—those at the top of the school and those whose sporting activity brings them to the fore. The majority of the school are therefore forgotten and spend their time, so it appears, staggering under the yoke of petty rules. It was with this in mind that a new policy was brought into the house; certain rules have been relaxed and others have been completely done away with. Not that this makes a great deal of difference to the actual running of the house, but it is a token to the seniors—to whom these new rules apply—that they are entitled to certain privileges and considerations. Whether this will have any lasting effect, I do not know, and only my successor can make this possible.

It may well be that this new policy has been responsible for the comparatively quiet term. As far as I know we have had only one burglary and then we presume that the intruder was disturbed at his work, for the window was found open and the light on. A member of the staff did however have a nasty shock when he came upstairs one night and saw what appeared to be a wooden door moving swiftly and silently down the corridor. He put it down to imagination and went to bed. Next morning he discovered that the door from one of his cupboards was missing; theories for this strange occurrence range from poltergeist to the Head of Weymouth practising for the Cadre Plus' night exercise.

Whatever the social editor says, sport is an integral part of house life and must be mentioned. In the Senior Rugger a talented side unaccountably lost to the kicking ability of Collison in the first round, but the Junior League team has played very well and is at the moment equal top of the League. Hard training and courage told in the Boxing Competition, which we won for the first time in many years; and we narrowly lost the semi-final of the Singlehanded. In many other sporting activities of the house, our teams played with spirit and keenness which often made up for lack of skill. It only remains for me now to wish Mr. Stringer, who joined us this term, a very happy stay; and to wish the House the best of luck for the future.

M.A.L.H.

Murray

Head of House: B. G. MURPHY.

House Prefects: R. M. Cohen, T. T. Hignett, H. H. Harris, R. Hillenbrand.

First and foremost, congratulations to E. H. A. J. Jackson on his success in winning a State Scholarship in Mathematics. Belated congratulations are also due to our Junior Athletes, who, at the end of last term regained the Junior Athletic Trophy for the second successive year.

Under the enthusiastic guidance of the House Tutor our Junior rugger has

been particularly encouraging this term. Indeed, the side has set up a record unique in Murray, having completed the season invicti. Unfortunately we had rather less success in Senior rugger, although the house did provide two representatives for the 1st fifteen.

A large number of boys courageously entered the Boxing Competition this term; with considerable success. We must congratulate the 4 members of the house who reached the respective Final Rounds of the Competition, and in particular R. S. O. Bennett and M. R. Mann who both won their weights. For the first time in the history of the house a team was entered for the Junior Gym Competition and in view of this their performance was more than satisfactory.

Since Murray was established, the numbers in the house have increased from a mere handful of boys to what now constitutes one of the largest houses. During the Christmas vacation redecoration is to be carried out in earnest and we look forward to the results of it next term.

B.G.M.

Winterstoke

Head of House: R. A. HUDGELI

School Prefect: A. R. Dyer.

House Prefects: A. D. S. MacDonald, A. J. Horne, T. D. Phillips, P. W. Hancock.

This term we welcomed Mr. Prosser-Harries as our House Tutor. We are happy to see that he has settled down to the Winterstoke way of life very quickly and that his habits are already much less orthodox than those of his fellow tutors. We would also like to congratulate him on his engagement, though we fear that this will curtail his stay in the House.

Once again the injury 'hoodoo' struck Winterstoke. In the semi-final of the Senior Rugger our full team was depleted by two, and in addition we had the misfortune to lose a man during the game. Despite a very courageous display, the team could not overcome these handicaps. Success came, however, in an entirely different sphere. Over the past few years our customary position in the Shooting Competition has been sixth; thus the House was severely shocked when the Winter Shield appeared on the quiet-room wall. In the Junior Gym Competition we came second. All credit must go to A. C. Denham who won the individual trophy, and trained the team most conscientiously.

To keep in line with these modern times of press button warfare, one ingenious member of the staff has contrived a device whereby the most lively dormitory can be controlled without interruption to academic pursuits. When the patter of scuffling feet from above heralds a fresh attack, a red light, switched on from the study below, illuminates the dormitory signifying the disapproval of authority.

One of our studies has already been repainted an attractive sky blue, and we are now hopefully awaiting the rejuvenation of the others in similar bright colours.

R.A.H.

Collinson

Head of House: R. H. GOUDE.

School Prefects: M. R. Wollerton, P. Eckersley,

House Prefects: R. L. Evans, T. G. Davies, J. R. Brown, T. C. Oxenham, W. A. Goyder.

However much we may pride ourselves on being spiritually stable, the fact remains that, physically Collinson is an "unbalanced" house. The numbers in the different years groups range from 5 to 14 boys. At the moment the bulge is mainly concentrated in the Senior part of the House, and this term we have refurnished the Old Senior Common Room, transferring it into a new study Number 8.

We have always excelled at Minor Sports in Collinson, but this term we have put up very good performances in rugger, winning the Senior League Competition. While we regained the Senior Fives trophy, the Junior Gym Shield has regrettably disappeared from our Quiet Room after 5 years. Is this a record?

November 5th is a day of traditional excitement, from which however the School stands aloof unless provoked as we were in Collinson. Prayers had scarcely ended when there was a scuffling of feet outside the boy's door and several bangers landed in the vestibule. The culprits unfortunately, evaded all efforts made to bring them to justice. On a more serious note, three windows have been shattered by stones from further unknown assailants. Perhaps my successor will deal with the problem better than I have been able to. Perhaps the formation of a House 'Guard' to keep watch on foggy nights would be a good idea? Or how about some House bloodhounds?

As I write these notes the Quiet Room is decorated in preparation for the 'Hog'. Subtle colour lighting gives the room an evasive charm, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the 'entertainment' promised by the more talented ones among us.

Finally, everyone has his own contribution to make to his House. Every community has its fair share of 'types', and Collinson is no exception. I wish one and all the best of fortune for the future.

R.H.G.

Ridgeway

Head of House: M. H. T. JOURDAN.

School Prefects: I. Reekie, A. S. R. Roberts.

House Prefects: K. M. Saunders, R. M. Barlow, T. M. H. Dalton, J. Culver, D. T. Gould.

During the course of this term a more liberal policy has been gradually developing in Ridgeway. No longer are there sleuths posted at every conceivable corner to trap the unsuspecting crook on his way back from the cinema, and gone are the strict disciplinarians who pry into the private affairs of the less scrupulous among us. But this does not mean that we are lax; we are slowly developing the idea that a little outlet for high spirits can do nothing but good, provided that academic studies are not affected and some intelligent control is maintained.

Unfortunately as far as I know we have nothing to rival some of last term's escapades; notably the nocturnal rides in a Welshman's jalopy with little more than faith to guide it. But we have not lived without some amusing experiences.

A band of roving Teddy Boys, doubtless perturbed by the tranquility of the evening air, threw stones in the direction of the House, one of which broke the window of the House Tutors bathroom — fortunately he was not in the bath at the time. In view of this and other outrageous attacks a select band of gentlemen was formed to combat the menace. Weapons ranged from an Irish Shillelagh with a detachable silver top, to a fearfully offensive hat found in the Underground.

This paragraph was to have been about a certain door with a temperamental lock, but because of the provocativeness of the prose, it was justly censored. Therefore in order to fill the breach you may be interested to hear that our new tutor, Mr. Sutcliffe, is a regular graduate from the CAM, with irregular hours.

Our ideas for the 'Hog' this term have taken a slightly different form from previous years. The plan is to convert the Quiet Room into a subterranean coffee bar reminiscent of Mont Martre, and to have separate tables so that the cliques can enjoy themselves unmolested. For the gourmands we intend to have hot sausages and rolls with fruit salad and ice-cream to follow. However we had hoped to lay in a stock of white wine and Turkish cigarettes, but the price of the wine was exorbitant, and the cigarettes have turned green.

And now with the strain of . . . beating out his morbid tunes on his antique piano faintly reaching my ears, I conclude these jottings with a quotation from the catechism which clearly has a direct bearing on our communal life here.

"Do unto others as, you would they should do unto you"

Although Ridgeways sporting achievements are considerable, they are not reported here, as they are to be found elsewhere in the magazine.

M.H.T.J.

Societies

INTERIM

Chairman: A. A. T. DAVIES.

Hon. Sec.: C. D. PARKER.

The society commenced a moderately successful term, by debating the motion that 'This House would fight for Queen and Country.' An intensely patriotic proposition finally succumbed to the wider interpretation placed on the motion by its opponents.

The next meeting, aimed at preparing the society for the coming debate with the Royal Masonic School considered capably, though uninspiringly the motion that "This House would avoid adolescence, if possible." Tape recordings made during the evening helped many members to improve their technique. Our visit to Bushey on November 5th produced some spirited debating from both schools before the house finally endorsed the traditional action of Guy Fawkes. We are grateful to our hosts at the Royal Masonic for a most enjoyable evening.

A meeting held late in the term, confirmed the opinion that the best potential speakers are to be found amongst the younger members of the society. If such encouraging talent is developed we can face the future hopefully.

C.D.P.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: R. F. BALL.

Early in the term a small party camped for a weekend on the Essex Marshes, near Burnham-on-Crouch, and studied the marine biology, botany, and ornithology of the area. Two visits have also been made to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. A geological expedition has also been to Luton, and a party of ornithologists to Aldenham reservoir.

Mr. Sennitt has delivered an informal lecture on the volcanoes of Italy, L. J. Richards has lectured on the human voice and later in the term R. F. Ball will be speaking about his trip to Canada.

R.F.B.

INTERPRETES

Hegemon: A. D. S. MACDONALD.

Scriba: J. L. BROCKINGTON.

Through pressure of work, the society has had only one meeting this term. H. R. M. MacDonald gave a lengthy lecture of the Athenian expedition to Sicily. This proved to be most informative, and of value to many members. For next term J. L. Brockington has been elected Hegemon and H. R. M. MacDonald Scriba. I would like to express the Society's thanks for all that the retiring Hegemon has done for the society.

Next term we trust that the Society will have the benefit of the efforts of more members.

J.L.B.

WITAN

Prolocutor: A. A. T. DAVIES.

Hon. Sec.: F. M. N. WILLS.

On October 22nd the Society met for the first time at Mr. Phimester's new home. Mr. M. H. T. Jourdan gave a paper entitled 'Rebel with a Cause' a life of Montrose. The speaker ably portrayed the insolence and brilliance of the character and colourfully outlined Montrose's career of aristocratic guerilla-warfare.

At the next meeting Mr. J. H. Waine delivered a paper on the 'The Fabians', a political group whose real influence is often underestimated. The speaker showed the importance of the 'Fabians' before the Great War, and diminishing importance afterwards, until in 1932 it eventually became an organ for Socialist propaganda and research. This paper provoked lively discussion during which it became obvious that at the moment the only current use of the Fabian Society is in furnishing free literature on current affairs to penniless students.

Before the pilgrimage to Oxford, we had the usual end of term soiree. Once again the festivities were enriched by a fine display of refreshments which Mrs. Phimester so kindly and generously prepared for us.

F.M.N.W.

PYTHAGOREANS

Hon. Sec.: P. L. POTTS.

The first meeting of the society this term was a debate on the book 'Brave New World' by Aldous Huxley. This was followed a fortnight later by an informal meeting at which members brought records, which portrayed aspects of the sea and its changing moods.

The only full paper was presented by S. C. King whose subject was the story of Broadcasting. Later in the term we met to read T. S. Eliot's play 'The Cocktail Play'.

To round off the term, the society visited the Whitehall Theatre to see 'Simple Spymen'. This was intended as relaxation before the University Scholarship examinations, and we hope the results will justify it.

It only remains for me to express our thanks to Mr. Burn for his kind hospitality, and to say how grateful we are to those who have contributed to our entertainment this term.

P.L.P.

PHOEBAN GROUP

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

Third member: F. N. M. WILLS.

The activity of the society this term has been seriously limited since administrative hitches curtailed two meetings. The first paper was delivered by I. Reekie on the 'Life and Works of Wilfred Owen'. The development of the greatest of all trench poets was traced by both facts and Owen's verse, through childhood and adolescence until eventual maturity. The paper was well received and stimulated great interest. The next meeting was informal to hear R. H. Goude give a talk on Victor Hugo. The basic contradictions in the temperament of the greatest French Romantic poet, and the external influence of events on his poetry was amply demonstrated to those for whom Hugo is a novelist and no more.

Finally, at the end of term, the society went to see Eugene O'Neill's "A Long Day's Journey into the Night." The power of this superbly acted drama lingered on for many days.

A.A.T.D.

PLAYREADING SOCIETY

President: M. A. L. HOLMES.

Hon. Sec.: G. L. BROWNLEE.

Once more the rehearsals for the school play have curtailed our activities, but we have managed to read three plays this term. The first was Gerald Verner's adaptation of "Meet Mr. Callaghan" by Peter Cheyney. Unfortunately, the temperaments of our gentlemanly readers were unsuited to the play, which most thought would have made excellent material for a second class American 'B' film. A translation of "The Government Inspector" by Nikolai Gogol provided more amusement, but more from the readers' unsuccessful attempts to pronounce Russian names when in full spate than from the play's inherent comedy, which is essentially visual. "Time Remembered" by Jean Anouilh proved to be a touching but rather sentimental play with occasional comic touches. Although the effect which it had was somewhat disappointing, it was thought that perhaps there lay within it some obscure and occult meaning which no-one had appreciated.

G.L.B.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Hon. Sec: J. H. WAINE.

The Society had two meetings this term. L. Akerman Esq., spoke about "The Port of London Authority" and showed us a large number of slides of the port and its installations. Later in the term J. Heap Esq. spoke to the society and a large number of guests on the subject of "Scientific Work in British Antarctica." He began by speaking about the trip to the Falkland Island Dependencies, where he was working, and telling some amusing stories, which he followed up by a very serious and interesting account of the actual work. The highly successful evening was completed by a documentary film about dog sleighing.

J.H.W.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Hon. Sec.: A. E. STUART.

We have endeavoured this term to give subjects to our visiting speakers, and in this way to keep a pattern through the term's meetings. The theme chosen was based on the word "living," and the subjects have included such topics as, "Real Living," "Living Prayer," and "The Living Word." These subjects have been dealt with by five enjoyable speakers, and the meetings have all been helpful and interesting. We are very grateful to our visiting speakers, and also to the Chaplain for his introduction to "The Meaning of the Holy Communion".

Encouraged by the success of last term's study of 'The Letter of James' we set out this term to search into 'St. Paul's letter to the Phillippians.' Although the Bible study group was small, we greatly enjoyed each chapter, and there was an atmosphere of real fellowship. We hope that this fellowship will extend to our other meetings, and that the Christian Fellowship may in time prove as popular in the school as the voluntary services.

A.E.S.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: M. M. BRO. DO.

The increase in the number of Vith form scientists has made it necessary to restrict the numbers of the society this term, nevertheless all meetings have been almost too well attended.

A new feature was the expedition to the Tate & Lyle Thames Refinery at Silvertown, following a lecture on the production of sugar by C. S. Ernis Esq. of Tate & Lyle's. This was the first time two functions have been coupled in this way.

The Society has had a most informative introduction to biochemistry 'Vitamins and Vaccines' by Dr. E. M. Cook of London University. In addition to this a variety of films of scientific interest have been shown.

M.M.B.

SOCIETY OF PHILATELISTS

Hon. Sec.: P. J. Fox.

A great deal of hard work has been spent on the school collection during the course of the term. Many of the gaps in the Irish section have been filled and new pages have been ably written up. Various other countries, ranging from China to Great Britain have been re-arranged or added to.

Unfortunately illness, prevented Harrow from paying us a return visit, when we were intending to hold an auction. Nevertheless, the great weight of material, which was to have been sold, in conjunction with Harrow, is being auctioned at our usual Sunday meetings during Hobbies Hour. The sale is now in its third week and is well attended, members still seeming to be able to afford relatively high prices so late in the term.

At half term Messrs. Harmers Ltd., the well known firm of stamp auctioneers, allowed us to attend a sale of West Indian stamps. It proved to be very interesting, though the stamps were priced a little above members' reach (one stamp from St. Vincent being sold for £160) and we are grateful that the Auctioneer took no notice of our coughs, sneezes or other gestures which might well have been interpreted as a bid.

P.J.F.

Hobbies

With the construction of a new Art School imminent the ART SOCIETY can presumably face the future with confidence, and with hopes for not only better facilities, but also more practising members throughout the school. The Hon. Sec. describes this term however as 'quiet.' The Society visited the exhibition of Byzantine Art, but, otherwise, members have been busy, preparing for the end of term exhibition.

The RAILWAY SOCIETY continues to be popular, and the termly subscription has been substantially reduced. Towards the end of term a visit was made to the Locomotive Depot at Stratford, which was a great success, in spite of the thick fog that prevailed. In addition to this there have been three film shows, and two illustrated lectures, both of which were well received.

By way of contrast, the PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY's meetings, the Vice-President informs me, have all been complete failures. He wishes me through this column to severely reprimand those members who joined for the visit to Kodak, and then vanished.

However the "Special Section," a restricted group founded in 1954 has been very active, and has given photographic coverage of all home rugby matches. Sales have been reasonably good, although the 2nd XV rarely bought any photographs. The Section has also been active in producing passport photographs and portraits; and in developing boys' films.

The PRINTING SOCIETY, also has had a busy term, ending with the usual rush to print the programmes for the school play. Members of the CARPENTRY CLUB have been busy trying to improve their technique. Several films have been shown on the technical aspects of woodwork, and a visit was made to a well known furniture factory.

The TRAVEL CLUB have tended to stay on the projector for their entertainment and instruction; films on various travel topics being screened throughout the term.

The President of the MOTOR CAR AND CYCLE CLUB, however, assures me that they are no longer dependent on films for their existence. A great deal of money has been spent on renovating and re-equipping the club shelter, and it is hoped to start instruction classes there next term. The club has also visited the Motor Show, and the Vauxhall works at Luton. Furthermore, the club library, which was started a few terms ago, it now functioning properly with a stock of over 25 volumes.

Music

CHAPEL CHOIR

Once again numerous changes in the choir coupled with an incomplete organ at the beginning of the term set us hard at work to learn new anthems.

By the time the organ was completed we were ready to sing "I was glad" by Parry at the service of Rededication, and we have now built up a large repertoire of anthems.

We were to have performed at Shenley Hospital again but the visit was made impossible at the last moment by thick fog.

More people are singing in each section of the choir except the tenors than ever before. We hope that under the able direction of Mr. Barlow we will grow in quality of performance as much as we have grown in numbers.

P.A.D.

CHORAL SOCIETY

For much of this term we have spent our time practising the Choruses from the "Messiah" by Handel. We hope to be able to perform these at a special recital during the coming term.

The Tenors and Basses of the Society have been preparing busily for two Children's Saturday Concerts at the Royal Festival Hall. These are both on December 6th, when schoolboys and schoolgirls from the London area will form a choir directed by Ernest Reid. We shall be singing excerpts from the "Messiah" and a selection of Christmas Carols.

P.A.D.

Scouts

The Scout Troop suffered a severe set-back by the simultaneous departure of Mr. A. Jackson, Scout Master of the Senior Troop, and Mr. A. W. Bell, Scout Master of the Junior Troop. We are very grateful for all the work that they did for Scouting at Mill Hill, and send, in this note a message of greeting to Sheffield and Birmingham respectively.

Mr. Sennitt is now in charge of the Seniors and Mr. Burn and Mr. Starkey of the Juniors. All three would often be at a loss without the wisdom and experience of R. F. Ball to whom they pay frequent homage.

The Summer Camp, near Marlborough, though rather damp was enjoyed by Scouts and Scouters alike. It certainly gave plenty of scope for cooking on an open fire in the rain.

Field Day this term gave the chance for journeys in patrols, for the Junior Troop, and another day we were able to organise journeys in pairs, which took Scouts up to 30 miles from Mill Hill. The Seniors, among other things, have been exploring the canals of London and doing an intensive First Aid course.

The Troop as a whole is smaller than last year, but we hope it will be back at full strength next year.

H.W.S.

C. C. F.

ARMY SECTION

Camp at Castlemartin this year started well (every cadet had an iron bedstead), but such luxuries were soon forgotten in the ensuing field training which proved as rigorous as usual, and for a select few included a three-day escape and evasion exercise.

As promised, three new sections started this term and although so far the training has provided a change there have been some teething troubles. If the training of the modern army is any indication, it would seem that Civil Defence is likely to be an important part of the C.C.F. With this in mind we are starting an additional Light Rescue section next term.

We were with the weather on Field Day at Camberley but as usual the military training area proved that a good sense of direction can save much hard work. The R.A. section went to Larkhill ranges whilst the R.E. section was busy completing the Assault Course.

The revised Army Basic and Army Proficiency Tests were held on the 3rd November, with some encouraging results, which have provided a number of new entries for the advanced sections. The experimental Cadre 'S' is proving its worth, while the Cadre 'I' is almost full with potential N.C.O.s.

Last term, Lt. M. W. F. Brown of the R.E. section relinquished his appointment at his own request, so terminating a long period of loyal service with the Corps as a specialist officer. The vacancy he left will be difficult to fill but we wish him the best of luck at Ridgeway House.

C.S.B.

R.A.F. SECTION

This term the number of cadets parading in the R.A.F. Section has been seriously diminished, for we have lost several of our number to the N.C.O.'s Cadre, and to the Civil Defence Section. The results of the R.A.F. cadets, who took the Part II examination were encouraging if unspectacular.

For our whole days training this term a party of 30 Cadets went to the Technical Training School at R.A.F. Henlow, where we spent an enjoyable day. Our thanks are once more due to the 'Regulars' who always go out of their way to make our visits as interesting and enjoyable as possible.

P.L.P.

Band

Drum Major: B. G. MURPHY.

The Christmas term is inevitably one of comparative inactivity for the band. Inclement weather tends to stretch both people's patiences and the drum skins beyond their normal limits!

Eight senior buglers performed admirably at the Gate of Honour Ceremony on Remembrance Sunday, clearly indicating the hard individual practice they had put in for the occasion.

This term Mr. Miller has taken over control of the band and the few practices we have been able to arrange have been spent mastering his new ideas.

B.G.M.

SPORTS RUGGER

Captain: M. A. L. HOLMES.

Hon. Sec.: R. A. HUDGELL.

Selection Committee: M. H. T. JOURDAN.

Match Summary, Season 1958

First XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag'st</i>	<i>Res't</i>
Tues.	Sep. 30	Col. Cross-Brown's XV	H	3	6	Lost
Tues.	Oct. 7	St. Mary's Hospital ...	H	0	14	Lost
Wed.	Oct. 15	Cranleigh ...	H	12	12	Drawn
Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	H	0	6	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 25	Felsted ...	A	0	11	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 1	Old Millhillians ...	H	3	20	Lost
Tues.	Nov. 4	Brighton College ...	A	12	6	Won
Sat.	Nov. 8	Leys ...	H	0	9	Lost
Mon.	Nov. 10	R. G. S. Newcastle ...	H	0	0	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	A	9	6	Won
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	A	3	18	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	H	0	26	Lost

Second XV

Wed.	Oct. 15	Cranleigh ...	H	0	8	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	A	5	18	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 25	Felsted ...	A	5	9	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 1	Old Millhillians ...	H	3	12	Lost
Tues.	Nov. 4	Brighton College ...	A	0	23	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 8	Leys ...	A	10	16	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	H	3	8	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	A	0	8	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	H	0	8	Lost

Third XV

Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	A	5	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 1	Old Millhillians ...	H	9	5	Won
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	H	5	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	H	3	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	H	0	26	Lost

Fourth XV

Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	H	0	17	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 1	Old Millhillians ...	H	14	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	A	3	11	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	H	0	5	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	H	Cancelled		

Colts XV

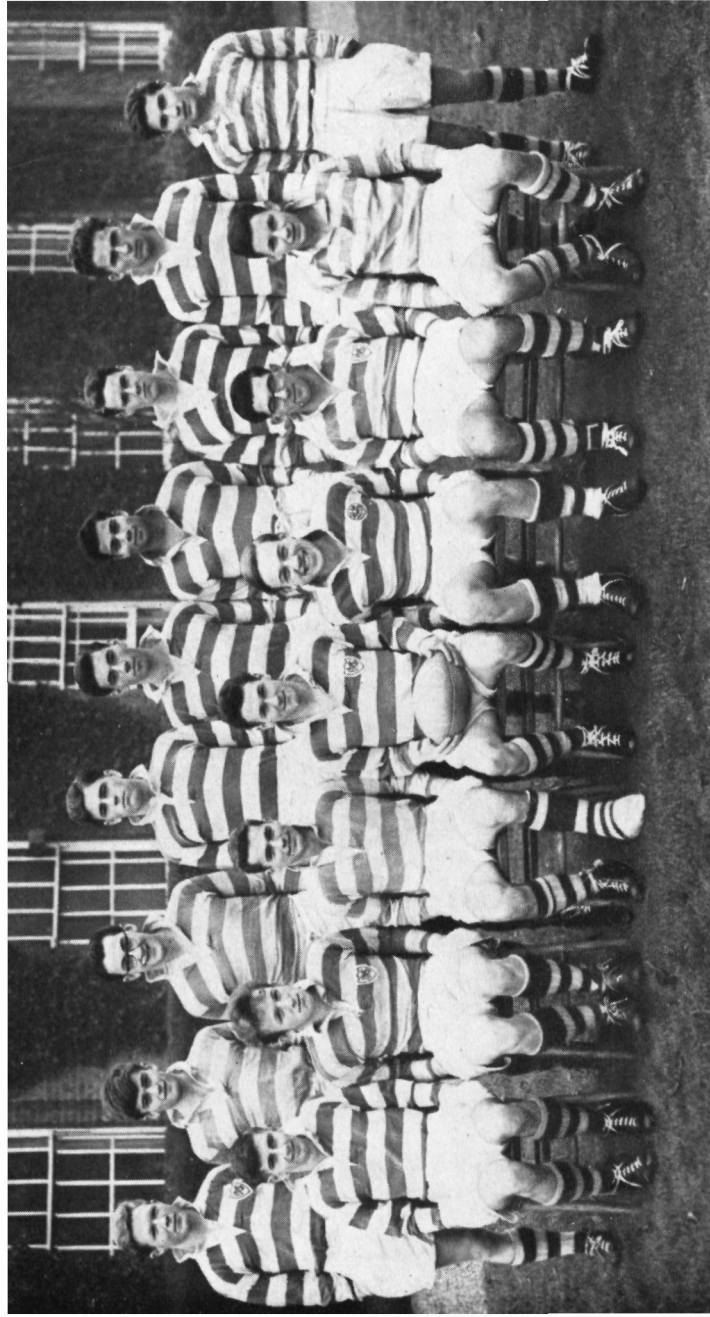
Tues.	Oct. 14	Bishop's Stortford ...	A	39	3	Won
Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	A	3	24	Lost
Sat.	Oct. 25	Felsted ...	H	20	0	Won
Sat.	Nov. 8	Leys ...	A	3	3	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	A	11	12	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	H	0	11	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	A	0	18	Lost

Junior Colts XV

Sat.	Oct. 18	Harrow ...	A	11	3	Won
Sat.	Oct. 25	Felsted ...	H	11	6	Won
Sat.	Nov. 8	Leys ...	A	3	3	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 15	St. Paul's ...	H	3	3	Drawn
Sat.	Nov. 22	Merchant Taylors ...	H	0	12	Lost
Sat.	Nov. 29	Dulwich ...	A	8	5	Won

1st XV.

R. M. Williams, M. O. Lidwell, A. J. Ferryman, S. M. S. Khan, A. S. C. Air, P. R. M. O'Shea, A. J. Horne.



C. D. Parker, G. J. Blackmore, R. A. Hudgell, M. A. L. Holmes (Capt.), M. H. T. Jourdan, S. W. Whyte, A. R. Dyer.

Match Reports

1st XV v. Col. Cross-Brown's XV. Lost 3-6.

Terrible ground conditions and heavy rain during the match made an open game almost impossible. From the beginning it was obvious that the visitor's forwards were bigger and heavier than Mill Hill's and despite great efforts by Ferryman and Harris, ably backed by Jourdan and Blackmore, they dominated the lines-out. In the tight scrums, however, the teams were quite even, and it is a creditable reflection on the forwards that they were never pushed off the ball. After about ten minutes Cross-Brown's kicked a penalty, quickly followed by an unconverted try. Mill Hill spent the remainder of the first-half defending, but, thanks to good play by Parker at full-back, were still only six points down at half-time. In the second half the home team rallied strongly and repeatedly penetrated into their opponents "25" with long boot rushes, in which O'Shea figured prominently. Reward came when Gould scored in the corner after a scramble on the line. The try was not converted and, despite good play by Hudgell and the back row of the scrum, the score remained at six points to three.

1st XV v. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL. Lost 0-14

Once more ground conditions were bad and the ball was rather heavy, but St. Mary's attempted to keep the game open. Their forwards were bigger and heavier than Mill Hill's and their backs were much faster. They launched a series of attacks in the first twenty minutes that tore the Mill Hill defence to shreds and resulted in four tries and a conversion. After the initial shock intelligent covering by Holmes and Stuart thwarted many dangerous moves. Disregarding the score Mill Hill revived in the second half and fought well indeed. They spent most of the time in their opponents "25", but their breaks did not lead to any score. The forwards, under Jourdan's leadership, made many attacks on the opposing line and Hudgell's tackling and falling were excellent. But it was Parker's kicking, tackling, and covering, that prevented St. Mary's from scoring in the second half. In the closing minutes Mill Hill missed a penalty in front of the posts and lost their chance of scoring.

1st XV v. CRANLEIGH. Drawn 12-12.

For the first time this season the XV played on quite firm ground, and the result was a very much faster and more open game. Mill Hill started well and Dyer's two penalties gave them a six point lead after ten minutes. Cranleigh fought back strongly and, for a while, only good kicking by Dyer and Parker prevented a score. The sluggish and careless forwards allowed Cranleigh a penalty, closely followed by a try on the blind side by the scrum half. Level scores did not rouse the pack, and the ball, when heeled, never reached the wings. Cranleigh kicked two more penalties, one just before and one seven minutes after half-time. After this penalty the Mill Hill forwards woke up and swept up the field. The pack secured the ball everywhere and fed it to the backs, whose good tactical kicking and running, combined with Hudgell's clever breaking, pinned Cranleigh in their own "25". Holmes took a pass on the blind-side and cut inside his man, and although he was pulled down just short of the line, O'Shea gathered the ball and forced his way over. Finally, with a quarter of an hour of play left, Dyer kicked his third penalty to even the scores.

1st XV v. HARROW. Lost 0-6

Topfield was in very good condition for this game and the ball remained dry. In the first ten minutes Mill Hill enjoyed a monopoly of the ball, and both Whyte and Holmes showed themselves capable of beating their men, if given enough room to move. But Harrow, taking advantage of some unfortunate mistakes, scored a push-over try and further score in the first half was only prevented by good kicking, and the hard tackling exhibited by O'Shea and Hudgell. From the beginning of the second half Mill Hill's smaller, more mobile pack dominated their opponents, but their efforts were thwarted by bad handling and passing in the centre. Then Harrow surged up

to the Mill Hill "25", gained another five-yard scrum, and again pushed over to make the final score six points to nil. In the closing minutes Whyte broke through on the blind-side but was forced into touch just short of the line.

1st XV v. FELSTED. Lost 0-11

Apart from a brief period at the beginning of the game Mill Hill spent the whole of the first half defending against a heavier and faster Felsted back-line. After the XV had weathered a continuous attack for twenty minutes, it seemed that the opposing team could not break through. The forwards, particularly O'Shea, Jourdan and Blackmore, covered tirelessly, and Worrall and Air tackled magnificently, but nothing seemed to go right in attack, Holmes was tackled and pushed into a goal post, sustaining a leg injury which stopped him from playing an active part in the remainder of the game, three penalties were only just missed, and Whyte, not in possession of the ball, was interrupted in his inoffensive course across the field by an unexpected tackle. The first score in the match occurred a few minutes after half-time, when the only defensive lapse of the game allowed a Felsted centre through, to put his wing in position from which a try was easily scored and converted. A few minutes later a penalty kick increased the Felsted score to eight. In the last twenty minutes the XV rallied strongly; the forwards jumped and hooked well, and Huddell made a skilful blind-side break, which was spoiled by a dropped pass. Felsted kicked another penalty just before the end of the game.

1st XV v. THE OLD MILLHILLIAN'S. Lost 3-20.

The O.M.'s kept their unbeaten record intact when they played against the XV on a slightly muddy ground, but under otherwise favourable conditions. Huddell's removal from the field with a broken leg was a serious setback and although O'Shea served adequately as scrum half, the team could not hold off the heavier and faster O.M.'s. The school was outshoved, out jumped and outnumbered everywhere, and by half-time the score had reached eleven points to nil. The pack, however, did not crack in the second half, but kept up a continual fight. Blackmore and Lidwell were always prominent, but the outsidewere were always in defence, where Parker and the centres were particularly impressive. It was impossible to hold the O.M.s from the school's line and the backs were so often without the ball, that they invariably lined up flat. Although disheartened and battered, the forwards kept trying, and were rewarded by Dyer's penalty goal in the closing minutes of the game.

1st XV v. BRIGHTON. Won 12-6

Mill Hill started well and after only four minutes Dyer kicked a brilliant penalty, to which Brighton replied with another penalty after ten minutes. Shaky tackling let a Brighton centre through to give his wing an easy try. Play now alternated from end to end until Dyer kicked another penalty, which had arisen after the failure of a good break by Worrall. During the first half Williams hooked the ball three times against the loose head, but the Brighton forwards established an almost unchallenged superiority in the lines-out through "tapping" the ball back to the scrum-half. Brighton began the second half with a well-placed dummy kick, and were only prevented from scoring by a good fall on the line by Parker. They then launched numerous attacks, which were thwarted by Jourdan's good covering, the backs' courageous tackling, and continual harrying tactics by O'Shea. After twenty minutes Dyer kicked his third penalty to put Mill Hill in the lead and Brighton concentrated on attack, but the XV, playing with great spirit, pinned them in their "25". In a series of scrums on the Brighton line Mill Hill hooked the ball, held it, and attempted to push over the line. Jourdan gathered and dived over from the last of these scrums, to give the school a winning margin of six points.

1st XV v. THE LEYS. Lost 0-9

Despite the very bad ground conditions the XV began well with a three-quarter movement that gained seventy yards. But the Leys began to monopolise the lines-out and loose scrums, and after fifteen minutes they achieved a quick heel inside the Mill Hill "25" from which their left wing scored a try. Apart from this lapse the backs tackled well; Air in particular, given

the unenviable task of marking the Leys' captain, prevented breaks in the centre throughout the game. At the end of the first half the Leys kicked an easy penalty to make the score six points to nil. The second half saw a revival of the Mill Hill pack, but the midfield triangle showed no fire; Dyer especially was worried by a good open wing forward, and some of his passes went astray. The Leys constantly attacked with short kicks ahead and would have scored several times, but for the stubborn tackling of the Mill Hill backs. Near the end of the game the Leys kicked their second penalty, bringing the final score to nine points to nil.

1st XV v. R. G. S. NEWCASTLE. Drawn 0-0

The conditions were probably worse than in the previous game. After only three minutes Dyer narrowly missed a thirty yard penalty, but the visiting pack dominated the lines-out, the set and the loose scrums, often coming close to scoring. Parker relieved the pressure with a well-placed kick and possession of the ball became more evenly divided. The few back movements allowed by the thick mud rarely looked dangerous, and it was not long before both teams resorted to kicking ahead as their only means of attack. Towards the end of the first half O'Shea tried to force his way over the line after a short penalty, but was forced into touch just short of his objective. In the second half attacks failed through the thick mud's constantly causing the ball to lose momentum, but Whyte gained about fifty yards on the one occasion that a kick bounced. O'Shea and Air tackled well again, but some passes went astray; perhaps this was only to be expected in a match that required the players to expend so much energy in moving their feet!

1st XV v. ST. PAUL'S. Won 9-6

St. Paul's early penalty was soon equalised by Dyer's and although there was no further score in the first half, it contained good threequarter movements by both teams, with all the backs running and passing well. The concerted St. Paul's attack immediately after half-time was held only by excellent covering and tackling by the backs and the back row of the scrum. After a quarter of an hour a St. Paul's forward forced his way over the line for a well-earned try, which was not converted. The XV began to attack vigorously; Worrall made an excellent break but was not backed up, and Holmes almost scored after a break by Dyer. A set scrum in the St. Paul's "25" allowed the ball to be held in the back row, putting an opposing wing forward off-side, and Dyer equalised again with another penalty. Both teams strove desperately for a score, but could not penetrate the other's defence. Once again the scrum, inside the St. Paul's "25", held the ball in the back row and another off-side allowed Dyer a third successful kick for goal, which hit the post and fell on the right side of the bar to provide the final and winning score.

1st XV v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'. Lost 3-18

The excellent condition of the pitch made a considerable contribution to the school's defeat. The Merchant Taylors' pack established its superiority while Ferryman was off the field, and their fly-half's try was converted. Not even Ferryman's return could stop their powerful pack; they gained several yards in every scrum and outclassed the Mill Hill pack in the open. It was through their speed in the loose that they scored another try just before half-time, and their superiority was similarly founded in the second half. Jourdan and Williams were the only Mill Hill forwards to show any spirit, but good tackling, particularly by Air, kept Merchant Taylors' away for a while. Thwarted in the back line, they began to play a forwards' game and were rewarded by a push-over try, which was converted. A few minutes later Dyer scored the only Mill Hill points with a well-judged penalty. In the last minute Merchant Taylors' escaped from their end to score and convert a try, after a back movement that also resulted in Air's being carried off with a broken jaw.

1st XV v. DULWICH. Lost 0-26

This Dulwich team proved to be the best to oppose Mill Hill for several years, but it did not show its real strength until the last twenty minutes. A

well-kicked penalty and a converted try put Dulwich ahead after only a few minutes, but they did not score again until another try was converted at the beginning of the second half. The constant and heavy pressure they maintained kept the XV in their own "25", and as the constant covering and tackling began to produce exhaustion, the pack was denied the ball everywhere, while the Dulwich attacks became faster and more frequent. Holmes and Worrall tackled well in the centre and Blackmore and Lidwell covered superbly, but they had no answer to the consistent backing-up, overwhelming speed, and greater weight of the Dulwich team. The score mounted rapidly and, despite the fitness which the XV had prided themselves on, the team was worn out by this match with an altogether superior team.

Make-ups

1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV
✓ 1. M. A. L. Holmes, 1957-8 (Captain 1958.)	✓ 1. I. Reekie (Captain.)	✓ 1. T. E. Elkins (Captain.)
✓ 2. R. A. Hudgeli, 1957-8 (Hon. Sec. 1958.)	✓ 3. D. T. Gould.	✓ 2. T. D. Phillips.
✓ 3. M. H. T. Jourdan, 1958 (Selection Committee.)	✓ 4. M. F. Hopkins.	✓ 3. J. H. Harrison.
✓ 4. G. J. Blackmore, 1957-8.	✓ 5. C. R. Sotnick.	✓ 4. M. R. Wollerton.
✓ 5. S. W. Whyte, 1957-8.	✓ 6. R. D. Ehrlich.	✓ 5. T. C. Oxenham.
✓ 6. C. D. Parker, 1958.	✓ 7. R. K. Sadler.	✓ 6. P. L. Potts.
✓ 7. A. R. Dyer, 1958.	✓ 8. W. O. W. Roberts.	✓ 7. P. W. Hancock.
✓ 8. P. R. M. O'Shea, 1958.	✓ 9. J. Culver.	✓ 8. A. A. T. Davies.
✓ 9. P. R. Worrall, 1958.	✓ 10. N. S. Nicholls.	✓ 9. C. G. Rose.
✓ 10. A. S. C. Air, 1958.	✓ 11. A. K. Toulson.	✓ 10. R. J. Taylor.
✓ 11. R. M. Williams, 1958.	✓ 12. B. G. Murphy.	✓ 11. B. W. Goulstone.
✓ 12. A. J. Horne, 1958.	✓ 13. A. Russell.	✓ 12. P. J. Fox.
✓ 13. M. O. Lidwell, 1958.	✓ 14. H. B. W. Barstow.	✓ 13. D. W. Knight.
✓ 14. H. H. Harris, 1958.	✓ 15. R. C. Kidd.	14. { R. M. Barlow. J. F. Elkins. J. M. G. Hunt.
✓ 15. A. J. Ferryman, 1958.		
✓ 15. S. M. S. Khan, 1958.		

Those above the triple line regain or are awarded 1st XV colours.

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

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

The following represented the:

4th XV: R. J. Abrahams, J. J. Allured, P. Bennett, J. R. Brown, C. J. Burt, G. M. Campbell, A. R. Charles, S. Y. Chinoy, T. J. M. Day, P. V. Hunter, R. J. Hayman, K. A. Khaleeli, D. C. J. Lee, J. M. Newson, R. S. Palmer, M. S. Pearce, C. W. Pring, A. S. R. Roberts, S. P. Robinson, J. H. Waine (Captain).

Colts XV: H. H. Adrews, A. A. J. Browne, N. Burggy (Captain), R. S. Burns, J. D. Evans, M. J. Fitzpatrick, A. H. Fletcher, J. C. R. Griffiths, B. Hampson, R. T. Hillier, P. R. Holmes, P. D. Jones, C. A. B. Knott, A. S. Mortimer, A. J. H. Shaw, A. L. Stanhope, P. C. Walker, G. J. M. Westoby, M. R. Williams.

Junior Colts XV: M. P. Archer, N. D. W. Armistead (Captain), J. M. Barlow, P. P. T. Davies, G. L. Drake, D. I. Flood, J. A. F. Galbraith, R. S. Harris, P. G. B. Johnstone, R. A. Lee, R. D. Mills, D. F. Paddison, R. L. Peat, R. M. Scott, C. B. Stevens, D. J. Thurgood, E. W. Turner, G. D. Woods.

1st XV Characters

M. A. L. HOLMES (9st. 8lbs.)

Left Wing.

A fast and determined runner who never had many chances to exploit his attacking skill, but whose defensive tackling was invaluable when danger threatened. As Captain he always kept the side going, even in adverse circumstances.

R. A. HUDGELL (10st. 4lbs.)

Scrum Half.

He started the season at fly half, but after two matches he returned to his normal position. His fearless falling and tackling were an example to the rest of the side, and he was sorely missed during the second half of the season. A most efficient and hard-working Hon. Sec.

M. H. T. JOURDAN (12st.)

Lock.

An enthusiastic and fast moving forward who always looked dangerous with the ball in his hands. In defence he covered and tackled well, and when he becomes slightly less vocal, he should make an admirable leader of forwards.

C.M.T.B.

G. T. BLACKMORE (11st 12lbs.)

Prop forward.

A solid front row forward who used his weight to good advantage. He has gained confidence and maturity since last year and his covering improved throughout the season. His fearless tackling was a good example to the team.

R. M. WILLIAMS (10st. 11lb.)

Hooker.

Brought into the side against Brighton, he proved himself to be a quick striker. His lack of weight did not impede his good footwork or safe tackling. It is to his credit that he never let any one break through in line-outs, and he was one of the few forwards to show any fire against Merchant Taylors'.

H. H. HARRIS (12st. 12lbs.)

Prop forward.

Being one of the heaviest members of the pack, he was invaluable in the tight scrums and always did more than his fair share of work. He was, however, rather slow in the loose and his tackling was suspect. He always did his best for the team.

A. J. FERRYMAN (12st. 13lbs.)

Second row forward.

Although he was the heaviest forward he never succeeded in giving his maximum push. His performance in the lines-out has not lived up to earlier expectations, but he never shirked the forward battles.

S. M. S. KHAN (11st. 4lbs.)

Second row forward.

Essentially a line-out player, who always found himself against taller opposition. He usually played with great fire and determination, but allowed himself to become discouraged against Merchant Taylors' and Dulwich.

M. O. LIDWELL (10st. 6lbs.)

Blind-side wing forward.

A strongly built player who moved from the front row and effectively guarded his side of the scrum. He was always prominent in the loose, where his falling was exemplary. His tackling was safe, but his positioning was weak.

P. R. M. O'SHEA (12st. 3lbs.)

Open-side wing forward.

He moved from prop to wing forward in the middle of the season and showed himself to be a hard tackler. Our success at Brighton and St. Paul's was largely due to his suppression of the opposing fly-half. His handling was weak, but he was difficult to stop once he had the ball in his hands.

A. J. HORNE (8st. 3lbs.)

Scrum Half.

His passing was a little slow, but accurate, and his spirit compensated for his stature. It was a pity that he did not break more often, since he was a fairly fast and elusive runner. His tackling was always of a high standard.

A. R. DYER (8st. 12lbs.)

Fly Half.

He came into the side against Cranleigh and immediately justified his selection by kicking three good penalties. In attack he proved an adequate link, although he lacked penetration, and in defence his touch kicking was very effective. His place kicking was the best seen in the XV for some years.

P. R. Worrall (11st. 13lbs.)

Centre Threequarter.

Although still a colt he has adapted himself well to 1st XV rugby. He has improved throughout the season in all parts of the game. His tackling was safe and he has shown the ability to make a break, although he still lacks the speed to complete it.

A. S. C. Air (9st. 8lbs.)

Centre Threequarter.

His lack of penetration has been more than compensated for by his excellent tackling, especially against Leys and Merchant Taylors'. When he gains more confidence his passing and tackling should improve. He must learn to vary his tactics in attack.

S. W. Whyte (10st. 13lbs.)

Right Wing.

His play has not lived up to expectation this year; at first he rarely retained possession of the ball and he was later handicapped by injuries. He had a good swerve, however, and sometimes gained many valuable yards, although his tackling was subject to dangerous lapses.

C. D. Parker (9st. 7lbs.)

Full Back.

He often saved the team from disaster and his play was unimpeachable at the beginning of the season. He always tackled intelligently and usually prevented his opponent from passing. It was a pity that he did not use his left foot more often.

M.A.L.H., R.A.H., M.H.T.J.

Rugger Retrospect

Although there were five old colours at the beginning of the season, the XV's prospects did not appear to be particularly bright, as a number of key positions had to be filled by inexperienced players. In particular, there was a dearth of fast attacking players in the centre, making it difficult to take full advantage of the wings.

In the earlier matches the forwards played particularly well, and against Harrow had the better of the forward play against a much larger pack. But as the season advanced they lost much of their fire, and a very heavy burden of defence fell on the backs in the last two matches.

Hudgell's injury was a severe blow to the team and Air was unlucky to be so seriously hurt in the last minute of the game against Merchant Taylors'.

On many occasions the side played with tremendous spirit, but in the modern game of Rugby Football spirit is not enough. A winning side cannot be produced unless every member of it has mastered the basic skills, particularly those of passing and kicking. Every junior aspiring to 1st XV colours must be prepared to spend many hours studying and practising these elements of the game. In this way only can he become a quick and skilful player.

Although their record makes doleful reading the 2nd XV did play attractive football on several occasions, and were unlucky not to win a game. The 3rd XV on the other hand, playing with great enthusiasm, won all their games except the last one against Dulwich.

A considerable number of 1st and 2nd XV players will be returning next year and we look forward hopefully to the chance of avenging some of this year's defeats.

C.M.T.B.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Burton Bank	Burton Bank		
Murray	38-0	Burton Bank	
Collinson	Collinson	9-0	
Scrutton	12-11		Burton Bank
Winterstoke	Winterstoke	Ridgeway	8-0
Weymouth	9-0	12-0	
	Ridgeway		

MINOR SPORTS

Fives

Captain: R. H. GOUDE,

Hon. Sec.: A. LIAQUAT ALI KHAN.

Our fixtures, traditionally limited to two in the Winter Term, have been increased to four. The match v. Harrow has been changed from the Spring Term, and the Rev. P. H. Figgis kindly brought a team to play us. The general standard of Fives is rising throughout the school, and the team may look forward with confidence to next term's matches.

In the Senior Inter-House Competition Collinson retained the trophy, defeating Burton Bank after a hard-fought match in the final.

Team:

R. H. Goude, A. L. Afi Khan, C. J. Burt, D. T. Gould, M. J. Darke, T. C. Oxenham, R. J. D. Boon.

Colts: J. Lovett, A. S. Mortimer.

RESULTS

- v. Stowe, Won 3 pairs - 1.
- v. Harrow, Lost 1 pairs - 3.
- v. Rev. P. H. Figgis IV, Lost 0 pairs - 4.
- v. Oxford University Team, Lost 0 pairs - 4.

INTER HOUSE COMPETITION

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

R.H.G.

Squash

Hon. Sec.: T. D. PHILLIPS.

The team has once again had a very successful term, being beaten only by a strong Hertfordshire 'A' team. The three school matches played were won fairly comfortably, despite one or two anxious moments in the match at Harrow.

It was unfortunate that Broido was unavailable for the Felsted game, but Barlow clinched the match with a decisive victory. Dyer has had a very successful season, losing but once to a county player at 10-9 in the deciding game and Phillips remained unbeaten. The fifth string's inexperience accounts for his failure to realise expectation, but his game has improved throughout the term.

The newly inaugurated junior competition was won by Ridgeway. The draw was as follows:

	Collinson (bye)			
Winterstoke	Winterstoke	} Winterstoke		
Murray	5-0	} 4-0		
Burton Bank	Burton Bank			
Scrutton	3-1	} Ridgeway		
Ridgeway	Ridgeway	} 3-0		
Weymouth	5-0			

SENIOR:

T. D. Phillips, A. R. Dyer, M. M. Broido, R. M. Barlow, R. J. Hayman.

JUNIOR:

R. Thorpe, P. P. T. Davies, G. J. M. Westoby, R. T. Hillier, A. T. Wrigglesworth.

Senior v. O.M.'s. Won 4 - 1.
 Senior v. Stowe. Won 5 - 0.
 Senior v. Felsted, Won 3 - 2.
 Senior v. Harrow, Won 3 - 2.
 Senior v. Herts. 'A', Lost 1 - 4.
 'A' team v. Cambridge O.M.'s, Won 4 - 3.
 Junior v. Cambridge O.M.'s, Won 4 - 3.

T.D.P.

Gym.

Captain: M. R. WOLLERTON.

Hon. Sec.: S. W. WHYTE.

After many years the Lamont shield for junior gym has left Collinson. This term the competition was won by Ridgeway for the first time, although the Hedly cup for the junior individual champion was won by A. C. Denham (Wk.), who was closely followed by last year's runner-up, R. L. Peat.

Mrs. Starkey kindly presented the trophies, and the competition was judged by Mr. Boon and Mr. Bromehead. The entry was very good this year, and teams from six houses, including Murray, competed. Many of these gymnasts were very young and we expect a higher standard next year.

Final positions were as follows:

Lamont Shield:

1. Ridgeway.
2. Winterstoke.
3. Collinson.

Junior VIII:

1. A. C. Denham.
2. R. L. Peat.
3. G. du P. Gillet.
4. R. A. Lee.
5. R. A. Furness.
6. G. P. T. Hardwick.
- 7.

P. A. D. Clarke.

A. G. G. Henshaw.

M.R.W.

Boxing

Captain: R. A. HUDGELL.

Hon. Sec.: P. R. WORRALL.

This year the inter-house competition was keenly contested, since no house was allowed more than one boxer in each weight.

Scrutton won the trophy with 67 points, Weymouth were runners-up with 52 points.

Winners of the finals: Rees, Fowell, Brown, Bennet, Mann, Chinoy, Sutton, Williams, Pring, Pilkington.

Spirit compensated for inexperience in the early bouts of the finals between Rees (C), and Wallace (S), and Price (Wey.), and Fowell (S). In one of the best matches Swanne (M), a new boy, gave a very promising display against Brown (B.B.). Grimsdell (Wk.), conceding 8lbs. tended to rush Bennet (M), whose longer reach proved too strong. Steiner (Wey.), also tried to chase his opponent round the ring, but Mann (M), soon settled down and checked him with skilful boxing. Chinoy (Wey.), and Khaleeli (B.B.), had a spirited contest in which the exchanges took place in short bursts of punching. Broido (S), scored many points with his left jab, but inexperience and unfitness gave Sutton (R), the decision. Two extremely close bouts followed in which Williams (S), overcame Baker's (Wey.), unorthodox style and Pring (B.B.), having the advantage of height and reach, defeated Browne (R). The last bout between Petersen (M), and Pilkington (R), developed into a fierce and bloody struggle from which Pilkington emerged the victor.

R.A.H.

Single-Handed

Manager: E. W. DAVIS.

The game, this term, has seen several alterations to the rules. These changes have been received with much controversy but have now been accepted wholeheartedly as practical safety measures, which was their original intention.

The traditional practice games which take place after lunch have become increasingly dangerous and I feel that a new system for practice will have to be devised for next term.

The House Matches have been played with a reasonably high standard of skill and enthusiasm this year. Winterstoke winning the trophy comfortably with a 4-0 lead in the final.

Next term we look forward to the inter-house league competition which proved so popular when introduced last year. We hope also to be able to arrange a fixture with an Old Millhillians team, which, when the day of the match arrives, will be able to turn up at the G.C. with more than 4 players!
E.W.D.

THE DRAW FOR THE SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Winterstoke	}	Winterstoke	}	Winterstoke	}	
Murray	}	5-1	}	4-3	}	
Scrutton	}	Scrutton	}		}	
Ridgeway	}	9-3	}		}	
	}	(Replay)	}		}	
Collinson	}	Collinson	}		}	
Burton Bank	}	2-1	}		}	
	}		}	Collinson	}	
	}		}	2-0	}	
	}	Weymouth	}		}	
	}	(Bye)	}		}	
						Winterstoke 4-0

Chess

Match Captain: M. R. BROIDO.

Match Sec.: A. S. R. ROBERTS.

A high standard of play, emphasised by good results, has been maintained this term. The team's great strength lay in its first three boards, who outclassed all their opponents and were individually unbeaten throughout the term, A. S. R. Roberts and M. R. Broido each conceding one draw, and S. P. Broido winning every game.

The lower boards were not as strong, but usually proved sufficient; N. A. Sutton and J. K. Ayre are both much improved and developing fine attacking styles. Even if games are lost it is better that they should be spirited struggles.

The juniors were not very successful, good games often being spoiled by blunders, but their win against Queen Elizabeth's their strongest opponent, was most heartening.

TEAMS

A. S. R. Roberts, M. M. Broido, S. P. Broido, M. A. Sutton, J. K. Ayre, D. R. Talmage, A. C. T. Somogyi.
N. L. Pilkington, P. R. Worrall, P. L. Cook, B. Chalmers.

RESULTS

JUNIOR :

- v. Highgate, Won 4 - 2.
- v. City of London, Drawn 3 - 3.
- v. William Ellis, Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Eton, Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Westminster, Won 4 - 2.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. The Cedars, Won 4 - 0.
- v. Harrow, Won 6 - 0.
- v. Highgate, Lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. City of London, Lost 1 - 3.
- v. William Ellis, Lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Won $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

M.M.B.

Holiday Sport

CHESS: A. S. R. Roberts, M. M. Broido and S. P. Broido continued to represent the Middlesex Under 18's this term, winning five and drawing four of the nine games they played.

M. M. Broido was awarded a special prize for the best game played in the Middlesex Junior Championship, held at University College, London, during the summer holidays.



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.

Births

BOWES: On 11th October, 1958, to the wife of Ronald T. Bowes (1937-40), a daughter, Claire Linda, a sister for Paul.

CRANWELL: On 14th July, 1958, at Chester City Hospital, to Barbara, wife of John Cranwell (1948-53), a daughter, Susan Christine.

ELLIOTT: On 8th September, 1958, at Perth, to Heather and Alan Elliott (1937-42), a son, Victor Andrew, brother to Mary and grandson of the late Victor A. Elliott and Mary Elliott late of School House.

HARRISON: On 3rd July, 1958, at Westminster Hospital, to Bridget (née Figgis), wife of W. J. Harrison (1947-51), a daughter, Clare Susan.

HUBBARD: On 30th June, 1958, at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, to Dorothy (née Harris), wife of Ray Hubbard (1946-51), a daughter, Ann Marie, a sister for Susan.

KINGSLEY BROWN: On 17th June, 1958, at Westminster Hospital, to Alistair (1928-35) and Hilary (daughter of the late J. E. Sears, 1895-02 and brother to G. W. Sears, 1936-41), a daughter, Yvonne.

OGDEN: On 6th July, 1958, at Harlyn, Oakridge Avenue, Radlett, Herts, to Wendy (née Field) and Robert Ogden (1939-43), a daughter, Lucy Margaret, a sister for Catherine.

WOOLF: On 15th November, 1958, at University College Hospital, to the wife of B. J. Woolf (1937-39), a son, Martin Harris, a brother for Corinne Nadia.

WRIGHT: On 19th July, 1958, at Mill Hill, to Mollie (née Jenkinson), wife of T. John Wright, M.A. (1934-39), a daughter, Alison Elizabeth Grace, a sister for William, David and Stephen.

Marriages

ADAMS-McEVoy: On 23rd August, 1958, at St. James' Church, Seacroft, Leeds, Captain I. D. Adams, R.A.M.C. (1944-49) to June Valerie McEvoy.

CAMPBELL-KEIZER: On 23rd August, 1958, at Hove, Sussex, J. M. Campbell, Ph.D., A.R.I.C., etc. (1946-51) to Wendy Elizabeth Keizer. (New address:- 76 Lakeside Road, Palmers Green, N.13.)

HAYES-OSBORNE: On 9th August, 1958, at Christ Church, Virginia Water, Surrey, Michael John Hayes, B.A. (Hons.) (1947-52), son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hayes of "Tankards", Christchurch Road, Virginia Water, to Hilary Joyce Meares Osborne, B.A., daughter of Major General and Mrs. C. A. Osborne, of Vaucluse, Sydney, Australia.

PARKHOUSE-TOOMER: On 3rd September, 1958, at St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, Southampton, J. R. Parkhouse (1948-53), eldest son of H. W. Parkhouse, J. P. (1920-24) and Mrs. Parkhouse of Chilworth, Southampton, to Zoe, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Toomer of Upper Bassett, Southampton. J. G. Hillier (1948-53) was best man, and A. Parkhouse (1952-56) was an usher.

Engagement

BEWSHER-KELLY: The engagement is announced between John Gowen (1948-52), only son of the late E.G. Bewsher (1912-16) and Mrs. Bewsher of 8 Orchard Drive, Edgware, Middlesex. and Moiya Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kelly, of Edgware.

Deaths

ELLIOTT: On 1st August, 1958, at a nursing home in Dundee, Victor A. Elliott, M.A. (M.1911-46), of Crown Cottage, Murrayfield Road, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland.

GARIOCH: On 1st September, 1958, Ian F. Garioch (1938-41), aged 33, following an operation.

HAYWARD: On 8th August, 1958, A. W. Hayward, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (1897-99), aged 78.

HAYWARD: On 5th October, 1958, R. L. Hayward, M.A. (1910-11), aged 64.
JEPSON: On 22nd August, 1958, at his home, Hook, Quarry Wood Road, Marlow, Bucks, L. R. Jepson (1901-04).

NIVISON: On 17th August, 1958, at the Royal Infirmary, Inverness, The Hon. A. C. Nivison (1899-02) of Branch Hill Lodge, Hampstead, N.W.3. second son of the 1st Lord Glendyne and of Lady Nivison.

PARKINSON: On 15th August, 1958, at Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.2. Eric Edward Parkinson (1908-11), of 181 Clarence Gate Gardens, N.W.1. aged 64.

PETTY: On 14th October, 1958, M. G. R. Petty (1927-30), after a long illness.

ROWLAND: On 15th October, 1958, The Rev. A. Norman Rowland (1884-86), peacefully, at 39 Cheyne Court, S.W.3, aged 89.

SAPWELL: In 1958, in Australia, A. B. Sapwell (1922-26), killed in a motor accident.

WALDUCK: On 27th July, 1958, Harold Walduck (1886-87). (Obituary follows.)

WEAVERS: On 23rd August, 1958, at Mount Vernon Hospital Northwood, Middlesex, Kenneth Thomas Weavers, M.D. (1930-37) younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Weavers, and brother of Raymond.

YOUNG: On 5th August, 1958, at Cherrycroft Cottage, Forest Row, Sussex, Wallace M. Young, M.B.E. (1897-03). (Obituary follows.)

Obituaries

By the death of WALLACE M. YOUNG, M.B.E., on 5th August, 1958, we have lost, as Dr. Scott said at the Memorial Service, "a wise counsellor, a trusted colleague and a faithful friend".

Wallace was at Burton Bank, and on leaving School in 1903 entered the family surveying firm of Douglas Young & Company, of Coleman Street, E.C.2. He joined the H.A.C. and on the outbreak of the 1914 War was embodied and became a Captain and Adjutant in the R.E. He served for ten years in all, and was awarded the M.B.E. for services in the Salonika campaign. On demobilisation he rejoined his firm, in whose service he remained until his retirement in 1956. He was a Fellow of the Auctioneers' Institute.

He served first as a Member of the Committee and then of the Council of the Club from 1912 to 1952. In 1938 he was elected President, and he continued in that office until 1943, during part of the very difficult war period. In 1940 Wallace joined the Frank Briant Memorial Council, the then governing body of Alford House, and in 1942 he became Chairman, remaining in office until his resignation in 1955. As Chairman he kept the governing body together at a very difficult time during the war, and it was during his term of office that the post-war removal to the present building was effected. Looking back, the achievements of that time seem quite remarkable and, whilst he would be the first to acknowledge that it was a joint effort, there is no doubt that the presence of an elder statesman at the head gave focus and direction to affairs. He was one of the original directors of Rosebank, Ltd., and later became Chairman, holding this position until his death. His professional opinion, which was always freely given, was of great value to both Rosebank, Ltd., and to Alford House. He acted frequently for the School, in particular jointly with the late Frank Rex in the arduous negotiations with the Government in connection with the compensation to be paid to the School for war time use.

In the 1939-45 war, Wallace served for four years in the A.R.P. and Home Guard, receiving the Defence Medal.

HAROLD WALDUCK, the well known hotelier, died on 27th July, 1958, at the age of 86. Many Old Boys will doubtless remember his son H. N. Walduck, who was at School from 1918-23. The following appreciation of Walduck appeared in "The Times" shortly after his death:

"Most travellers in Europe will know of the great European 'hotelier families' who, although probably not more than twelve in number, made a major contribution to the development of European civilization over the last

hundred years by extending and developing their chains of hotels.

Although no corresponding organisation grew up in this country, Harold Walduck could claim to be of the same tradition, although he specialised in the provision of medium-priced hotel accommodation in London whereas the Continental hoteliers concerned themselves with the luxury trade. Between the two wars he instituted the "Five Shillings, Bed and Breakfast" which proved such a blessing to hard-up students and middle-class visitors to London. Starting with one small hotel in Bloomsbury he built up a chain of hotels which now provides over 3,000 beds. The last hotel built by him (also in Bloomsbury) was the first and only entirely new hotel of any size to have been put up in London since the war.

Walduck travelled all over the world studying methods of hotel construction and management and, being a convinced individualist, he kept his business on a strictly family basis in spite of its enormous growth."

Personalia

COLONEL C. S. ANTON, M.C., J.P. (1910-14) has recently been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Worcestershire.

CAPTAIN I. D. ADAMS, R.A.M.C. (1944-49), whose marriage is reported elsewhere in this issue, served as Medical Officer with the 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment in Amman, Jordan, after parachute training last year.

P. J. CARRINGTON (1945-49), qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the Examinations in May, 1958.

DR. I. M. H. ETHERINGTON (1922-27), who is Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Edinburgh, has been awarded the Keith Prize of the Royal Society of Edinburgh for the period 1955-57 for papers on Algebra published in the Proceedings of the Society during that period, and for earlier contributions in the same field.

F. B. ETHERINGTON (1920-25) is Senior English Master at Rosebank School, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

LIEUTENANT J. M. HEWSON (1946-50), of the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own), has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and determined leadership in command of a patrol ambushed by EOKA terrorists in Cyprus, at mid-night on 31st July, 1958. Although almost blinded by blood from a head wound, he organised and led an immediate and successful counter attack. Hewson is the only son of Lieut. Colonel Stuart Hewson, M.B.E., T.D. (1916-19), an ex-member of the Regiment: and, after a successful operation in the British Hospital at Nicosia, he made a quick and complete recovery from his wound and rejoined his Regiment.

R. KNIGHT, Q.C. (1918-22) is Minister of Justice in the Southern Rhodesia Government.

K. N. LLOYD, M.R.C.P. (1928-31) has been elected President of the Section of Physical Medicine, Royal Society of Medicine, for the session 1958-59. In the summer of this year he was a member of the Medical Committee of the VIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games held at Cardiff, being concerned with the organisation of the Physiotherapy Service and the treatment of Athletic Injuries.

A. S. MACLENNAN (1944-48) has been appointed Accountant to the International Council of Scientific Unions, a non-governmental organisation, co-operating closely with UNESCO, which works towards the co-ordination of all international scientific research. MacLennan is living in the Netherlands, and can be contacted through the Administrative Secretariat, Paleis Noordeinde, The Hague. He will be very pleased to see any O.M. who is visiting Holland.

D. D. MATTHEWS, M.A. (1926-30) is a Member of the Committee of the Institution of Structural Engineers.

R. M. AYE MAUNG (1940-45) is now engaged in a tour of duty as an operational engineer in the neighbourhood of Lagos, and would be very pleased to see any O.M. who is living or travelling in that district. His address is c/o The Shell Company of West Africa, Ltd., Lagos, Nigeria.

C. F. MILLARD, A.C.A., B.Com. (1926-29) has been appointed a Member of the General Advisory Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

THE RT. HON. LORD OGMORE, P.C., T.D., (1917-20) was a member of the United Kingdom Parliamentary Delegation to the Fourth Annual Conference of N.A.T.O. Parliamentarians at the Palais de Chaillot, Paris, in November, 1958. Lord Ogmores has accepted the invitation of the Minister of Education to become a member of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Institute.

D. W. C. RODDA (1945-50), who holds a commission in the Royal Engineers, is now serving in Cyprus with the 42 Survey Engineer Regiment.

A. D. SMITH (1950-54) has obtained the Second Mates' Certificate of Competency, after serving at sea for four years with the Blue Funnel Line running to the Far East and Australia. He has now taken a post with Elder Dempster Lines as a shipping agent, and in due course will be posted to West Africa.

G. D. TIPPLESTON (1950-55), having obtained First Class Honours in Part II Law at Cambridge, is now articulated to C.S. Mayes (1924-27), one of the original members of Winterstoke and a partner in a well known London firm of solicitors.

D. H. WEAIT (1948-53) is now in Tanganyika, and will be very pleased to hear from any Old Millhillian who is visiting or passing through the district. His address is c/o Barclays Bank D.C. & O., P.O. Box 126, Mwanza.

Union Church, Mill Hill

Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee of Union Church, Mill Hill, which was celebrated early in October, 1958, will doubtless be an event of interest to many Old Millhillians.

It was in 1908 that a group of local residents, who had until then attended the School Chapel services, decided to form their own church in Mill Hill. As the name which they chose suggests, they sought a unity amongst the varied traditions of different denominations, and Union Church to-day is a fair fulfilment of that vision which may well have originated from the services conducted by Sir John McClure in the School Chapel.

Strong links have since been maintained with the School. Three Head Masters have been members of the Church, and in former years many boys, while still at School, joined Union Church on their introduction to full church membership.

At a meeting on Saturday, 11th October, to which many past and present members had been invited, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jacks were among those present, as was also the Chairman of the Court of Governors, Lord Justice Sellers. Several Old Millhillians who still represent the link with the School through the years also attended, amongst them being N. G. Brett-James (1894-98), F. D. Chaplin (1909-13), Joint Treasurer of the Church, W. J. Wright (1927-32), Joint Secretary, and T. J. Wright (1934-39).

Forthcoming Events

Friday, 6th March, 1959.

ANNUAL BALL at the Savoy Hotel, London, W.C.2. Full details will be sent to all Members at a later date.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE THIS FUNCTION WILL BE HELD ON A FIXED DATE, i.e. THE FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH EACH YEAR.

Friday, 13th March, 1959.

MIDLAND DINNER at the Northampton and County Club, Northampton.

The President and the Head Master will attend, and P. G. Jones (1909-11) will be in the Chair. Any O.M.'s who do not receive Midlands notices but would like to have details of this function are asked to communicate with the Area Secretary:- F. B. Thompson, High Barn, The Broadway, Oadby, Leicester.

Northampton is within easy reach of many parts of the Home Counties, and O.M.'s from these areas will be particularly welcome.

Functions held since last Issue

73rd Annual Dinner

Friday, 31st October, 1958

The 73rd Annual Dinner of the Club was held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1, on Friday, 31st October, 1958, when 194 Members and guests attended. The President, F. T. Sobey, O.B.E., M.C. (1912-16) was in the Chair.

In proposing the toast of "The Club and the New President," Sobey gave a most interesting and entertaining account of the many Club functions he had attended during the year, and referred in particular to the North American Old Millhillians' Association Dinner in New York, at which he had been present three weeks' earlier. That event had a double significance, as it was the first dinner held by the Association in the principal city of the U.S.A. and also the first North American dinner attended by a President of the Club during his year of office. Introducing the new President, R. W. Atchley (1902-08), Sobey referred to his devotion to the Club and to the School, and to his keen interest in all Old Millhillian activities. He had no doubt that Atchley would worthily maintain the traditions of his office. After investing him with the President's Chain, the toast was drunk.

In his reply Atchley expressed his deep feeling of honour and emotion on his election as President, the highest honour the club could bestow on one of its Members. He referred to the immense activity of the retiring President during his year of office and added that, whilst he would endeavour to emulate his predecessor, he doubted very much his ability to follow his example in attending a North American dinner! He then proposed the toast of "The School, coupled with the name of the Head Master." This toast having been drunk, the Head Master replied, giving his customary lucid and interesting report on the School during the previous twelve months, which as usual was warmly received, and which concluded the formal proceedings.

Old Millhillians' Day

Saturday, 1st November, 1958

Once again we were fortunate in having a fine day for the traditional rugby football matches between the Old Boys and the School. There was a good attendance of O.M.'s although a marked predominance of the younger generation. The main interest obviously centred on the match between the Old Millhillians' "A" XV and the School XV, and it was clear from the start that the School would have difficulty in holding an unusually powerful Old Boys' side which was gifted with weight, height in the forwards, and speed. Unluckily the game was marred in its early stages by an accident to R. A. Hudgell, one of the School threequarters, who had the misfortune to fracture a leg. This added to the School's difficulties and proved a serious handicap, and they were ultimately beaten by 20 points to 3. At the conclusion, the President, R. W. Atchley, and the Head Master received Old Millhillians and their ladies, prior to tea in the Dining Hall.

North American Old Millhillians' Association

7th Annual Dinner

Saturday, 11th October, 1958

The 7th Annual Dinner of the Association was held on Saturday, 11th October, 1958, in New York, with a record attendance of thirty Members and guests. The following description of the event has been sent to us by John Colman (1949-54):-

I left Montreal with John Bolton (1936-40) by road for New York, a distance of 400 miles. The first thing that strikes a newcomer to the States is the excellent condition of their roads, and in particular the "thruways" and "parkways" on which one has to pay tolls. These cut through extremely well preserved natural surroundings, and at this time of the year the autumn tints of bright red, yellow and brown must be seen to be believed. Naturally our

topics of conversation during the twelve hours' drive were varied, but we could not help remarking how at the very same time there were members converging on the Princeton Club in New York by foot, road, rail, sea and air in order to be together for six hours.

When we reached the Big City I was conducted on a tour of the sights by John and, to prove the saying that it is a small world, whilst window-shopping on the famous Fifth Avenue we accidentally ran into John Purkis (1934-38), who was over from the U.K. It was the O.M. ties that initially did the trick!

Before dinner a reception was held in a nearby apartment borrowed by Harold ("Tubby") Thackrah (1923-26) for the occasion — and he, incidentally, must be congratulated on this year's outstanding event. Here reunions took place between many Old Boys from South America, U.S.A., Canada and the U.K. It was here also that I met our Club President, Frank Sobey, O.B.E., M.C. (1912-16), who, with our Chairman, was receiving Members and their guests. Our Guest of Honour, Sir Hugh Stephenson, K.C.M.G., C.I.E., C.V.O., O.B.E., Her Majesty's Consul General in New York, was also present.

We believe that another first was achieved by a President in Office attending an Old Millhillian gathering overseas, and he appeared complete with Chain of Office and the famous Gavel used on all such occasions. We were all very honoured to have him amongst us, and now look forward to future Presidents attending our dinners from time to time.

Dinner was at 7.30 p.m., and accordingly Members proceeded to the Club where it was being held. Grace was said by the Rev. Paul Rowntree Clifford, M.A. (1926-32), this year's Association Chairman, who later proposed the Loyal Toasts to Her Majesty The Queen and to the President of the United States. In delivering his speech, he indulged in enjoyable reminiscences of the "old days," recalling numerous stories of "Buster" Brown, Victor Elliott and others. We were all very sorry to hear of the untimely death of Vic. Paul craved the indulgence of the guests for these recollections, but suggested that our reminiscences would probably bring to mind similar experiences in their own schooldays. He also read a letter from the Head Master, to whom the President was requested to convey our personal thanks. We were all very interested to hear of the up-to-date activities of the School. Greetings telegrams were also read from the following:— Bill Owen (1936-38), our Sub-Secretary for Western U.S.A., Joe Fox (1924-26), Brian Livsey (1942-45) and Richardson Malkin (1916-19). In concluding, Paul proposed the toast of "The Guests and Her Majesty's Representatives Overseas," to which Sir Hugh replied.

His main theme was taken from the School motto "Et Virtutem et Musas," to which he referred many times. He also commented on the strength of an Old Boys' Association which could draw so many Members from far and wide to attend such an event as this. We were all delighted to have Sir Hugh with us, and so were sorry when he came to the end of a most interesting and amusing speech, which he concluded by proposing a toast to "The Club and the Association".

The last speaker of the evening was Frank Sobey, who immediately explained that he was not the famous Sobey whom we all associated with the rugby field, but the one who ended his School career in the Shell! He remarked how much the School depends on Old Millhillians for its continued support, and felt sure that such support would continue to be given by Members in North America as well as elsewhere. He also indulged in some nostalgic recollections of his days at Mill Hill, then gave us a report on the activities of the School, the Club and Alford House, and ended by proposing the toast to "The School".

As usual, a short business meeting followed, and it was agreed that the next dinner should be held in Toronto. E. H. Thackrah was elected Chairman for 1958-59, and J. S. Campsie (1936-39), who unfortunately found himself unable to attend at the last minute, was elected Sub-Secretary for Central Canada. Bill Davies (1911-16) then proposed that Sir Hugh Stephenson should be elected an Honorary Member of the Association, to which everyone enthusiastically agreed. It is hoped that we shall see him at more of our gatherings.

The meeting was followed by the showing of the film taken during the Queen's visit to the School in 1957 — a most welcome feature of the evening and greatly enjoyed by all. Our thanks for this go to Mr. C. M. T. Bowring, who took the film and kindly sent it over to us.

Everyone then retired to the apartment for further conviviality, where in addition to those already mentioned I renewed or made acquaintance with the following:- David Wessel (Secretary of the Old Etonians); Percy Wykes (1922-26) from Canada; Hector Slade (1931-35); Jack Isaac (1912-19) from England; S. B. Robson (1913-19), who was on his way home to Chile but stopped off especially to attend the dinner; David Mungavin (1929-35), who had just returned from Europe and came straight from the airport to the Princeton Club; J. Malcolm (1916-24); S. Churchman (1914-17); D. Packer (1924-29); L. H. Jacobson (1937-39); D. G. C. Thomas (1918-24) and J. L. Briggs (1930-34); who all came from the U.S.A. As the youngest Member present I felt it my duty to renew my fagging days, and as there were so many ex-monitors there I found myself serving refreshments — although I cannot recall being instructed on mixing "highballs" when at School.

And so the 7th Annual Dinner came to an end, with everyone making their way home — many to far distant places — carrying with them memories of a most successful and happy reunion.

Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

The following letter has been received from W. R. Mills (1937-40):-

The Editor,
Old Millhillians Column,
Mill Hill Magazine.

4th November, 1958.

Dear Sir,

I am happy to report that the first Old Millhillians' Dinner in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland took place on Friday, 31st October, 1958, in Salisbury. The following Old Boys were present:-

R. Knight, Q.C.	1918-22
W. R. Mills	1937-40
G. T. Purchase	1923-29
K. G. I. Scott	1922-26
J. H. Sly	1914-19
E. R. Stafford	1927-31

H. S. Sly (1927-17) was in London at the time, and unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons, there were last minute apologies from:-

D. R. Emmott	1944-48
H. S. Fraser	1933-37
R. J. James	1909-12
P. M. C. Wiggins	1934-38

The Chair was taken by R. Knight who, as you probably know, is Minister of Justice in the Southern Rhodesia Government, and who proposed the toast of "The School." J. H. Sly proposed the toast of "The Old Millhillians Club," and K. G. I. Scott arranged for a cable to be despatched to Grosvenor House, London, where the Club's Annual Dinner was held on the same evening.

It was a thoroughly successful event, which we hope to repeat annually, if possible on the same day as the Annual Dinner in London.

I have taken over the secretarial duties, and if any Old Millhillians are visiting the Federation at any time I hope they will not hesitate to get in touch with me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. R. Mills

Subsidiary Club Reports

Rugby Football Club

1st XV Results to date:—

v. North London XV	...	...	Won	16—0
v. U.C.S. Old Boys	...	...	Won	40—0
v. Old Haberdashers	...	...	Won	17—8
v. Old Alleynians	...	...	Drawn	0—0
v. Northampton	...	...	Won	8—3
v. Aldershot Services	...	...	Won	27—6
v. St. Thomas' Hospital	...	...	Won	12—5
v. St. Mary's Hospital	...	...	Lost	3—17
v. K.C.S. Old Boys	...	...	Won	24—3
v. Rugby	...	...	Won	11—0
v. Old Merchant Taylors	...	...	Lost	8—11
v. United Services (Portsmouth)	...	...	Drawn	3—3
v. Saracens	...	...	Won	11—3

Summary:—

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
1st XV	13	9	2	2	180—59
"A" XV	11	10	1	—	160—20
"B" XV	10	3	2	5	80—132
"C" XV	11	1	1	9	68—147
Ex "C" XV	5	1	—	4	19—130

J. Roberts, as Captain, has instituted training and practice schedules this season which go beyond anything previously attempted. The 1st XV and the "A" XV attendance for both has been excellent, and the benefit can be seen in the results.

The 1st XV has been playing very attractive football and, apart from a bad lapse against O.M.T., has achieved consistently good results in spite of a number of injuries which have kept away for weeks at a time such players as J. M. Campbell, J. Kent, I. R. Corden and B. C. Jarman.

Calls upon "A" XV players have included two occasions when their Captain, J. K. Coombe, was required for the 1st XV. Their record is a remarkable performance. Two 1st XV's are numbered amongst their victims, and, in conjunction with the 1st XV, they have given the Club a great boost.

Our other teams have not produced such good results, but they are young and we are still suffering from a dearth of older, experienced players to help them. Better support of training and practice sessions would certainly enable senior players to help them with ideas.

Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, U.S.A., have arranged a short tour over here for their rugby team, and their first match is against our Club at Headstone Lane. In 1885 we were the first Club ever to entertain a French side in this country, and we imagine this must be the first American club team to tour here.

J. E. Williams and J. Roberts played for London v. Italy and London v. Paris, and both have played regularly for Middlesex.

Cricket Club

The results for the latter part of the 1958 season were as follows:—

1stXI

July	19	O.M.'s	.....	102	Old Alleynians	.....	103-3	Lost
	26	Stanmore	.....	206-3	dec. O.M.'s	.....	63-5	Drawn
Aug.	2	Old Emanuel	.....	132	O.M.'s	.....	98-8	Drawn
	16	Hornsey	.....	127-8	dec. O.M.'s	.....	94-6	Drawn
	17	O.M.'s	.....	170-2	dec. Mandarins	.....	168-8	Drawn
		(J. Roberts, 81 n.o.)			(M. A. Roberts, 4-34)			
		A. P. H. Wilkinson, 56 n.o.)						

	23	O.M.'s	77	Old Paulines	81-0	Lost
		(C. W. Love, 30)				
	30	Bushey	76	O.M.'s	80-9	Won
		(R. C. A. Fitzgerald, 6-36)				
Sep.	6	Old Citizens	109	O.M.'s	110-3	Won
		(J. A. McAdam, 5-29)		(R. M. Harley, 48 n.o.)		
	13	O.M.'s	85	Old Cholmeleians	60-8	Drawn
				(W. J. Wright, 5-20, inc. hat trick)		
	20	O.M.'s	175-7	Hornsey	145-3	Drawn
		(D. V. Saunders, 63)				
		(C. D. L. Smith, 58)				
2nd XI						
July	19	Old Alleynians	147-7	O.M.'s	122-8	Drawn
	26	O.M.'s	123	Stanmore	112-6	Drawn
		(M. W. Catesby, 45)				
Aug.	2	O.M.'s	184-6	Old Emanuel	98-9	Drawn
		(J. A. McAdam, 39)		(R. M. R. Hanson, 4-11)		
				(J. A. MacAdam, 4-19)		
	23	O.M.'s	—	Old Paulines	—	Scratched
	30	O.M.'s	—	Bushey	—	Scratched
Sep.	6	O.M.'s	—	Old Citizens	—	Scratched

The annual Sussex Tour was marred by bad weather. The games against Middleton and Worthing were scratched, and rain interfered with play at Storrington and Havant, where the matches were drawn. The side lost to Bognor Regis, but beat Burgess Hill thanks to the fine bowling of J. G. Dean, who took 9 wickets for 14 runs.

Golfing Society

Fixtures for 1959 include, as usual, the Brent Knoll and Halford Hewitt Tournaments, and games against the School, the Old Cholmeleians, the Old Alleynians and the Old Malvernians. The week-end Meeting in September will again be held at Hankley Common.

All Old Millhillians will shortly be receiving a circular asking for support for the Society, many of whose active Members are getting past their prime! Any ideas for encouraging new and younger players will be welcomed. Young players are urgently needed, not only as replacements but so that the virility of the Society may be maintained and its activities increased. Please complete and return your form to the Hon. Secretary of the Society (C. R. Steele, 32 Finsbury Place, E.C.2) or write to him for any further particulars you may require.

Masonic Lodge

Freemasonry in general and the Old Millhillian Lodge in particular has suffered a great loss in the death of W. Bro. L. R. Jepson, P.A.G.D.C. (1901-04), who was a Founder of the Lodge and its Director of Ceremonies for twenty years.

At the meeting held on 30th October, 1958, Bro. H. Munday (1928-37) was Installed in the Master's Chair. He then appointed and invested Bro. W. Weir (1924-28) as Senior Warden and W. Bro. W. Peter Wood (1926-30) as Junior Warden.

Amongst the many guests at this meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming W. Bro. K. M. A. Barnett (1922-29), who was home on leave from Hong Kong.

The Lodge meets on Thursdays, 22nd January, 23rd April, 25th June and 22nd October.

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 Old Millhillian Lodge.

Alford House Club

Lambeth

To The Editor,
Old Millhillians' Column,
Mill Hill Magazine.

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Dear Sir,

I should like to appeal for personal help to Old Millhillians. We are in very urgent need of the following:—

(1) an Appeals Secretary (2) an Honorary Treasurer.

As regards (1), we have never had anyone with the leisure to make it his job to organise thoroughly the appeals side of our activities. We make sporadic appeals to local firms, Old Boys of our acquaintance, etc., but we do need someone who will take this most important activity under his wing. Year after year we are running deficits (not very big ones—say in the region of £200 to £300), which we should be able to raise easily if there was someone to “rustle round” for us.

Hamish Jamieson gave up his job as “temporary” Hon. Treasurer about 2 years ago, after 21 years’ service! Since then I have carried on, also on a “temporary” basis, and I don’t want to develop into a sort of semi-permanent fixture if I can help it.

Both of these jobs are eminently suitable for two of our more senior Members who have retired from the cares of business or the professions and would be glad of the opportunity to serve a wider community.

I hope this appeal will not fall on deaf ears, especially as this time it is not for money but for voluntary service. If anyone is interested, please contact me at the above address, or write to me c/o the Old Millhillians Club, 4 Whitehall Court, S.W.1.

Yours truly,
D. P. SALINGER (1928-32)