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EDITORIAL

At Mill Hill we are not often troubled by restrictions and inquisitions. Educational authorities, realising that the child is the father of the man, are always willing to bring every modern technique of science and psychology to bear on the youth of to-day to fit him for his world of tomorrow. But we are relatively safe, behind our walls of tradition, from any researches the psychologist may conduct — such as the most suitable colour for classrooms.

Colour has always had a significant influence on man, never more so than in the symbolism-riddled world of the Middle-Ages. Green was amorous; grey and brown spoke of grief: and when the retainers of Henry of Wurtemberg appeared before Duke Philip of Burgundy dressed in yellow, the Duke knew Henry was his enemy because yellow implied hostility. Each act of medieval life had a symbolical meaning, until the super-abundance of allegorical images turned symbolism into a farce. To the poet Olivier de la Marche each article of female costume symbolized a virtue — shoes meant care and diligence, stockings perseverance, the garter resolution, and so on.

Today we may wonder: "What significance has chocolate and white?" or, "Has the privilege of the fourth-year members of the school to turn up the collars of their blazers any symbolical value?" Following the precepts of the Middle-Ages it is easy to find the hidden meaning behind many school customs. If chocolate is a symbol for sadness and white for holiness, then a mixture of the two is likely to produce a pious melancholy as assumed by Uriah Heep. Again, the action of turning up blazer collars is an expression of the removal of restraints, as if the yoke of authority has been impetuously put off.

Such, perhaps, would Mill Hill appear to the outsider if he judged the school by symbolism alone. The Magazine partly acts as a corrective to such a view of Mill Hill. It can never hope to show the true portrait of Mill Hill for such a task is beyond its capabilities. Nor does its contents accurately set out the temper of the school. Here and there, as in an opinion survey or House notes, the school's feeling may be divined, but more often it is the opinions of the minority which feature in the Magazine. But even in the views of the few who have dragged themselves, or been dragged, from the inactivity of the majority, the Magazine can show some aspects of the school, and act as a mild corrective to those who would judge Mill Hill by interpreting the symbolical meanings behind each indigenous habit.

Here and There

If any misinformed reader still thinks that "Here and There" is written by one person, who spends the whole of the term—nay, the whole of his career—collecting news, card-indexing, and composing these articles somewhere in a hole underneath the paint-room, he is wrong. May I hasten to assure him that this, like any other self-respecting column by someone like Wllxxm Hxckxy or Pxxl Txnfxld relies for its information upon a vast and complicated organisation of reporters, eye-witnesses, phone-tappers and informers who are prepared every minute of the day to spring immediately into action, rush to the scene of the crime and distribute 'fivers' with the nonchalance of an undertaker in order to get the "inside story." If it had not been for this machinery we would undoubtedly have never been able to obtain the full, authenticated, first-hand account (copyright reserved) of the day when ten certified lunatics broke out in a mad attempt to see who could get the farthest away from this place.

One Tuesday afternoon, when most of the school were still recovering from lunch, these lads, dressed in any disguise from the uniform of an Under-Officer in the Cadet Force to a worker on the Preston by-pass, slipped away to freedom. Forewarned of their destinations our men had left before them and their reports follow.

(Edinburgh Castle, 3 a.m., Wednesday.) The Under-Officer arrived at the gate-house after travelling up in just over twelve hours. He marched up to the door and knocked on it with his cane. A side door opened and out popped the head of a sergeant. Then the body followed and to our U.O.'s astonishment immediately sprang to attention and saluted. Determined to play this out, the U.O. casually returned the salute and drawled :

"Fetch the Officer of the Day."

"Yus, sir. Very good, sir. This way, sir."

As he entered the Castle through the side door, a guard, sleepily propping up a wall, came to attention with horrified alacrity and all but presented arms. In the Guard Room, a private, dozing off in a bed, attempted to come to attention and salute in his horizontal position.

"The Officer of the Day, sir?" Lying there he looked as if he wished he could have taken the regulation step forward. "Yes, sir. I believe the Officer went to the Naafi to doss down—if you'll pardon the expression, sir."

"Very well, my man," said the U.O., pointing at the sergeant, "You will have to do. Sign this paper with your name, rank and number, and stamp it."

"Yes, sir!" said the sergeant, who being a particularly prime example of military bovinity obeyed the order without bothering to read the slip which would have betrayed to him that the bearer was a member of the Mill Hill C.C.F. The U.O. who had been prepared to admit his impersonation, was instead able to pocket his proof of success, mutter a curt "Thank you, sergeant. That will be all," and passed out through the gate, leaving the guard, who had been caught napping for the second time, praying he would not be reported.

Le Touquet, that Wednesday morning, lay bathed in warm sunshine which reflected off the white facades of the spacious villas along the wide boulevards. The smell of pines pervaded the air and all was silent save for the occasional splutter of a passing "velomoteur." Then round the corner of the bistro where I sat sipping my "pils," came two of the most indescribably scruffy and unkempt youths I have ever seen. Loaded with souvenir post-cards, flags and miniature Tours Eiffel, they unerringly picked me out as a kindred spirit and bore down upon me.

"I say, hello, you're English; Public School? Oh, well... Isn't it ghastly? Everyone speaks French! I say, do order some red wine for us, do, after all it's just about life's ambition at the moment. Isn't it marvellous, one moment in England and the next in France. All transport given free by the old Silver City: must tell Father to go by them next time! Oh, it's an initiative test, you know: silly really, but a jolly good wheeze! I say, hell's fine vino, this: thank's most awfully—must rush off on the old homeward trek, eh! Cherribye!"

They went, leaving me the fractured peace of the sunlit boulevard, the perfume of the pines and the bill. "Oui ! Merci, garçon." "Il n'y a pas de quoi, monsieur"

As for the successful attempt on Snowdon, a specimen chunk of granite was brought back to be identified by a geologist as a piece of his homeland. It has been reported that the peak is now a different shape to what it was before that Wednesday

But initiative was also shown by the Young Farmer who passed off his hasty disappearance into a stack of hay with three possible reasons. The first was that he wanted to keep warm, the second, that he was going to lay an egg, and the third, that he was looking for a pin. Which for you ?

The keeping of pets, however, has become more popular. Though song-birds are not encouraged in School House and a stuffed raven has taken their place, pythons apparently slither uncontrolled around the Aquarist Club gazing hungrily at the fishes. Even nature study is being organised in the grounds and bird-boxes are being erected to ensure that the nesting season goes off successfully. It is perhaps hard to reconcile this work of preservation with the rumour that a figure was seen one dawn waiting, gun in hand, by the side of the B.B. lake with a string of decoy ducks floating in front of him.

But some eyes are blind to the beauty of our grounds in Spring. One military gentleman, who shall be nameless, deciding to take the shortest possible route between two points, set off from Collinson, crossed the sacred centre of Topfield and ploughed straight through the hallowed crocus patch before joining the farm track !

The Ridgeway has been improved by the construction of some stables but, beware, they are not for inspection. I have heard through the most devious channels that one individual who paid a visit there, was attacked by a ravenous alsatian who chased him across the road, through the car-park and down past the Science Block.

Some of our readers may bemoan the fact that this article has changed over the years from being a straightforward report on the term's perennial activities to a column on those unplanned events that forge its character. As a sop to them—influenza and hockey have made their annual appearance and both merited considerable press notices. It is perhaps fortunate that it was the latter, and not the former, which caused black ties to be worn. With the rugger enthusiasts using "sevens" to make a further encroachment upon the cricket season, the term has passed away calmly save for that same scientist who cut phosphorus in air, and still determining to make things go with a bang, this time tried to ignite hydrogen.

Finally, we wish to offer our sympathies to the gentleman who underwent a medical examination by a woman doctor and was found to be suffering from high blood pressure.



The Editor's Table

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of all our usual contemporaries. T. M. H. DALTON, of Ridgeway House, Wills Grove, Mill Hill, London N.W.7, will edit the next issue of the Magazine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oxford Letter

Dear Sir,

The particular nature and charm of Oxford lies in its singular indifference to the world beyond, in a kaleidoscope of individualities, both of behaviour and custom. It is easy enough, indeed natural enough, for the casual visitor, awed by the architectural splendour and variety of the University, to identify Oxford with the traditions—historical, theological and academic—petrified there. Yet how often would he be misled, for the real, living Oxford, young, by nature indolent and ever restless, lies elsewhere, in geniality and noise, in the urge for freedom of action, thought and expression. The fertile world of undergraduate journalism, scathing, personal and virulent, reflects, however strangely, the vagaries of University opinion and politics. A perpetual quest for meaning, significance and purpose, for the moment at least inextricably associated with "commitment," animates all work in the visual arts, in writing and in the theatre. The religious pendulum, for ever uneasily swinging from enthusiasm to cynicism, moves many momentarily, binds but a few. In this variable, personal world, as fickle in its fashions as it is fervent in the belief that an opinion worth holding is an opinion worth expressing, the realities of Oxford life should be sought. Yet there remains about us this architectural frame, exerting no doubt some influence on us here, but most certainly the only mirror of our feelings and beliefs with which the outsider may become directly familiar.

By now the world at large must know that Nancy Spain chose to dance rather than speak to the "Union," that "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" controversy questioned the very basis of proctorial authority, above all that a Danish architect is likely to design St. Catherine's College. The sensational value of the first two events ensured them excessive publicity, yet the latter, in many ways the most significant event of the term, auguring as it does a major change in the Oxford scene, was rather glibly handled, if noticed at all, in the general press. There must, however, have been many who heaved a sigh of relief that at last the inexorable chain of decadence might be broken—the University Museum, Keble, the New Bodleian and most recent of all Nuffield College. The English architect, it would seem, when faced with an Oxford commission, immediately embarrassed by tradition and mesmerised by a wealth of Gothic detail, loses all sense of contrast in his design and strives regardless to produce a work that will blend. An adulterated style is worse than no style at all. Gothic, naturally light, fresh and resilient, becomes brittle, sluggish, sour and heavy in the adaptor's hands, as all poise, dignity and spontaneity are sacrificed to the rigid line, which in context is one of modern architecture's greatest virtues. Foreign eyes and hands have given much to English art in the past; so let it be hoped that the virtues of patronage are not dead and a Danish architect may raise here in Oxford a college to stand with the best from the past as a monument to all that is most excellent in modern architecture.

Here individuals seldom lose their anonymity and if they do it is only to become an "Isis Idol," courted by many, known only to a few. Oxford Old Millhillians have learnt to thrive in such a world, the paths of popular glory are eschewed and the independent life perfected. However, some of us assembled in the Corpus Christi Law Library earlier this term to pay our respects to the President, the Headmaster and W. A. Phimester, Esq., who joined us for drinks after dinner. We were very pleased to see them, especially when thick fog forced them to travel by rail, rather than the more comfortable trip by road. A quiet, informal evening allowed us to renew old acquaintances and went to show that not all Old Millhillians go to Cambridge.

Yours, etc.,

OXON.

Cambridge Letter

Dear Sir,

For once the chance to write the Cambridge letter was accepted with great alacrity. A chance for fame! And revenge! However, the writer is happy to forgo such personal motives to report that the Cambridge O.M.'s Society has shown itself to be more than a mere collection of individuals. The highlight of this term's activities lay undoubtedly in the Cambridge O.M.'s dinner, to which we were very pleased to welcome as guests the Headmaster, the President of the O.M.'s Club, complete with chain of office, Rutch Turnbull, and Rodney Exton, all of whom helped to make the evening a most memorable occasion. The speeches were good, but I think that of the Headmaster must rank as being of the most immediate importance to us up here. He warned us of the increasing difficulties facing those at Mill Hill who are trying for admission either here or at Oxford. Despite this very proper warning I hope that we are not a "dying" species and that the club will continue to flourish. You may rest assured that we who are fortunate enough to be up here will assist in every way possible.

The Club has entered a team for the Old Boys 7-a-side competition. We should have no difficulty in raising a team, that is if all our players are available. However, therein lies a major snag. David Hancock is likely to be "doing time," as last time I saw him he had been summonsed for similar motoring offences on consecutive days. Bill Skinner may be anywhere, as last week he was playing golf on Snowdon, and next week he relives a moment of glory with the paratroopers at Arnhem. There was some mention of a quick trip to Sweden as an after-battle sedative. Keith Armistead might play! His actions here would seem to belie his Mons report, "capable of making instant decisions and sticking to them regardless," as so far he has read four different subjects. That is what comes of reading Newman's "Ideas of Liberal Education." Our other Queen's man, David Webster, should be a powerful acquisition to the side as he just oozes LX club fitness, and in fact this caused no little embarrassment as the three-quarter line had to be rearranged so that he was not playing next to our worthy President. John Hewson was to have turned out, but at the last moment his wife put her foot down. Alan Bain, on hearing this, decided to come out of retirement in case he met with a similar fate next year.

Terrance Halfpenny reports that wending his way home early one morning after a party, he bumped into Brian Higginson and Edward Fiddy on their pre-breakfast training run. Alan Kendall, David Hunt and Robert Lefevre have all donned black ties to mark the passing of a great institution, as the new Sitre Street bridge has just been completed at the expense of the Anchor pub. Brian Hedley has donned a tie! Things are definitely looking up for the Cambridge O.M.'s.

Yours, etc.,

CANTAB.

Belmont Letter

Dear Sir,

We have started a new swimming class for boys in Forms I and II which goes to the Y.W.C.A. baths in Tottenham Court Road every Saturday morning. Mr. Brickett, the ex-Olympic coach, is good with boys of this age group, and we hope his coaching will improve our swimming generally by giving us a flying start.

There has been no lack of domestic incident this term, with the 'flu epidemic, a small fire, and then measles. These events were important enough at the time, but are not worth space here, and unfortunately prevented us from accomplishing other and possibly more memorable deeds.

Lino-cutting continues to flourish, together with potato-printing, which has been successfully combined with brush-painting. We have had our first gym match—against Orley Farm; they were not really in our class, but it made a change from everyday practices.

In addition to the usual verse-speaking competition we are starting a junior competition for which Mr. Alston is kindly presenting a cup. This should produce some good verse-speaking as the younger boys have crystal-clear voices and are usually quite unaffected by nerves.

Trevor Antony is coming to give us a recital in the Chapel one Sunday. He has sung before in the Carol Services and often as a member of the congregation. This is his last term as a Belmont parent, but we hope we shall hear him again in the Chapel.

Mr. Gee hopes for a few rugger matches before the end of term as we have a good XV. He and Mr. Alston are once more undertaking their ever-popular Paris trip at Easter. We are grateful to them for their tenacity in giving pleasure and profit to so many groups—this is the ninth successive year.

Barltrop, Jowett, Antony and Limbrey move along the Ridgeway at the end of this term. We wish them all good fortune.

Yours, etc.,

BELMONTIAN.

The Library

Two books have been presented to the Library this term: "Et Virtutem et Musas" by G. F. Timpson, presented by the author, and "The Nature of Experience" by W. R. Brain, presented by the author.

The following books are representative of those bought by the Committee: "Nightrunners of Bengal" by John Masters; "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons; "The Trial" by Franz Kafka; "Decline and Fall" by Evelyn Waugh; "The Young Caesar" by Rex Warner; "The Masters" by C. P. Snow; "Grete Minde" by Theodor Fontane; "Anne Frank's Diary" by Anne Frank; "The Outsider" by Albert Camus; "Collected Poems" by John Betjeman; "The Poet Chaucer" by Neville Coghill; "The Worst English Poets" by C. Adams; "Two Concepts of Liberty" by Isaiah Berlin; "The Lost World of the Kalahari" by Van du Post; "Exploration of Space" by Arthur C. Clarke.



LITERARY SECTION

The Gift of the Gab

SCENE :—*A bedroom ; a man is standing over a dead woman with a revolver in his hand ; another man is standing in the doorway.*

" You haven't ? "
" I have."
" You knew ? "
" I knew."
" How long ? "
" Long enough ! "
" From whom ? "
" From HER."
" She wouldn't ! "
" She would ! "
" She didn't ! "
" She did ! "
" My darling."
" Your darling ! "
" You swine."
" And now . . . "
" Now what ? "
" You see . . . "
" Oh no ! "
" Oh yes."
" You wouldn't ? "
" I would."
" You couldn't ? "
" I could."
" You won't ! "
" I will ! "
BANG !

BUTCH II

A Love Song

You came to me with lilacs in your hair
Which, tumbling in concealing sea waves,
Swept me from off the gull-hung air,
Swept me from regions where the hollow wind
Stirs sedges above the heaving of the tide.
You brought me love where I thought love could never be
And fast wrapped me in a wonder at your side
In a love as endless as the endless sea ;
For I have lost lust in you, found myself whole.

M.J.B.

Evening Hymn

Gentle night is stealing
Across skies ;
And now the blessings of your peace we crave
Until the day in dawn's revealing
Shall rise.

Daylight buds will perish
At your behest ;
Now may we strive to nothing save,
Your holy love to cherish
In peaceful rest.

L.J.R.

Spinster

They hardly ever think twice about her. To them she is just an accepted part of the place, something which is there because it is there and seems always to have been there—like the faded beflowered settees in the lounge, the little cubicle-desk with the glass front marked "Reception," or the white serviettes and E.P.N.S. cutlery on the numbered tables in the dining-room. With their seaside smiles, their pier slot-machine coppers rattling in the pockets of their pot-bellied khaki shorts, and the open collars of their Jamaican shirts betraying expanses of very white—but very hairy—skins, they bring their families down from their Midland smog-stained, terraced-cottage homes for a fortnight by the sea, which they are determined to enjoy.

Yet they do not understand her. Though they say "Good-morning" to her, and "Jimmy-say-good-morning-to-the-lady" when they go into breakfast; though they remark hopefully to her about the weather, in the hall or the passageway, or outside the bathroom; and though they talk to her about budgerigars and cats and "what-a-big-sandcastle-Jimmy-made-on-the-beach-today"—they understand her as well as they understand the theory of relativity. Usually they do not notice her. When they do they speak politely to her out of pity, convinced that their lively conversation interests her . . . "Just a harmless old maid who has missed the marriage boat."

" . . . Wonder what she does year in year out just sitting there knitting in that lounge ? "

" I 'spect she's happy in her own way, dear. She's got a budgerigar . . . she reads books. "

" She's probably got a private income. Wonder if she's got any family ? "

" Poor old girl, she's a bit past it now. Can't say I'd like her sort of life though. "

" Oh, Bill, just think how lucky we are to have each other and Jimmy. She's got no-one except her budgerigar . . . "

All that they can see of her is the sagging, putty body, the bags under her eyes which become fuller and more pallid as the rest of her skin tautens and creases and darkens, the once brown curly locks now a spindly grey, and the smooth alto of her voice a cracked whistle.

But why do they not look deeply into her, instead of just scanning her decayed effigy? Can they not see that under her National Health spectacles shine a pair of brown eyes which are as alive and smiling as ever they were? Can they not realise that she is laughing at them, at their clumsiness, at their superficial enjoyments, and at their futile attempts to let no-one, not even themselves, see the void behind their stage-masks? Though they have marriage and children, she knows that her memories are more real than their present. Like everything else which they possess, these things too are empty because they have not love.

She had love once, but that was a long time ago and he died soon after they met. Yet that did not matter, for by killing him Time had preserved her love more fresh and rare than it would have been if he had lived.

So she sits there in the hotel lounge knitting and laughing at them with her eyes. Her past is both her present and her future, and the remembrances of her short love shines as a light before her which is so dazzling that nothing else is seen. She does not have to pretend, as they do, for she is not afraid of anything, even death. There is no sorrow, no regret, but only the everlasting dream of lovemaking with her memories.

R.S.B.

“The Wheel”

*A dream sequence of the disruption of the sacred ritual marriage of
Nature and Vegetation.*

PERSONAE :— *Father. Son. Girl. Stranger.*

1. At Home

Son :

If I enter through the familiar door
Do I know what lies behind ?
Is there a suggestion of what fate
Holds out ahead, unknown to me.
I pass through the door and, entering,
See her sitting there.

Father :

This is the girl who will be a wife ;
This is the girl who will be a mother ;
This is the girl who will cause a strife ;
This is the girl who will take a lover.
Now she has ripened to perfection,
She shall become Nature's love selection.
She will be the bride of the son
Of a stranger, a man you have never met.
Now we have gathered the harvest,
Now we have Winter in the past,
Surely April brings Spring at last.
Come my son, let us go into the evening together,
Deliver her up to the turning of the wheel.

2. In the Car

Son :

That the wheel might stop in the dark
I pray, for you I have prayed, for you I am.
I know that I have always loved you.
Since time's beginning, my love has lived
For you, and I for you; for me you.

Girl :

Do not think but let us love,
For I have such need of you, not of the world.
Where the wind has moaned in the dead tree
I have known you, in wastes of desert
And of asphalt I saw you stir,
Where life does not live, you flicker
Alone, whilst I must surge in the Spring.
O take me where the winds blow dry
And I can pour my pity like a stream,
Then die.

3. The House of the Stranger

Father :

We have arrived and my work is done,
For I have brought the girl bride to your son.

Stranger :

It is good that the Spring can now come,
For the cows can be turned on the grasses that grow,
And the buds can open to swell in the sun,
And the farmer take out his stored corn and sow.
All is well that I can discern,
Now that Nature's wheel may turn.

Girl :

Stop ! Say no more.
Agony is too long that has no relief.
Whatever you may say of natural law,
Human hearts know only grief.
I'm sorry I must end your solemn rite,
But tonight, I know that tonight
My life has crystallized to a still point
That is alive, to him alive.

Stranger :

She is yours,
You are hers.
The New Year is ravished
And the turning wheel is stopped.
Now there is nothing.

The spinning spider ; the air-free sparrow hawk ; the hunting tiger and
toiling humanity curse you !

Son :

There is something in me, holding me back
From taking here and yet and yet I must.
When I look into her heart with mankind I am in tune,
" *Legato con amor in un volume.*"

(Within its depths I saw ingathered, bound by love in one volume, the
scattered leaves of all the universe—*Dante*).

M.J.B.

The Dancers

From far away it looked like a palace bathed in flickering lights. It was only when A. came nearer that he saw it was a dirty discoloured, shoddily-built building, a café by day and a dance hall by night. He could see it had once been painted blue, then red, and finally whitewashed to hide the patches of cheap colours, but the whiteness had faded into a stained cream. Paper wrappings, ice-cream cartons, cigarette packets and empty bottles lay on the ground before it. A neon sign flickered on the peeling front "RIVERSIDE PAL IS . . . RIVERSIDE PAL IS." The missing letter was as prominent as a gap in a row of teeth. In the windows A. could see a torn poster of a laughing girl on a swing, advertising soft drinks; she smiled down on an empty room littered with chairs and bare tables. Lights in the upstairs hall told him that a dance was being held; he could just hear the faint swish-swish of cymbals and the high squeak of an alto saxophone. The music came louder as he climbed the stairs. On the door a notice read : "Dancing Tonight to George and his Music," but there seemed to be few people who knew about it since nobody came near to the building. In the distance a lonely train mournfully whistled; a car's headlamps lighted a far hill for a few moments until the light faded as the car turned away into the dark earth, indistinguishable from the night.

A. pushed his way through the thick curtain which screened the doorway. The room was heavy with the swirling smoke of countless cigarettes and the electric light bulbs which hung from the ceiling were bare and unshaded. On the floor crowded couples closely danced. He looked around for someone to pay—there was no-one. Over in a far corner he thought he heard the faint sound of a bottle touching the rim of a glass so he began to edge around the room to get a drink.

He stopped, halted by a spurt of fear. The usual sounds of a dance-hall were missing. There was no noise of feet sliding on the floor, or the heavy rise and fall of conversation, merely the thump . . . thump . . . thump of the drums. "It must be going at pulse rate," he said, and put his hand on his wrist. His blood flowed rhythmically in time with the music. He turned sharply and began to walk towards the direction of the door, but he could not seem to reach the exit although he had been walking for some time. A. stood on his toes but saw no outline of the door above the bobbing heads of the dancers. He walked quickly back to his original position to regain his sense

of direction. In his eagerness his foot caught on a chair and he stumbled heavily against one of the dancers who fell to the floor. He turned round to apologise and pick the man up but merely stared at the unmoving figure on the ground. The man's partner continued dancing as if her arms were still holding him. No-one stopped to pick up the ashtray and glasses which had fallen to the floor with the table.

"Ask someone, ask someone," A. told himself. A pale girl was sitting alone at one of the tables so he sat down opposite her. "How do I get out of here please?" he asked. The girl did not answer but stared at the dancers. He thought she might be deaf so he asked again, articulating each word slowly. "I Want To Get Out. Can You Tell Me The Way Please." There was no reply. He shook her shoulders violently in anger, repeating his question over and over. The girl's head flopped backwards and forward at each movement and then fell off. A stream of sawdust poured out of her neck. A. screamed shrilly and ran blindly through the maze of dancers, cannoning off their heavy, unyielding bodies.

Suddenly he reached the end of the floor and in front of him he saw the band. They were wearing heavy black cloaks like monks' habits so he could not see their faces, and sat still over their instruments. He walked up to the drummer who was moving some wire brushes over the cymbals. A half-drunk pint of beer lay beside him; the top of the liquid was green with mould and dust lay on the glass. "Can you tell me how to get out of here, please?" he asked. The drummer did not hear, but carried on playing. A. tapped him on the shoulder but even then the drummer did not move from his crouched position over his instruments. With a gesture of impatience A. flicked the cowl from his head. The empty eye sockets of a skull stared at him. He fell to the floor endlessly screaming.

A. felt himself falling through the floor, faster and faster, down a bottomless lift-shaft into an unending abyss of darkness. Then he was aware that he was lying on his back in the darkness, unable to move, wrapped by invisible chains which tightened around his body with ever increasing force. He writhed and strained to escape from the crushing bite of his bonds and moaned softly. In the far dark distance he heard the hiss of escaping air and the light steel-delicate touch of metal on metal. He twisted his body, struggling to free himself from the invisible weight on top of him, shouting and sobbing in his desperation.. Inside him he felt a small bubble swell up and grow larger as he struggled to escape. It burst and then it was all over and he was lying in the night staring at an indistinct shape before him.

"I saw some dancers who were puppets and then an elephant sat on my chest," he said.

"Don't worry, you are all right now," the white outline said. "Try to sleep."

A. slept.

The night nurse turned to her desk where a small light was shining and began to write: "Patient awoke at 2.55 a.m. Pulse 72"

A.A.T.D.

Introducing James Austin by Archibald Fenwick

My Dear Reader,

I must say how greatly honoured I feel, to be able to write an introduction to the Fenwick selections (available now at all good book stores). Here we are then :—

"I feel greatly honoured." James Austin has been for many years (since about 1957), one of our most respected and well-loved writers. The latter fact is proved by his seven citations for co-responsdency. This excellent cheap edition of selections from his greatest novel will, with its beautifully designed cover, make a welcome addition to your bookshelf.

The essence of his writing, its conciseness, brevity and meticulous precision of style is always apparent, especially so in Chapter XIII lines 378-400, where there is a delightful description of how Ann discovers that her beloved has the engaging pastime of smoking marihuana. This scene is charmingly handled, and the subtle irony of the ultimate line, "But darling, I can easily give it up. In fact I did, several times last year," lends us a glimpse of that inimitable humour that is James Austin's. Unfortunately this is not one of the selected extracts because the original novel was much criticised (it was burnt by 'The Friends of Lolita League'), on the grounds that it might turn our youth into drug addicts.

The extracts actually published are all gems of writing (and publishing !). They demonstrate well James Austin's clear controlled use of language, and the acute observation of which he was capable.

The first extract is almost an example of this very gift. His innate common-sense lends to Ann a touch of reality, and closeness to life. Who has not felt such fragrant, tender feelings upon the thought of their adored chick ?

The third extract, another example of that feeling which led to his ten-year stretch at the 'Scrubs for wife-murder, is excellent. So is the public-house, "The Three Mallets," mentioned in the narrative (drinks after 10.30 p.m., plus 50%, licensee, A. Fenwick).

My personal favourite I have saved until last, the second extract. Nowhere in the book (except in the introduction) is there displayed more clearly that quality which has made him loathed in three continents. This is his revolting sense of humour ; which he inherited from his parents (a vampire and an East End funeral director). Surely such broadmindedness, such gentle humour and sanity as shown by James Austin, had a permanent place in the literature of yesterday.

ARCHIBALD FENWICK, (publican; publisher; best prices for
old car batteries. Ring Mil : 1972).

Unfriendly Persuasion by James Austin

Price 7s. 6d. (or near offer).

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Chapter 3

... Ann, who had been a most attentive viewer of the whole of "Oh Boy," left the room, to seek the comfort of cool air for her flushed cheeks ; and as she walked towards her favourite coffee bar, said, with an inane giggle, 'A few months more, and Clxf Rxchxrd, perhaps, may be performing there.'

Chapter 4

The Blush was not on account of Mr. Rxchxrd, the teenage idol, however suspicious appearances may be, but on account of her abnormally high blood pressure. This she bore with gentleness, modesty, taste and feeling, as she did her baldness, sciatica and astigmatism.

Chapter 12

As to the revolting party left behind, it could scarcely be said which of the three, was laughing most, Cashiered Captain Bentworthless, Ann, or Charles, who, really a very comic figure, slobbered over Louise, creasing himself with laughter, and could only turn his bloodshot eyes from one sister, to see the other in a state as insensible, or to witness the hysterical agitations of his wife.

"Isn't it a perfect scream, Louise falling all the way down the cliff and killing herself!" were the first words which burst from cashiered Captain Bentworthless.

Chapter 23

"Coo!" cried Captain Barville, Panamanian Navy Retd., in a tone of strong feeling, "if I could but make you comprehend what a relief it is to a man, when he takes a last look at his hideous wife and no-neck children, and watches the condemned cattle-boat that he has sent them off in, unable to believe his good fortune, and then turns into the nearest pub, and says: "Thank God they have gone at last!" And then, if I could convey to you the loathing in his soul when he does see the little monsters again; . . .

What the Press said:

"Typical of capitalism"—The Worker.

"Typical of lower class sentiment"—Telegraph.

"Typical of modern licentiousness"—Catholic Herald.

"Typical of Victorian prudishness"—Observer.

This is the book that has revolted millions; a must for the discriminating few!

JAMES AUSTIN



This delightful picture forms the frontispiece of the Fenwick Selections, and shows James Austin at work in his pleasant Suffolk cottage



Et Virtutem Et Musas

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A. A. T. DAVIES (1954-59) ; Burton Bank ; Upper Modern Subjects A ;
Monitor : Head of House ; Magazine (Chairman) ; Monitorial Board (Hon.
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R. M. WILLIAMS (1955-59); Scrutton; Upper Science VI; House Prefect; 1st XV 1958; 2nd XI Cricket 1958; Junior Swimming VIII 1957; Science Society (Hon. Treasurer); Society of Philatelists; Printing Society (Hon. Sec.); Corporal in C.D./C.C.F.; Reading Chemistry at Nottingham University; Mill Gates, Mill Lane, Willaston-in-Wirral, Cheshire.

Chapel

Preachers on Sunday mornings this term have been :

- JAN. 18 The Head Master.
" 25 The Chaplain.
FEB. 1 H. E. Wood, M.A.
" 8 Rev. McEwan Lawson, M.A.
" 15 Rev. A. N. Johnson.
" 22 Rev. Dr. S. M. Watts.
MAR. 1 Rev. R. Simpson.
" 8 Rev. O. R. Fulljames, M.A.
" 15 The Chaplain.
" 22 The Head Master.

The Large

"A Town Like Alice" and "On the Waterfront" were two films this term that welcomely heralded a more mature choice. The former, based on the first part of Nevil Shute's novel of the same name, was impressive. It carefully yet unrelentingly portrayed the horrors endured by a band of European women and children who strayed, as unwanted and unaided prisoners, across Japanese-held Malaya in the last war. The film follows the love story of the English girl (Virginia MacKenna) and the Australian (Peter Finch) up to his crucifixion at the hands of the Japs, and closes with their miraculous re-union in Australia.

The titles of "On the Waterfront" professed that it was the nature of the American people to expose rather than cover their faults, and this the film most certainly succeeded in doing. The acting was good. Lee J. Cobb was cast in his usual stereotyped performance of the local back-street boy turned into the despot of the docks; Eva Marie Saint played the girl who had managed to break away from the squalor and closed-in horizons of the slum-area; and Marlon Brando, the prophet of the method and the beat generation, shrugs, gropes and stammers through a part he would find hard to play badly. At the end, after the sight of his beaten-up face and his staggering walk towards the happy ending, one questions not the story, only the conclusion.

It is impossible to please a whole school at once and perhaps "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" filled the gap. This idyllic comedy set in Disney-like backwoods, is packed with good tunes, sung in a "top-of-the-morning" way by Howard Keel and Jane Powell, supported by the six brothers and, of course, the six brides.

Music Club

At the first of the three concerts held in the Music School this term, the Club was privileged to hear the world-renowned violinist, Bratza, give a recital with Andrée Ratcliffe, piano, and Percy Kelly, horn. The performance began with Beethoven's "Spring" Sonata, played by Bratza and Miss Ratcliffe, and continued with Mr. Kelly and Miss Ratcliffe playing the "Horn Concerto" in E flat by the youthful Richard Strauss. The three artists then combined in a memorable performance of the Trio in E flat for violin, horn and piano.

The next recital was given by Reginald Kell, clarinet, and Reginald Paul, piano. They began with Brahms' E flat Sonata for clarinet and piano, and this was followed by a dramatic performance from Mr. Paul of the D minor Sonata by Beethoven; next Mr. Kell joined Mr. Paul in the "Six Studies in English Folk-Song" by Vaughan Williams, and the recital ended with an impressive rendering of a Sonatina composed in 1948 by Szalowski.

In the final recital of the term, three students of the Royal Academy of Music entertained the Music Club. Keith Harvey, violoncello, accompanied by Philip Jenkins, piano, started the evening's music with "Arioso" by Bach and "La Follia" by Marin-Marais. Then Audrey Attwood, soprano, sang a group of songs by Schubert and Wolf. Mr. Jenkins followed her with Beethoven's "Sonata in E flat." Mr. Harvey played a "Prayer" by Block, "Papillon" by Popper, and a work on one string by Paganini entitled "Moses Fantaisie." The recital continued with a group of modern English folk-songs from Miss Attwood, by Herbert Howells, Hamilton Harty and Roger Quilter, and ended with a performance of Chopin's "Polonaise-Fantaisie," played by Philip Jenkins.

Music

CHAPEL CHOIR

With the purpose in mind this term of concentrating almost entirely on our performance at Chapel services, we have been paying special attention to the chanting of psalms and hymn singing. Besides this, and more important, we have enlarged our repertoire of anthems to such an extent that we have been able to sing one or even two on each Sunday throughout the term.

As a reward we went to the theatre : a party of trebles saw "A Breath of Spring" at the Duke of York's Theatre, while the other sections enjoyed "A Day in the Life of . . ." Once again we are indebted to Mr. Barlow, not only for arranging these outings, but also for his painstaking instruction.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY

As a relief from Handel's oratorio "The Messiah," the Society tackled the "Polovtsian Dances" from Borodin's "Prince Igor," and some rousing excerpts from Gounod's "Faust."

Then we returned to the "Messiah" and managed to break the back of the bulk of choruses which are to be the main body of this year's Foundation Week-end Concerts.

The number of members has continued to increase and practices have gone much better now that the Society has been allocated a convenient time in the week, but we still need more support especially in the Treble and Alto section.

P.A.D.

Societies

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Hon. Sec. : M. R. WOLLERTON.

The only meeting of the term was held in the Large on Thursday, 5th February. Mr. T. J. C. Dudman [O.M.] gave the Society a most interesting talk, illustrated by colour slides, on "Ghana." He gave us a general description of the country, and spoke at great length on Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and his enthusiastic following amongst the 99.8% black population. The meeting was concluded with a colour film of the Ghana Independence Day celebrations in 1957.

M.R.W.

INTERIM

Chairman : A. A. T. DAVIES.

Vice-Chairman : R. J. ABRAHAM.

Hon. Sec. : H. R. M. MACDONALD.

In the first debate of the term a new vogue was immediately apparent—a fervid, and often blind, patriotism. The evils of Britain's past were successfully camouflaged by the speakers for the Opposition, who defeated the motion, "This House is ashamed of its colonial empire," by a large majority.

The next meeting was a Junior Debate which again stressed the need for more of these meetings. The much used motion, "This House approves of Censorship of the Press" was refreshingly handled and the standard of speaking was high. The motion was carried by a narrow majority, the speakers being fairly divided on both sides. This meeting was of more use than the Closed Debate two weeks afterwards which degenerated into a discussion since few had taken the trouble to think about the subject. The result was a penetrating and sometimes exciting treatment of moral behaviour and happiness, but not a debate.

Drastic remedies were taken after this meeting and the next Closed Debate was the most worthwhile of the term. The motion, "This House would welcome a return to Puritanism," was deftly handled, although some shoddiness crept into the speeches. The Opposition won their case, mainly because wit allies itself to condemning and not to supporting the motion. Of more value than the actual speaking was the mutual criticism of speeches afterwards. It was felt that facts were needed to reinforce the main points of a speech or else the argument deteriorated into turgid generalizations. Now that the lean period is passed, the society can now look forward to a more lively future.

A.A.T.D.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

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

It is a pity that the Easter Term does not allow much time for play-reading; meeting on every alternate Sunday we have only managed to read three plays. The first was "Table Number Seven" from Terence Rattigan's "Separate Tables." The characters were easy enough to portray; the difficulty came in providing the drama since the plot of the play was unknown to the majority of the Society. This defect was remedied in the next play, Murray MacLymont's "The Good Die Young," by distributing the books three days before the meeting. The danger of choosing a play by the title only was well exemplified here. What was thought to be a tersely dialogued play about juvenile delinquency turned out to be a 1930 "post-prandial comedy." However, it made amusing reading since its stereotyped farce was adroitly handled. Great opportunities were offered in "Romanoff and Julie" by Peter Ustinov, which provided American, Russian and Central European accents. Although the characters were overacted in the hope of portraying these accents, the play was satisfyingly read, the comedy and anti-power politics theme emerging strongly.

A.A.T.D.

PHOEBAN GROUP

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

Third Member : F. M. N. WILLS.

New ground was broken in the first paper of the term, "An Outline of Depth Psychology," which was given by Mr. A. A. T. Davies. The paper was mainly concerned with the work of C. G. Jung, although the theories of Freud and Adler were accounted for. The range was wide, from psychological types to dream analysis, archetypes and the collective unconscious, and able use was made of actual cases and a dream series which reinforced the arguments. The speaker showed himself well capable to give such a paper but stressed that his knowledge came "from picking other men's brains." Not surprisingly, such a topic provided a furious and exciting discussion.

It was not a large step from archetypal symbols to the works of T. S. Eliot. In a clear and well-thought-out paper Mr. M. J. Baker analysed the thought behind the plays, poetry and criticism of T. S. Eliot. Whatever posterity will see him as, a poet, a dramatist or a critic, T. S. Eliot is a phenomenon of the twentieth century who has made his mark in the history of Literature. The speaker admirably showed the force of tradition, both poetical and intellectual which has gone into Eliot's works.

All through the paper was penetratingly handled, quotations from Eliot and other poets giving much force to the theme of the paper.

A.A.T.D.

WITAN

Prolocutor : A. A. T. DAVIES.

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

Owing to conflicting dates and pressure of work, the Society has only met once this term. J. S. Nicholls delivered a paper on "Witchcraft." The fear of witches, the speaker told us, developed in the late Middle Ages, but may have derived from the Anglo-Saxon "wicce-craeft." He explained that people accused of witchcraft often admitted their guilt because confession, though false, was good for the soul. Nicholls closed with a comparison of European witchcraft with the African forms which, he suggested, could only be combated by the Christian religion.

F.M.N.W.

PYTHAGOREANS

Hon. Sec. : A. WEATHERALL.

Third Member : R. M. TAGG.

The first meeting this term was an informal one when the Society tried to decide whether the end justifies the means. Two hours' discussion produced no decision but the evening passed very pleasantly. At our next meeting M. J. Lunan presented a very entertaining paper on "The Mikado," to be followed a fortnight later by a most interesting and instructive paper by H. M. Saunders on J. S. Bach.

At our second informal meeting members were invited to bring something they liked and something they disliked—a semi-decomposed rabbit was one of the exhibits. We have one more meeting this term when we will read "The Ascent of F6," by W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood. The term's activities will be concluded with an expedition to see "West Side Story."

We are most grateful to those members who delivered papers and to Mr. Burn for his infinite hospitality.

A.W.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec. : R. M. TAGG.

This Term we have had fewer activities than usual, owing to the fact that we were not able to engage an outside speaker.

Our first meeting was a showing of four scientific films, and we were fortunate in being able to use the new projector. Later a party of ten visited Pinchin Johnson's paint factory in Plaistow, when a long journey was rewarded by a very interesting tour.

On Friday (the 27th of February, we heard two papers by members of the School. R. M. Williams spoke on "Silicones," and R. M. Tagg on "Electronic Computers." It was a pity that so large a society produced so small an attendance.

We were also to have had an evening on "Astronomy," with a film and a talk, but this had to be cancelled because the film was not available until June.

R.M.T.

INTERPRETES

Hegemon : J. L. BROCKINGTON.

Scriba : H. R. MACDONALD

There have been two meetings of the society this term. The first was on January 24th, when Dr. MacDonald, a Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, delivered a lecture on the various manuscripts of Livy, and the work of the scholars in interpreting them, which proved to be a very interesting and profitable talk.

We met again on February 22nd, to read a translation of Sophocles' "Antigone" in preparation for the visit to Cambridge to see the play performed by the Cambridge Greek Play Committee. Despite our hopes to the contrary, the actual production proved to be unrealistic and disappointing.

At last the society shows some signs of emerging from its lamentable state of semi-paralysis from which it has suffered for some years, as several juniors are beginning to show commendable interest.

H.R.M.M.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Secretary : A. E. STUART.

In past terms we have been conscious of a lack of true Christian fellowship in the society's meetings, and have tried this term to encourage this fellowship in two ways. Firstly, we have experimented in forming a definite membership to the society, still holding open several meetings to all sixth and fifth formers. Secondly, we have endeavoured to remove a great deal of the formality in the meetings, while still keeping the form of a service.

We were very glad to welcome back the Rev. P. H. Figgis, who greatly helped us in the early days of the Christian Fellowship. He spoke on the important subject of "Making our religion personal." Mr. C. Higgs, another friend of the Fellowship, introduced a discussion with a talk on some of the essentials of the Christian Faith. Our third speaker, the Rev. J. A. M. Piersséné, led a lively and helpful discussion, which removed all trace of awkwardness and formality. The term's Bible studies on I John have been better attended than previously and as always they have been enjoyable and helpful.

To close the term's meetings we are experimenting further by showing a programme of films of the "Fact and Faith" series. It is hoped that these will prove popular and become a source of help towards a better understanding of the Christian message.

A.E.S.

Hobbies

In the ART SOCIETY members have been painting prolifically : some have entered pictures for outside exhibition. They have also paid visits to the Exhibition of Russian Art, and to the Royal Academy Young Contemporaries Exhibition. The PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S "Special Section" has been functioning sporadically but obviously Hockey is less photogenic than Rugger.

The RAILWAY SOCIETY has travelled from Manchester to Sheffield in four minutes, and witnessed the spectacle of three locomotives driving a snow-plough into a 10ft. drift at 60 m.p.h., by film. By film also, the MOTOR CAR AND CYCLE CLUB have been watching Grands Prix and studying the composition of the Vanwall.

The PRINTING SOCIETY has continued its lucrative progress, printing wedding invitations and School House play programmes. Once again we can only report of the TRAVEL CLUB that as last term they have relied on film, of such countries as Persia and Australia.

C.C.F.

ARMY SECTION.

The chief feature of this term's activity has been the diversity of training in which the various sections have participated. Post Cert 'A' sections now number eight and it is hoped to introduce at least one more section next term. This, apart from clearing the bottle-neck that once existed at this level, gives a greater number of N.C.O.'s more responsible positions.

The pattern of training for the R.A., R.E., and R. Signals sections has continued along traditional lines ; the new C.D. sections (with the help of the Hendon C.D. Section) have broken new ground and should by now understand something of the mysteries of radiation and light rescue work. The activities of both cadres have been manifold and muscular and have helped to implant the idea that voluntarily enforced personal discipline has much to commend itself. It is understood that further details of the distance and initiative test of the cadres are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Field Day was held on March 4th, with visits to S.M.E. Chatham, (R.E. Section), C.D., H.Q. at Hendon and the C.D. training area at Hayes, R.A. Field Regt. at Kingsbury, The Depot Middlesex Regt., and three other localities near the Ashridge National Trust area. From reports so far received the only casualty was part of a fence, flattened by over-zealous cadets in pursuit of a "fifth-columnist."

This term, two cadet under-officers were appointed, and have now had the opportunity of acting as platoon and company officers on parade, in company with a cadet R.S.M. We hope that this experience may prove useful on the occasion of the Annual Inspection next term.

The last item in this term's calendar is the Cert 'A' exam. on March 13th, which is to be presided over by the Grenadier Guards, after which training for the "Newcastle" Shield will begin.

Camp this year will be held at Stony Castle near Pirbright ; it is hoped that this most important aspect of C.C.F. training will not be neglected by aspiring N.C.O.s and others.

C.S.B.

R.A.F. SECTION

F/O. Miller has now been at the controls for over a year, and the promised changes in the basic organisation of the section have materialised. Besides seconding cadets to external sections, all proficient cadets remaining are now attached to the Pilot Training, Aircraft Intelligence, or Aerodynamics sections.

The majority of the section spent Field Day in escape, evasion, and map-reading exercises near Berkhamsted. Some cadets took part in the Cadre Initiative Test, which is described elsewhere.

K.C.R.

Scouts

Scouting has gone well this term, though there have been certain interruptions to the programme because of 'flu.

Early in the term most of the Seniors passed their Ambulance badge, and more recently there has been a course of lectures by an astronomer, as a result of which we hope that a good number will qualify for the Astronomer's Badge next term.

On March 4th (Field Day) the Junior Troop was divided into pairs and taken by coach to various points North and North-East of Potters Bar in order to make their way back to school, cooking their lunch on the way (despite the rain), and compiling a log. The Seniors visited the Planetarium and spent some time redecorating their end of the Scout Hut.

On March 12th First Class Scouts in the Junior Troop went on a Night Exercise in the countryside around Aylesbury, ending up with a good sleep in the new "farrowing house" of a farm at Wingrave.

It should be recorded that the Senior Scouts were visited by the District Commissioner, Mr. Stephen Jack, who presented Mr. Sennit with his warrant as A.S.M., and the Junior Troop received a visit from the A.D.C. on March 9th, when he spoke to boys preparing for First Class.

H.W.S.



HOUSE NOTES

Ridgeway

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

School Prefects : I. Reekie, A. S. R. Roberts, T. M. H. Dalton.

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

Mediocrity was condemned by Nietzsche as the vice of the bourgeoisie ; he preferred the distinction of successful sinning to the obscurity evoked by the hypocritical cloak of middle-class morality. The individual must strive to assert himself and to realise his potential power, in order that he may avoid the suffocation of an inconsequential existence. The personality should emerge and express itself in action that will affect the relative happiness of others. In a small community, we are so placed that we cannot but influence the lives of our contemporaries, whether it be through corruption, or through the maintenance of high standards ; but at least we must aim to be positive, and not merely the spectators of the panorama of school life.

A boy must have a kindred spirit as a confidant with whom he can discuss matters that seem to be important, and he cannot therefore avoid being involved in the life of his community. Through personal relationships he immediately becomes part of the whole, and, through abstention or participation, he contributes to it. Friendships decay, and new enthusiasms produce new criteria ; but the inheritance of the community broods over the unwilling legatees, and scorns the defiance of those cynics who attempt to band together in opposition to the common good. "Spirit" rises and falls with changing hierarchies, but it emerges when it is needed. Humans require some ideal to cling to, and we provide that ideal in the conception of Ridgeway as a House that is willing to discover the best compromise between tradition and progress.

To speak of Ridgeway as a small community is not strictly accurate, because we are the largest single House in the school ; perhaps we should take this into consideration when thinking of the term's sporting achievements. We retained the Junior Rugger Shield with comparative ease ; we won the Senior Squash Cup and the Junior Cross-Country competition and have high hopes of striking a top note in the Music competition. It would, however, be absurd to measure our success only on the sports field ; one of our number climbed Snowden at three o'clock in the morning, and another, dressed up as a bus conductor, took over the 240A route to Edgware for an afternoon.

In spite of such bursts of exuberance we are usually sufficiently sane to realise the need for rules, and the occasions when it is permissible to ignore them. But may I remind you, that although most boys do not appreciate it, even masters have souls . . .

M.H.T.J.

Burton Bank

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

Monitors : A. E. Stuart, P. V. Hamilton-Hunter.

School Prefect : A. J. Ferryman.

House Prefects : P. R. M. O'Shea, D. W. Knight, W. T. George, N. S. Nichols, J. G. Hanchet, C. W. Pring.

The impact of the 'flu epidemic on the House was a lesson in studied irony. At the beginning of the week someone proudly declared : "Only four people sick in B.B. The other Houses have been halved !" On the following Thursday when the same person saw the remains of the House sparsely scattered on two tables in the Dining Room, he remarked in a stunned voice : "Oh, well, we were the last to go !" 80% were confined to bed at one time or another ; the remainder "sweated it out." One such person shut himself in his study one morning and came out at night, very unsteady, but fit. When asked to what he attributed his health, he replied with a knowing leer : "Black

coffee, aspirins and factor x." During the emergency Prefects acted as general helpers, carrying food and clearing dishes, much to the delight of those in bed.

This term short gramophone recitals on aspects of the concerto have been given in the Quiet Room on Sunday evenings. These were so well attended that a series dealing with the Symphony has already been planned for next term.

Culture, however, is wasted on some. The current vogue in speech is a terse, raw brand of gangster-slang, imported and otherwise. With this in the air the impact of Marlon Brando in the film, "On the Waterfront," was tremendous. The mumbled incoherencies gave to the already incomprehensible speech a weird, fascinating sound—like a magpie with hiccups. Strangely enough this is perfectly understood by the cognoscenti.

There is a rumour current that a shot-gun is being kept in the House to preserve the robins of Mill Hill, who are fighting a losing battle with the jackdaws. So far nothing has been heard of the shot-gun in action. However, the tremendous explosion one morning in the biology laboratory may have meant that target practice was taking place there. Perhaps this rumour has made the owner wary.

As the Editor has called for House Notes before the completion of the Squash, the Fives, the Hockey and the Music competitions, there is little to record of the sporting achievements. The one competition which has so far been completed was not a successful one. The Junior Rugger team, firm favourites for the cup, flopped in the first round to Murray.

As a footnote on the term's activities, it is pleasing to see that a few members of the House are inaugurating a policy of inviting visitors from other schools to Mill Hill. Although the term "monasticism" cannot strictly be applied to the school there is a strained attitude to such moves. In a few years' time it is hoped that the "unnaturalness" surrounding such visitors will have disappeared altogether.

A.A.T.D.

Murray

Head of House : B. G. MURPHY.

House Prefects : R. M. Cohen, H. H. Harris, R. Hillenbrand, M. O. Lidwell, M. P. Petersen, R. J. D. Boon.

The opening of term was greeted by severe weather conditions, rendering pitches unsuitable for games, and a brand of hockey was devised which could be run on a divisional basis and played in the gymnasium. Teams were promoted or relegated from division to division and it was unfortunate that the team in which the House Tutor and the Head of House were playing was relegated after only one match in the first division. Much to their relief, the whole programme had to be postponed, owing to the devastating effects of influenza.

In this epidemic some forty boys were confined to their beds. House activities ceased for at least two weeks and practically the entire house contracted and recovered from the germ.

However, when fitness had been regained, a great effort was made by our Junior Rugger side. Confidence was gained through Mr. Exton's tactics and training, and they played with great courage and determination. They won their way through the first two rounds of the competition, defeating tough opposition, but in the final match, after a magnificent struggle, Ridgeway proved to be the stronger side.

An intrepid team of cross-country runners braved the muddy fields and ponds of Totteridge in a successful attempt to wrest the "Biscuit Box" from Weymouth. Congratulations to the whole team and particularly to R. Hillenbrand, who won the event.

Thus we have almost completed another term. The only barrier remaining in our path is the Senior House Hockey Competition, to which we look forward with mixed, but hopeful feelings.

B.G.M.

School House

Head of House : E. W. DAVIS.

Monitors : R. J. Taylor, F. M. N. Wills.

School Prefects : R. F. Ball, J. M. G. Hunt.

House Prefects : P. A. D Danciger, C. J. Carter, T. E. Elkins, M. F. Hopkins, S. W. Whyte, R. M. Williams, G. J. Blackmore, P. R. Worrall, A. K. Toulson.

Spring terms are notoriously unpredictable. However, this year, for the first few weeks at least, we thought that nothing extraordinary was in store for us. But there, as it happens, we were wrong . . . 'Flu struck. One by one the House collapsed ; no-one seemed immune from its inevitable conquest. From the heart of the resistance movement in Study One, fatigue parties, never to return, were sent to combat the terror. A few days later they were discovered seated round the House Master's television set.

At the height of the plague a 'phone rang—a qualified nurse wondered whether she could help. Twelve hours later she flew in and systematically began to sweep away the old order with her broomstick. No more the happy post-prandial gatherings in the surgery : no more the pattering feet of the stricken running upstairs to convince somebody that it was, at last, the "Real Thing" ; only the groans of the sick echoing along the empty passages and the pall-bearing prefects crying, "Bring out your dead." The emergency gradually passed and it was finally discovered that only fourteen out of a hundred and twenty-one had escaped the dreadful pestilence.

Some weeks later the writer was asked to inspect a House pet, and from the first moment they quickly became attached to each other. With great presence of mind he managed to lever his hand between the huge python's coils and his own throat and then, drawing a deep breath, gasped "Take 2 M !" Whereupon the massive reptile released its hold and dropped to the ground. Out of danger he became intrepid enough to ask the ashen-faced owner, what if anything the snake ate. Before the latter could reply, the reptile had opened its jaws and swallowed a near-by mouse : the writer, only staying long enough to withdraw the punishment, fled.

The House play, "Ten Little Niggers," by Agatha Christie, will be reported in the next issue, which is perhaps just as well !

E.W.D.

SCRUTTON

Head of House : E. W. DAVIS.

In the Junior Rugger Competition, the Scrutton team reached the semi-final after a hotly contested re-play, but they lost to the eventual winners and consequently had to vie for third place with Weymouth. We were unlucky to meet the ultimate finalists in both the Squash and Fives competitions, and despite hard training, our Cross-Country teams were unsuccessful.

We are, however, well represented in the Music Competition and entertain high hopes for our choir.

We now look forward to some tough hockey matches in the Senior House Competition, provided that the rains will stay in Spain at least for the last two weeks of term.

E.W.D.

WEYMOUTH

Head of House : R. J. TAYLOR.

The majority of the House has used the pretext of pre-examination study to excuse itself from the more vigorous forms of exercise. Even the Senior Hockey team lacked its usual vitality when practising at the end of February, but this may have been due to the short spell of surprisingly warm weather.

Although the cross-country runners did not repeat their victory of the past two years, they finished a close second, partly through the efforts of a keen junior, who came fourth in the event. The Junior Cross-Country runners also did well and the team was placed third.

The Junior Fives team had to play hard to win their first round match, but showed more talent towards the end, raising our hopes of their qualifying for the final.

R.J.T.

Winterstoke

Head of House : R. A. HUDCELL.

Monitor : A. R. Dyer.

School Prefects : A. J. Horne, T. D. Phillips.

House Prefects : P. W. Hancock, R. A. Lloyd Owen, W. O. W. Roberts.

As usual the Spring term has been marred by appalling weather and an influenza epidemic.

The writer was very surprised when he walked into breakfast one morning and found only one-third of the House present. Had 'flu struck overnight? Subsequent enquiries revealed that the House bell had not been rung punctually, and the remaining two-thirds of the house had not condescended to rise for breakfast.

A fierce-looking stuffed cat now adorns the Quiet Room walls. It was originally intended as an ornament, but one begins to feel that it would be considerably more successful as a "mouser" than the present "Ginger Tom."

Gastronomically speaking, it has been calculated that the total egg consumption of the Staff is four hundred eggs per term. Another domestic animal provided one extremely selfish member of the Staff with ten pints of milk in one day; the gentleman was excused on the grounds that he had set up a new record.

Any hopes that we entertained about redecoration have been more than realised. Three worthy gentlemen arrived one day, intending to paint the corridors; but much to our surprise they painted the sick-room and the bathrooms as well. Such administrative errors are always welcome, and we look forward to more next term.

Nothing has yet been accomplished in the field of sport, but we hope to retain the Senior Hockey trophy at the end of the term.

Collinson

Head of House : M. R. WOLLERTON.

School Prefects : P. Eckersley, W. A. Goyder.

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

The "flu bug," revelling in the term's mild weather, struck us less severely than our unfortunate brethren in other Houses, perhaps because we prefer the rigours of school life to those of the sick room. Other social menaces have also been at work in the House, with the result that our House-Master was visited by a number of salesmen. One of the latter even urged him to retire, not to bed, but permanently.

One Saturday evening, the fate of four balloonists of our number was enthusiastically debated, and although one of the defendants would have been more suited to the stage at the Old Vic, the experiment was very successful. We had also hoped to receive a visit from "The Flat Foot Stompers," but we were advised that the structure of the Quiet Room could not contain the violent enthusiasm of the group.

Collinson has also benefited from the increased national prosperity; the ceilings of the Junior Common Room and of Study 8 have been repainted. We look forward to the promised redecoration of our Dining Room.

With two choirs, an instrumental ensemble, regular hymn singing, six gramophones, and half a jazz band, we might almost be termed a musical House. We hope that this medley of talent will be successful in the forthcoming Music Competition.

We look forward with confidence to the Junior Fives, and should do well in the Senior Gym., since our four gymnasts are in the School VIII.

M.R.W.



SPORTS

HOCKEY

Captain : A. R. DYER.

Hon. Sec. : A. J. FERRYMAN.

Selection Committee : T. D. PHILLIPS.

Match Summary, Season 1959

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag'st</i>	<i>Result</i>
<i>First XI</i>						
Thurs.	Feb. 5	Puritans	A	2	2	Drawn
Sat.	Feb. 7	Southgate	A	1	1	Drawn
Sat.	Feb. 14	Bishop's Stortford	H	2	0	Won
Sat.	Feb. 21	Wellington	Cancelled			
Sat.	Feb. 21	Pangbourne	H	1	1	Drawn
Thurs.	Feb. 26	Old Millhillians ...	H	2	1	Won
Sat.	Feb. 28	Caterham	A	1	1	Drawn
Thurs.	Mar. 5	Hounslow	Cancelled			
Tues.	Mar. 10	Felsted	H	2	1	Won
Thurs.	Mar. 12	The Leys	H	0	1	Lost
Thurs.	Mar. 19	Cranleigh	A	1	1	Drawn
Sat.	Mar. 21	Aldenhams	A	0	2	Lost
<i>Second XI</i>						
Sat.	Feb. 14	Bishop's Stortford ...	H	1	2	Lost
Sat.	Feb. 21	Old Millhillians ...	Cancelled			
Sat.	Feb. 21	Pangbourne	A	0	0	Drawn
Sat.	Feb. 28	Caterham	A	2	2	Drawn
Tues.	Mar. 10	Felsted	H	0	1	Lost
Sat.	Mar. 14	Southgate	A	0	1	Lost
Thurs.	Mar. 19	Cranleigh	A	1	0	Won
Sat.	Mar. 21	Aldenhams	H	2	1	Won
<i>Third XI</i>						
Sat.	Feb. 7	Southgate	Cancelled			
Tues.	Mar. 10	Felsted	A	0	7	Lost
Sat.	Mar. 21	University Coll. Hospital	Cancelled			
<i>Colts XI</i>						
Tues.	Mar. 10	Felsted	A	1	4	Lost
Thurs.	Mar. 12	The Leys	H	0	3	Lost
Thurs.	Mar. 19	Royal Masonic	A	2	4	Lost
Sat.	Mar. 21	Aldenhams	A	0	4	Lost

Retrospect

An inability to score goals deprived a promising 1st XI of a thoroughly successful season. Out of the ten matches played only two were lost, but there was a large number of draws, and the knowledge that one has played both well and unluckily is a cheerless consolation, when certain victory has been squandered by inept and diffident shooting.

Apart from this essential weakness the team had many good qualities. The soundness of the defence rationed opposing forward lines to one goal per match, and the attacking moves up the right wing initiated by Dyer and Phillips showed combination of the highest class.

As a whole, the team lacked weight and speed, and this sometimes gave the impression that they were not playing as hard as they could. There was no lack of keenness, but there was missing that will to win which conclusively profits from momentary advantage. The team never played better than when they were losing, most clearly emphasising the want of urgency among the forwards when the scores were level or when they were in the lead.

Nine of the XI will still be at school next season. Someone must meanwhile be found to replace Ferryman, who over a period of three years has proved himself a heroic goalkeeper ; during that time he played 24 times against other schools and only on three occasions has he allowed his side to lose. The other key player unfortunately leaving is Dyer and it is a great tribute to him, his leadership, and the team as a whole that he has been selected for the England Schoolboys' Trial.

The 2nd XI improved very greatly, winning their last two matches against strong opposition. The experience of Taylor, Bennett and Allured was insufficient to hold the team together at the beginning of term, but the eventual success of Winocour, Davies, Hadi, and Wigglesworth on the firmer going established a neat pattern of midfield play as a basis for attack.

The Colts, without a single player from last year's team, embarked upon their four-match programme under the immeasurable handicap of complete inexperience of field hockey. It is not surprising that they lost all their matches, but what is surprising is the extent to which they were able to hold their own against fully coached opposition. Many boys emerged from these defeats with credit, but unfortunately some of those with the most skill too often revealed faint-heartedness in the face of difficulty.

The House Teams, like the 1st XI, all lacked scoring power. The best teams were based on a strong half-back line, the centre-half play of Darke for Collinson being quite outstanding. No forward looked more dangerous than Boon, whose furious dashes all but took an otherwise unskilled Murray through the first round. Scrutton were disappointing, but they were a young side and will surely be a force next year. Weymouth owed a good deal to Harrison, as Whyte was closely watched in their first round defeat. Ridgeway, Winterstoke and Burton Bank were the three best balanced sides, all capable of playing good hockey, but of them Winterstoke alone showed intelligence in front of goal.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Murray	}	Scrutton	}	Collinson	}	Drawn 1-1			
Scrutton									
Burton Bank	}	Collinson	}						
Collinson									
Winterstoke	}	Winterstoke	}	Winterstoke					
Ridgeway									
		Weymouth							

Team Characters

A. R. DYER (Captain). His play at outside-right was a rare combination of skill, unselfishness, and tactical sense. Off the field his influence was exemplary.

A. J. FERRYMAN (Hon. Sec.) A courageous and reliable goalkeeper, whose success was based upon concentration and a constant determination to improve.

T. D. PHILLIPS. Right-Half. His singleness of purpose was an inspiration in every match, and although a slow mover, he was a power both in attack and defence. R.N.E.

M. F. HOPKINS. Right-Back. Probably the most improved player in the side, he developed into a safe and reliable back. His excellent covering saved many difficult situations.

R. T. HILLIER. Left-Back. He performed admirably considering that he was still a Colt. His clearances improved greatly during the season, but he tended to be slow in the circle.

M. J. DARKE. Centre-Half. His interception of opponents' passes was invariably good, but he was inclined to be beaten upfield and he consequently left a gap in defence.

P. V. HAMILTON-HUNTER. Left-Half. He showed himself to be a natural hockey player, possessing a strong hit, but it was unfortunate that he could never exert a more effective influence on the game.

H. M. SAUNDERS. Left-Half. Through his fine positional play and his ability to use the reverse stick tackle, he was very hard to beat. He always remained cool under pressure.

R. J. D. BOON. Inside-Right. He played surprisingly well, considering his complete lack of experience. As the season progressed he changed from being a constructive forward to a forceful dribbler, with varying success.

P. R. WORRALL. Centre-Forward. Although possessing all the attributes of stickwork and positional sense, he lacked the speed and shooting power to be really effective.

G. J. M. WESTOBY. Inside-Left. He has all the ability to become a very good player, but at present he lacks stamina, and also the sense to do the right thing. His goals proved invaluable.

S. W. WHYTE. Outside-Left. His speed and thrust made up for his lack of ball control, and he managed to give many fine centres. However, he should learn to come back to receive the defence's clearances.

A.R.D. A.J.F. T.D.P.

Match Survey

The beginning of the season found the team stricken with illness and injury, but after two preliminary matches with club sides it began to settle down. Bishop's Stortford were a formidable side to meet in the first school match, as they had defeated three other schools, but their energy and hard hitting in midfield proved ineffective in front of goal. Although the opposition held the initiative for the greater part of the game, Mill Hill played with great determination in defence and sufficient skill in attack to score two goals. The first of these, well taken by Westoby, established an early lead, and the second, by Dyer, clinched the School's 2-0 victory.

The fixture with Wellington was cancelled and the XI were invited to play the Nautical College Pangbourne instead. Their new opponents proved forceful, but once the school team had settled down they remained on top for most of the game. All that could be shown, however, for their efforts, was one goal by Worrall. Pangbourne equalised late in the game, and Mill Hill found themselves deprived of a victory of which they should have made certain before half-time.

The Old Millhillians were beaten. They should have won the game, but they failed to take their chances in the first half. It was at this stage that the School played weakly, and so false an impression did the defence give of its

ability, that the O.M.'s grew carelessly confident in front of goal. The School defence improved and with a quarter of an hour remaining the score stood at one-all. The game then came to life, the Old Boys now aware that they had wasted countless opportunities and that time was running short. But goalposts, umpires, and luck were now on the side of the School and they soon scored again. Although the O.M.'s put all they had into the last desperate minutes of the game, Ferryman's great display in goal won the match.

The O.M.'s team : A. Woollaston (left 1950) ; M. Davey ('52) , J. Thornton ('32) ; G. Anger ('54), J. Visser ('46), M. Scragg ('57) ; P. Bell ('48) ; M. W. Corby ('58), D. Jenner ('48), G. Stannard ('45), A. Saunders ('52).

The match at Caterham was closely fought, both sides obviously being much better at defence than attack. Mill Hill were on top for the early part of the game, but only scored once, Boon's excellent shot converting Worrall's pass. This one goal might have seemed sufficient to win the match, so ineffective did both forward lines become, but with little time left, the opposing team, this time through an individual effort, had once again equalised at the end of the game.

Felsted were beaten for the first time ever at Mill Hill. The final margin of two goals to one did not reflect the School's midfield superiority, but once again a disinclination to shoot and a lack of stamina in defence all but let them down. The skill of Dyer on the right wing, well supported by Phillips and Boon, produced frequent openings in the first half, and Westoby scored twice. Later, however, Felsted steadily took command of the game and scored once from a corner, but the G.C. goalkeeper kept them at bay and secured the School's victory.

The Fishing Net was very soft for the game against The Leys and this was all to the advantage of the opposition who were physically a larger and more powerful team than Mill Hill. The play was dull to watch and although the Leys appeared to have the upper hand it seemed that neither side would score. With ten minutes to go, however, a shot from the Leys right wing found its way into the top of the goal. Losing for the first time this season the School retaliated magnificently, but were thwarted by the Leys goalkeeper, who collapsed on the ball in the goalmouth. The penalty bully was decided in favour of the defence, and the School's last chance of saving the game was gone.

In the last two games of the season against Cranleigh and Aldenham the pattern was the same as it had been throughout the season. The School played well and constructively, yet their finishing was so poor that one of the games was lost and the other drawn. So ended a slightly disappointing season.

Make-ups

<i>First XI</i>	<i>Second XI</i>
1. A. R. Dyer, 1958-59 (Capt. 1959).	1. R. J. Taylor (Capt.)
2. A. J. Ferryman, 1957-58-59 (Hon. Sec. 1959).	2. J. J. Allured.
3. T. D. Phillips, 1958-59 (Sel. Comm. 1959).	3. { P. Bennett.
4. H. M. Saunders, 1958-59.	4. { P. T. D. Winocour.
5. M. F. Hopkins, 1959.	5. { T. G. Davies.
6. { P. R. Worrall, 1959.	6. { F. Hadi.
7. { M. J. Darke, 1959.	7. { A. T. Wrigglesworth.
8. { R. J. D. Boon, 1959.	8. R. S. Palmer.
9. { S. W. Whyte, 1958-59.	9. { G. C. Dyfnallt.
10. { P. V. Hamilton-Hunter, 1959.	10. { P. W. Hancock.
11. { R. T. Hillier, 1959.	11. C. G. Rose.
12. { G. J. M. Westoby, 1959.	

Those above the double line regain or are awarded 1st XI Colours.

Those above the single line regain or are awarded 2nd XI Colours.

The following represented the 3rd XI :

R. J. Abrahams.
H. H. Andrews.
C. J. Burt.
S. Y. Chinoy.
J. H. Harrison.

R. J. Hayman.
K. A. Khaleeli.
A. Liaqat Ali Khan.
C. W. Pring.
A. E. Stuart.
M. R. Wollerton (Capt.).

The following represented the Colts XI :

M. P. Archer,
N. W. D. Armistead.
N. Burggy (Capt.)
P. P. T. Davies.
R. A. Furness.
J. C. R. Griffiths.
R. S. Harris.

P. R. Holmes.
S. D. Jenkins.
R. A. Lee.
A. S. Mortimer.
R. M. Scott.
C. B. Stevens.
R. A. M. Wade.

JUNIOR RUGGER

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

FIRST XI CRICKET FIXTURES, SEASON 1959

MAY

Saturday 9.	Hampstead	...	...	...	H
Saturday 16.	St. Paul's	...	...	...	H
Saturday 23.	Highgate	...	...	...	A
Thursday 28.	The Masters	...	...	...	H
Saturday 30.	Dulwich	...	...	...	H

JUNE

Tuesday 2.	Aldenharn	...	...	...	H
Saturday 6.	Merchant Taylors'	...	...	...	A
Tuesday 9.	Incogniti	...	...	...	H
Saturday 13.	Old Millhillians	...	...	...	H
Tuesday 16.	Felsted	...	...	...	H
Tuesday 23.	Cranleigh	...	...	...	H
Saturday 27.	Canadian Public Schools	H
Tuesday 30.	M.C.C.	H

JULY

Saturday 4.	The Leys	H
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AUGUST

Tour of Holland.

MINOR SPORTS

Fives

Hon. Sec.: A. LIAQAT ALI KHAN.

Admin. Sec. : C. J. BURT.

A season which promised to be a successful one was unfortunately spoilt by illness. Nevertheless the VI have always made a wholehearted effort and their standard of Fives has improved throughout the season.

On two occasions we have played two, and on one occasion three, junior pairs. This has provided some of the juniors with experience that will enable them to achieve greater success next year.

As I write this, the Junior Fives Competition is well on its way to completion. The result, however, will not be decided until the closing stages of the term.

It is hoped that the three members of the Senior VI who will be here next year will be able to pass on some of their enthusiasm and experience to the new members of the team.

A.L.A.K.

RESULTS :

- v. City of London, Lost 3-0.
- v. Berkhamsted, Lost 3-0.
- v. P. H. Figgis' team, Drawn 1-1.
- v. Aldenham, Lost 3-0.
- v. Old Citizens, Drawn 1-1.
- v. Old Westminster, Drawn 1-1.

MAKE-UPS

- 1. A. Liaqat Ali Khan, 1957-8-9 (Hon. Sec. 1958-9).
- 2. C. J. Burt, 1958-9 (Admin. Sec. 1959).
- 3. D. T. Gould, 1958-9.
- 4. M. J. Darke, 1958-9.
- 5. T. C. Oxenham, 1958-9.
- 6. R. J. D. Boon, 1958-9.
- 7. { R. D. Ehrlich, 1959.
- { H. H. Andrews, 1959.

Those above the double line regain or are awarded Full Colours.

Those above the single line are awarded Half Colours.

Those below the single line are awarded Vests.

Juniors :

- J. Lovett.
- A. S. Mortimer.
- N. D. W. Armistead.
- P. P. T. Davies.
- R. A. Furness.
- P. S. J. Brandon.

Those above the single line are awarded Vests.

Squash

Hon. Sec. : T. D. PHILLIPS.

During the early part of the season the team continued its run of successes, but we would rather forget the last two matches, in which we inexplicably lost to Eton and Brighton. Our only other defeat was suffered at the hands of a strong Hertfordshire team.

T. D. Phillips and A. R. Dyer have played well throughout the season, Phillips remaining unbeaten and Dyer losing only twice, very narrowly. R. M. Barlow's form was unpredictable, while R. J. Hayman and R. Thorpe, both lacking experience, succeeded in mustering only five wins between them.

The junior team was undoubtedly weak and they lost the only two matches played. It was therefore possibly fortunate that the remaining three fixtures had to be cancelled because of a 'flu epidemic.

Ridgeway succeeded, somewhat fortunately, in winning the Senior House Competition, and thus ended Winterstoke's long supremacy in this sphere.

T.D.P.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

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

RESULTS (SEASON 1958-1959)

Seniors :

- v. Old Millhillians, Won 4-1.
- v. Stowe, Won 5-0.
- v. Felsted, Won 3-2.
- v. Harrow, Won 3-2.
- v. Aldenham, Cancelled.
- v. Herts 'A,' Lost 1-4.
- v. Old Millhillians, Won 3-2.
- v. Merchant Taylors, Won 5-0.
- x. Haileybury, Cancelled.
- v. Selwyn College. Cancelled.
- v. Eton, Lost 2-3.
- v. Brighton, Lost 1-4.

Juniors :

- v. Stowe, Lost 2-3.
- v. Merchant Taylors, Cancelled.
- v. Eton, Cancelled.
- v. Brighton, Lost 1-4.
- v. Harrow, Cancelled.

Make-Ups

1. T. D. Phillips, 1956-7-8-9 (Hon. Sec. 1958-9).
2. A. R. Dyer, 1956-7-8-9.
3. R. M. Barlow, 1958-59.
4. { R. J. Hayman, 1958-9.
- { R. Thorpe, 1958-9.

M. M. Broido was awarded Half Colours for representing the team during Winter Term.

F. Hadi also represented the team.

Those above the double line regain or are awarded Full Colours.

Those above the single line are awarded Half Colours.

JUNIORS

1. P. P. T. Davies.
2. { R. T. Hillier.
 { G. J. M. Westoby.
4. { A. T. Wrigglesworth.
 { G. L. Drake.

Those above the single line are awarded Vests.

Gym

Captain : M. R. WOLLERTON.

Hon. Sec. : S. W. WHYTE.

For the second year in succession the Gym. VIII are undefeated. Fine victories were recorded over the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, and Brighton College. Our other match, which proved to be the most difficult, was a new fixture with Berkhamsted School. With five members of the team having had considerable experience, we were again able to concentrate on perfecting our vaults, and with Mr. Robertson's invaluable help this has proved well worth while.

In the Senior Competition at the end of term, Wollerton won the Individual Trophy and Collinson the House Shield.

M.R.W.

RESULTS, 1959

- v. Berkhamsted, Won 480-470.
- v. R.G.S. Newcastle, Won 687½-613¾.
- v. Brighton College, Won 558¾-477.

Make-Ups

1. M. R. Wollerton, 1955-6-8-9.
(Hon. Sec. 1958, Captain 1959).
2. S. W. Whyte, 1957-8-9 (Hon. Sec. 1959).
3. C. D. Clarke, 1957-8-9.
4. { R. J. Hayman, 1956-7-8-9.
 { R. F. Ball, 1957-8-9.
6. { R. A. Lee, 1959.
 { A. Russell, 1959.
8. R. A. Furness, 1959.

Those above the line are awarded or regain Full Colours.

Those below are awarded Vests.

Boxing

Captain : R. A. HUDGELL.

Hon. Sec. : P. R. WORRALL

What promised to be a successful season has been marred by the 'flu epidemic which caused the Harrow match to be cancelled. During that time training could not be carried out in earnest and the teams against Felsted and Merchant Taylors were not at full strength. However, our last two matches produced some very good boxing and after two rather frustrating draws it was particularly pleasing to end the season with a well-deserved victory.

Several Juniors have shown promise. N. D. W. Armistead, fortunate enough to be matched every time, has boxed exceptionally well to win four bouts, but S. D. Jenkins was prevented from showing his true worth by an unlucky injury. R. A. Lee and M. L. Swanne are recruits to the team this year and have both given encouraging displays. Of the Seniors, C. W. Pring, M. A. Sutton and M. R. Williams have been the most consistent and can be relied upon to give a spirited performance.

The officials would like to thank those who have given up their time to assist in the running of the matches, particularly Mr. Turnbull, whose willing help and enthusiasm have been invaluable.

RESULTS

- v. Felsted, Drew 5 bouts each.
- v. Merchant Taylors, Lost 3 bouts to 7.
- v. Highgate, Drew 4 bouts each.
- v. John Fisher, Won 7 bouts to 2.

Make-Ups

Senior :

1. R. A. Hudgell, 1955-6-7-8 (Hon. Sec.) - 1959 (Capt.)
2. P. R. Worrall, 1957-8-9 (Hon. Sec.)

3. M. R. Williams, 1957-8-9.
4. M. A. Sutton, 1957-8-9.
5. C. W. Pring, 1958-9.

6. R. S. O. Bennett, 1957-8-9.
7. A. A. J. Browne, 1957-8-9.
8. N. L. Pilkington, 1957-8-9.

Junior :

1. N. D. W. Armistead, 1959.
2. S. D. Jenkins, 1957-8-9.

3. D. A. B. Brown, 1957-8-9.
4. R. A. Lee, 1959.
5. E. W. Turner, 1958-9.
6. M. L. Swanne, 1959.
7. P. D. James, 1958-9.
8. M. R. Mann, 1957-8-9.
9. R. S. Grimsdell, 1958-9.
10. S. P. Broido, 1959.
11. H. D. Rees, 1959.

Those above the triple line regain Full Colours.

Those above the double line are awarded Half Colours.

Those above the single line are awarded Vests.

R.A.H.

Cross-Country

Selection Committee : R. HILLENBRAND, T. E. ELKINS.

Three cross-country matches were arranged this term, the results of which have been moderately successful. Unfortunately the 'flu epidemic prevented the team from being at full strength, and its potential was never realised. The first fixture was an inter-schools race organised by the Hampstead Harriers, in which the School entered two very scratch teams, five of the First VIII being unavailable. R. Hillenbrand's ninth place was the only noteworthy success. The following week, again 'flu-ridden, we ran in an away fixture against Berkhamsted and were well beaten. R. Hillenbrand won the race and T. E. Elkins came seventh, but apart from these no creditable positions were gained. The team was in better condition for the match against Harrow and John Lyons', held at Mill Hill on February 21st. After a close fight we were narrowly beaten by Harrow, and comfortably accounted for John Lyons'. R. Hillenbrand and T. E. Elkins finished second and third respectively, but once again there was a lamentable gap before M. O. Lidwell gained tenth place.

The Senior House Competition was won by Murray, followed by Weymouth, who had the misfortune to lose one of their leading runners through stomach cramp. R. Hillenbrand was the individual winner in 27min. 32.2secs, with T. E. Elkins runner-up in 28mins. 2.5secs. Ridgeway again won the Junior Competition. J. C. R. Griffiths was first, with P. R. Holmes in second place.

The following represented the team : R. Hillenbrand, T. E. Elkins, M. O. Lidwell, J. Hayes, J. R. Butler, D. C. J. Lee, R. S. O. Bennett, H. B. W. Barstow, S. J. E. Humphrey, R. A. M. Wade, J. M. G. Hunt.

T.E.E.

Chess

Match Captain : A. S. R. ROBERTS.

Match Secretary : S. P. BROIDO.

The match results this term have been very disappointing. The main reason for this is that the first three boards, seriously weakened by the departure of M. M. Broido, collectively scored only just over 50% of their total possible points, as compared with 95% last term.

The lower boards have done very much better however, and D. R. Talmage has the best match record of the term. We have been greatly strengthened by the discovery of talent in Murray ; C. Lawrence and B. Chalmers have good records in the junior team, while S. R. Bloom, though still a junior, has a good score in senior matches.

The Junior team, in winning two out of three matches against strong opposition, have exceeded expectation. The tendency to blunder has been greatly reduced and no one has lost more than one game in the three played—a good performance all round.

Club attendances have been low; this may have been due to the settled nature of the teams, and we hope that next winter, when there will be several vacancies in the Junior team, we shall attract more young players.

Senior Team : A. S. R. Roberts, S. P. Broido, M. A. Sutton, J. K. Ayre, S. R. Bloom, D. R. Talmage.

Junior Team : A. C. T. Somogyi, N. L. Pilkington, P. L. Cook, C. Lawrence, B. Chalmers, R. A. M. Wade.

A.S.R.R.

RESULTS

Senior :

- v. William Ellis, Drawn 3-3.
- v. City of London, Lost 2-4.
- v. The Cedars, Lost 2-4.
- v. Eton, Won 6-0.
- v. St. Paul's, Drawn 3-3.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Lost 2½-3½.

Junior :

- v. William Ellis, Lost 1-5.
- v. City of London, Won 3½-2½.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Won 4-2.

Single-Handed

Hon. Sec. : S. W. WHYTE.

Manager : E. W. DAVIS.

Assistant Manager : T. G. DAVIES.

The principal activity of the term, that of the Inter-House League, has been considerably hampered both by a prolonged epidemic and by some most unfavourable weather conditions ; it has nevertheless been completed.

As the game is peculiar to Mill Hill and fixtures are consequently difficult to arrange, it was a great disappointment that our annual match against the Cambridge Old Millhillians did not materialise last term. However, we look forward to the rearranged fixture this term. Unfortunately, as a result of this hasty rearrangement, the fixture coincides with a hockey fixture against Cranleigh. So it has therefore been decided to choose the team only from players eligible for the Inter-House League. Next year we hope to field a fully representative team once again.

T.G.D.

Shooting

Hon. Sec. : N. M. LERA.

As last year, only one match has been won, but I cannot say, as my predecessor did, that the standard of shooting has been high. However, there have been some good individual scores, notably those of A. C. Denham and R. J. Thorn in a match against St. Paul's.

The chief reason for our mediocrity this season is that as only two members of last year's team remained, there was an unduly high proportion of newcomers.

On the last Saturday of term we are having a whole day's shoot at Rainham in preparation for the Middlesex .303 Competition next term.

We are very grateful to C.S.M. Maloney for his invaluable assistance and coaching, and also to R. J. Taylor, who kindly acted as fire-controller for the landscape target in the "Country Life" Competition.

N.M.L.

Make-Ups

1. N. M. Lera, 1957-8-9 (Hon. Sec. 1959).
2. F. M. N. Wills, 1958-9
(Admin. Hon. Sec. 1959).
3. { A. C. Denham, 1959.
 { R. J. Thorn, 1959.
5. A. P. C. C. Su, 1959.
6. R. Petersen, 1959.
7. S. P. Broido, 1959.
8. C. J. Carter, 1959.

Those above the double line regain Full Colours.

Those above the single line are awarded Half Colours.

Holiday Sport

SQUASH :

T. D. Phillips won the Evans Cup in the Public Schools Squash Rackets Tournament at the Junior Carlton Club. In the final he beat D. F. Brazier, of Lancing,. This is the first time that the Cup has been won by a Mill Hill boy, although M. W. Corby reached the final last year.

RUGGER

M. H. T. Jourdan represented Buckinghamshire Schoolboys.

C. R. Sotnick represented Hampshire Schoolboys.

HOCKEY

T. D. Phillips and A. J. Ferryman were selected for the Southern Counties' Schoolboys' Hockey Trial.



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

HARRIS : On 16th January, 1959, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Erika, wife of John N. Harris, M.C., B.Sc. (Agric.) (1928-32), a sister for Gillian, Bridget Caroline.

HUDD : On 10th December, 1958, at University College Hospital, to Celia, wife of R. G. Hudd (1946-51), a daughter, Michele Christian..

RAMSAY : On 26th December, 1958, to Patricia (née Hague), wife of A. W. Ramsay (1944-49), a son.

WILLS : On 11th January, 1959, at Bristol, to Ann (née Reynolds), wife of P. F. Wills (1932-37), a daughter, Katharine Margaret.

WITCOMBE : On 1st March, 1959, at Merton, to Pat, wife of D. T. Witcombe (1943-48), a son, John Julian.

Engagements

FITZGERALD—GALLOWAY : The engagement has been announced between John (1944-50), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fitzgerald, of Stonecourt, The Mount, Fetcham, Surrey, and Diana, only daughter of W. Galloway (1919-24), of 8, Gloucester Mews West, London, W.2, and the late Mrs. I. Galloway, and sister of A. D. Galloway (1951-56).

MACLENNAN—KINGSTON : The engagement has been announced between Alistair Seoras MacLennan (1944-48), elder son of the Rev. Dr. W. G. D. and Mrs. MacLennan, of North Manse, Bearsden, Glasgow, and Margaret Clare Kingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kingston, of 35, Green Road, Reading, Berks.

Deaths

GIMSON : On 10th November, 1958, following upon some months of illness, A. Y. Gimson (1903-08). (Obituary follows).

WALKER : On 10th December, 1958, W. A. Walker (1878-82), of Cliftonville Avenue, Northampton, aged 93.

Obituary

ALBERT YEOMANS GIMSON (1903-08), although no spectacular achievements come to mind when one thinks of him, will be remembered by his friends and contemporaries as one of the quiet and retiring people on whom complete reliance could always be placed. At School he was a Monitor and a swimmer of distinction, winning the Ousey Challenge Bowl in 1906. He played centre threequarter in the 1907 Fifteen, and obtained his 2nd Eleven Hockey Colours in 1908. In the 1914-18 war he was a captain in the Norfolk Yeomanry, and saw service in Egypt, Gallipoli and Palestine. He was a staunch supporter of Old Millhillian activities and most regular in his attendance at the Annual Dinner, where one took his presence for granted. He leaves a widow and three children, and will be most sadly missed.

N. E. P. HARRIS

F. W. TILLEY (1903-06) writes of his deep regret on learning of the death of WALLACE M. YOUNG (1897-03), whose obituary appeared in the last issue. He refers to his championship of the cause of younger boys in their early days at School at the turn of the century, and describes him as "always the same gentleman, in the true sense of the word."

Personalia

L. C. BURNHAM (1928-32) is now stationed at the Leper Colony, Itu, Cross River, Calabar Province, Eastern Nigeria, and will be very pleased to hear from other O.M.'s in the district.

M. CROWDER (1947-52) has now completed his book "Pagans and Politicians," which will be published by Hutchinsons in May, 1959. This is the record of an extensive journey made by the writer through West Africa in 1957 and 1958. Since going down from Oxford in 1957 Crowder has spent much of his time travelling in West Africa, on which he contributes articles for various publications including "The Times," "The Geographical Magazine," "New Commonwealth," and "West Africa." He is leaving for Nigeria shortly to take up an appointment in Lagos with "The Nigeria Magazine."

E. S. DE BEER, F.S.A., F.R.Hist.Soc., M.A. (1910-14) has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship of New College, Oxford.

H. T. FOST (1927-34) has been appointed Managing Director of Messrs. A. D. Foulkes, Ltd., Birmingham (Builders', Plumbers' and Decorators' Merchants), whose fourteen branches span the Midlands. For the time being he will also retain his appointment as Secretary of the Company.

LT-COL. A. D. HENDERSON (1905-09), who is at present travelling in South Africa, has recently been appointed to the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, and has been elected Chairman of the South African Section of the Chamber.

F. N. HEWETSON, B.S.A. (Agric.), Ph.D. (1919-23), referring to our statement in the September issue that M. D. Bell (1946-51) was probably the first O.M. to obtain a degree from the University of British Columbia, informs us that he himself graduated from this University in 1933, so that this particular distinction—so far as is known—rests with him. Hewetson afterwards obtained his Ph.D. Degree from Michigan State University and has since continued research work in horticulture at the Pennsylvania State University Fruit Research Laboratory at Arendtsville, as Professor of Pomology in the Department of Horticulture.

B. A. JOHNSTON, LL.B. (1924-27) has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, attached to the Dorking Bench.

P. C. LAMB, Q.C. (1907-14) has been appointed an Official Referee of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and will relinquish his Recordship of Rochester.

HIS EXCELLENCY A. H. LINCOLN, C.M.G., C.V.O. (1925-29) is a member of H.M. Foreign Service, and is currently serving as Ambassador at Laos.

HIS HONOUR JUDGE TREVOR MORGAN, M.C., Q.C. (1907-12) was appointed by the Lord President of the Privy Council in October, 1958, to be a Member of the Court of Governors of the University of Swansea; and in November, 1958, he was gazetted as a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Glamorgan.

WING-COMMANDER J. L. NUNN, A.F.R.Ae.S., (1931-36) will be stationed in Thailand for about two years, and will be very pleased to hear from O.M.'s visiting or resident in the district. His address is :—U.K. Planning Staff, S.E.A.T.O. Military Planning Office, Rajdamneon Avenue, Bangkok.

J. G. SAMUELS (1936-39) has been seconded to the Cyprus Government as a Prosecuting Crown Counsel. His address is now :—c/o Attorney General's Chambers, Nicosia, Cyprus.

CAPTAIN J. A. SELWAY (1942-46) was captain of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment Ski Team which won the Divisional Downhill Championships, and came third in the Rhine Army Championships. In the individual competitions he was second out of fifty-five in the Divisional meeting (beating H.R.H. The Duke of Kent), and in spite of a fall finished nineteenth out of one hundred and seventy in the Rhine Army meeting. Subsequently he was selected to command a special Ski Platoon in the first British Unit to go to Norway since the war. The force operated against Norwegian Units 400 miles north of the Arctic Circle. At the Rhine Army meeting, Selway met :—

R. P. READ (1947-52), who is at present completing his National Service with the K.O.Y.L.L. and at very short notice led a scratch military patrol ski team which not only finished a gruelling thirteen mile course, but defeated five or six teams which failed to finish.

B. N. WATES (1934-39), having spent three years as a schoolmaster at Abbotsholme, followed by seven years at Dauntsey's, has now changed over to Educational Administration and has a post with the Swindon Education Committee. His address is :—Lawnside, The Planks, Swindon, Wilts. He is married, and is the father of three boys and a girl.

D. R. WILSON, B.A. (1940-44) has been appointed Secretary of the British Trust for Ornithology, in succession to Dr. Bruce Campbell.

Functions Held Since Last Issue

OLD MILLHILLIANS' ANNUAL BALL

6th March, 1959

The Annual Ball, held at the Savoy Hotel on 6th March, 1959, was as usual a very happy event, although this year, largely owing to the influenza epidemic, it was not so well attended as on some occasions in the past. But we were delighted to see the President and Mrs. Atchley, and the Head Master and Mrs. Moore. The President and the Head Master received Old Millhillians and their guests, and Mrs. Atchley kindly consented to preside over the draw for the customary raffle in aid of the Headstone Lane Sports Fund.

We must again express our gratitude to those Members—too often, we fear, the same Members—who give such generous gifts to the raffle ; and to the ladies who add so much to the charm of the occasion by selling the tickets for us.

The music, provided by Bill Savill and his Band, was as attractive as ever, and the catering particularly good, even judged on the Savoy's usual standard.

We cannot urge Members too strongly to support this Annual Ball. There is no other occasion during the Club year when Old Millhillians can entertain their ladies at a Club Function, and we would remind you once again that the date has now been fixed permanently for the first Friday in March.

MIDLAND DINNER

13th March, 1959

Over 30 Members and their guests attended the Annual Midland Dinner held on Friday, 13th March, 1959, at the Northampton and County Club, Northampton, under the chairmanship of Percy G. Jones (1909-11).

It was the first time for half-a-century that this Dinner had been held in the town, and the Mayor, Councillor V. J. H. Harris, gave the Club a very warm welcome. He proposed the toast of "The School" and mentioned the important role played by Old Millhillians in the industrial life of Northampton today, and the ties between the town and Mill Hill cemented by the founding of the Sir Rylands Adkins Scholarship for a Northampton boy. In his reply the Head Master recalled the difficulty experienced some years ago in interpreting the term "Northampton boy" referred to in Sir Ryland's will. Mr. Moore also proposed the toast of "The Club," to which the President, R. W. Atchley, replied.

Next year's Midland Dinner will be held in Birmingham, where there is strong support for the suggestion that ladies should be invited.

Forthcoming Events

LINCOLN COCKTAIL PARTY.—A Cocktail Party for Old Boys and their ladies will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Lincoln, on Friday, 25th September, 1959, at which the President and Mrs. Atchley and the Head Master and Mrs. Moore will be present. The main purpose of this gathering is to bring together Old Millhillians in the area—particularly the large contingent on the Lincolnshire coast—who find the distance normally too great for them to attend the Annual Midland Dinner ; and to give them the opportunity of meeting the President and the Head Master.

Preliminary notice of this function has already been sent out to Members in the district by the Midland Area Secretary, Mr. F. B. Thompson, of High Barn, The Broadway, Oadby, Leicestershire : but anyone else who is interested (and it is thought that O.M.'s in South Yorkshire may like to attend, for they will be very welcome indeed) should communicate with F. B. Thompson, when he will be pleased to let them have full details.

OLD MILLHILLIANS NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.—The Eighth Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, 10th October, 1959, in Toronto. Full details will be announced later, but in the meantime any Member who expects to be visiting Canada at that time is asked to make a note of the date. Enquiries should be sent to: J. P. Bolton, 150 Lakeview Avenue, Pointe Claire, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Subsidiary Club Reports

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1st XV results to date are as follows :—

North London	16	—	Won
U.C.S. Old Boys	40	—	Won
Old Haberdashers	17	8	Won
Old Alleynians	—	—	Drawn
Northampton	8	3	Won
Aldershot Services	27	6	Won
St. Thomas's Hospital	12	5	Won
St. Mary's Hospital	3	17	Lost
K.C.S. Old Boys	24	3	Won
Rugby	11	—	Won
Old Merchant Taylors	8	11	Lost
U.S. Portsmouth	3	3	Drawn
Saracens	11	3	Won
London Hospital	11	—	Won
Old Whitgiftians	14	6	Won
Metropolitan Police	12	6	Won
Dartmouth, U.S.A.	—	5	Lost
Wasps	6	3	Won
Merchistonians	—	6	Lost
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	19	3	Won
Exeter	9	21	Lost
Reading	11	3	Won
Streatham	10	6	Won
Manchester	3	11	Lost
Old Paulines	6	—	Won

Summary :—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1st XV	25	17	2	6	281—129
"A" XV	18	12	1	5	184—78
"B" XV	16	3	2	11	94—249
"C" XV	17	3	1	13	94—238
Ex "C" XV	7	1	—	6	26—130

Although injuries and sickness have taken their toll, the 1st XV has gone on trying to play attacking, open football whenever possible, and even if the team has not played so well as before Christmas, their style of play has still produced results. Nearly 50 tries have been scored by outsides, and 7 by back row forwards. E. W. Brenchley (fly half) with 100 points, and J. Roberts (left wing) with 97 points, have been the top scorers. J. E. Williams, at scrum half, has been playing very well throughout the season, and has been magnificent on wet grounds.

Our game with Dartmouth College, U.S.A. was played under appalling conditions, and they were able to make the best use of their size, fitness and superb handling. We enjoyed their visit very much and perhaps it is significant, as reported in an American sports magazine, that just before their 'plane took off for home they serenaded the air hostess "with a chorus learnt from the Old Millhillsians in the bar at Headstone Lane."

The result at Exeter was disappointing, but seven 1st XV players were missing, and in fact the game was enjoyed by both players and spectators.

The "A" XV finally lost their unbeaten record to West Herts 1st XV on 20th December. The 1st XV had been drawing on their players fairly heavily, and it was a fine achievement to hold out as long as they did.

The other teams have had a disappointing season and, while there have been other factors, failure to attend the training sessions has undoubtedly been one of the main reasons for the poor results.

Our Easter Tour games, as usual, are against Taunton (Good Friday), Torquay (Saturday) and Bridgwater (Easter Monday). A "2nd XV" will play Salcombe on Saturday morning.

We have entered two "Sevens" for the Middlesex Competition.

CRICKET CLUB

The Captain of the Cricket Club for 1959 is A. P. H. Wilkinson.

K. C. Latham has taken over the 2nd XI from M. W. Catesby, who has felt compelled to resign after twelve years during which his endeavours, both on and off the field, have contributed in no small measure to the Club's success. He was primarily responsible for re-starting the 2nd XI after the war, and has undoubtedly earned the freedom from responsibility which it is now his desire to enjoy.

New Members are always welcome, and anyone who is interested in playing cricket, either frequently or occasionally, should contact the Honorary Membership Secretary :—

E. S. Harvey, 18, Marlborough Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex.

Telephone : Stonegrove 6091, Gulliver 1085.

GOLFING SOCIETY

These notes are being prepared in February, before the Magazine, due for circulation this month, has been received. Notes for that issue were prepared in December, and there has been no activity in the Society between then and now.

By the time these notes appear, however, our thin red line of active players will have launched once again on the year's fixtures, and the Brent Knoll and Halford Hewitt Tournaments—that great jamboree of 700 Public School golfers—will have been completed.

We look forward to another enjoyable season strengthened, we hope, by a good response to the appeal for support circulated with the February Magazine. We do need new players most urgently. It used to be said by Percy Lamb, Q.C. (1907-14), when Recorder of Rochester, "Facilis dexcusus averno." New-comers would help some of us to start doing so.

HOCKEY CLUB

Results for the season to date are as follows :—

Beechcombers	...	...	...	Lost	0-3
Old Lawrentians	...	...	...	Won	2-1
Guildford	...	...	...	Lost	2-5
Scorpions	...	...	...	Lost	1-6
Hawks	...	...	...	Scratched	
Avorians	...	...	...	Lost	3-4
Old Cholmeleians	...	...	...	Won	3-1
Middleton	...	...	...	Lost	2-4
Mill Hill School I	...	...	...	Lost	1-2
Mill Hill School II	...	...	...	Scratched	

New members are always welcome, and anyone who is interested in playing hockey is asked to communicate with the Honorary Secretary :—

G. A. Stannard, The Cottage, Oxshott Way, Cobham, Surrey.

Telephone : Cobham 3232, Monarch 4927.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

Eight matches were arranged for the 1958-59 season, against clubs of varying standards. Of these matches, four were won. In the Londonderry Cup Competition we beat St. Dunstan's Old Boys 4-0 in the first round, but lost 5-0 to Sherborne in the second.

The Old Millhillians' Squash Tournament has reached the semi-final round. The winner will receive the Silver Salver which has not been competed for since 1939, and may be seen at any time in the Club. Sixteen members entered for the Tournament, and it is hoped that more will enter next year.

OLD MILLHILLIAN YACHT CLUB

The first meeting of this new Club was held at Whitehall Court on Thursday, 5th March, when the following officers were elected :—

Commodore	...	J. E. Benham.
Vice-Commodore	...	N. S. Farrow.
Rear-Commodore	...	T. A. Wilkins.
Hon. Secretary	...	J. K. Coombe.
Hon. Treasurer	...	B. C. Lamplugh.

The Club yacht "Winnie" is a 26-ton ketch built by David Hillyard, of Littlehampton. She is 44 ft. long, having a beam of 13 ft., and sleeps seven in comfort. Moorings have been obtained at Gosport for this season, and she will be available for use by members of the Yacht Club from Whitsun until the end of September.

Members' subscriptions will be £20 per annum, and this will entitle them to six week-ends' sailing, and will cover all expenses except food.

Cadet Members who are under 30 years of age at the time of election will pay a subscription of £1 per annum and a capitation fee for time spent on the yacht.

The yacht will be available for weekly charter by members, to enable them to spend their holidays afloat.

"Winnie" has been put in first-class order. A new Lister Diesel engine has been installed, new terylene sails are being fitted, new standing and running rigging is being installed and several other modifications are being carried out.

Any Old Millhillian who is interested in the Yacht Club should contact J. K. Coombe, c/o Old Millhillians Club, 4 Whitehall Court, S.W.1.

1st XI HOCKEY



*Back row: M. J. Darke, R. J. D. Boon, R. T. Hillier, P. V. Hamilton-Hunter, P. R. Worrall, G. J. M. Westoby, S. W. Whyte
Front row: H. M. Saunders, A. J. Ferryman, A. R. Dyer (Capt.), T. D. Phillips, M. F. Hopkins*

OLD MILLHILLIAN LODGE

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

During the dinner that followed the last meeting in January, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. H. Munday, showed a film depicting the work of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in its care for the aged. W.Bro. Munday showed this film again at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held in February.

The Secretary of the Lodge, W.Bro. E. C. Emerson, 81, Knatchbull Road, London, 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

Lambeth

After seven eminently successful years as Warden, Cyril Belsham left to take up a post with a commercial firm at the end of March. We fully understand his reasons—full-time youth club leadership is a demanding job, which it is unreasonable to expect even the best of men to carry on indefinitely—but we shall miss his cheerful and purposeful presence. In his place Mr. Peter Saunders is joining as Warden at the beginning of May, and he will continue to be supported by Miss Jeanne Hinton and Mr. Geoffrey Gayler.

The Club has been carrying on its various activities throughout the winter season with a full membership. Contrary to certain rather lurid newspaper articles, it does not live in a constant state of siege from gangs. The place is cheerful and noisy enough, but only occasionally do difficulties arise.

The Ford Foundation film on London's youth has been finished and shown. This based much of its background on Alford House ; and the producer took advantage of the Club's visit to the School in the summer to introduce some sequences of Mill Hill as a contrast with the less sedate scenes in Lambeth.

The Club has been very pleased to have visits from the School and from Old Millhillians. It would like more help from outside, both personal and financial, and offers would be very welcome.



