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EDITORIAL

“No man steps into the same river twice,” says Heraclitus. The same applies to a school. Beneath the traditional façade there is a constant flow of inner change to meet the challenge of a new era. This process is the natural result of a willingness on the part of the members of the school to reject the no longer relevant, and it can only continue if we adopt an understanding and sensitive attitude to our problems. Sensitive to ourselves, and for that reason sensitive to the feelings of others we can enhance the blessings and minimize the strangeness of our common life; for we shall not only recognize our own fallibilities, but we shall learn also to respect every person’s right to individuality. Only with a certain breadth of mind and depth of understanding can we be worthy inheritors of the right to differ which lies at the heart of the tolerance as well as the independence of our foundation.



Et Virtutem Et Musas

School Staff

Monitors

Senior Monitor: J. M. G. HUNT (W.)

W. A. Goyder (C.), D. W. Knight (B.B.), T. D. Phillips (Wk.), A. J. Horne (Wk.), S. W. Whyte (W.), M. F. Hopkins (S.), H. M. Saunders (R.), T. M. H. Dalton (R.).

School Prefects

M. P. Petersen (M.), J. Culver (R.), C. J. Burt (B.B.), C. J. Carter (W.), P. W. Hancock (Wk.), R. J. Hayman (C.), R. K. Sadler (S.), T. G. Davies (C.), D. C. J. Lee (Wk.), W. O. W. Roberts (Wk.), A. K. Toulson (W.).

APPOINTMENTS

September 1959:

School Prefect: T. G. Davies.

November 1959:

Monitors: T. M. H. Dalton, M. F. Hopkins, H. M. Saunders.

School Prefects: D. C. J. Lee, W. O. W. Roberts, A. K. Toulson.

December 1959:

Monitors: J. Culver, T. G. Davies.

School Prefects: J. R. Butler, J. G. Hanchet, M. R. Williams.

COMMITTEES

Games Committee: The Headmaster (Chairman), A. Robertson, Esq., O. J. Wait, Esq., M. H. T. Jourdan (Hon. Sec.), J. M. G. Hunt, W. A. Goyder, D. W. Knight, T. D. Phillips, A. J. Horne, S. W. Whyte, M. F. Hopkins, H. M. Saunders, M. P. Petersen, A. Liaquat Ali Khan.

Executive Committee: A. Robertson, Esq., O. J. Wait, Esq., D. W. Knight, T. D. Phillips, S. W. Whyte, M. F. Hopkins, H. M. Saunders, M. H. T. Jourdan, M. P. Petersen, A. C. Denham, A. Liaquat Ali Khan.

General Certificate of Education 1959

The following boys were awarded State Scholarships on their results:
J. L. Brockington (Classics), C. D. Clarke (Natural Sciences), R. Hillenbrand (Modern Languages and English).

ADVANCED LEVEL

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

CLASSICS:

J. L. Brockington [1]*, W. A. Goyder [1]*, D. I. Hammond (1)*, N. Burggy, C. J. Carter (1), H. R. M. Macdonald [1]*.

MATHEMATICS:

R. M. Barlow, A. A. J. Browne, M. A. Edwards (1)*, A. J. Ferryman (1), R. A. Hudgell, J. G. Jowett (1), R. C. Kidd, D. W. Knight [1]*, M. O. Lidwell (1)*, J. A. Lubbock, M. J. Lunan*, W. O. Roberts, H. M. Saunders*, A. G. Walsh-Atkins [1], M. R. Williams.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND MODERN SUBJECTS :

J. S. Abbott*, R. G. Angel, A. Armitage (1), J. R. Brown [1]*, J. R. Butler (1), T. M. H. Dalton, A. R. Dyer (1), P. Eckersley*, P. J. Fox (1)*, J. Hayes*, R. Hillenbrand [1]*, A. J. Horne, M. H. T. Jourdan (1)*, D. C. J. Lee [1]*, N. M. Lera*, L. J. Richards*, C. G. Rose (1), D. J. Spiller*, A. K. Toulson.

SCIENCE AND MEDICAL :

M. J. Baker*, L. G. Banks [1], D. J. Bevington, T. F. Carpenter, C. D. Clarke [2]*, R. M. Cohen, J. Culver (1), R. L. Evans, W. T. George, J. J. R. Grimdsell, S. J. E. Humphrey [1], J. M. G. Hunt, R. A. Lloyd-Owen (1), R. S. Palmer (1)*, I. Reekie, S. P. Robinson [1] (1)*, A. Russell, A. C. T. Somogyi (1)*, A. E. Stuart, J. G. H. Stuckey [1], A. P. C. C. Su (1)*, M. A. Sutton [1]*, D. R. Talmage (2), B. Taylor (1), D. J. Warner (1)*.

The following boys have passed in one main subject.

R. J. Abrahams (2)*, R. F. Ball (2)*, G. J. Blackmore (1), T. G. Davies (2), S. Dimsey (2), T. E. Elkins, M. F. Hopkins (1)*, H. J. Larkin (2), N. S. Nichols (1), P. R. M. O'Shea (2), T. C. Oxenham (2), J. W. Patterson (1), T. D. Phillips (1), R. C. Pine (2), K. C. Reavell (2)*, R. J. Taylor (2), P. C. Walker, B. H. Wates.

ORDINARY LEVEL

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

A. D. C. Allan (1), R. W. G. Allison (8), H. H. Andrews (1), N. D. W. Armistead (10), J. K. Ayre (9), N. Baker (1), J. M. Barlow (6), W. S. K. Barnes (2), M. A. Beasley (3), K. I. Beattie (6), P. Bennett (3), R. S. O. Bennett (5), C. Blackman (10), S. R. Bloom (1), R. J. D. Boon (1), F. J. Borchardt (8), T. E. Boyer (3), P. S. J. G. Brandon (4), S. P. Broido (2), D. A. B. Brown (6), J. N. G. Buckeridge (7), I. B. Carrie (3), L. J. Cartwright (6), B. Chalmers (1), H. Clairmonte (4), P. L. Cook (9), J. K. Crafts (8), P. A. Danciger (2), M. J. Darke (2), N. B. David (1), A. J. Davidson (3), P. J. Davies (10), E. W. Davies (2), B. S. Dawes (1), A. C. Denham (7), G. J. Dettmer (4), A. J. Dorken (10), C. J. Driscoll (1), G. C. Dyfnallt (1), B. D. Edmond (1), D. R. E. Edwards (2), R. D. Ehrlich (1), J. F. Elkins (1), B. L. Evans (5), J. D. Evans (8), N. J. Farnham (2), P. S. Farren (6), G. G. Fear (2), W. A. Fitzhugh (6), M. J. Fitzpatrick (4), A. H. Fletcher (6), I. Forrest Hay (2), J. T. Goldsmith (6), D. T. Gould (3), P. H. Graves (8), B. S. Gray (8), A. D. F. Green (6), R. P. Green (7), R. S. Grimdsell (5), F. Hadi (1), E. M. Hagger (6), P. V. Hamilton-Hunter (3), P. W. Hancock (1), J. M. Harbron (1), G. P. T. Hardwick (8), J. H. Harrison (3), J. D. Hawthorne (10), R. J. Hayman (1), G. R. M. Henderson (1), A. G. G. Henshaw (5), C. B. Herrmann (7), D. Hillenbrand (7), R. T. Hillier (3), C. Holt (2), J. C. Holt (8), S. P. Honeybone (1), G. L. Howell (2), A. W. Isaac (1), J. A. Jacobs (1), M. J. G. James (3), B. J. Jenkins (10), P. J. B. Johnston (7), R. W. A. Jones (1), W. L. Jones (7), J. D. Judelson (10), P. S. Kerr (2), J. D. M. King (2), C. A. B. Knott (2), R. A. Latner (9), C. Lawrence (1), A. Liaquat Ali Khan (1), B. A. Loudon (2), J. Lovett (5), T. R. V. May (2), J. M. Middleton (5), R. C. Milnes (1), D. R. B. Montgomery (10), A. S. Mortimer (4), B. G. Murphy (2)*, R. Nathan (8), R. R. Neale (7), J. M. Newson (1), J. A. Noakes (10), D. Norchi (4), D. F. Osborn (5), S. A. B. Parish (9), D. Passingham (3), M. S. Pearce (1), A. G. Peters (1), M. P. Petersen (3), J. W. Phillips (9), S. Phillips (4), N. L. Pilkington (9), R. A. Price (4), M. B. Rayner (3), I. N. Robins (10), G. M. Ross (10), C. H. Saffery (3), B. J. Savory (3), D. J. Se bire (8), A. J. H. Shaw (4), J. A. Singer (1), P. J. F. Skelton (2), A. W. Smith (3), K. S. Smith (1), T. J. Sobey (1), A. L. Stanhope (10), C. G. A. Steele (4), C. B. Stevens (3), A. D. Sutherland (3), J. C. Tchighianoff (2), N. B. Thompson (3), R. R. Trinder (3), E. W. Turner (1), R. A. M. Wade (9), H. O. Walker (1), P. C. Walker (1), S. D. Wand (7), C. F. Watts (9), G. J. M. Westoby (3), S. Whyte (2), D. L. Wilmer (6), A. C. R. Wilson (1), P. T. D. Winocour (1), M. R. Wollerton (3), G. D. Woods (3), J. C. Woodward (8), N. J. Wyndham (9), D. R. Young (1).

Salvete

Burton Bank: K. T. Parry, M. F. Wrottesley.

Collinson: D. F. Skinner.

Murray: C. A. Ward.

Ridgeway: A. C. Wells.

School House: D. C. Williams.

Winterstoke: E. J. Black, J. H. S. Todd.

Valete

Summer Term:

J. J. ALLURED (1955-59); Ridgeway, Science V; 2nd XI Hockey 1959; 3rd XI Cricket 1958-59; 4th XV 1958; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Continuing studies prior to entering Accountancy; Ingleby, 87, Moss Lane, Sale, Cheshire.

L. G. BANKS (1955-59); Ridgeway; Upper Science VI; Science Society; "Fred's" Society; Apex Lodge, Fitzroy Park, Highgate, N.6.

J. C. R. GRIFFITHS (1956-59); Ridgeway; Bench; Colts XV 1958; Cadet in R.A.F./C.C.F.; Continuing studies in Architecture; 2, Tyfica Road, Pontypridd, Glamorganshire.

J. A. SOTNICK (1957-59); Winterstoke; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Studying Engineering; 20, Craneswater Park, Southsea, Hants.

Autumn Term:

W. A. GOYDER (1955-59); Collinson; Upper Classical XV; Monitor, July 1959; Head of House; Monitorial Board (Hon. Sec.); Magazine (Chairman); David Needham Memorial Prize for Classics 1959; 3rd XI Cricket 1959; 4th XV (Captain) 1959; Interpretes (Committee); Interim; Christian Fellowship; Phoeban Group; Choral Society; Cosmos; Joining Evening Mail, Dublin as temporary managerial assistant before going up to Trinity College, Cambridge; Pindars, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

D. W. KNIGHT (1954-59); Burton Bank; Upper Maths VI; Monitor, July 1959; Head of House; Games Committee; Executive Committee (Hon. Sec.); Lower VI prize for Maths and Physics 1958; Upper VI prize for Maths 1959; 3rd XV 1958-59; Christian Fellowship (Sec.); Science Society (Hon. Sec.); Choral Society; Pythagoreans; Corporal in Royal Engineers/C.C.F.; Studying Civil Engineering; Bourne, West End Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.

H. M. SAUNDERS (1954-59); Ridgeway; Upper Maths VI; Monitor, Nov. 1959; Head of House; Games Committee; Remove A Form Prize 1956; Science V Prize 1957; Upper VI Prize for Physics 1959; Richard Lister Frank's Music Prize 1959; 1st XI Hockey 1958-59; Athletics Team 1957-8-9; Pythagoreans (Hon. Sec.); Science Society; Choir Manager; Choral Society; School Orchestra; Dramatic Society; Colour Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Mathematics at Queen's College, Cambridge; 93, Kingsfield Avenue, North Harrow, Middlesex.

T. M. H. DALTON (1955-59); Ridgeway; Upper Modern Language VI; Monitor; 48, Sunbury Avenue, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

M. H. T. JOURDAN (1954-59); Murray and Ridgeway; Upper Modern Subjects VI; Monitor, July 1958; Head of House; Games Committee (Hon. Sec.); Executive Committee; Open Essay Prize 1957; 1st XV 1958-59 (Selection Committee 1958, Captain 1959); 3rd XI Cricket 1958 (Captain); 3rd XI Hockey 1958 (Captain); Manager of Life-Saving; Interim; Witan; Phoeban Group; Science Society; Geographical Society; Choral Society; Senior Under Officer in Army/C.C.F.; Gracefield, Lacey Green, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

W. S. K. BARNES (1955-59); Language V; Shooting VIII; Natural History Society; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Entering Commerce; Jumps House, Churt, Nr. Farnham, Surrey

B. S. DAWES (1955-59); Burton Bank; Lower Science V; Pearce Prize for Pottery; Art Society; Lance Corporal in Signals/C.C.F.; Studying for N.D.D. at Art School; 114, Kingston Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

J. J. R. GRIMSDALL (1954-59); Winterstoke; Upper Medical VI; House Prefect; Pearce Prize for Art 1957; VIth Form Prizes for Biology 1958-59; Minor Prizes for Art 1958-59; Junior Boxing Team 1955-56; Natural History Society (Hon. Sec.); Science Society; Choral Society; Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Natural Science at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; Garth, Arkley, Barnet, Herts.

R. HILLENBRAND (1954-59); Murray; Upper Modern Language VI; House Prefect; State Scholarship 1959; Athletics Team 1956-9 (Junior Capt. 1957, Hon. Sec. 1958, Capt. 1959); Pearce Cup for best Junior Individual performance 1957; Cross-country VIII 1958-59 (Manager 1958-59), Individual Champion 1958-59; Junior Squash Team 1957; Single-handed IX 1957-58; Philatelic Society; Phoebean Group; Modern Language Society (Committee); Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Reading English at Cambridge University; 82, Hainault Road, Chigwell, Essex.

S. J. E. HUMPHREY (1954-59); Murray; Upper Science VI; Richard Lister Frank's Music Prize 1958; Lower VI Prize for Maths and Science 1959; Science Society; Orchestra; Queen's Scout; Reading Natural Sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge; Brabourne Haigh, Marsh Lane, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

M. S. PEARCE (1955-59); Winterstoke; General V; 3rd XV 1959; Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Entering London Retail House; Bray Villa, River Gardens, Bray, Berks.

J. G. H. STUCKEY (1955-59); Burton Bank; Upper Science VI; 4th XV 1959; Science Society; "Freds" Society; Corporal in Army/C.C.F.; Reading Chemistry at University; Rowans, Highview, Cheam, Surrey.

C. A. VENUS (1955-59); Murray; General V; Lance Bombardier in R.A./C.C.F.; 18, Mount Drive, Wembley, Middlesex.

R. W. R. WARD (1956-59); Murray; General V; Cadet in Army/C.C.F.; Entering School of Film Technique; Helenslea, 564, Finchley Road, London, N.W.11.

P. R. WORRALL (1955-59); Scrutton; Upper Modern Subjects VI; Executive Committee; 1st XV 1958-59; 1st XI Hockey; 1st XI Cricket (Vice Capt. 1960); Boxing Team 1956-59 (Hon. Sec. 1958, Capt. 1959); Tennis Team 1956-59 (Hon. Sec. 1959-60); Athletics Team 1956-59 (Junior Capt. 1958); Junior Chess Team 1957-58; Witan; Phoebean Group; Sergeant in Army/C.C.F.; Seeking Entrance to University; 6, Nicholas Gardens, Ealing, W.5.

Chapel

Preachers on Sunday mornings this term were :

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| SEP. | 20 | The Head Master. |
| " | 27 | The Rev. Dr. G. Huelin, Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral. |
| OCT. | 4 | The Chaplain. |
| " | 11 | The Rev. S. Armirthan, B.Sc., B.D., Church of South India. |
| " | 18 | The Rev. H. E. Wood, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Mill Hill. |
| " | 25 | The Rev. Canon R. MacKay, Head of Religious Broadcasting, B.B.C. |
| NOV. | 1 | The Rev. P. H. M. Bryant, M.A., Chaplain of Harrow. |
| " | 8 | The Head Master. |
| " | 15 | The Rev. T. Caryl Micklem, M.A., Kensington. |
| " | 22 | The Rev. Dr. S. M. Watts, Union Church, Mill Hill. |
| " | 29 | The Chaplain. |
| DEC. | 6 | The Chaplain. |
| " | 13 | The Head Master. |

Library

New additions to the Library this term include: CLASSICAL SECTION: "The Greek View of Life" by G. L. Dickinson, the "Larousse Encyclopaedia of Mythology", "Sources for Greek History Between Persian and Peloponnesian Wars" by R. Meiggs and A. Andrews, "Homer and His Cities" by Sir John L. Myres: MODERN LANGUAGE SECTION: A choice of Hugo's Lyrical Poems, "French Idioms and Figurative Phrases" by J. O. Ketteridge, Tony Mayer's "Vie Anglaise", "Mozart's Journey to Prague" by E. Mourke: GEOLOGY SECTION: "Geology and Scenery in Britain" by T. G. Miller, "Succession of Life Through Geological Time" by K. P. Oakley and H. M. Muir-Wood, "The Elements of Field Geology" by G. W. Himus and G. S. Sweeting: MATHEMATICAL SECTION: "Riddles in Mathematics": SCIENCE LIBRARY: "An Introduction to Social Biology" by A. Dale, "British Mosses and Liverworts" by E. V. Watson, "The Story of Evolution" by Sir Julian Huxley: HISTORY SECTION: "Local History in England" by W. E. Hoskins, "The British Approach to Politics" and "Modern Forms of Government", both by M. Stewart, "19th Century European Civilisation" by G. Bruun, "Kruschev's Russia" by E. Crankshaw: GEOGRAPHY SECTION: "A Regional Geography of Western Europe" by F. J. Monkhouse, "Finland and its Geography" by R. A. Platt: ART SECTION: "A Dictionary of Art and Artists" by P. and L. Murray, "A Concise History of Modern Painting" by H. Read, "Architecture" by M. S. Briggs. ENGLISH SECTION: Collected Poems of Roy Campbell, "English Literature in the Early 18th Century" by B. Dobrée.

The Large

The major event in the Large this term was the Jubber Memorial Lecture, delivered on this occasion by the distinguished zoologist, Professor C. F. A. Pantin, President of the Linnean Society. The lecture, illustrated with slides, was entitled "Darwin and the Origin of Species". Professor Pantin gave us an interesting outline of Darwin's career, leading up to his controversial "Origin of Species", published a century ago. His talk was polished and lucid and the slides were carefully chosen to illustrate the most significant events of Darwin's life.

The Choral Society has availed itself of the Large every Monday evening, as its numbers are now too great to hold practices in the Music School. Sunday and Thursday evenings have seen rehearsals of the School Play, and most afternoons the strange thumping and sawing noises issuing forth from the area of the stage have borne witness to the hard work put in by the stagehands.

This term's Current Affairs meetings have covered a wide range of subjects: we have seen a film on the M1, and Ralph Tubbs, Esq., an O.M., gave an illustrated lecture on "Architecture". Sir Arthur Rucker spoke on "The World Refugee Year" and Professor E. H. Warmington gave a lecture on archæology.

There have been four films so far this term. The first, "Bell, Book and Candle", a film version of John Van Druten's play, aroused the critical instincts of an audience that is usually satisfied easily, and those few people who liked the film had great difficulty in defending it against the masses. The second film, "Hell-Drivers", shown to a school exhausted by C.C.F. activities, met with almost unanimous approval, and the hero, Stanley Baker, made his first appearance of the term. In "Campbell's Kingdom", shown a month later, he was the villain of the piece, and the fickle school audience removed its support to Dirk Bogarde. "Reach for the Sky" was also well received, despite its leanings to sentimentality. School picturegoers are looking forward to seeing the British comedy, "Brothers in Law" at the end of term.

One Hundred Terms at Mill Hill

Mr. H. Lack retired at the end of last term with a notable record of more than 33 years in the School's service. His activities were numerous and varied and many generations of Old Millhillians will remember the familiar and cheerful face at "the window" during break. But there was much more to his work than this; he could always be relied upon to get teams to their proper destination, to produce all sorts of school materials from pens to pocket money or textbooks to prizes, to encourage a new and nervous fag or to attend to the hundred and one other jobs which came his way. Behind the scenes, he was an able and loyal member of the staff and ever watchful of the School's interests.

During the first World War Mr. Lack served for four years in the Royal Navy, mainly in destroyers engaged on such arduous duties as the Dover Patrol and the Norwegian Convoys. In 1939 he was called upon to assist in the transfer of the School to St. Bees and played his part in helping to solve the many difficulties which beset the School during the period of evacuation. Whilst at St. Bees and in addition to his normal work he started a Tuck Shop and took over the sales and distribution of goods on behalf of Blenheim Steps. It fell to him also to gather together information for the Old Millhillian War Record.

After the return to Mill Hill Mr. Lack's long experience and knowledge of the School and its old boys continued to be of the greatest value to all with whom he was associated. His remarkable memory was particularly useful in tracing information required for the new Register and for the annual reports to the Central Court of Life Governors.

The more you knew Mr. Lack the more you liked him. It is difficult to imagine the School office without him and he will be sorely missed by all his colleagues and friends. He has planned a tour of Canada and the United States between April and September 1960 and hopes to meet some Old Millhillians. All will wish him success and happiness in a well-earned holiday and retirement.

We shall not see his like again.

H.M.H.



Here and There

Term began with the news of a general election in October, and a minor heatwave, permitting us to devote to politics that fanatical energy and deep-seated sense of grievance which the Englishman usually reserves for cursing the weather. Daily public opinion polls (organised by the ubiquitous Fred Society) consistently showed the Conservatives to be well in the lead; at first support from the anarchistic element appeared to be giving both Communism and Sinn Fein a chance of limited success, but the drift of "don't knows" and dissatisfied Tories to the Welsh Nationalist and Liberal camps proved to be the deciding factor in the race for second place. An election debate in the Library attracted a large audience and the meeting was often heated, though never violent. The credit for this is largely due to the impartial chairman in red tie, green shirt, and blue braces, and the presence of four members of the XV sitting conspicuously near the door. In the midst of all this excitement Mr. Macmillan's century passed almost unnoticed, except by those who sat up all night, bleary eyed, with ears glued to radios. We are confidentially informed that the peace of one dormitory was rudely disturbed by the unheralded entry of a prefect with the curt tidings "Tories eighteen, Labour twelve", and this at eleven p.m. too! The aforementioned dormitory, we are further informed, thanked him politely, and when the thunderous echo of his footsteps had died away, switched on their portables once again.

We are here, so they say, to increase our knowledge. Certainly most of the school learnt something new when one of the monitors revealed St. Paul as "The unknown author of the Epistle of the Hebrews". Enlightenment also came to one prefect when, on hearing the strains of "Land of Hope and Glory", he asked what film it came from. Many heard for the first time, and from no less a source than the senior monitor, that "it is a breach of bad manners to comb one's hair at the table". We hope that those to whom the maintenance of discipline is a self-appointed duty took note of this. Also in the cause of knowledge, Current Affairs lectures this term were more frequent; the school responded by abandoning the traditional British reserve during question time, often severely trying the speaker's resources — and patience. One visitor was even temporarily struck speechless by the query "What language do they speak in Berlin?" One of the later talks of the term was on the subject of "Smoke and Cancer". The speaker knew his subject well (his sister married an Old Millhillian) and we trust that his cryptic eloquence had the desired effect upon those to whom it was directed. In order to hear the opposition case, those going on the tour of Ireland are to visit a tobacco factory.

The days of the Spitfire may be past, and civil defence is now run on atomic age lines; but, nevertheless, a few gentlemen still take a pride in the rapidity with which they can "scramble" at the warning of a raid. So far none of the bandits have been "pranged", nor have any of the defenders been shot down in flames, perhaps because of their superior skill in evasive action and the poor local visibility. Indeed, we hear one attacker has suggested that "someone must have given them a tip . . . because they just filtered away".

The introduction of the duffel coat as a recognised garment was enthusiastically received by the school. With the hood up, it gives welcome warmth to those who watch the first XV and equally welcome anonymity to those who don't. It seemed that one member of that select band of gladiators was about to start a further sartorial revolution when he turned out in what appeared to be a turban! However, it soon went the way of innumerable jerseys and not a few pairs of shorts in the past.

One Sunday evening, chapel was disturbed by some form of search, or hunt. Several innovations in the form of the service have been tried this term, but this was not one of the most popular. The objectionable part of

it, however, seemed to be secular, rather than ecclesiastical. More surprises were in store for next week. A power failure halfway through the address left both the chaplain and the congregation completely benighted; no-one following the well-known exhortation to "... Tread all the powers of Darkness down. . . ." The school conceded a temporary victory to the enemy and filed out. The above incident has, we hope, no connection with the fact that Bernard Shaw's biting wit recently gained several new converts to "The Devil's Disciple". As far as we can see it has had no effect here — but what may happen there is another story.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oxford Letter

Dear Sir,

Several people at Mill Hill may be rather puzzled by the recent controversy over compulsory Latin for University Entrance, especially now that the Oxford and Cambridge regulations conflict with each other. Even though the matter has been shelved at Oxford, I feel it worth while to put forward the abolitionist case, and try to clarify some of the issues.

Quite simply, abolitionists believe that for the study of many subjects at the University, Latin is not a vital qualification: for science, medicine, engineering etc. it is of no practical value, and the time could be more profitably spent on studying German or Russian, especially now that so much important scientific work is written in these languages. To this it is objected that Latin has a distinct cultural value, and provides an indispensable training for the mind: but I am not convinced that at the "O" Level stage it provides any greater mental discipline than maths or French: I emphasise "at the 'O' Level stage", because many retentionist arguments appear to assume that Latin as a whole is being attacked; hence the claim that abolition will kill the teaching of Latin in the schools, and, eventually, throughout the country; as one hysterical correspondent in the "Observer" put it: "we shall all become workers". But this is nonsense: for one thing Latin will still be required for History, English, and Modern Languages since without it they could not be adequately studied. Secondly, University teaching of Latin will continue as before, and so the Classical Sixths of the schools will in no way be affected: anyway, little Greek and virtually no Philosophy are taught at school, and these subjects are still flourishing at University level. When I deny the cultural value of Latin, I am thinking primarily of those who are not good at the subject, who get no further than memorising the requisite amount of elementary Grammar and Syntax. I cannot see how this differs from memorising a series of geometrical theorems.

There is, however, a deeper social reason for the abolition of Latin as an entrance requirement, and one which many of your readers may not appreciate: in many Grammar Schools, science is taught to all up to the fifth form, and Latin and German are alternatives: thus a potential science specialist may not do Latin, and so will be unable to come to Oxford (or if he does want to come, he will have to cram "O" Level Latin in one year — a clearly undesirable practice). Thus not only is Oxford losing good scientists, but the public school bias is being maintained: we may no longer be governed by Oxford "Greats" men, but the public school — Oxbridge — "top person" ladder is still very prominent. I do not want to create merely a new élite, nor do I pretend that the abolition of compulsory Latin will destroy the class basis of our education system. But at least it would be one step towards breaking the "old boy net".

Yours etc.,

OXON.

Cambridge Letter

Dear Sir,

It may be that last term's Oxford letter writer was born for such a task. In this case it has been thrust or rather carefully deposited in the writer's hands, not without misgivings on his part about his knowledge of Cambridge O.M.'s and their doings.

Several new faces have appeared this term. Tim Sobey is devoting to boxing the time he can spare from his agricultural studies. Alan Weatherall has been seen on the river and Stephen Bennett is hardly recognisable behind a beard. It seems to be a naval regulation. Stephen Crook is back in Cambridge after a year's rest from the rigours of university life. There is a rumour he might be going to teach. Henry Blumenthal has persuaded Trinity to keep him another year. Last term his room was converted into a travel office and during the summer he deported 150 tourists to various parts of Greece and Asia Minor. It is good to see that Trinity now claims more O.M.'s than Christ's: may this trend continue.

David Webster and Keith Armistead are playing rugger for Queen's. Bill Skinner is captain of St. Catharine's hockey. Many eyebrows were raised when we read that an ex-head-prefect at "Millhill" (sic) had been gated along with many other "top" men of the college for playing the martial airs of "Aida" as the freshmen trooped off to Matriculation. But it was, after all, just the revival of an old custom.

Many O.M.'s seem to have become "wet-bobs" this term. Brian Higginson, Edward Fiddy, David Crook, and Terry West are to be seen on the river. Simon Barber rowed in the Jesus first Fairbairn boat. A small figure draped in first fifteen and B.B. house scarves is coxing a Queen's boat, but its identity has been questioned.

But O.M. activities are by no means restricted to the Cam. Indeed they range from playing clarinets in jazz-bands to conducting choirs in London hospitals. Jason Beart is rapidly becoming a one-man band. Brian Higginson organised Poppy day activities in Emma. David Blackman managed to combine politics with frequent visits to Homerton.

Graham Griffiths is safely back from a visit to Greece in a London taxi and Keith Macdonald from climbing in the Alps. He is president of the mountaineering club this year. Aiden Macdonald spent two months this summer digging up barrack-blocks on Hadrian's Wall. George Graham spends a lot of time flying and Adrian Williams has suddenly become artistic.

It was good to see Graham Woodhouse at the end of term. A number of O.M.'s gathered in Queen's to toast him with sherry. Such exchanges between the universities are healthy.

Yours etc.,

CANTAB.

Belmont Letter

Dear Sir,

The Masters have just beaten the Soccer XI, 10-8, on a slippery, muddy field. It seems a long time since the heat wave at the beginning of the term, when the fields were too hard for rugger. The XI took advantage of the conditions and have had a good season. The rugger side is improving quickly and should be above average.

There have been many expeditions this term to such varying places as the Hendon Police Training College to watch a boxing match, The Merchant Taylors' Hall, the Sunday Times, E.M.I. Works, Messrs. Waterlow's Works, the Motor Show, all the Meyer Concerts at the Festival Hall, and the Toc H celebrity concerts. A few boys have joined staff at Mill Hill School Music Club, to which we were kindly invited. Mr. Barlow and Mr. Myerscough were good enough to give us a recital in the Chapel, which was greatly appreciated.

The P.E. demonstration squad quickly got into its stride. It promises to be as good as usual, or even better. A match against Orley Farm was won easily, and a match against a M.H.S. junior team was lost by 1½ points in 500.

At the end of the term we look forward to our usual Carol Service, also a production of "Tobias and the Angel". The performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" last term was an outstanding success, the general standard of acting right through the cast being the highest I have seen at Belmont.

Todd, Skinner and Parry are moving along the Ridgeway in January; we wish them and you every good fortune.

Yours etc.,

BELMONTIAN.

Plus ça Change

It is not only in recent years that Single-Handed has been the subject of interminable disputes. Evidently these formed an essential part of the game as far back as the early quarter of the century, as is revealed by the following document. Entitled "Our Programme" it appears to be the notes for a public attack on the gamesmanship of a Captain of Single-handed (X).

"Dear A: digest this document.

1. At the end of the game the score stood at 2-2. All fair goals, no disputes. A full hit. X scores. Ref. says that one of our men was in front of the ball when hit. Whereupon X attempts to play straight on, maintaining that the rules permit him to do so. Told off very properly by the Ref. who allowed another free hit, from which we do not score. Unsporting action and breach of rules by X.

2. Extra time played: at the end of this a goal is scored by the Sixth which X for absolutely no reason disputes. Again properly told off by the Ref. who allows goal. Score 3-2. Very unsporting and attempted cheat by X.

3. From the hit off X hits very hard. The ball grazes the leg of one of the Sixth and goes through the goal. X immediately claims a goal and persuades the Ref. to allow it.

4. X shoots hard from his own half and scores a lucky but legitimate goal. Score now 3-4 in favour of the Sixth.

All through the game X attempted to bias the referee's decision by promptings that were not even justified by his position as Captain of Singlehanded. A similar case occurred last year, but we cannot this time take the dispute to B because he is interested in it. What can be done?"

THOR, WITH ANGELS

Characters

Cymen	R. S. BURNS
Clodesuida (His Wife)	S. A. B. PARISH
Martina (His Daughter)	B. J. JENKINS
Quichelm (His Elder Son)	D. G. MOORE
Cheldric (His Younger Son)	R. H. FRANKLIN
Tadfrid	H. R. M. MACDONALD
Osmer	J. G. HANCHET
} (His Brothers-in-Law)	
Colgrin (His Steward)	S. P. HONEYBONE
Anna (Colgrin's Wife)	M. SKELTON-ROBINSON
Hoel (A British Prisoner)	N. Y. WYNDHAM
Merlin	J. S. ABBOTT
A Messenger	B. A. WATES

Scene: A Jutish Farmstead
A.D. 596

Stage Manager	P. N. DUXBURY
Assisted by	S. Y. DUXBURY, F. DINSDALE, J. A. JACOBS, M. R. MCKENZIE, T. R. V. MAY, M. J. W. PIERCY, R. C. M. PIERCY, A. M. ROWE, N. B. THOMPSON, A. C. R. WILSON
Scenery by	B. S. DAWES, H. M. HOWARD
Make-up	M. W. F. BROWN, ESQ., THE HEADMASTER, D. R. MOORE, ESQ.
Costumes	Miss M. A. ADNAMS
Box Office	R. P. BURN, ESQ.
Programmes and Tickets	THE PRINTING SOCIETY
Cover Design	J. F. ELKINS
Producer	A. ROBERTSON, ESQ.
Assisted by	J. DOCKING, ESQ.

This play was certainly the most difficult the School has attempted for many years and the production was therefore, in that way, the most ambitious. *Thor, with Angels* was written for the Canterbury Festival in 1948 and comes between Christopher Fry's two better known works, *The Lady's Not For Burning* and *Venus Observed*. The theme of the play is the impact of Christianity on a Jutish family in Kent in A.D. 596 and the element of conflict, which must be present if a play is to have dramatic life, is provided by the clash of these two concepts of life, the Christian and the pagan. At the moment of Hoel's death, his words and Osmer's reply state the theme and the conflict.

Hoel: Death, be to me like a hand that shades
My eyes, helping me to see
Into the light.

Osmer: Woden, we pay your dues
Of blood.





The meaning of much of the verse, allusive and complex as it is, is difficult to comprehend at a first reading and for an audience hearing it for the first time, unprepared by reading, the meaning must sometimes have been obscure. Nevertheless, the beauty of sound and the moments of poetic insight hold the ear and keep mind and sensibility at full stretch. Poetry can never be easy and much of this play rises out of verse into poetry. Whether there is sufficient action, whether the conflict is clearly enough expressed, to make this poetry into a drama, I question. It is a worthy attempt to deal in this form with a profound theme, but it is an attempt which just fails.

Mr. Robertston's production was sensitive and imaginative and, as with all the plays he has given us, was notable for the fine speaking of nearly all the actors. The verse was given every opportunity to make its impact. The play is inevitably static, but the grouping was good and there was very little unnecessary or pointless movement. The setting was excellent, as fitting to the form and the theme as could have been devised, and great credit is due to Dawes and Howard both for its conception and its execution; Duxbury and his very good team managed an elaborate stage silently and efficiently. Miss Adnams met the producer's requirements for costumes with the skill we have come to take for granted.

The small cast tackled their problems with intelligence and enthusiasm and I shall only comment on three individual performances. Clodesuida (S. A. B. Parish) improved steadily during the run. She held herself well and moved well and of her, Colgrin's words about his own wife might well have been said "a devout woman, but dismal in some respects". Merlin (J. S. Abbott) I shall long remember. Abbott has a good voice and a feeling for poetry and he achieved a real impression of timelessness at certain points in the play. R. S. Burns did well with Cymen; better when he became more relaxed in the later performances than when at the beginning he was straining for effects. Indeed, he never quite lost a tendency to rant. Nevertheless he was the driving force on the stage and the agony of his inner conflict showed clearly and produced a real tension in the audience. I shall remember

"I curse this kingdom, water, rock and soil!"

and at the end

"But I have heard
Word of his God, and felt our lonely flesh
Welcome to creation".

All who saw these performances will remember them, either critically or with appreciation. *Thor, with Angels* may not be a great play, but it was well worth attempting, it was very well done, and many will remember it with a pleasure deeper than that which comes from being entertained.

R.M.

The Editor's Table

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of all our usual contemporaries.

D. C. J. LEE, of Winstersoke House, Wills Grove, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7, will edit the next issue of the Magazine.

LITERARY

A Visitor's Guide to the Sixth-former

If you were to wander through the school, dropping in at the different sixth forms on your tour of inspection, you would almost certainly discover that each form stamps its own particular brand or trade-mark upon its members. If you bumped into a sixth-former you could tell his form in an instant by glancing him over and speaking a few words to him.

Let us first look at the Classicists. They had their own room, decorated with broken busts and disfigured maps. Over the door is an inscription which, roughly construed, means "Honesty's tops", or "Truth beats the lot". You will recognise the classicist by his deep-sunken eyes, haunted expression and ink-stained fingers. The classicists are divided into two camps: the clean-shaven Latins and the stubble-bearded Greeks. When a classicist speaks to you, try not to become alarmed if he mutters Greek proverbs under his breath, or stares mysteriously into the ether: he is probably being "sent" by Sophocles.

Upstairs is the Modern Linguists' form room, decorated tastefully with maps and posters, the wording on which looks good, but is incomprehensible to the majority of the inhabitants. The modern linguist's hair is usually long, but immaculate: sometimes it is even curled. The shoes, however, are filthy. Some modern linguists are Angry Young Men, and enjoy an occasional "no holds barred" assault on the thing ecclesiastical. The tension built up while reading a powerful French tragedy is relieved at intervals in a battle of words with some luckless master. Some modern linguists are big, but don't play games: others are small, and do. They speak very clearly, but their habitual foaming at the mouth is disconcerting to the unwary.

The next port of call is the concealed retreat of the Mathematicians, and here it is difficult to generalise. The most apparent thing is that these people rarely have need of spectacles. The few who do make use of the aiding lens prefer the National Health wire-rimmed model, for all mathematicians are very patriotic. The sole topic of conversation is the Stock Exchange, and form literature is restricted to "The Financial Times" and "Mathematical Pie". Mathematicians neither shave nor wash: this probably explains the nickname "Caveman", which typifies the species.

Just over the way the Modern Subjecticians have their stronghold, which is decorated with old maps and pictures of English monarchs. The distinctive features here, are, alas, all too clear. The untidy parting in the long hair, the carefully studied vacant expression, and the slow smile all characterise a member of this form. When they have something to say, it is uttered in a voice that resembles that of a well-known Walt Disney character. Like their linguistic comrades, some members of this form have, alas, failed to See the Light, and others aren't really bothered. If you drop into discussion with a modern subjectician, the conversation will inevitably turn to "the causes of this war, and the reasons why that one was never fought". The nick-names are usually abstract (Djuff), neuter (Bush), or purely adjectival (Fats).

Crossing over to the Citadel of Science, we meet a strange assortment of youths bent over bunsen burners. These are the Scientists, participating in a Chemistry Practical. Let us observe these strange creatures at play. The majority of them are short, and constant secret consumption of sulphuric acid drops has rendered their voices husky. Topics of conversation vary from "the effect of ether on Kit-Kat" to "the action of hydrochloric acid on roasted peanuts". Scientists are invariably well dressed, but you can spot them at a distance by their acid-holed trousers and untidy hair.

Not far away we can detect the Medical Students cooking a recently dissected rabbit. The medical student, provided that he is not short and stocky, is tall and angular, and very keen to keep "specimens" at the farm. There are several interesting characteristics here: the tone of the voice is reminiscent of the sound of cornflakes being eaten at Sunday breakfast, and the mind works slowly. Some medicos find life a little too routine, and liven it up effectively with "Olde Tea Shoppes" and collections of golliwog labels. Friendly terms of address vary from the vegetable "Forest" to the purely mammalian "Jumbo".

If this guide has interested you, and you would like to send a copy to your great-aunt in Baghdad, please contact the writer, who may be found taking the air any afternoon, his head in passing clouds.

HIPPOS.

Snowflakes

... Drifting, falling through the air,
Crisp and cold throughout the night,
Soft and weightless, hanging there,
Glistening in the wintry light.

White and gentle, falling down,
Responding to the slightest lift
Of wind, which lays the milk-white gown
Of winter down in pile and drift.

The earth, asleep, with frozen soil,
Lying silent, bleak and white
Rests from summer's weary toil,
Under snowflakes, crisp and light.

R.H.F.

Mountain Glory

The village lies in a dip; hidden by pinewoods it basks in the warm afternoon sunshine. From the top of the ridge it seems only a child's discarded toy; nothing moves in the narrow streets.

The road slopes gently down towards the village past brightly-painted Madonnas, each in her own roofed shrine. Wilting flowers droop about their feet as each gazes with adoration upon the Christ Child in her arms. Along the road rank upon rank of yellow primroses bow in welcome as the wind sifts through them. Even in the streets the village seems unreal; the only movement a wisp of smoke floating upwards from the pipe of an old man sitting with his companion, outside the "Bierhaus". Almost a part of the old and peeling murals of Saints and scenes upon the walls, they gaze with contented faces into the froth in their lidded mugs.

The thin tones of the school bell interrupt the silent but mutual reverie of the two old men. The happiness of the children it releases is reflected in the quick peals. Soon little feet clatter noisily down the street, only to be stilled by the siren call of the brightly-lit shop windows. Small noses are flattened against the cold glass, longing for the unattainable delights within: chocolate bars in shiny wrappers, tiny dolls and carved wooden figures. Next door long black sausages droop from the hooks and Salami sulks on the slab, jealous of the attention their neighbours are enjoying.

In the village square the church bells are calling everyone to Mass with a carillon. Outside the church door stands a wooden trough beneath which gurgles a mountain stream. The curved handle of the old pump points towards the glistening snow slopes where the stream begins. As the snows recede in the spring sunshine they drip into the rocky stream bed, worn smooth by countless thaws. The trickle joins others to swell their song and slip through the forest glades to a rocky shoulder where they leap far out from the rock face. Like a captured rainbow the torrent stands out from the dark mountainside, glistening in the sunlight. With a roar it plunges into a deep pool. Their fierce spirits now humbled, the waters flow placidly through the village to the trough.

The road follows the stream out of the village and along the valley before turning up towards the high pastures where the mountain cows graze. In deep-throated harmony their bells take up the refrain from the steeple. An Alpenhorn, far up the slopes, answers with long sad notes as a herdsman cups his hands upon the mouthpiece. The echoes float backward and forward in the valley until they fade away into the sky above the timeless peaks. The brilliant colours of the mountain tops, captured when they first pierced the sky, add a closing verse to the mountain song. The crimson blood of the falling sun cascades down the smooth ice of a glacier. As night falls the pastel shades turn first to blue and then fade into darkness. Down in the valley, lights begin to dance and twinkle.

D.J.S.

City Pastoral

Teach us to forget what once we learned
Teach us not to know
Teach us to come and go
In metal tunnels, comforted by crowds
Oblivious to the earth that lies below,
Unbelieving, as the slow
Years go by,
In concrete canyons, hiding from the sky
Beneath the sooty, city-hanging clouds.

Teach us to forget the world we spurned,
Forget its ways,
The passion of a thousand buried Mays
The careless love that flowers on summer days
The easy vigour of untrammelled youth
The still remembered truth
That man is wild,
The youngest-born, but Earth's own natural child:—
The birds forgotten as the juke-box brays.

Let us ignore the half-forgotten tale
— Invented to enhance a winter sale? —
Not seeing, blinded by the neon glow,
A star three Wise Men followed, long ago.

M.A.S.

Leaves from a Twentieth Century Diary

It's no good, I'm old and ugly. I'm sixteen and I don't stand a chance in the sex war. Why? I am a normal English girl, with my tartan trews and tartan duffel. I do the right things—I drink coke (it makes me sick), I spend my allowance on juke-boxes and making myself look beautiful. I must find a boy or I will hurl myself in front of a tube train . . . my lovely lank hair, which I spent so much time on is beginning to curl again. Isn't it awful?

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I have got a boy at last! He is pink faced and healthy, his hair is like margarine, and he has read "The Age of Defeat". I am his slave, his passionate friend. I met him in a coffee-bar, and at once I realised he was strange, romantic; he is an intellectual. To prove this he wears wide-bottomed trousers, and doesn't use any other adjectives than obscene ones.

He is so . . . I can't say, but I'll be seeing him tomorrow. . . .

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He took me to the cinema, and in the smoky gloom he slumped beside me, pink and simple, a typical British boy. The big picture was good, and then, during the western he became excited, and summoning up courage put his arm round me. . . . His pink face came nearer; who was I to resist?

"Darling," he said hoarsely, "Darling, may I, can I . . . smoke?"

I am going out with someone else now.

A's LADY FRIEND

Le Jazz Hot

impressions gathered in a Left-Bank cellar

Dim lights

Pulsating drums

The tireless shadows writhe along the wall

The Blues

— Lacrimae Rerum —

"Je ne sais que. . . . Je ne sais pas." That is all.

"Oui?" Non!"

"Le Roi, Pourquoi Pas?"

The world set free — or doomed? They do not care.

"A Droit?" "A Gauche?"

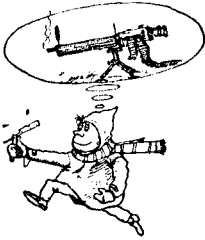
"Ça va."

Because the sky is falling and they do not care.

OBSERVER

The Life and Death of a Teddy-Boy

A snivelling, grubby little chap
Was little Slick when born —
His father took one look at him
And stood there quite forlorn.



From when he was a little kid
Slick Higgins was the one
Who loved to use a razor knife
And prayed to have a gun.

Then when his sides' grew long enough
He joined the local club —
They lounged around in coffee bars
And sometimes in the pub.



He had a lovely suit of clothes
In Good King Edward's style
The local girls made eyes at him —
His thoughts went to the aisle.

He went once to a local Bar
To have a pint or two
But I guess he was a little tight
Before he spotted Lou.



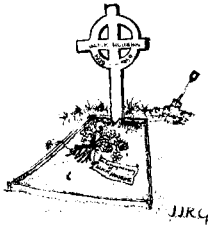
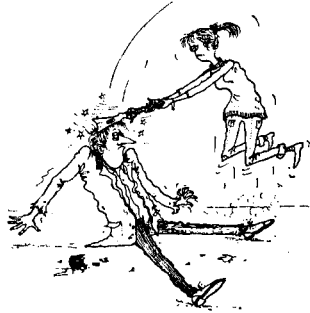
Now Lou he had a fancy for,
He'd loved her all along.
He saw her with another guy,
And knew she'd done him wrong.

He slouched across the room to them,
And with a drunken sneer,
Lurched up to them with dripping glass,
And splashed them both with beer.



The fella did not like this much
Lou urged him on to fight
The thuds resounded — then a shot
Declared Slick's might was right.

Lou grabbed the gun from Slick's big hand
And crashed it on his head.
The other guy survived his wound
But poor old Slick was dead.



C.R.S.

Negro Clarinet-Player in a Coffee Bar

His black fingers caress the golden keys. His kisses pulsate on the bamboo tongue and the tremor of his breath throbs through the smoke-filled air into the eardrums of his listeners. Mellow trickles of blues ebb from his lips.

His expression binds magic spells on their faces, so that their eyes become fixed, cigarettes dangle lazily from the corner of their mouths, and their fingers, co-ordinated by a higher force than reason, stir rhythmic spoons in the froth of untasted coffee. The only movement is that of a latecomer who tiptoes from the door to the nearest vacant stool and freezes on it, enrapt; and that of the slender waitress, who glides amongst the crowded tables with silent and self-conscious grace. But nobody is bothering to look at her, because there is magic in the air tonight. . . .

The melody stirs primitive urges hidden by the dust of civilisations and forgotten by man except in his dreams. And the black face becomes more than just one black face. It becomes at one time the face of a pure white baby asleep in innocence, of an exultant athlete who has won his race, of a beautiful lovesick girl weeping in loneliness, of a flushed mother in the throes of childbirth, and of an old man creased and serene in the last sleep of death. Now he beats the warrior drums of old Africa; painted shapes prance madly round the fire, and the smell of the sweaty bodies mingles with the jungle sweat and the heat of the flames. . . . He plays the orchestras of the wind brushing through golden leaves on an autumn night in the suburbs, whistling the dust in the hair and faces of two embracing lovers. . . . He lures the ships of brave adventurers on to the rocks with sweet siren-songs. . . . He is Thor, riding through fierce clouds with a sword of lightning and a war-cry of thunder. . . . Pluto sadly surveying the everlasting expanses of his land of death. . . . And he is Christ risen from the cross with angels singing "te deum" in pious exaltation.

And as he plays his face becomes the face of the whole world, and the souls of his listeners become complete because their souls are part of his face. They are one, and the whole human race is one and they are the whole human race. In one final clear, penetrating note which touches the highest peak, God becomes the universe and the universe becomes man, all three centred in one sweaty negro face. Now they are flying free among the stars, for with the reed of a clarinet between his lips he is the quintessence of the life-force; the tragedy, the gaiety and the glory of the universe.

. . . And there is magic in the air tonight.

R.S.B.

HOUSE NOTES

Burton Bank

Head of House: D. W. KNIGHT

School Prefect: C. J. Burt.

House Prefects: J. G. Hanchet, I. Forrest-Hay, N. Baker, P. T. D. Winocour, R. S. Burns, P. C. Walker.

With the continuation of the extremely hot weather, the beginning of term seemed as unnatural as ever. To look out from B.B. and to see hockey, cricket and rugger played on the same field in the same week, was too much for even the most stalwart of us. Perhaps this accounts for some of the strange happenings during the term.

In the course of one Senior House Match, after a notable member of the House had scored a try, a previous Housemaster was heard to exclaim, "Isn't it extraordinary what a fortnight's holiday can do?" Perhaps he was right.

A certain junior is to be congratulated on his extreme House patriotism, which he displayed at the close of a certain rugger match. It was unfortunate, however, that certain "authorities" took a dim view of it.

Once again at this particular time, the House Choir dispels all feelings of gloom by singing a number composed by one of its members. We trust that it will be "approved of" at the end-of-term concert.

By way of contrast, the strains of "Cliff" and other doubtful forms of music have continued to reverberate throughout the House. The situation was not relieved when a power cut plunged us all into darkness one Sunday evening. So to the present moment, when we find ourselves festooned with the usual Christmas decorations, and thus ends a truly enjoyable term.

D.W.K.

Collinson

Head of House: W. A. GOYDER

School Prefects: T. G. Davies, R. J. Hayman.

House Prefects: R. D. Ehrlich, A. Liaquat Ali Khan, M. J. G. James, J. S. Abbott, M. J. Darke, R. A. Furness.

Fourteen new boys were taken into the fold this term, bringing our numbers up to a near maximum fifty-five, which once again reminded everybody that a small House has disadvantages, as well as advantages. Nevertheless, a reasonable spirit of give and take has prevailed throughout the term and has made it possible for us to tolerate our more Bohemian inmates, even those who prefer their reading matter on the ceiling, or who pass the idle hours in mournful reverie, strumming their guitars from the depths of a waste-paper basket.

The senior rugger competition is one in which everyone must play his part if we are to field a reasonable team, since all but a few lack what might be termed "natural brilliance". Despite many hours spent discussing the possible weaknesses of our semi-final opponents, Burton Bank, we were desperately unlucky to lose a man in the first five minutes of the game. The remaining fourteen fought all the more determinedly, and did well to hold our opponents to nine points. The efforts of our loyal spectators did not go entirely unrewarded, for they were privileged to witness a diverting ceremony before the game, when a visiting dignitary from Pakistan was introduced by the captain to the rest of the team.

We welcome Mr. Leah as our new House Tutor. He has rapidly made himself known to all, and is liked for his obvious enthusiasm and sincerity.

Other notable events this term include the redecoration of the studies. To celebrate this historic event, the Staff held several House-warming coffee parties. These were rapidly curtailed when it was realised that, at

the present rate, the estimated termly consumption would total around seventeen family-size tins of America's favourite coffee. This fact could not entirely be accounted for by the patriotic intentions of one member of that body, who protested anyhow that he was more addicted to "coke" than to coffee.

As for the rest of the term, the chief question with which we are faced is whether we shall be able to retain our numerous minor sports trophies, beset as we are with a crop of injuries to many of our key men. Let us, however, keep our sense of proportion. Our view is, "May the better House win — so long as it's Collinson"

W.A.G.

Murray

Head of House: M. P. PETERSEN

House Prefects: M. O. Lidwell, R. Hillenbrand, R. J. D. Boon, D. J. G. Moore, S. R. Bloom.

This term we welcome Mr. Docking, who is here from Australia, on an exchange with Mr. Exton. We hope that he will enjoy his year as House Tutor with Murray.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to R. Hillenbrand on winning a State Scholarship.

As Murray is warmer than the adjacent Young Farmer's Club, one of the studies has "adopted" two budgerigars. Unfortunately they can hardly be said to be loquacious as they can never make themselves heard above the usual hum of conversation.

We came second in the Senior and Junior Athletics at the end of last term, and a third of the Junior Athletics team consisted of Murray boys.

Although we lost to Winterstoke and Collinson in the Senior Squash and Senior Fives respectively, Murray has made an enterprising start to the new school year, for with three members of the First XV in a particularly able Senior House Rugger team, we battled our way via Scrutton and Winterstoke to the final of the competition, where a 6-0 victory over Burton Bank brought the shield to the House for the first time in its history. To celebrate this event the team is holding a party. With such spirit and determination Murray's position in the school is assured.

We now look forward hopefully to further success in the Boxing, Single-handed and Junior Gym competitions.

M.P.P.

Ridgeway

Head of House: H. M. SAUNDERS.

Monitor: T. M. H. Dalton.

School Prefect: J. Culver.

House Prefects: G. le M. Campbell, J. R. Butler, A. A. J. Browne, S. D. Jenkins, A. H. Fletcher.

Once more the exacting demands of the Editorial Board have been weighing very heavily on your correspondent, and as a result these notes have been through many troubled waters before reaching their final destination. Ridgeway has not had an outstanding term either in sport or other house activities. On the rugger field we lost to Winterstoke in the first round of the Senior House matches; our Under-15 team failed to hold the strong Scrutton side, but our Senior League team won their trophy very convincingly. Our total score in the five matches was 106 points, against our opponents' 5. We retained the Junior Squash trophy by beating Winterstoke 3-2, but we lost the final of the senior competition 0-5 to the same house. We came second to Weymouth in the Boxing Competition, while our efforts in the Fives and Singlehanded were unrewarded.

H.M.S.

Scrutton

Head of House: M. F. HOPKINS.

School Prefect: R. K. Sadler.

House Prefects: M. R. Williams, P. J. Fox, P. R. Holmes, P. D. James, A. G. Peters.

Most people in Scrutton have played hard and with varying success this term. However there has been a notable lack of support, which apparently stems from the seniors being absent. Those who think themselves superfluous should realise that though their ability on the sports field may be limited, their presence on the touchline may be of great value.

If we pay less attention to our own wants, and more attention to the demands of our House, both our teams and ourselves may meet with more success next term.

M.F.H.

Weymouth

Head of House: J. M. G. HUNT.

Monitor: S. W. Whyte.

School Prefects: C. J. Carter, A. K. Toulson.

House Prefects: S. Y. Chinoy, A. G. Walsh-Atkins.

It was with a feeling of deep regret that midway through the term we said goodbye to Mrs. Christie, our assistant matron. Her successor, Mrs. Keon, to whom we extend a warm welcome, already seems to have had an influence on our better-known activities, for it was she who, returning home late one evening, prompted us to sing "Ring out wild bells" in the end-of-term Christmas concert. We sincerely hope that our Housemaster, who has been suffering from a slight list to port, will have recuperated sufficiently to be able to join us in this and other customary end-of-term festivities.

We noticed in the few weeks preceding the General Election, that various studies became decorated with Left-wing propaganda. This, however, was apparently not a true reflection of the opinion held by the majority of the House or, indeed, the School. For in a mock election organised by Study 7, the Liberal Party, consistent with the traditional liberalism of Dr. Weymouth, waded in a close second, just behind the Conservative victor.

It is usually agreed that for the efficient running of the House, some link must be maintained between the staff and the non-staff, but surely the limits of toleration are surpassed when at regular intervals an episode of Mrs. Daisy's Diary is received in an unexciting monotone over the recently installed, extremely low-fidelity studies network?

We have just heard that Miss Richards, our matron, will be leaving us at the end of term, and so in saying goodbye to her, we thank her for all that she has done for us, and wish her all the best for the future.

J.M.G.H.

Winterstoke

Head of House : T. D. PHILLIPS.

Monitor: A. J. Horne.

School Prefects: P. W. Hancock, D. C. J. Lee, W. O. W. Roberts.

House Prefects: J. J. R. Grimsdell, C. R. Sotnick, A. S. C. Air.

This term we welcome Mr. Phimester, his family, and Mr. Mason, our new House Tutor to Winterstoke. We hope that their first term has been an enjoyable one, and that it is only a forerunner of many more to come.

One morning a certain member of the House staff, whose birthday it was that day, was disappointed to find that there were no letters or cards for him. But the arrival later of some sixty cards of all shapes and sizes both perplexed and cheered him. The House, after accusing him of having fifty girl friends, had to confess that they were responsible. This birthday spirit seems to have been prevalent throughout the school, since another member of the House received a box of chocolates for the same reason, from his corps squad.

This term has seen the departure of the cockroach: the campaign lasted eight weeks, during which time the enemy sustained heavy losses, especially in the kitchen and study eight.

For the eighth consecutive year, injuries considerably reduced our chances in the Senior House rugger matches, and we were defeated by a penalty goal to nil by the eventual winners. During the course of the term we have won the Winter Shield and Senior Squash, and we have high hopes in the Junior Gym and Singlehanded competitions, which have not yet been completed.

So Winterstoke still flourishes — plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose — except for the cockroaches.

T.D.P. and A.J.H.



Societies

INTERIM

Chairman: T. M. H. DALTON.

Secretary: M. J. LUNAN.

Debating has been called, unkindly, a cross between debased lecture and formalised conversation. The Interim attempts to restore things to their proper balance—formal debates, sprinkled with more informal “business” meetings. The Society’s peak was four years ago. Since then we have gone steadily downwards, until we reached rock-bottom early this year. Then, happily, the sincline took over from the anti-cline, and I am glad to report that we are now at a higher level of debate than we have been at any time in 1959: but we must not be complacent. The standard will be much higher if members will refrain from reading their speeches.

The first debate of the term was on the motion “This House believes politics to be the pleasure of fools and the business of madmen”. When a division was made, however, it transpired that The House didn’t, possibly thanks to a fine speech from one man, describing M.P.s being summoned from a cosy corner in the “Westminster Arms” to vote on a debate they had not attended. A “Hat” debate followed, at which everyone was required to speak for three minutes on an unprepared subject. Many of our eloquent gentlemen did not shine so brightly at this art as they do at the other, but nevertheless an amusing evening ensued. The House arrived at several startling conclusions, among them that it was more fun in Hell, and that It was embarrassed.

October 8th was soon upon us, and the event was celebrated in the customary manner. An audience of 147 seniors heard four candidates put forward their various cases and make their several rash promises. There was much heckling until the Liberal cleverly put a stop to it by announcing that what he had to say was “rather deep”, and required absolute silence and complete concentration. The Socialist preferred his admirers to be vociferous, and gave them every opportunity to utter their approval. The verbose Plaid Cymru faction leant heavily in favour of the Liberal, who came a good second. The Interim would like to make it known that It predicted the final Conservative majority to a greater degree of accuracy than any other published source.

At a meeting open to fifth forms and above, the motion “Marks and Spencer have done more for the world than Marx and Engels” was carried by one vote.

We have been fortunate in having two debates with other schools this term. On November 23rd we were entertained by Dulwich College to debate the motion “This House would introduce compulsory vegetarianism”. Although the House took rather longer than was expected to dispose of cabbages and return to principles, the debate was nevertheless a success, and we would like to take the opportunity of again thanking our hosts. The other—on December 3rd—was on home ground, when Queen Elizabeth’s School, Barnet were our guests. The motion that “Harmony can only be achieved by playing on black notes as well as on white” gave much scope for intelligent speaking. Thankfully, the main speakers endeavoured to broaden the motion beyond the colour bar to more general topics, and we heard about such diverse things as the Picasso at the foot of a certain staircase in the Tate Gallery and the lack of ivory on a certain house piano. After some carefully planned speeches, the motion was defeated by one vote. This debate was certainly the best we have had this year, and I hope it was an indication of an upward trend in the Society’s fortunes.

M. J. Lunan is to be congratulated on his election as Secretary of the Public Schools Debating Association.

M.J.L.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: D. W. KNIGHT.

We have been fortunate this term in having a great number of meetings. Besides our regular fortnightly talks, we have had a series of regular weekly Bible-studies.

At the beginning of the term we were glad to welcome back again the Rev. P. H. Figgis, who dealt with some of the problems of Christianity. This was followed by a vigorous and challenging talk by G. Leah, Esq., concerning the practical side of Christianity in the school. We welcomed the Rev. K. W. Habershon to our Fellowship for the first time, when he spoke on the subject of "Salvation, and whom it concerned". The Rev. R. G. Hovil, an old friend of the Fellowship, gave us a forthright talk on the certainty of our faith. We look forward to seeing the Rev. J. M. Scutt in the final weeks of the term.

We have changed our method of Bible-study, insofar as we have had more time for discussion. We have taken it in turns to introduce a subject and start a suitable discussion. It was readily noticed that this new form of Bible-study profitably increased our sense of true Fellowship.

Once again two more Fact and Faith films, "God of the Atom" and "Of Books and Sloths", were shown to a large gathering of senior boys in the Large.

D.W.K.

INTERPRETES

Committee: T. G. DAVIES, W. A. GOYDER, H. R. M. MACDONALD.

The society's meetings this term have been more entertaining than learned in the strictly classical sense. Perhaps this reflects the members' own conviction that the true purpose of the society is to bring together the members of the Classical VIth in a rather more convivial atmosphere than that of the classroom.

We are most grateful to J. P. Morrison, Esq., for entertaining us at two symposia at St. Bees. At one we celebrated his acquisition of a magnificent Hi-Fi radiogram with an evening of varied, but mainly classical, music. At the other W. A. Goyder read a short paper based on a BBC broadcast, entitled "Polis and Imperium". Other functions have included a visit to the South Hampstead High School for Girls to hear a lecture on "Roman London", and a visit to the Attic Players' production, in English, of "The Bacchae" by Euripides. The effect of this great tragedy was somewhat marred by the ineptitude of the actors, and their rendering of the whole piece was generally rather ludicrous. Not surprisingly, this was much appreciated by all.

W.A.G.

PLAYREADING SOCIETY

President: M. F. HOPKINS.

Secretary: M. J. LUNAN.

The society has met six times this term, to read three plays. The first, "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Kesselring, was a comedy depending on circumstance for much of its effect. We enjoyed it, nevertheless, and look forward to seeing it produced on the stage next term. J. Docking, Esq., has had much experience in amateur dramatics in Australia, and we were fortunate to have him reading a part he had actually taken at home.

The second play, "Morning Departure" by Woolland, was of a totally different nature, and described the fate of several men trapped in a doomed submarine. The feeling of tension, which formed the climax of each scene, was lessened in some degree by the reading of stage directions, but unfortunately this is inevitable in a play reading society.

The last play, "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller, called for preparation previous to the reading. The society struggled bravely with the required American accent, and it was unfortunate that the only American in our midst had but a small part.

It was not possible to read Brecht's "Caucasian Chalk Circle", but this is something to look forward to next term.

M.J.L.

PYTHAGOREANS

Hon. Sec.: H. M. SAUNDERS.

Third Member: M. J. LUNAN.

This term has been a full one for the Pythagoreans, as there have been no less than five meetings. The first of these was a discussion, introduced by our president, R. P. Burn, Esq., on "The Radical", as portrayed by the "Spectator". This proved to be most entertaining, especially as the definition of a Radical included the phrase "a person who is a patriot only in the sense that he wishes well to his own country, as he does to any other." A fortnight later we met again, to read the play "The Gioconda Smile" by Aldous Huxley — a murder thriller where the innocent is saved from the gallows by a last-minute confession. Then followed a debate on capital punishment, the speakers being D. W. Knight and A. G. Walsh-Atkins. We also held an informal meeting, to which each member brought something he liked: a book, a piece of music, or a work of art. The term was brought to a successful conclusion with a paper on "Fifty Years of Philosophy", given by C. P. Wormell, Esq. He dealt very lucidly with the history of philosophy, and described the various schools of thought and their influence on one another, showing the roles played by Hegel, G. E. Moore, Bertrand Russell and Ludwig Wittgenstein, and their theories. We are indeed grateful to him for such an informative and interesting paper.

H.M.S.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: D. C. J. LEE.

The term has been an unusually busy one for the society, and we have enjoyed an interesting programme, although we could wish for a balance of French and German items, remembering that the society caters for both languages.

Early in the term Mme. Langhorne from the Institut Français delivered a lively and informative talk on the French educational system. We were most grateful for this insight into French school life, which gave us an opportunity to compare it with our own.

A second visitor, Mme. Martelet, spoke on "Modern French Writers". Once again we were fortunate in being addressed by a learned and vivacious speaker, although the range of literature embraced by the subject made it more suitable for the senior members of the society.

The society has made two expeditions. One to Sacha Guitry's comedy, "N'écoutez pas, Mesdames", which provided good light entertainment, but which could not be compared with the unique film of Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" which we visited early in December. Our appreciation of the film was enhanced by hearing a recording of the sound-track in Mr. Brown's study, and we were most grateful to him for giving us such an instructive and entertaining evening.

D.C.J.L.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: D. W. KNIGHT.

We have been fortunate this term in engaging two speakers to lecture to the society. The first, Dr. R. W. Pilkington, spoke to us about Robert Boyle, describing his life and character rather than his scientific achievements, and thus enabling us to have an insight into the life of a great scientist.

At the next meeting we saw three films, dealing with malaria, steel, and transistors. This was a wide range of subject-matter for one evening, but nevertheless it proved to be most enjoyable.

The second speaker, R. Green, Esq., from Imperial Chemical Industries, talked on the subject of "Plastics", an important commodity in the modern world. He had brought numerous exhibits with him, which varied from Belisha-beacons to hosepipes.

An outing was arranged to the research centre of J. Lyons and Co. Ltd., the catering firm, and, needless to say, all who could go had an enjoyable day.

We look forward to our final meeting, when P. G. Mott, Esq., will be telling us something about the Antarctic.

D.W.K.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: J. J. R. GRIMSDALL.

The society's first meeting this term was to see two films, both dealing with insect life. One showed the vast equatorial forests of Brazil, which Darwin explored some hundred years ago during his now famous five-year voyage in the "Beagle". It illustrated the extensive range of adaptive colouration to be found in the butterflies and moths of this region. The second film described the constant battle man wages against the insect world: against disease-carrying insects and crop-devouring locusts. Later in the term Dr. R. J. Berry gave a lecture on the use of mice in research into congenital diseases. He gave a detailed account of several of the mutant germs found in mice and illustrated his points with some mutant forms of mice he had brought with him.

There have been three expeditions this term, including the customary visit to the Natural History Museum. Mr. Leah led a bird-watching party to the Aldenham Reservoir, and Mr. Sennitt took a weekend party to Dungeness Point in Kent, where members made studies of seaside flora and fauna.

J.J.R.G.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Hon. Sec.: P. J. Fox.

Third Member: M. F. HOPKINS.

The first lecture we enjoyed this term was entitled "Mediterranean Aspects". It proved to be doubly interesting, for not only is H. E. Ricks, Esq., well-known to the school, but the Mediterranean is well-known to him. Mr. Ricks told us something of the poverty and hardship endured by those scraping a bare living from the arid earth. But not every farmer is working at subsistence level: we were shown slides of the most modern hostels in Spain, Morocco and Italy, and trees laden with oranges, and fields swelling with rice.

Later in the term J. B. Fox, Esq., spoke on "Finland", a land of fifty-thousand lakes, and his talk was illustrated with two excellent films. We learnt of Mr. Fox's experiences in "sauna" baths, and how the lakes are annually frozen so thick that cars can take short-cuts across the ice. He added, however, that every year somebody tries this too early! These lakes are vital to Finland's economy, for her primary export, timber, is transported down them. The speaker then pointed out two incredible facts: Finland's total population is less than that of London and many Finns do not understand their own language, since Swedish is spoken in many parts of the country.

The term concludes with two joint lectures, one in conjunction with the Travel Club, by R. D. Tatham, Esq., on "Cyprus—Island in the Sun", and one with the Science Society, by P. G. Mott, Esq., entitled "An Aerial Survey of British Graham Land in the Antarctic".

P.J.F.

WITAN

Prolocutor: P. J. Fox.

Hon. Sec.: A. K. TOULSON.

Speakers have at long last been forthcoming, and this term there was unusual competition as to who should address the society.

In the first meeting R. S. Burns delivered a paper "Towards permanent peace"—an enlightened and enlightening survey of governments, wars, and methods of avoiding war from Aristotle's day to our own. The speaker concluded with some possible and indeed very sound suggestions for the future. Throughout it was a clear, accurate and polished performance.

With obvious relish and feeling M. H. T. Jourdan presented a paper on "The Mafia: Brotherhood of Evil", a vivid and gripping account of America's Public Enemy number one. He traced the society's growth from an eighteenth century guerrilla force, through the great days of the twenties when the master-criminal Al Capone was in command, to its present day straits. Its days, he concluded, are numbered.

Our final meeting, the traditional Christmas soir  e, was conducted with great success and enjoyment. For two hours we escaped from school life to chase through the pages of history after clues and characters. Nothing, however, could surpass the refreshments which Mrs. Phimester has kindly provided at all our meetings.

We should like to thank Mr. Phimester who is responsible for much of the smooth running of the Witan, and whose inimitable humour is so essential if we are to enjoy history in its lighter vein.

A.K.T.

PHOEBAN GROUP

Committee: R. S. BURNS, M. F. HOPKINS.

At the end of the summer term a suicide meeting was held, when it was decided to disband the group, and to form a new group with fewer members. Masters were to be asked to all meetings; outside speakers were to be invited; papers would be shorter. It was hoped in this way to raise the standard of papers and increase the value of discussions.

The first meeting of the revitalised group was arranged to hear R. Hillenbrand read a paper on "Shakespeare's Last Plays". Two days before the talk was to be delivered he had not begun writing it, but when the evening came he confessed that he had written it in one twelve-hour sitting. The paper was clearly read, clearly expressed, and clearly justified in the ensuing discussion.

A week later an open meeting was held when George Sava, Esq., gave a light, lively and unpretentious talk on "The difficulties of autobiography". Nobody could have been more qualified to speak on this subject than Mr. Sava, for he had not only written novels, but also books about his own experiences as a surgeon. We were greatly indebted to him for an entertaining evening.

After last term's temporary depression, these meetings were encouraging, especially as both were attended by masters and masters' wives.

R.S.B.

SOCIETY OF PHILATELISTS

President: H. E. RICKS, ESQ.

Hon. Sec.: P. J. Fox.

The school collection has proved to be the main item of interest during the course of this term. A great deal of work has been devoted to cataloguing many of the countries, particularly Austria, and many loose stamps have now found a permanent resting place in an album. An increasing number of duplicates bear witness to this labour, and when these duplicates are sold at a quarter of catalogue price, they prove to be a useful source of revenue, as well as a popular bargain.

We are most grateful to A. F. Craighead, Esq., who gave us an informal talk, profusely illustrated from his own very fine collection, and also to the two O.M.'s, one in New Zealand and one in Pakistan, who kindly sent us first day covers.

We are rounding off the term with a visit to Harrow, where Mrs. James has kindly invited us to exchange duplicates. This proved to be a great success on the last occasion, and we hope that this visit will be equally profitable.

P.J.F.

THE COSMOS

Committee: J. A. LUBBOCK, B. D. EDMOND.

As the gourmet will take a vintage Sauterne with his fowl, or a Nuits St. George 1951 with his steak, so we take cultural values as an added refinement to our specialist studies here. And it is to provide a small quantity of wine, which we may learn to appreciate fully, that a group of people, in a common desire to find and study the true values of art and music, have formed a society: the Cosmos. Both among ourselves and with the aid of any outside speakers willing to talk to us, we hope to obtain a more profound knowledge of the arts.

Certainly G. A. Goyder, Esq., who talked to us about William Blake, helped us in attaining this objective. Only superlatives can adequately convey his outline of a subject about which we knew pitifully little, and it was evident from the subsequent discussion that he had really aroused our interest in an amazing man and an enlightened philosophy of life.

J.A.L.

Hobbies

This term a new club, the SPELEOLOGICAL GROUP, has made its appearance, its aim being to promote an interest in subterranean activities. Members have had their underground instincts aroused by a lecture from a London speleologist, and are planning to visit caves in Somerset during the holidays. Another club that is planning an expedition in the holidays is the RAILWAY SOCIETY, who are going to pay a visit to the Swindon works: apparently the appetite of a railway enthusiast is not to be satiated even by the numerous meetings held during the term.

The TRAVEL CLUB has divided its time between films and lectures. Members have been transported to such distant places as Israel and the Bahamas, and at the time of writing an Easter trip is being planned to Lake Geneva and Paris.

The two hobbies clubs whose activities are most apparent in the everyday life of the school are the PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY and the ART CLUB. The former, besides holding regular film and lecture meetings, is always represented on the touchline of a first XV match, and members of the latter are responsible for providing posters for films. This term has meant a new beginning in larger premises for the Art Club, and there are now facilities for metalwork and etching, as well as a large studio for the artists, who are planning an exhibition for the end of term.

In contrast, the PRINTING SOCIETY's quarters have become more cramped by the welcome additions of a printing press and a bookbinding press, which have enabled the society to meet a number of outside orders, as well as to produce play programmes and Christmas cards.

After what they frankly confess was "a dismal performance" at last year's rally, the YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB have made a real effort to encourage people who are keenly interested in farming to take a serious interest in it as a hobby.

The MAGICAL SOCIETY has spent much time this term planning next term's "Variety Top Hat" production. There has been one expedition, to the Scala Theatre, to see the annual festival of magic.

The ANGLING CLUB's one expedition of the term to the Aldenham Reservoir coincided with the drought. . . . However a second visit is planned for the end of term, when a record catch is confidently expected.

Although rugby and work for exams have combined to minimise the amount of work possible in the MOTOR CAR AND CYCLE CLUB shelter, there have been a number of films shown, dealing with the technicalities of a motor car. The annual visit was made to the Motor Show, where members had the opportunity to see the latest models.

The motto of the STAGEHANDS and the CINEMA COMMITTEE seems to be one and the same: "Chaos". This is doubtless because the two groups are one and the same. But out of chaos comes order, and the efficient stage work for "Thor, with Angels" and the successful projection of this term's films prove the truth of the maxim once again.

THE CARPENTRY CLUB has moved out of its old premises into the new art school, where the combination of Mr. Franklin's assistance and the welcome arrival of some new equipment has contributed to making this a most successful term.

MUSIC

This term has been a most ambitious one in the development of music at Mill Hill. For the first time in three years the CHORAL SOCIETY is standing on its own feet, unaided by the choir, and after a nervous start is showing great promise. Monday evenings have seen a great deal of hard work, and although the treble and alto sections are below strength, the standard is fairly high. Many of the choruses from Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah"—the work for next summer's concert—have already been attempted. To revive past memories, and also to increase its repertoire, the Choral Society has also revised "O Thou That Tellest", a splendid chorus from Handel's "Messiah", which they and the choir will sing as an anthem at the end of term. "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord", a chorus from "Elijah", has already been sung in chapel, and full credit for an admirable performance must be given to all concerned. On the same Sunday evening, an informal concert was given in the Music School to mark the revival of the SCHOOL ORCHESTRA. The performers, both masters and boys, acquitted themselves very well in their unfamiliar roles, and it is hoped that these concerts will become a regular feature of each term. The programme was as follows;

1. SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Suite—The Virtuous Wife Purcell
2. TWO SONGS
Cyfria' Geifr (Counting boats)
Mae Hen Wlad Fy'n Hadan (Land of my Fathers)
G. C. Dyfnallt (tenor)
3. ANDANTE from Concerto for Flute and Orchestra Mozart
H. M. Saunders (flute)
4. VIOLIN SOLO Alec Rowley
D. F. Hugill (violin)
H. R. M. Macdonald (piano)
5. SLOW MOVEMENT from Trumpet Concerto Haydn
R. S. Palmer (trumpet)
S. J. Barlow, Esq. (piano)
6. SONG Tchaikowsky
None but the weary heart
J. G. Hanchet (bass)
H. R. M. Macdonald (piano)
7. SCHOOL ORCHESTRA
Allegro Purcell

Needless to say, any newcomers to the ranks of the orchestra will be most welcome.

For the greater part of this term the CHOIR has remained in the background, consolidating its musical strength for the future. It has been invited to lead the singing at a service to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral next May. In the meantime the routine weekly work has had to be done, and at times the standard of singing in chapel has been creditably high. Various anthems including "He, Watching Over Israel" by Mendelssohn, and "Thou Visitest The Earth" by Maurice Greene have been sung. One Sunday they sang "Sleepers Wake", a cantata by J. S. Bach, with K. A. V. Cartwright, P. L. Ridd, D. J. B. Morris (Trebles), R. A. M. Wade (Tenor), J. G. Hanchet (Bass), C. Myerscough, Esq. (violin obligato) and S. J. Barlow, Esq. (organ continuo) as soloists. At present the Choir is busily preparing for the end of term Carol Service.

At the beginning of December a party of tenors and basses sang part II of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and a selection of carols in one of Ernest Read's Christmas concerts at the Royal Festival Hall. The two performances proved to be highly enjoyable, and the interval between them was very popular.

The MUSIC CLUB's season opened with two concerts and a film. Anthony Camden (oboe), Kerry Camden (bassoon) and Mavis Elmitt (piano) gave a recital at the beginning of the term, which was followed a month later by the film "The Great Caruso", starring the late Mario Lanza. For the final concert of the term it was our privilege to hear two distinguished artists, Elsie Suddaby (soprano) and Trevor Anthony (bass) giving a recital of both light-hearted and serious songs. The audience was delighted by Miss Suddaby's exquisite phrasing of words and music, and by the variety of moods displayed by Mr. Anthony, particularly in his operatic arias.

H.M.S.

C.C.F.

ARMY SECTION.

Most sections this term have been able to carry on with normal training, and we are particularly grateful for the assistance provided by G. C. Sutcliffe, Esq. and T. A. Mason, Esq. with the "Special" Cadre and the C.D. Section.

"Field Day" entailed a journey to training area B1, which proved to be a facsimile of most other areas in Aldershot Command. The Special Cadre spent the night out in tents and arctic bivouacs and were, surprisingly, quite alert when the first patrols found them on the following day. It is hoped to increase the Special Cadre in numbers to form an Arduous Training Company next term in order that other cadets desirous of testing their endurance and initiative may have the opportunity.

Both the R.E. Section and R. Sigs. Section have been particularly active this term, the one producing some loud bangs during a course on demolitions, the other providing an elaborate system of telephone communications within the school.

The Cert. "A" exams were conducted by the Royal Fusiliers. The results were encouraging, if somewhat surprising in some cases. "B" Coy. are to be congratulated on the high number of passes obtained.

U/o Jourdan and R.S.M. Dalton are leaving this term. Their successors will be U/o Hunt and R.S.M. Hopkins.

C.S.B.

R.A.F. SECTION.

The school acquitted itself well at the annual R.A.F. camp, held this year at Benson, by carrying off the "Benson Trophy", awarded to the best school contingent attending the camp. Also during the summer holidays, two cadets took a gliding course and passed out with B certificates. This term's Field Day was spent on a visit to London Airport, where we were shown over the maintenance area, and had the good fortune to see the Russian Ilyushin Il 18, "Moskva" on its first visit to London.

K.C.R.

The Scouts

We had a good influx of new boys this term (the largest for some years) and as there was a large number to go from the Junior to the Senior Troop, this was necessary to maintain an effective group.

In the Senior Troop activity has been as varied as possible and patrols have frequently been free to plan their own activities.

Junior Patrols are functioning at full strength and we have a good set of Patrol Leaders. N. D. W. Armistead has been Troop Leader, and Senior Scout S. J. E. Humphrey has been acting as instructor. We shall be sorry to lose him.

We spent a whole day at Well End Camp Site, and a Camp Fire and Night Exercise on Arandene was held in December.

H.W.S.



SPORTS RUGGER

Captain: M. H. T. JOURDAN.

Hon. Sec.: S. W. WHYTE.

Selection Committee: A. J. HORNE.

First XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Ag't</i>	<i>Res't</i>
Thurs. Sep. 24	Col. Cross-Brown's XV	H			Cancelled
Tues. Sep. 29	A. P.-H. Invitation XV	H			Cancelled
Tues. Oct. 6	St. Mary's Hospital ...	H			Cancelled
Tues. Oct. 13	Cranleigh ...	A	12	3	Won
Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	A	6	18	Lost
Sat. Oct. 24	Felsted ...	H	26	3	Won
Sat. Oct. 31	Old Millhillians ...	H	6	5	Won
Tues. Nov. 3	Brighton ...	H	6	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 7	The Leys ...	A	9	21	Lost
Tues. Nov. 10	R.G.S. Newcastle ...	H	0	14	Lost
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	H	3	8	Lost
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	H	5	5	Drawn
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	A	0	27	Lost
Thurs. Dec. 17	Merchiston ...	H	3	18	Lost

Second XV

Tues. Oct. 13	Cranleigh ...	A	8	12	Lost
Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	H	0	16	Lost
Sat. Oct. 24	Felsted ...	H	11	3	Won
Sat. Oct. 31	Old Millhillians ...	H	0	11	Lost
Tues. Nov. 3	Brighton ...	H	6	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 7	The Leys ...	H	11	0	Won
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	A	0	3	Lost
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	H	3	3	Drawn
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	A	0	19	Lost

Third XV

Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	H	3	16	Lost
Sat. Oct. 31	Old Millhillians ...	H	9	9	Drawn
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	A	16	10	Won
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	A	3	11	Lost
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	H	3	0	Won

Fourth XV

Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	A	11	11	Drawn
Sat. Oct. 31	Old Millhillians ...	H	3	18	Lost
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	A	0	6	Lost
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	A	5	31	Lost
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	H	13	5	Won

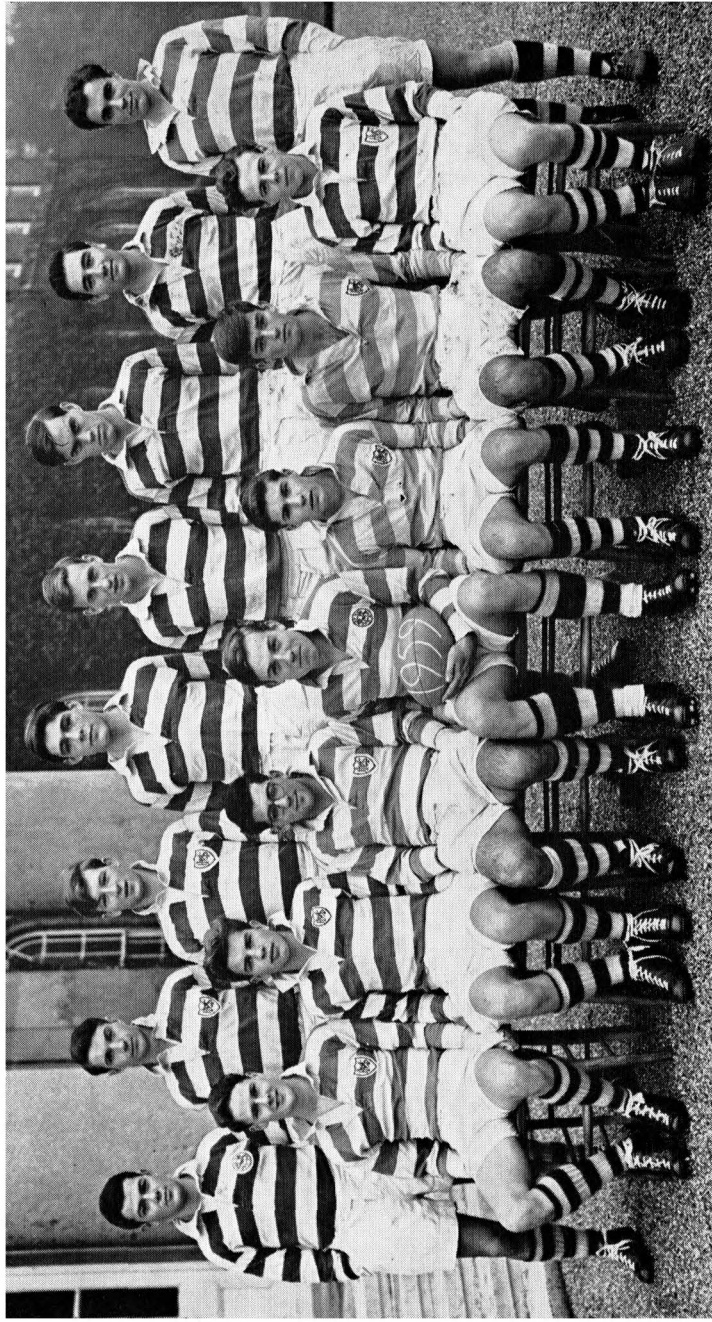
Colts XV

Tues. Oct. 13	Bishop's Stortford ...	H	8	8	Drawn
Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	H	14	11	Won
Sat. Oct. 24	Felsted ...	A	0	9	Lost
Sat. Nov. 7	The Leys ...	A	13	5	Won
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	H	0	5	Lost
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	A	6	0	Won
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	H	5	3	Won

Junior Colts XV

Tues. Oct. 20	Harrow ...	H	17	9	Won
Sat. Oct. 24	Felsted ...	A	11	6	Won
Sat. Nov. 7	The Leys ...	H	6	6	Drawn
Sat. Nov. 14	St. Paul's ...	A	5	3	Won
Sat. Nov. 21	Merchant Taylors' ...	A	6	0	Won
Sat. Nov. 28	Dulwich ...	H	6	14	Lost

FIRST XV 1959.



Standing (left to right): C. R. Sotnick, W. O. W. Roberts, J. Culver, A. S. Mortimer, T. D. Phillips, P. J. Fox, R. D. Ehrlich, G. J. M. Westoby.
Sitting: A. S. C. Air, R. D. Boon, S. W. Whyte, M. H. T. Jourdan (Capt.), A. J. Horne, M. O. Lidwell, N. Burggy.

Match Reports

1st XV v CRANLEIGH (Won 12-3)

This was the first match of the season, as previous fixtures had been either postponed or cancelled because of hard ground. From the start the Mill Hill forwards had a good share of the play in both the line-out and the scrum: Walker consistently outjumped his opponent and Burggy managed to hook the ball against the head. Yet the three-quarters failed to co-ordinate, despite constant possession of the ball on an ideal pitch. It was not until Cranleigh had scored a try in the corner, and Jourdan and then Lidwell had been taken off the field with injuries, that Mill Hill's first try was scored by Hopkins on the wing. When the two injured members returned at half-time, the forwards began to monopolise the scrums and lines-out, whilst the backs ran and passed smoothly. A penalty goal by Worrall in front of the posts gave extra confidence. Two more tries were scored: one by Whyte from a three-quarter movement, and the other by Roberts who pounced on the ball after a heel by Cranleigh from a five-yard scrum. It was a pity, however, that none of the three tries was converted, and that Worrall narrowly missed a drop goal early in the second-half. If our kicking had been more accurate, and if the three-quarters had settled down sooner, we might well have scored more than twelve points. Nevertheless the victory was both well-deserved and an encouraging start to the season.

Team: T. D. Phillips, S. W. Whyte, P. R. Worrall, A. S. C. Air, M. F. Hopkins, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, R. D. Ehrlich, M. H. T. Jourdan (Capt.), W. O. W. Roberts, P. C. Walker, A. S. Mortimer, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

1st XV v HARROW (Lost 6-18)

In the first half, good tackling by Mill Hill especially by the centres Air and Worrall, prevented our opponents from settling down. Yet throughout the game the natural advantage lay with the Harrow forwards. Neither courage nor the successful hooking of Burggy could compensate for their vastly superior weight. Repeatedly the Mill Hill scrum was pushed off the ball, whilst in the lines-out Mortimer and Walker were outjumped. Yet strangely enough, despite the weight handicap, Mill Hill was the first to score with a push-over by Jourdan. By half-time Harrow had equalised with a try from their wing after a long kick ahead. In the second half, with the slope against them, Mill Hill found it increasingly difficult to break the Harrow attacks, and soon our opponents were 9-3 up. But the next try, which was perhaps the best of the match, came from Mill Hill. A kick by Gunning, the Harrow captain, was confidently received by Whyte on the wing. He immediately cross-kicked for Jourdan, perfectly placed, to gather the ball and score his second try. After this, Harrow took the game into their own hands. By full-time they had scored three more tries, none of which were converted. Harrow's win was well-deserved. Yet there were equally good examples of fine play on both sides. The Harrow wings, Yannaghass and Haslam, by skilful positioning and calculation scored five tries between them. On the Mill Hill side, Boon, well served by Horne at scrum-half, made some brilliant breaks, and also gained considerable ground from the "25". The school had given a strong Harrow team a hard fight.

Team: T. D. Phillips, S. W. Whyte, P. R. Worrall, A. S. C. Air, M. F. Hopkins, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, R. D. Ehrlich, M. H. T. Jourdan (Capt.), W. O. W. Roberts, P. C. Walker, A. S. Mortimer, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

1st XV v FELSTED (Won 26-3) Home

Everything seemed to go wrong for Felsted. They had no old colours; they were out of practice; and this was their first match of the season. From the kick-off Mill Hill monopolised the game. With the forwards backing up well, the three-quarters gave a fine display of aggressive and intelligent rugby. Boon scored the first try. He made a break on the Felsted "25", sold a dummy to Ehrlich on the wing, and raced through the gap. By half-time the score was 9-0. Boon had kicked a drop-goal, and Fox had scored a push-over try. Then Felsted achieved their only score of the whole match when their fly-half, surrounded by opposing forwards, calmly kicked a drop-goal from a distance of forty yards. But after this, Mill Hill built up attack after attack whilst Felsted's spirits sank lower and lower. Air broke through to score from the Felsted 10-yard line, and a high cross-kick from Whyte on the wing was fielded by Roberts who went over by the posts. Some midfield play followed, and a try each from Whyte and Boon. The most spectacular try of the match came just before full-time when Boon sent a "grubber" kick into the corner. Whyte, well in position, seized the ball a few yards from the line and scored. Although Felsted were naturally handicapped, their defeat was convincing enough to credit the Mill Hill three-quarters, especially Boon, whose handling and positioning proved both safe in defence and penetrating in attack. The main fault was the inaccuracy of the kicking. But luckily in this game it did not matter.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, G. J. M. Westoby, A. S. C. Air, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, M. H. T. Jourdan (Capt.), P. J. Fox, W. O. W. Roberts, A. S. Mortimer, P. C. Walker, R. S. Burns, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: P. R. Worrall.

1st XV v OLD MILLHILLIANS (Won 6-5)

The school habitually suffers from an inferiority complex when playing against the Old Millhillians. This year, with their six-footers and fourteen-stoners, they seemed as formidable as ever to a trembling school side, fielding three reserves. The O.M.s started confidently and scored in the first few minutes with little resistance. The fly-half made a break and enabled Neil to touch down a try, which was converted. Though discouraged by this, Mill Hill gradually pushed its way in the old boys' half; and when Westoby kicked a penalty goal in front of the posts, visions of a heavy defeat magically disappeared. In the second half, playing downhill, the school's spirit and fitness began to tell on a tiring O.M. team. Yet though the forwards dominated in the tight and in the loose, and the backs were continually attacking, we could not succeed in crossing the line. However, about ten minutes before full-time, the school's perseverance was rewarded. The ball was heeled from a set scrum on the Old Boys' "25". It was passed quickly out to the wing and back again to the centre for Boon and Air to make an opening which enabled Whyte to score. Immediately the O.M.s summoned all their energy to regain the lead, but try as they might, they were held off by good defensive play until the end of the game. This was the first time the school team had defeated the O.M.'s for six years. In the lines-out Mortimer often succeeded in outjumping Jarman, whilst on the wing Whyte played his best game for the school so far. Early nights and abstinence prevailed.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, G. J. M. Westoby, A. S. C. Air, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, M. H. T. Jourdan, W. O. W. Roberts, C. R. Sotnick, A. S. Mortimer, P. J. Fox, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: P. R. Worrall, P. C. Walker, R. S. Burns.

1st XV v BRIGHTON (Won 6-3)

There was no score in the first half. The sides were well-matched, but the play was scrappy. Brighton had a hard-fighting, though clumsy scrum, whilst Mill Hill's good points lay in the occasional displays of quick thinking by the backs. In the second half the school was disorganised by the loss of Boon, who had a nose injury. Yet it was strange that without him the forwards held off their opponents by sheer determination; but as soon as he came back, the whole team slackened-off. The result was a try in the corner by the Brighton left wing who handed off a high-tackling defender. Then shock reaction set in and soon Mill Hill was inside the Brighton "25". The tension was high as a nervous Worrall equalised with a penalty goal. With only ten minutes to go, Boon opened the attack again with a cross-kick; the Brighton defender unluckily slipped; and Air touched down. Yet this success was offset a few minutes later when an even better kick to the opposite wing bounced away from Ehrlich who narrowly missed a second try. Mill Hill owed its win to a combination of luck and a last-minute effort. Phillips at full-back played a sound game: he caught and kicked faultlessly, and on the occasions when he came into the line, his presence was invaluable.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, P. R. Worrall, A. S. C. Air, S. W. Whyte, R. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, M. H. T. Jourdan, P. J. Fox, C. R. Sotnick, P. C. Walker, A. S. Mortimer, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: R. S. Burns.

1st XV v THE LEYS (Lost 21-9)

Though the Leys did not have a vastly superior team, Mill Hill could not summon enough force or energy to score until the last quarter of an hour, whilst our opponents played spiritedly throughout the game. The first half was unexciting. The only score came in the opening minutes when the Leys kicked a penalty. The Mill Hill three-quarters, without Worrall in the centre, seemed slow and apathetic; the forwards, for no apparent reason, were sluggish and lacked spirit. In the second half there was a chance that Mill Hill might throw off its lethargy and score the vital points. But it was not until the Leys had scored two tries on the right wing, one try through the centre and two goals, that our attack suddenly came to life. Westoby kicked a penalty; Jourdan scored a try after a quick switch of direction; and Boon touched down a loose ball. Unfortunately the school's burst of enthusiasm was dispelled by a try under the posts from one of the Leys three-quarters who gathered the ball after a rebound. It was a strange game. There were no outstanding faults in anyone's play. Mortimer usually outjumped his opponent in the lines-out; Burggy hooked his share of the ball in the scrum; Horne at scrum-half gave a good service; and Phillips at full-back caught and kicked competently. The reason for our defeat was that we did not play in the first half of the game as we did in the last quarter, when we scored nine points in four minutes. But by then it was too late.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, G. J. M. Westoby, A. S. C. Air, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, M. H. T. Jourdan, W. O. W. Roberts, C. R. Sotnick, A. S. Mortimer, P. J. Fox, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: P. C. Walker, P. R. Worrall.

1st XV v R.G.S. NEWCASTLE (Lost 0-14)

Newcastle had a much better team than last year. Their main strength lay in their forwards, who were tall, heavy, keen, fast and well-drilled. Though the Mill Hill pack tried hard, Newcastle won most of the set scrums by sheer weight, and were faster than us in the loose. Soon they scored a push-over try, which was converted. This was followed by a

second try from the Newcastle hooker, who wrenched the ball from a loose maul and dived over the line. From then until half-time Mill Hill played slightly better, but could not score. The second half was much the same as the first. Our backs rarely touched the ball as we were being beaten all the time in the scrums and lines-out. Newcastle steadily gained ground by kicking for touch after lines-out. By full-time they had scored one more try and kicked a penalty. Mill Hill did not play badly, but did nothing startling enough to demoralise the other side, so that we were always on the defensive.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, A. S. C. Air, G. J. M. Westoby, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, C. R. Sotnick, M. H. T. Jourdan, R. K. Sadler, A. S. Mortimer, P. J. Fox, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

1st XV v ST. PAUL'S (Lost 5-8)

As in previous matches, Mill Hill did not make any consistent attacks until the last part of the game. Though Burggy hooked well, the scrums were ragged without Lidwell in the front row and in the lines-out Walker and Mortimer were continually beaten by the six-and-a-half foot St. Paul's jumper. Defensively our backs were good, but in the attack only Whyte looked dangerous. In the first half the only score was a try in the corner by St. Paul's who switched the ball back from the wing about five yards from the line. In the second half St. Paul's scored again under the posts. The try was converted. After that hard tackling by Roberts and accurate kicking by Phillips forestalled future attacks, and soon our forwards were pressing in the St. Paul's half whilst our backs were beginning to make use of the ball. Eventually Mill Hill scored when Boon gave the ball to Whyte by a clever scissors pass, thus enabling him to score. A few minutes later Jourdan started a movement from the scrum which very nearly put Ehrlich over in the corner. The final score was an accurate indication of the strength of each side.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, A. S. C. Air, G. J. M. Westoby, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, C. R. Sotnick, M. H. T. Jourdan, W. O. W. Roberts, A. S. Mortimer, P. C. Walker, J. Culver, N. Burggy, R. K. Sadler.

Unavailable: M. O. Lidwell.

1st XV v MERCHANT TAYLORS' (Draw 5-5)

Conditions for the game were excellent. The surface was soft but not wet, and the ball was light. Mill Hill settled down sooner than their opponents and were always attacking. Eventually Whyte, who had come into the line as a centre, broke through and touched down a few yards from the posts. Westoby converted. At half-time however, the balance of the game swung sharply to Merchant Taylors' and after continual pressure they too scored a goal. The game suddenly became keen, and for a short while some excellent rugby was played on both sides. But after that, although Mill Hill was often near the Merchant Taylors' line, there was no further score. Amongst the forwards Mortimer was prominent in the loose, and in the lines-out, with Burggy throwing the ball in, he consistently outjumped his opponent. Whyte again had an excellent game, and Horne at scrum-half continued to give a very steady service.

Team: T. D. Phillips, R. D. Ehrlich, G. J. M. Westoby, A. K. Toulson, S. W. Whyte, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, C. R. Sotnick, M. H. T. Jourdan, W. O. W. Roberts, A. S. Mortimer, P. J. Fox, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: A. S. C. Air.

1st XV v DULWICH (Lost 0-27)

Mill Hill kicked off. From the start it was evident that Dulwich had a vastly superior three-quarter line. Lyon, their captain, was the key man. Though our forwards managed to hold the opposition in the tight scrums, by half-time Dulwich were eleven points up. The second half merely confirmed the first. Despite the efforts of Mortimer in the lines-out,

Burggy in the scrum, Roberts in the loose, and Jourdan in covering, Dulwich heaped up the points. Both Westoby and Air in the centre tackled courageously, and Pring, playing instead of Whyte, who was injured, justified his selection by his speed and enthusiasm. At full-back Phillips played a good defensive game, and Horne's tackling and service were sound. Yet Dulwich always seemed to have a man over in the line, and when the ball was near their pack, it was never left in the hands of one or two men, but was always surrounded by seven or eight. Mill Hill were again outclassed by an excellent Dulwich side.

Team: T. D. Phillips, C. W. Pring, G. J. M. Westoby, A. S. C. Air, R. D. Ehrlich, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, C. R. Sotnick, M. H. T. Jourdan (Capt.), W. O. W. Roberts, P. J. Fox, A. S. Mortimer, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Unavailable: S. W. Whyte.

1st XV v MERCHISTON (Lost 3-18)

After watching Merchiston play Haileybury, the team went on to the field feeling fairly confident. Unfortunately, this optimism proved to be totally unjustified. Merchiston had a slightly larger and heavier scrum, and our pack had difficulty in holding their own. Burggy hooked extremely well, especially against the head, but his efforts were in vain, since we were continually pushed off the ball.

A heavy downpour soon after the start, added to the difficulties, and it was not long before the opposing fly-half, who was captain of the Scottish Schoolboys XV, picked up a loose ball and dived through the Mill Hill scrum to score midway between the posts and corner flag. Following this, a defensive blunder in midfield allowed the Merchiston left wing to touch down in the corner. At half time, the score was 6-0.

Early in the second half, a break by Toulson gave Ehrlich a chance to show his speed. He sprinted down the left wing only to be tackled into the corner flag. Westoby kicked a penalty for Mill Hill, but superior fitness enabled Merchiston to redouble their efforts, and they scored a further twelve points in the last twenty minutes of the game.

Team: G. J. M. Westoby, S. W. Whyte, A. K. Toulson, A. S. C. Air, R. D. Ehrlich, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, W. O. W. Roberts, M. H. T. Jourdan, C. R. Sotnick, A. S. Mortimer, P. C. Walker, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

1st XV v ROYAL BELFAST ACADEMICAL INSTITUTION (Lost 6-3)

Since this match was played well after the end of the school season, the XV was out of practice, and did not have high hopes of victory. We were soon to be proved wrong: straight from the kick-off the forwards fought hard, and were soon awarded a scrum in front of the Irish posts. Jourdan held the ball in the back row, and the opposing wing-forward, taken by surprise, was well off-side. Westoby kicked a good goal. After this, both sides played excellent rugby. The play swung up and down the pitch, but both defences were so solid that neither gave way.

Half-way through the second half the Irish team began to use the high up-and-under to great advantage. This caused the XV a great deal of worry, and it was at this stage that Belfast scored a try. A high up-and-under was fumbled by a defender, and the opposing right wing pounced on the ball to score ten yards from the post. The try was unconverted. The ball continued to swing about the field, but the speed of the game was not allowed to slacken. Belfast scored from a penalty in front of our posts, with only a few minutes left to play.

The standard of rugger had been high in both teams, and this was judged to have been the XV's best display of the season.

Team: G. J. M. Westoby, S. W. Whyte, A. K. Toulson, A. S. C. Air, R. D. Ehrlich, R. J. D. Boon, A. J. Horne, W. O. W. Roberts, M. H. T. Jourdan, C. R. Sotnick, A. S. Mortimer, P. J. Fox, J. Culver, N. Burggy, M. O. Lidwell.

Retrospect

1st XV

This year's 1st XV was a side of average ability, which played very well at times and in fact won more matches than for some years. Outside the scrum there was a marked lack of speed and positive rugby sense. Only Whyte possessed the former and Boon the latter. Defence was bravely organised, though a gaping hole tended to appear for the opposing stand-off half. Attack was more of a problem. Neither centre could be relied upon for a break, and the onus fell to Boon for the occasional break and diagonal kick, and to Whyte for a burst of speed to chase the kick and score.

The pack had a player of above average ability in each row—Lidwell was an excellent prop, though on the small side; Mortimer was good in the lines-out and the tight, and Jourdan at lock was an inspiring leader and performed his duties in attack and defence with great verve. The remainder were no more than ordinary and the pack was unable to dominate any but its weakest opponents—mainly because of lack of weight.

On the whole the team played in accordance with its ability. General slowness of thought and lack of rugby sense—which are innate qualities and can rarely be taught—were more to our detriment than our physical disadvantages. New ideas and plans were seldom put into action; and some, even after constant practice, were never used in a match because they were forgotten in the heat of actual play.

The other major failing of the team was the inability to produce full power until late in the second half. This late reaction indeed did give us two victories, but the one occasion when we started with a rush resulted in relative inactivity for the rest of the game. This lack of controlled effort resulted in a mediocre final record.

Yet despite all this criticism, the team did sometimes produce good rugby, and usually enjoyed themselves, which some say is the object of the game. Certainly, a number of useful lessons have been learned from this season's play, both by teachers and pupils. One is that it is a fallacy to suppose that a school's success at rugby is directly proportionate to its numbers—a fallacy which we hope to put in its true light next season.

A.P.H.

2nd XV

After losing to Cranleigh and Harrow in the first two matches of the season, the team settled down to three good wins against Felsted, Brighton and The Leys. In a closely-fought match against St. Paul's we were unlucky in not forcing a draw as we had done against Merchant Taylors'. In the Dulwich match, despite a concerted effort in the first half, we were unable to keep up the pace and we lost by 19 points.

It was unfortunate that the team was constantly changing owing to the demands of the first XV. Nevertheless, though they did not distinguish themselves, this season's record was a vast improvement on last year. Hopkins as captain managed to infuse a good deal of spirit into the side. Amongst the forwards, Hillier, Knott, Lee and Sadler were prominent, whilst the three-quarters all did well. Though they were a little slow in attack, with an inclination towards either clumsy passing or too frequent kicking, their tackling and defensive play were enthusiastic and sound. Andrews' kicking was invaluable.

M.H.T.J., M.F.H.

3rd XV & 4th XV

At the beginning of the season few members of the Gears Set were willing to tackle their opponents, and this weakness was evident throughout the season. However the 3rd XV did tighten up their defence and as a result had a fairly successful season. The forwards played with much spirit and usually led the side in attacks. Their determination in the loose made up for their lack of rugger sense, and often produced results. Both the 3rd and 4th XV's are to be congratulated on their final victories over Dulwich.

C.M.T.B.

COLTS XV

The Colts forwards were vigorous and robust although their lack of speed at times was a serious handicap. Archer set a fine example of covering and constructive play although he was not altogether happy at wing-forward in place of the injured Galbraith. The front row of Marshall-Andrews, Lee and Paddison played well throughout the season, Turner was a consistent worker and Drake, if inclined to indulge too much in the spectacular, was a strong No. 8. Except at Felsted where Lee was one of the absentees, the best feature of the pack was its ability to win the ball from the set pieces.

Behind the scrum the problem of finding a scrum-half was not satisfactorily solved until the last two matches when Peat was available. As a result the backs never moved with rhythm and, through lack of confidence, developed a proneness to kick at every conceivable opportunity. Nevertheless Davies, Armistead, Stevens and Cargill all showed natural ability, even if this was frequently offset by poor tactical sense. The best feature of the backs was their defence, and the most cheerful if not the most charitable thing that can be said is that all gained experience in positions previously foreign to them.

E.W.

JUNIOR COLTS XV

Owing to the hard state of the grounds, it was a fortnight after the beginning of term before a game could be played in boots; yet the team quickly welded itself into an efficient machine and the final results were just better than last year. This was undoubtedly because of the talent of several players, both inside and outside the scrum, and the good spirit of the team as a whole. We were fortunate never to be troubled by injuries though Knott had cruel luck in the practice game for the Harrow match and was out for the season.

Harrow and Felsted were beaten comfortably, but by no means easily, and the Leys were only just held to a draw: after this it was apparent that the basic trouble was at half-back. For the three later matches, Dean was moved to the stand-off position and Dyer returned to the base of the scrum. By the end these two struck up a fairly good understanding. However, Dulwich were undoubtedly a good side with a well-drilled pack of robust forwards and poor tackling by the home side lost this final match.

Finally, mention must be made, invidious as this always is, of the thrust of Dean and Scott in the centre (before Dean's change to fly-half), Dyer's very capable performances at either half position, the wing-forward play of Addison and Wyatt, Montgomery's leadership of a reliable pack and (by no means least) Nicholas's prodigious goal kicking in the Dulwich game which kept us 6-3 ahead at half-time and terrorised the Dulwich supporters present.

G.C.S.

Make-Ups

1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV
1. M. H. T. Jourdan, 1958-9 (Selection Committee 1958, Captain 1959).	1. M. F. Hopkins (Capt.).	1. J. M. G. Hunt (Capt.).
2. S. W. Whyte,, 1957-8-9. (Hon. Sec. 1959).	2. P. C. Walker.	2. G. le M. Campbell.
3. A. J. Horne, 1958-9. (Selection Committee 1959).	3. A. K. Toulson.	3. P. W. Hancock.
4. R. J. D. Boon, 1959.	4. R. K. Sadler.	4. M. P. Petersen.
5. M. O. Lidwell, 1958-9.	5. C. A. B. Knott.	5. D. W. Knight.
6. A. S. C. Air, 1958-9.	6. H. H. Andrews.	6. P. T. D. Winocour.
7. N. Burggy, 1959.	7. R. T. Hillier.	7. B. Hampson.
8. A. S. Mortimer, 1959.	8. P. R. Holmes.	8. M. S. Pearce.
9. T. D. Phillips, 1959.	9. P. D. James.	9. A. L. Stanhope.
10. R. D. Ehrlich, 1959.	10. D. C. J. Lee.	10. T. J. M. Day.
11. G. J. M. Westoby, 1959.	11. A. H. Fletcher.	11. M. R. Mann.
12. J. Culver, 1959.	12. A. A. J. Browne.	12. R. J. Hayman.
13. W. O. W. Roberts, 1959.	13. R. S. Burns.	13. S. D. Jenkins.
14. C. R. Sotnick, 1959.	14. C. W. Pring.	14. A. J. H. Shaw.
15. P. J. Fox, 1959.	15. M. R. Williams.	15. C. J. Burt.
	16. K. A. Khaleeli.	D. J. G. Moore.
		M. A. Beasley.
		J. F. Elkins.
		J. Lovett.

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

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

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

The following represented the :

4th XV: M. J. Addison, S. R. Bloom, P. S. J. Brandon, C. J. Carter, T. G. Davies, D. R. E. Edwards, J. D. Evans, W. A. Goyder (Capt.), S. P. Milnes, D. F. Osborne, R. S. Palmer, N. L. Pilkington, R. A. Price, S. P. Robinson, R. A. A. Ryan, J. G. H. Stuckey, N. B. Thompson, R. J. Thorn, R. A. M. Wade, A. T. Wrigglesworth.

Colts' XV: M. P. Archer, N. D. W. Armistead (Capt.), J. R. Cargill, P. P. T. Davies, G. L. Drake, J. A. F. Galbraith, R. S. Harris, D. F. Hugill, J. A. Jacobs, T. C. R. Jourdan, R. A. Latner, R. A. Lee, R. G. Marshall-Andrews, R. D. Mills, D. F. Paddison, R. L. Peat, R. M. Silk, C. B. Stevens, D. J. Thurgood, E. W. Turner, G. D. H. Woods.

Junior Colts' XV: J. P. G. Addison, A. P. D. Briggs, J. A. Dean, A. W. Dyer, A. R. Fitzjohn, J. F. Gray, V. A. S. Kitching, J. R. McAllister, D. R. B. Montgomery, P. D. Nicholas, J. Oldroyd, R. R. C. Read, R. M. Scott, M. L. Swanne, R. P. West, D. J. M. Winter, R. F. Wyatt.

Under 14½: P. E. Fingland, A. R. B. Hall, M. G. A. Hope, M. S. Kent, R. A. Lidwell, E. Mann, A. W. M. Mills, N. D. L. Olsen, S. L. Selwyn, P. W. Steele, M. Stewart, R. C. Uren.

1st XV Characters

M. H. T. JOURDAN (12 st. 7 lbs.)

Lock

As captain of this year's XV he has shown that he is a natural leader on the field. A player of great determination—and a ceaseless worker—who continually urged his team on to greater effort. He was our best open-side wing-forward until his rugged sense and skill had to be put to fuller use at Lock, where he performed exceptionally well.



S. W. WHYTE (10 st. 2 lbs.)

Right Wing.

A player capable of great individual effort with a remarkable turn of speed. His defensive weaknesses at the beginning of the term are now things of the past. This was illustrated in the St. Paul's game. This year he was the school's potential match-winner and his close liaison with Boon's diagonal kicking brought a number of tries.



A. J. HORNE (9 st. 0 lbs.)

Scrum-half.

A player of terrier-like ferocity and persistence. The size of the opposition never seemed to worry him and even under great pressure his passes were both accurate and long. What he lacked in pounds he made up for with courage and determination.



A.P.H.

R. J. D. BOON (11 st.)

Fly Half.

A player whose natural ability and skill laid the foundations of the three-quarter line. In defence his kicking was good, and in attack he had a quick eye for the gaps. It was a pity that as the season progressed his play gradually deteriorated.

M. O. LIDWELL (10 st. 5 lbs.)

Prop Forward.

A sturdily built player who was always prominent in the loose. As prop forward, his straight back and his ability to hook were invaluable. His tackling and falling were exemplary, and his positional play has improved since last year.

A. S. C. AIR (10 st. 2 lbs.)

Centre three-quarter.

His poor health has been a handicap for most of the season and partly accounted for the fact that he rarely made a break. His tackling was again superb, and if he could improve his handling he would make an admirable three-quarter.

N. BURGGO (9 st. 12 lbs.)

Hooker.

One whose personality never failed to inspire the side, and whose play was always of the highest standard. He was quick to strike, prominent in the loose and a good positional player. If here next year he will be a great asset to a more inexperienced side.

A. S. MORTIMER (12 st. 11 lbs.)

Second Row Forward.

Though the youngest member of the team, he was a big and heavy forward whose main contribution was his exceptional jumping in the lines-out. When in possession of the ball he must have seemed a formidable opponent. As the season progressed his play improved beyond expectation.

T. D. PHILLIPS (11 st. 2 lbs.)

Full Back.

He gained confidence as he became more experienced. His kicking and his appearances in the line more than compensated for his occasional faulty tackling and positional play. For one who does not like the game, he always played with great spirit and put the team before himself.

R. D. EHRLICH (11 st. 9 lbs.)

Left Wing.

Unlike his Oxford compatriot he already had rudimentary knowledge of the game. He started the season at wing-forward, where he was unsuccessful; but once he had been moved to the wing his strength and speed gained many valuable yards for the team.

G. J. M. WESTOBY (11 st. 4 lbs.)

Centre three-quarter.

Coming into the side as a reserve at the beginning of the season, he soon justified his place by consistent tackling and falling in defence. His left-footed kicks for touch were good, though he had neither the experience nor the practice to reach the same standard in his goal-kicking.

J. CULVER (11 st. 4 lbs.)

Prop Forward.

At the beginning of the season he had to fight hard for his place in the team. Once established he proved his worth by his tackling, his falling, and his enduring partnership with the hooker. His two main characteristics were his cool-headed nature when in difficulties and his aversion for red-heads.

W. O. W. ROBERTS (10 st. 7 lbs.)

Blind-side Wing Forward.

In September he seemed assured of a permanent place in the side, but towards the end of October he lost form, only to regain it in the St. Paul's match. After that his falling was the best in the side. His tackling and play in the loose were very valuable against Merchant Taylors' and Dulwich.

C. R. SOTNICK (11 st. 2 lbs.)

Open-side Wing Forward.

After hooking for the 2nd XV he came into the side for the O.M.'s match at blind-side wing forward. He retained his place, and after changing to the open-side, he never played a bad game. Yet he failed to live up to expectation.

P. J. FOX (12 st. 6 lbs.)

Second Row Forward.

One of the most colourful personalities of the side. He never lacked verve or enthusiasm, and was always a fighter in the loose. Yet he had neither the ability nor the skill of a first-class player.

M.H.T.J., S.W.W., A.J.H.

House Matches

SENIOR

Ridgeway	Winterstoke	Murray (3-0)	Murray (6-0)
Winterstoke	(5-0)		
Murray	Murray		
Scrutton	(6-0)		
Burton Bank	Burton Bank	Burton Bank (9-0)	
Weymouth	(16-5) Collinson		

FINAL OF THE SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Murray 6 — Burton Bank 0.

On paper the two teams which reached the final looked evenly matched. Burton Bank had a clear advantage in the line-outs with Mortimer and Walker, whilst on the Murray side Boon was a reliable fly-half and Jourdan and Lidwell were both hard-playing forwards in the loose. Murray, having lost the toss, played downhill in the first half and were soon pressing on the Burton Bank line. After two kicks had been missed, Murray went into the lead with a penalty by Harris. Then Burton Bank began a counter-attack, in which Pring and Stevens were prominent. But there was no further score by half-time. In the second half Burton Bank came near to scoring on several occasions, and it seemed unlikely that Murray would be able to hold them. With Davies at fly-half consistently kicking for touch Burton Bank edged their way down the field, and it was only after Walker as well as Brandon had been taken off the field with head injuries that this tactic was thwarted by hard tackling. After some mid-field play, Murray suddenly started attacking again. Their second score was a try by Jourdan who dived over the line in the corner. By now Burton Bank were thoroughly dispirited, and not even the kicking of Andrews could save them. When the whistle blew Murray were attacking again. It was felt that if Burton Bank had used their superiority in the lines-out to the full extent, and had passed the ball to the wings more often instead of kicking, the result might have been different. Burton Bank also lost heart early in the game, whilst Murray played with unity and fire throughout. For the first time in many years, the exultant Murray supporters carried their mascot "duck" back to the house in triumph.

Murray: D. R. E. Edwards, M. A. Beasley, J. R. Cargill, M. J. Addison, R. W. R. Ward, R. J. D. Boon, M. R. Mann, M. O. Lidwell, M. H. T. Jourdan, P. S. J. Brandon, D. J. Thurgood, R. S. Harris, M. P. Petersen, S. R. Bloom, D. J. G. Moore.

Burton Bank: M. B. Van Zwanenburg, C. W. Pring, H. H. Andrews, C. J. Burt, C. B. Stevens, P. P. T. Davies, B. S. Dawes, J. D. Evans, G. D. H. Woods, D. F. Paddison, A. S. Mortimer, P. C. Walker, D. W. Knight, K. A. Khaleeli, R. S. Burns.

UNDER 15

This year it was decided to have an Under 15 knock-out tournament instead of the usual Junior League. The results were as follows:

Collinson	}	Burton Bank	}	Burton Bank	}	Scrutton
Burton Bank		(34-0)					(11-0)
Weymouth	}	Weymouth	}			
Winterstoke		(9-0)				
Scrutton	}	Scrutton	}	Scrutton		
Ridgeway		(25-0)		(18-0)		
		Murray				

MINOR SPORTS

Fives

Captain: A. LIAQUAT ALI KHAN.

Hon. Sec.: C. J. BURT.

As we still have four members of last year's team, this season we have been stronger than for some time. Unfortunately Darke received a rugger injury which considerably weakened the power of the second pair. The first pair was played with intelligence and enthusiasm, sustaining only two defeats from Old Boys' clubs. The only time our third pair played was in the match against Harrow, whom we defeated for the first time in over a decade. We look forward to continued success next term when a full team will be available.

The Senior House Tournament was won by Burton Bank after an exciting and closely-fought final against Collinson.

Senior Team: A. Liaquat Ali Khan, C. J. Burt, M. J. Darke, R. D. Ehrlich, J. Lovett, N. D. W. Armistead, P. P. T. Davies.

RESULTS:

Senior v Old Berkhamstedians	Won	113-112 (points)
Senior v Old Millhillians	Won	2-0 (matches)
Senior v P. H. Figgis's team	Lost	3-1 "
Senior v Old Citizens	Lost	2-0 "
Senior v Harrow	Won	2-1 "

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES:

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

Squash

Captain: T. D. PHILLIPS.

Hon. Sec.: R. J. HAYMAN.

Although on paper the team is weaker than it has been in recent years, so far the results have been promising. We have won all three school matches and have received only one defeat at the hands of a strong Old Millhillians' team. The school has won twenty out of the last twenty-four matches, and next term, when most of our fixtures are played, we hope to continue these successes.

TEAMS:

Senior: T. D. Phillips, R. J. Hayman, R. Thorpe, P. P. T. Davies, H. H. Andrews.

Junior: G. L. Drake, A. W. Dyer, P. S. Farren, R. A. Latner, R. D. Mills.

COLOURS TO DATE:

R. J. Hayman was awarded full colours.

R. Thorpe regained half-colours.

RESULTS:

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

HOUSE MATCHES:

Senior:

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

Junior:

Scrutton	Collinson	Ridgeway	} Ridgeway (3-2)
Ridgeway	Ridgeway (5-0)	(w/o)	
Winterstoke	Winterstoke	Winterstoke	
Murray	(5-0)	(3-0)	
Weymouth	Weymouth		
Burton Bank	(3-2)		

Single-Handed

Hon. Sec.: S. W. WHYTE.

Manager: T. G. DAVIES.

Assistant Manager: C. J. CARTER.

As last year's fixture had to be cancelled, the interest this year in our only match, against the Cambridge O.M.s, was accordingly greater than usual. We were very grateful to the O.M.s for producing a team three days after they had in fact come down, and it was most unfortunate that bad light marred the game. Although the school led 1-0 at half-time through a goal thrown by Phillips, the O.M.s subsequently equalised; however a solo effort from Boon once again put the school ahead and completed the scoring.

Make-ups:

1. S. W. Whyte, 1957-8-9 (Hon. Sec. 1958-9).
2. W. O. W. Roberts, 1957-8-9.
3. T. D. Phillips, 1959.
4. A. Liaquat Ali Khan, 1959.
5. { R. J. D. Boon, 1959.
M. R. Williams, 1959.
7. { T. G. Davies, 1959.
M. F. Hopkins, 1959.
9. R. A. M. Wade, 1959.

All those above the line regain or are awarded colours.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

Ridgeway	Ridgeway	} Winterstoke (8-5)	} Winterstoke (3-2)
Burton Bank	(4-2)		
Winterstoke	Winterstoke		
Weymouth	(3-1)		
Murray	Murray	} Collinson (4-1)	
Scrutton	(6-5) Collinson		

T.G.D.

Boxing

Captain: P. R. WORRALL.

Hon. Sec.: M. R. WILLIAMS.

This year, for the first time in the inter-house competition, silver spoons were awarded to the individual winners. Weymouth won the annual trophy. Mrs. Winter very kindly presented both the spoons and the cup. It was a pity that only a quarter of the total entrants were seniors. Nevertheless there were some keen and exciting fights in the preliminary rounds as well as in the finals. Amongst the juniors the contest was so close that several promising young boxers did not even reach the finals. We hope that this new talent will prove its worth in next term's school matches.

In the finals the following were winners at their respective weights:

Mann, F. (M.), Brown, R. B. (B.B.), Balmforth (Wey.), Webb (Wey.), Swanne (M.), Hallpike (R.), Peradon (Wey.), Lee, R. A. (Win.), Hope (R.), Armistead (S.), Steiner (Wey.), Mann, M. R. (M.), Jenkins, S. D. (R.), Pilkington (R.), Pring (B.B.).

M.R.W.

Gym

Captain: S. W. WHYTE.

Hon. Sec.: R. J. HAYMAN.

This term for the first time we were able to have a junior gym match against Belmont. It was rather disappointing that we could win by only $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. Nevertheless the standard was reasonably high, and promised well for the junior competition at the end of term.

It seems that Collinson's long domination of the junior gym trophies has come to an end. Winterstoke won the Lamont Shield without much difficulty and R. A. Lee (Wk.) won the Hedley Individual Cup. R. L. Peat, who has now had the misfortune of coming second for the past three years, was again a close runner-up.

Final positions were as follows:

Lamont Shield:

1. Winterstoke
2. Murray
3. Ridgeway

Hedley Cup:

1. R. A. Lee
2. R. L. Peat
3. G. du P. Gillett
4. P. G. B. Johnston
5. J. R. Cargill
6. R. Petersen
7. M. P. Archer
8. R. F. Wyatt

Junior Gym VIII v. Belmont:

1. R. A. Lee
2. G. du P. Gillett
3. P. G. B. Johnston
4. N. D. L. Olsen
5. {D. J. M. Winter
R. F. Wyatt
7. {C. W. Knights
A. G. Price

Those above the line are awarded vests.

S.W.W.

Chess

Match Captain: S. P. BROIDO.

Admin. Sec.: M. A. SUTTON.

The recent increase in club membership reflects the national trend towards chess popularity. Perhaps television has formed stay-at-home habits, and a reaction against it has led to more creative domestic activities. Similarly at school, we are recovering from the onslaught of better film techniques displayed during hobbies' hour. Moreover, the activity of many individuals, especially M. A. Sutton, has injected new life into the club. The help of C. P. Wormell, Esq. is welcome, particularly in conjunction with our tireless patron, A. H. Vine, Esq., in ferrying teams by car to away matches.

Match results show well for the seniors, who have lost only to William Ellis' School, the reigning London League Champions. This strength is founded largely on the steady play of the lower boards: A. C. T. Somogyi, N. L. Pilkington, C. Lawrence and a talented newcomer, C. Blackman. The unbeaten record of S. R. Bloom deserves praise. More erratic but perhaps more imaginative play characterised the higher boards. The juniors were less successful, but they are an experimental team, and talent has been found.

Senior Team: S. P. Broido, M. A. Sutton, J. K. Ayre, S. R. Bloom, N. L. Pilkington, A. C. T. Somogyi, C. Blackman, C. Lawrence.

The following represented the Junior Team: P. L. Cook, W. F. Ball, T. R. Hallpike, T. H. Walker, P. L. Ridd, F. A. Johnstone, D. Hugill, D. R. Lanner, E. B. Roberts.

RESULTS.

Senior:

- v. Highgate, Won 4½-1½.
- v. Eton, Won 5-1.
- v. City of London, Won 7½-½.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Won 5-3.
- v. University College, Won 4-2.
- v. Harrow, Won 5-1.
- v. William Ellis', Lost 2½-5½.

Junior:

- v. Highgate, Won 5-3.
- v. City of London, Lost 2-4.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, Lost ½-5½.
- v. William Ellis', Lost 2½-3½.

S.P.B.

Holiday Sport

TENNIS:

Mill Hill reached the semi-final of the Youll Cup Competition at Wimbledon in August. After beating the favourites, St. Paul's, they lost to Stowe, who were the eventual winners.

T. D. Phillips reached the semi-final of the boys' singles and doubles for the second year running in the Junior Championships of Great Britain. Partnered by Miss C. Webb, he won the mixed doubles.

SQUASH:

M. W. Corby (late Mill Hill) and T. D. Phillips both represented Middlesex in a squash match against the R.A.F. at the Junior Carlton Club.

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

BERRY: On 23rd September, 1959, at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks., to Phyllis, wife of Michael R. W. Berry (1943-47), a son, Simon.

BRAITHWAITE: On 30th October, 1959, at Croydon, Surrey, to Joan, wife of Roderick Braithwaite (1945-50), a son, Nicholas James, a brother for Clare.

BRENCHLEY: On 5th March, 1959, at University College Hospital, to Anne (née Stoddart), wife of E. W. Brenchley (1944-49), a son, Mark William.

CURRY: On 13th August, 1959, at Cray Valley Hospital, Kent, to Helen Campbell (née Lowry), wife of A. J. Curry (1944-49), a son, Andrew Paul.

HUGGAN: On 22nd April, 1959, at Horsforth, Leeds, to June (née McVeagh), wife of Jim Huggan (1941-45), a daughter, a sister for John.

LEWIS: On 12th August, 1959, at Guy's Hospital, to Elizabeth, wife of E. ap G. Lewis (1939-44), a daughter.

ROWLANDSON: On 12th July, 1959, at the Beverley Nursing Home, Edgware, Middlesex, to Marilyn (née Sandberg), wife of Maurice L. Rowlandson (1935-39), a brother for Gary and Cherylyn, Julian Paul.

THORNE: On 30th August, 1959, at the Military Families Hospital, Woolwich, S.E.18, to Jill (née Watson) and Frederick E. Thorne (1943-48), a daughter, Lucinda Jean.

TWOGOOD: On 11th August, 1959, at Stanboroughs Hydro, Watford, Herts., to Linda (née Eadie), wife of Roy Twogood (1938-42), a daughter, Clare Janette.

Marriages

BEWSHER-KELLY: On 29th July, 1959, at the School Chapel, John Gowen Bewsher (1948-52), only son of the late E. G. Bewsher (1912-16) and Mrs. Bewsher of Touchwood, North Hill Lane, Burton, Christchurch, Hants., to Moiya Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kelly of 61 Heming Road, Edgware, Middlesex. The service was conducted by the Rev. Patrick H. Figgis, sometime Chaplain at the School. R. M. Harley (1945-50) was the best man, and B. C. G. Buckingham (1953-56) was an usher.

CARRINGTON-SPRATT: On 24th October, 1959, at St. Peter's Church, Hale, Cheshire, Peter John Carrington (1945-49), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carrington, to Norah Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. T. Spratt and Mrs. E. Spratt, both of Hale.

FITZGERALD-GALLOWAY: On 5th September, 1959, at the School Chapel, John Richard FitzGerald (1944-50), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. FitzGerald of Stonecourt, The Mount, Fetcham, Surrey, to Diana, only daughter of W. Galloway (1919-24) of 8 Gloucester Mews West, W.2, and the late Mrs. I. Galloway, and sister of A. D. Galloway (1951-56). The service was conducted by the Rev. Patrick H. Figgis, sometime Chaplain at the School. (New address:— Poynters Stables, Hatchford, near Cobham, Surrey.)

MONTEITH-BLACK: On 14th November, 1959, at the London Scottish Chapel, St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, S.W.1, Alexander Monteith, M.B.E., T.D. (1920-24), only son of the late Mr. John Monteith and of Mrs. Charles H. Crabtree, Stonefall Hall, Harrogate, Yorkshire, to Sheila Margaret Shand, elder daughter of the late Mr. Robert Black and Mrs. M. J. Black of Queen's Road, Tankerton, Kent.

NETTLETON-TURNER: On 5th August, 1959, at St. Paul's Church, Brisbane, Australia, Richard James Nettleton (1943-47), son of Mr. E. B. and the late Mrs. Nettleton of Greenfield House, Ossett, Yorkshire, to Elizabeth Anne Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner of Goondiwindi, Queensland, Australia.

ROWELL-NOBLE: On 5th September, 1959, at the Monica Wills Memorial Chapel, University of Bristol, George Rignall Rowell (1937-41), younger son of the late Mr. Frank Rowell of Mansfield, Notts. and of Mrs. H. N. Rowell, to Elspeth Nancy, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Noble of Wigan, Lancs.

SLY-PENNEY: On 10th October, 1959, at St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey, Anthony Graham Sly (1953-55), younger son of J. H. Sly (1914-19) and Mrs. Sly of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, to Jennifer Joan, elder daughter of Mrs. B. J. Penney of 5 Manor House, Manor Road, Wallington, Surrey.

Engagements

HAMPTON-BYRON DALSTON: The engagement has been announced between Anthony Gavin Nind (1944-48), son of Group-Captain H. N. Hampton, D.F.C. (1912-16), of "Aldergrove", Eaton Road, Norwich, and Anne Cynthia, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Byron Dalston, of "The Elms", Abingdon Road, Oxford.

IBBOTSON-BEAN: The engagement is announced between William (1947-50), only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ibbotson of 211 Chase Side, Southgate, N.14, and Sally, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bean of "The Hollies", Mill Hill Village, N.W.7, and sister of J. R. H. Bean (1950-56).

REES-WILLIAMS-WYNN: The engagement is announced between the Hon. Gwilym Rees-Williams (1944-46), elder son of Lord Ogmores (1917-20) and Lady Ogmores, and the Hon. Juno Wynn, daughter of the late Lord Newborough and Denisa, Lady Newborough.

ROWSON-JAMES: The engagement has been announced between David Alan (1947-52), only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rowson of Mill Hill, N.W.7, and Sally Christine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. James of the Duke of York School, Nairobi.

WEAIT-CRITCHTON: The engagement is announced between David (1948-53), only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weait of Harrow, Middlesex, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Critchton of Perth, Scotland, both currently in Kenya.

Deaths

CAMERON: On 29th October, 1959, at his home in Strathaven, Professor S. J. Cameron, LL.D., M.A., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.O.G. (1893-95), aged 81. (Obituary follows.)

CARNLEY: On 31st August, suddenly at his home at 4 Alexandra Avenue, Luton, Beds., William Birch Carnley (1898-1903).

CARRIS: On 29th July, 1959, after a long and serious illness courageously and patiently borne, Harold Edward Carris (1923-27), aged 50.

DAWSON: On 10th August, 1959, at his home in California, Coningsby W. Dawson, B.A., F.R.G.S. (1895-96), aged 76.

PRENTICE: On 11th August, 1959, in an Edinburgh Nursing Home after a sudden operation, John Reginald Prentice (1907-09).

SCOTT-JAMES: On 3rd November, 1959, suddenly, after an operation, Rolfe Arnold Scott-James, O.B.E., M.C., aged 80. (Obituary follows.)

THORNELOE: On 13th August, 1959, Joseph Eric Thorneloe, M.C. (1910-13), of Northampton Street, Leicester, aged 62.

Obituaries

PROFESSOR S. J. CAMERON, LL.D., M.A., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.O.G. (1893-95), emeritus professor of midwifery in the University of Glasgow, died at his home in Strathaven, Lanarkshire, on 29th October, 1959, aged 81.

Samuel James Cameron was born on 7th January, 1878, the son of Professor Murdoch Cameron, who also became professor of midwifery in Glasgow University. He entered School in 1893, was in Burton Bank, became a monitor and played for the XV. He proceeded to Glasgow University, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. (with commendation) in 1901. Elected a Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow in 1916, he became a Founder Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1929. After graduation he held a house appointment in the gynaecological ward of Glasgow Infirmary, and later was lecturer in clinical obstetrics and assistant to the Regius Professor of Midwifery. From the outset of his career he elected to follow in his father's footsteps. He became obstetric surgeon and gynaecologist to the Glasgow Maternity and Women's Hospital and to Bellshill Hospital, obstetric surgeon to Motherwell Maternity Hospital, obstetrician to Perth Maternity Hospital and gynaecologist to the Western Infirmary of Glasgow, ultimately becoming consultant to all these hospitals.

In 1934 Cameron succeeded Professor J. Munro Kerr as Regius Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow and occupied the chair until 1943, when he retired. The title of emeritus professor was then conferred upon him, and in the following year he received the honorary degree of LL.D. of the University. He was the author or joint author of a number of textbooks on obstetrics and gynaecology, and for many years edited the Glasgow Manual of Obstetrics. He had been an examiner at St. Andrew's University, and was a past president of the Glasgow Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society. A member of the British Medical Association for 55 years, he acted as one of the honorary secretaries of the Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology when the Association held its Annual Meeting in Glasgow in 1922.

"J. H.", writing in the British Medical Journal, says that Cameron was one of the most distinguished members of the Glasgow school of medicine in the last quarter of a century, his name being already a legend among the younger members of the profession. The excellent obstetric facilities in Lanarkshire and the rural counties between Carlisle and Stranraer to-day are the result of his personal efforts in founding and developing them. An ardent admirer of William Smellie, he secured a proper home for the Smellie Library, instigated the renovation and protection of Smellie's tomb, and finally secured the establishment of a maternity hospital in Lanark which he arranged should be called the Smellie Memorial Hospital. As a personal gift he presented the lovely bronze statue memorial of mother and child which stands in the grounds of the hospital. A man of great energy and physique, he worked so easily and speedily that he found time for many other activities. He was a keen sportsman, indulging in sailing, fishing and shooting, and a lover of nature, studying the ways of wild and domestic animals. He read widely and was versed in the local folklore of Lanarkshire and in the histories of famous Scottish families. A connoisseur and collector of all manner of art treasures, his lovely home at Stobieside was filled with beautiful specimens of silver, old furniture, mezzotints and paintings, many of them the work of great masters. In brief, Cameron exemplified all that was best in the bygone age of culture and gracious living. Yet he was humble, unassuming and friendly, and everyone was welcome at his home.

R. A. SCOTT-JAMES, O.B.E., M.C. (1893-96), the journalist and author, who edited the "London Mercury" from 1934 to 1939, died on 3rd November, 1959, after an operation, aged 80.

Rolfe Arnold Scott-James entered School as a Scholar in 1893, and was awarded a Bousfield Scholarship three years later when he went up to Brasenose College, Oxford, with a scholarship in history. On leaving Oxford he lived for some time at the Canning Town settlement and at Toynbee Hall, where he came under the influence of Canon Barnett. From 1906-12 he was literary editor of the "Daily News". Appointed editor of the "New Weekly" in 1914, he enlisted two years later, was commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery, served in France, and as a captain was awarded the M.C. in 1918.

Scott-James was leader writer on the "Daily Chronicle" from 1919 to 1930, and from 1933 to 1935 was leader writer and assistant editor of the "Spectator". In 1934 he assumed the editorship of the "London Mercury" when Sir John Squire resigned, and remained as such until that admirable literary monthly ceased publication in 1939, lending a grace and distinction of his own to its pages. From 1939 to 1945 Scott-James was back with the "Spectator", and from 1940 combined his work with the skilful and attractive editorship of "Britain To-day". Well-informed and versatile in capacity, Scott-James's most notable talent was undoubtedly for literary criticism. He was a perceptive and sympathetic reviewer, and was at various times a contributor to the "Times Literary Supplement". He wrote a number of books, commencing with "Modernism and Romance" in 1908 and finishing with "Fifty Years of English Literature, 1900-50" and "Thomas Hardy", both in 1951, and "Lytton Strachey", in 1955.

Scott-James married in 1905 Violet Eleanor, daughter of Captain Arthur Brooks, who died in 1942. There were one son and two daughters of the marriage. His second marriage to Paule Honorine Jeanne, daughter of P. E. Legarde, took place in 1947.

Personalia

R. W. ATCHLEY (1902-08), the Master of the Worshipful Company of Coopers of London, entertained the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs at the Company's Annual Banquet at the Mansion House on 19th October, 1959. Among the guests were the Chairman of the Court of Governors, The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Sellers, The Hon. Mr. Justice Salmon (1917-22), His Hon. Percy Lamb, Q.C. (1907-14) and F. W. Beney, Q.C. (1899-1903).

D. J. BLACKMAN (1952-56), of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been awarded a Henry Arthur Thomas Travel Exhibition (enabling students to travel in Greece, Italy and other lands bordering on the Mediterranean) for 1959-60.

J. L. BOSTOCK (1921-25) has retired from Slazengers, Ltd., having been purchase manager at the Horbury Bridge factory since 1945, and has taken over as Chairman of W. J. Noble & Son, Ltd. in Pudsey. He is also Chairman of the Darlington Manufacturing Co., Ltd. and a Director of Thornton & Co., Ltd., being responsible for their branches in Leeds and Bradford. A member of the Purchasing Officers' Association since 1946, Bostock was Chairman of the Yorkshire Branch for two years and served on the National Executive Committee for two and a half years.

E. W. BRENCHEY (1944-49) has been appointed Area Manager in Birmingham for Factory Canteens (Midlands), Ltd. His new address is:—29 Whitley Avenue, Solihull, Warwickshire.

LT. P. J. E. CHESHIRE (1948-53) was in the party from the destroyer H.M.S. "Cavendish" (returning from Iceland on fishery protection duties) which landed in August, 1959, to hoist the Union Jack on the islet of Rockall, which rises 70 feet out of the Atlantic some 200 miles west-north-west of Barra Head. It is believed that theirs was the first visit since Rockall was formally claimed for the Queen by the survey ship H.M.S. "Vidal" in 1955.

A. B. COWING (1951-56), having completed two years at Sandhurst, during which he toured Germany with the cricket team, flew to Portugal on a goodwill mission and finally became an Under Officer, has now been commissioned into the Middlesex Regiment. He is stationed with the 1st Bn. at Hamelin in B.A.O.R., and would be delighted to meet any O.M.'s who are visiting Germany.

G. ELLIOTT DODDS, M.A. (1903-07) has relinquished the Editorship of "The Huddersfield Examiner", which he has held for thirty-five years. He has become Consultant Editor, and will remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the owners, Joseph Woodhead & Sons, Ltd. Dodds is a Vice-President of the Liberal Party Organisation, and acting Vice-President of the Huddersfield Liberal Association. He is a deacon of Highfield Congregational Church and serves on the Executive of the Huddersfield Council of Churches, being keenly interested in the Ecumenical Movement. In addition he is a Vice-President of the Huddersfield branch of the United Nations Association and of the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A. He is a member of the Fifty-One Society, and Chairman of the Unservile State Group.

G. NELSON HADEN, O.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E. (1914-17) has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers—the highest honour which can be given—for outstanding services to the Institution and to the Industry.

A. J. HEPBURN (1947-52) is now serving as an Assistant Conservator of Forests in North Borneo, and will be very pleased to hear from any O.M.'s living or travelling in this area. His address is:— P.O. Box 311, Sandakan, North Borneo.

H. C. JAMIESON, M.A., M.I.Mech.E. (1923-28) has been elected President of the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers for 1959-60.

J. A. LEAVEY (1929-33), Conservative M.P. for Heywood and Royton, has been appointed by Mr. Heathcoat Amory, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as his Parliamentary Private Secretary.

J. K. McDONALD (1949-54), of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, has been awarded a Henry Arthur Thomas Travel Exhibition (enabling students to travel in Greece, Italy and other lands bordering on the Mediterranean) for 1959-60.

P. C. MCINTOSH, M.A. (1929-34) has taken up an appointment as Senior Inspector of Physical Education to the L.C.C., with which is combined the post of Principal of the L.C.C. College of Physical Education.

D. MCKIE, M.A., B.Sc., F.G.S., F.C.S. (1945-48), of Jesus College, Cambridge, has been appointed a University Demonstrator in Mineralogy. It is regretted that in our last issue we stated that he had been elected to a Research Scholarship, the election being, in fact, to a Research Fellowship at Jesus College.

D. H. MACLENNAN, B.A. (1948-52) has now returned from a year's teaching in Germany, and has taken up a teaching appointment at Morrison's Academy, Crieff, Perthshire.

D. I. MARKS, C.A. (1943-48) has recently taken up a three-year contract as an accountant for the Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distribution Co. of India, Ltd. He asks us to say that any O.M. who finds himself in Bombay will be more than welcome to contact him through the General Manager's Office, Burmah-Shell, Bombay.

H. E. PANOFKY (1939-43) has been appointed Curator of Africana at Northwestern University, and will be delighted to entertain O.M.'s visiting the Chicago area. He has been married since 1958 to Gianna Sommi of Parma, Italy, and his present address is:— 1322½ Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

D. E. SIMPSON, T.D. (1928-33) has recently been appointed to command the 7th Btn. The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) T.A., and has his battalion headquarters in Hornsey. This is his third command, as he commanded an Artillery Unit and a battalion of the King's Regiment in Lancashire, before moving to London for business reasons.

P. D. TAYLOR (1950-54) qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the Examinations in May, 1959.

W. WALLACE (1924-30), in November, 1959, accompanied the Comptroller-General of the Patent Office, Mr. Gordon Grant, who led a small delegation to Russia to discuss the protection available in the Soviet Union for British inventions.

Forthcoming Events

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| Friday, 19th February, 1960. | NORTH WESTERN DINNER-DANCE, to be held at the Grand Hotel, Manchester. The President and the Head Master will attend, and Members living outside the area who do not receive a personal notice but would like to be present should communicate with the Area Secretary:— I. Hampson, Caloundra, Ridge Park, Bramhall, Cheshire. |
| Friday, 4th March, 1960. | ANNUAL BALL at the Savoy Hotel, London, W.C.2. Full details will be circulated to all Members early in the New Year: and those interested in this function are again reminded that it is now held on a fixed date — namely, the first Friday in March. |
| Friday, 11th March, 1960. | MIDLAND DINNER, to be held at the Edgbaston Golf Club, Birmingham. The President and the Head Master will attend, and Members living outside the area who do not receive a personal notice but would like to be present should communicate with the Area Secretary:— F. B. Thompson, High Barn, The Broadway, Oadby, Leicester. |
| Thursday, 17th March, 1960. | YORKSHIRE DINNER, to be held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds. The President and the Head Master will attend, and enquiries should be sent to the Area Secretary:— J. B. Fox, Candlesby, Otley Road, Bramhope, near Leeds. |
| Saturday, 19th March, 1960. | SCOTTISH COCKTAIL PARTY, from 11 a.m. on the day of the Calcutta Cup Match. The party will be held in the apartment of the Scottish Widows' Fund, on the 3rd Floor at 21 South St. David Street, Edinburgh, which is between Princes Street and St. Andrew's Square. All Old Boys and their guests are invited, and if possible prior notice should be given to the Area Secretary:— J. L. Anderson, 14 Esslemont Road, Edinburgh, 9. |
| Friday, 25th March, 1960. | THIRD OLD MILLHILLIAN LAWYER'S DINNER, to be held in Gray's Inn Hall, again lent by kind permission of the Treasurer and Benchers. Any barrister, solicitor, bar student or articled clerk who is not already on the mailing list and who would like to attend is asked to communicate his name and address to:— R. W. Atchley, 26 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London, W.C.2. (Telephone:— Chancery 4154.) |

Functions Held Since Last Issue

Lincoln Cocktail Party

Friday, 25th September, 1959

The initiative of Brian Thompson, the Midlands Area Secretary, and of Jack Phillips, one of his Assistants, in holding a Cocktail Party in a part of the Midlands where no previous O.M. function had been held was rewarded by a most successful occasion, although the number present could have been larger.

The party took place on a warm autumn evening in a delightful setting—a private room beautifully decorated with flowers at the White Hart Hotel, in the shadow of the lovely Cathedral in the heart of the old city—an area steeped in history. The President and Mrs. Atchley, the Head Master and the Hon. Secretary, N. L. Millard, and Mrs. Millard had come up from London, and as an interesting fact more than half of the O.M.'s present were parents of present or past Millhillians.

Everything combined to make this a most happy evening, and it was not far short of midnight when the various dinner parties which followed broke up. All credit to Thompson and Phillips!

South West Area Dinner

Friday, 9th October, 1959

A Dinner was held by the South West division of the Old Millhillians' Club on Friday, 9th October, at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, at which 45 members and guests were present. F. O. Wills (1897-99), a past President, was in the Chair, and the guests included the President, R. W. Atchley (1902-08), the Head Master, Mr. Roy Moore, and four other past Presidents—namely H. M. Moore (1889-94), N. E. P. Harris (1904-08), W. C. Ramsay (1912-18) and A. Stuart Hewson (1916-19).

This was the first dinner to be held in the West since the second World War, and only the second to be held at Bristol in sixty years. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and everyone present expressed the hope that another such gathering would be arranged in the not too distant future.

North American Old Millhillians' Association Annual Dinner

Saturday, 10th October, 1959

The Eighth Annual Dinner of the North American Old Millhillians' Association was held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday, 10th October, 1959, when E. H. ("Tubby") Thackrah (1923-26) was in the Chair, and some twenty members and guests were present. Amongst these we were very glad to see A. M. Henderson (1920-24), a relatively new member of the Club and of the Association, and J. A. B. Davidson (1924-29), who was passing through Toronto on a visit from the United Kingdom. Almost every year someone from the old country has dropped in on us, and we remember with pleasure the visits of Frank Sobey, Joe Fox and others on previous occasions.

As our guest of honour we had hoped to have Sir Saville Garner, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to Canada, but owing to other commitments he could not be present—and his immediate deputy was unable to take his place, having been appointed High Commissioner to New Zealand! However, we were very pleased to welcome Mr. J. R. Wilby, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Toronto, who delivered a message from Sir Saville Garner and went on to entertain us with a witty and informative speech. After comparing the merits and demerits of various Canadian cities and their suitability as the venue of an Old Boys' Dinner, he

emphasised the importance of the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States drawing closer together in all sorts of ways. "We are really becoming mixed up", he said, "when the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes and the Canadian Ensign float together over the Chicago Tribune building"—as they did when the Queen visited that city during the past summer. Mr. Wilby suggested that the interchange of teachers and students might be extended to the establishment of a hundred schools, in every one of which a third of the students would be from the U.S.A., a third from Canada and a third from Britain. This, he confessed, was a somewhat idealistic dream, but one in which he was at least prepared to indulge. At any rate the exchange of visitors was improving, especially as dollar restrictions were removed in the United Kingdom. All kinds of possibilities presented themselves, such as the increase of areas of free trade all over the world; and the speaker ended by telling us that he believed that if we learned to play together we should work together in other ways. The speech was written in full and extremely well delivered. Obviously all those present were delighted with it, and Mr. Wilby was warmly thanked.

"Tubby" Thackrah read a letter from R. W. Atchley (1902-08), the President of the Parent Club, from which we learnt of the various activities of the School and of the Club—always a welcome feature of these dinners. A number of telegrams from members and well-wishers in the United Kingdom and the United States were also read, and the formal proceedings were brought to a close with a speech from Canon Marshall, the President of the Ontario Rugby Football Union. He was a very welcome guest in view of the close association the School has always had with those interested in the game; and although he told us of some of the difficulties involved in obtaining adequate publicity in Ontario, yet he presented an encouraging picture of the way in which rugby football was commanding increased interest. This was underlined by Thackrah's own references to the expansion of rugby in the United States and in the New York area in particular, the recent visit of the British Lions having helped to stimulate fresh enthusiasm on this side of the Atlantic.

H. W. Gauntlett (1939-44) was elected Chairman for next year, and it was agreed to hold the ninth dinner in New York. It now seems to be an established practice that this function should take place alternately in Canada and the U.S.A. Inevitably this means that at the Canadian dinner the number of American visitors is restricted, although this year we were very glad to see W. D. Davies (1911-16), who had again travelled from Connecticut, as well as our Chairman and D. M. Mungavin (1929-35). Next year it is hoped that there will be a good representation from Canada in New York.

Any Old Millhillian who expects to be in the United States early in October, 1960, should get in touch with John Bolton, 150 Lakeview Avenue, Pointe Claire, Province of Quebec; or with E. H. Thackrah, 1382 1st Avenue, New York City 21, New York, U.S.A.—and he may be assured of a very warm welcome.

74th Annual Dinner

Friday, 30th October, 1959

The 74th Annual Dinner of the Club was held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W.1, on Friday, 30th October, 1959, when 201 Members and guests were present. The President, R. W. Atchley (1902-08) was in the Chair and, after investing J. E. Benham, M.B.E., B.Sc. (1913-19) with the Chain of Office, proposed the toast of "The Club and the New President". J. E. Benham replied, proposing the toast of "The School, coupled with the name of the Head Master", and the toast having been drunk the Head Master responded with his customary report on the progress of the School during the past twelve months. As is always the case, this speech was of special interest to many of those present and was received with enthusiasm.

Before the formal proceedings ended those present were reminded that N. L. Millard, C.A. (1920-24) was retiring as Honorary Secretary after nearly twelve years of unremitting service to the Club: and a grandmother clock, suitably engraved, was presented to him to mark the Council's appreciation of his invaluable work from 1948 to 1959. *

Federation of Rhodesia & Nyasaland 2nd Annual Dinner

Friday, 30th October, 1959

W. R. Mills (1937-40) writes:—

"On Friday, 30th October, six Old Millhillians and six guests dined together in Salisbury. The O.M.'s were:—

R. Knight, Q.C. (1918-22).

H. S. Fraser (1933-37).

W. R. Mills (1937-40).

G. T. Purchase (1923-29).

K. G. I. Scott (1922-26).

E. R. Stafford (1927-31).

This was the second Dinner held in the Federation, but unfortunately the end of October is a very bad time to get the farming community to come into Salisbury (they are all planting their tobacco), and so certain Members were absent who might otherwise have been with us. However, we did have another very successful evening."

Subsidiary Club Reports

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Results to date for the present Season as follows:—

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
1st XV	12	5	1	6	106-113
"A" XV	12	2	—	10	38-106
"B" XV	9	4	—	5	85-105
"C" XV	11	1	2	8	64-172
Ex. "C" XV	3	1	1	1	18-27

So far this has not been a very successful Season, although the 1st XV have at times played very well indeed and, if they can only settle down, are quite capable of winning most of their games.

We started the Season with an appalling crop of injuries on the hard grounds—the first game three of the 1st XV were seriously hurt, and this is reflected in the junior teams' results.

At the end of November we suffered a further blow when Jim Roberts, our captain, had to move north with a new job. In his two years as captain he has done very fine work for the Club, and we wish him all success with Sale.

John Williams is the new captain, and those who knew him only as the "Lemon Drop Kid" may have been surprised at the good job he is doing both on and off the field. Alec Ramsay is back on top form this Season and "Grandpa" George McNeil, who plays on and on, has made two appearances in the 1st XV and still looked the fittest man on the field.

The Dinner at the Hyde Park Hotel on 9th December, 1959, was a great success, 165 Members and guests being present to enjoy a very good meal and entertaining speeches by the President of the R.F.U., John Tallent, and by Jack Benham, Don White of Northampton, John Williams, Roger Spong and Andy Mulligan of London Irish.

CRICKET CLUB

Last year's fine summer brought the O.M.'s one of their most successful and enjoyable Seasons in recent years. Only one game was abandoned because of rain, the results being 11 won, 9 drawn, 6 lost and 1 tied. Details are as follows:—

1st XI

Wimbledon	189-9 dec.	O.M.'s	192-4 Won (A. J. Hemmings, 66 n.o. A. P. H. Wilkinson, 67)
O.M.'s	152-7 dec. (A. P. H. Wilkinson, 43)	Old Dunstonians	126-7 Drawn
Old Alleynians	167-3 dec.	O.M.'s	127-6 Drawn (D. V. Saunders, 35)
O.M.'s	63 (R. M. Harley, 32)	Stanmore	65-6 Lost
Old Emmanuel	135 (D. V. Saunders, 6-33)	O.M.'s	— Rain
Bognor	193-9 dec.	O.M.'s	189-6 Drawn (A. P. H. Wilkinson, 44 C. Love, 37)
O.M.'s	172 (B. J. S. Harley, 73)	Middleton	176-4 Lost
Storrington	56 (A. Ferryman, 5-22)	O.M.'s	57-0 Won
Havant	178 (B. J. S. Harley, 6-28)	O.M.'s	179-8 Won (D. V. Saunders, 92 C. Love, 31)
Worthing	215-6 dec.	O.M.'s	216-4 Won (R. M. Harley, 89 J. Joel, 35 A. P. H. Wilkinson, 31)
Burgess Hill	122 (C. Love, 5-24)	O.M.'s	124-3 Won (M. H. C. Meggitt, 50 B. J. S. Harley, 47 n.o.)
Mill Hill Village	161	O.M.'s	161 Tied (M. Corby, 43)
Hornsey	76 (E. S. Harvey, 5-17)	O.M.'s	77-2 Won (R. J. S. Frayling, 40 n.o. A. P. H. Wilkinson, 31 n.o.)
O.M.'s	103	Old Paulines	104-5 Lost
O.M.'s	145-7 dec. (D. V. Saunders, 60)	Bushey	90 Won (M. W. Catesby, 5-19)
Old Citizens	90 (P. Cranwell, 5-26)	O.M.'s	91-9 Won (A. I. F. Goldman, 39 n.o. K. Armistead, 31 n.o.)
Sudbury Court	120-7 dec.	O.M.'s	120-8 Drawn (L. Armistead, 48 n.o.)
Hornsey	100	O.M.'s	103-2 Won (R. M. Harley, 56)

GOLFING SOCIETY

The attendance for the Autumn Meeting at Hankley Common on September 27th and 28th attracted 25 Members, including some recent Leavers whom we were particularly glad to see. The weather was first class, and the course uncongested and in excellent order.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Bush Hotel, Farnham, with 17 present. It is regretted that the Club will no longer permit week-end meetings, but we have booked Liphook for 8th/9th October, 1960. All those who came this year, please note.

Among the prizewinners were the following:—

Herbert Marnham Cup	R. C. D. Makins, 37 points.
Members of Parliament Cup ...	D. G. Petts and W. G. Hawes, 38 points—after a tie with M. S. Gedye and D. W. Sigley.
The Captain's Prize (A. J. D. Gibbings)	D. Passingham, 36 points.
Kentish Cup	A. J. Hawes and D. A. G. Reid, 37 points.

The usual fixtures have been arranged against the School, Old Malvernians, Old Cholmeleians and Old Alleynians, and there will be a new fixture in the autumn against the Old Cranleighans. We are also competing, as usual, in the Brent Knoll and Halford Hewitt Tournaments, and it is hoped to arrange a Spring Meeting.

SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

Four matches have been played so far in the 1959-60 Season. The first two, against the School and against Coolhurst, resulted in easy wins: but we were not so fortunate against the Old Haileyburians and we also lost to Rugby in the first round of the Londonderry Cup Competition. Rugby can field a strong team, and are likely to go far in this tournament.

The Competition for the Old Millhillians' Silver Salver has already begun. Last year's finalists, B. V. Pippet and M. Corby, have again entered.

Enquiries regarding the Squash Racquets Clubs should be sent to:—
R. J. Montgomery, 81 Grosvenor Road, N.10.

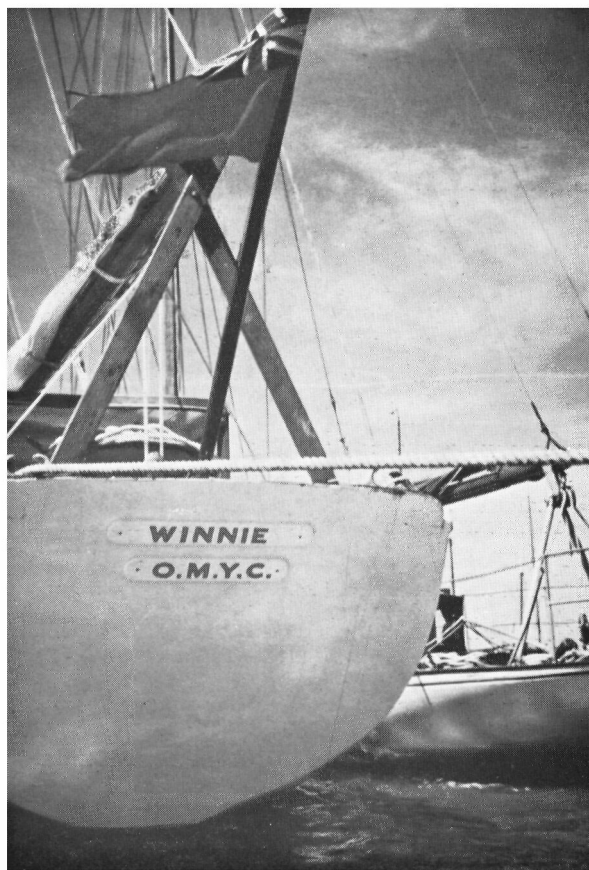
YACHT CLUB

At the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Yacht Club, held at Whitehall Court on 2nd December, 1959, the following Officers were elected for Season 1960:—

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

Whilst it was much regretted that J. E. Benham should resign as Commodore, feeling that his duties as President of the Old Millhillians' Club would require a large part of his time, we were delighted that N. S. Farrow was elected and we are sure that he will perform the duties of Commodore most admirably.

The 1959 Season was a great success, to which the wonderful summer contributed in no small degree. "Winnie" went to sea every week-end, and Members had some wonderful sailing. It was very pleasant and gratifying to find that the Cadet Members, who were somewhat slow starters at the beginning of the Season, latterly became regulars. On one particular week-end, under skipper P. R. Baines and mate G. W. Sears, "Winnie" went to Cherbourg with a crew of cadets. This was a great effort on the part of the two officers, and the crew much enjoyed themselves. Several trips to Poole were made during the Season, the crews being entertained there by Howard Farrow, whom we were pleased to find in such good health—and we are very glad to report that all the alterations which we have carried out on "Winnie" received his full approval. T. A. Wilkins and B. C. Lamplugh, in company with L. J. Morton, chartered "Winnie" for their holiday, and their cruise took them to the Channel Islands and St. Malo. We would like to thank G. W. Sears, the Messing Officer, and P. R. Baines, the Berthing Officer, for their efforts throughout the Season. In both of these departments the Club was very well served, and it is fair to say that "Winnie" must have been one of the best fed yachts afloat.



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We should like to congratulate those Members of the Club who crewed on ocean racers during the Season, particularly B. C. Lamplugh, who skippered "Lutine" in the Cowes Dinard Race. The full list is as follows:—

B. C. Lamplugh	...	Cowes Dinard	...	...	...	"Lutine"
		Fastnet	...	...	...	"Nantucket"
		Lutine Bell to Cherbourg	...	...	...	"Nantucket"
L. J. Morton	...	Cowes Dinard	...	...	...	"Lutine"
P. R. Baines	...	Morgan Cup	...	...	...	"Triad"
		Channel Race	...	...	...	"Water Music"
		Cowes Dinard	...	...	...	"Triad"
J. K. Coombe	...	Fastnet	...	...	...	"Nantucket"
		Lutine Bell to Cherbourg	...	...	...	"Nantucket"

It is interesting to note that "Nantucket" was dismasted during the Lutine Bell Race, and thus could not participate in the Cowes Dinard Race, which took place during the following week-end.

At the Annual General Meeting it was decided that there was a demand for a third form of Membership of the Yacht Club. Existing grades of Membership are as follows:—

Full Member—Subscription, £20 p.a.

Cadet Member (Age limit 30)—Subscription, £1 p.a., with a capitation fee of £2 10s. per week-end on "Winnie".

The new grade will be an Associate Membership, at a subscription of £3 p.a. with a capitation fee of £2 10s. per week-end on "Winnie", and the Hon. Secretary will be very pleased to hear from any Member of the Old Millhillians' Club who is interested in joining the Yacht Club on this basis.

We are looking forward to a good Season in 1960, and "Winnie" will be in commission for Easter. Members are asked to contact the Berthing Officer, P. R. Baines, as early as possible to make their bookings for the Season and thus avoid any disappointment.

OLD MILLHILLIAN LODGE

The Lodge has suffered a sad loss in the death on 31st August, 1959, of W.Bro. William Birch Carnley (1898-1903). He was one of the prime movers in founding the Old Millhillian Lodge, was its first Master and continued to maintain a keen and active interest in the Lodge, being very regular in attendance until two years ago when his health prevented him making the journey from Luton to London. In appreciation of his valuable services and assistance to the Lodge he was elected an Honorary Member in 1958. For his services to the Craft, particularly in the Province of Bedfordshire, he was honoured with Provincial Grand Rank, first as P.P.G.St.Br., later at P.P.G.W. and finally with Grand Rank in 1948.

At the last meeting of the Lodge on 22nd October, 1959, Bro. William Weir (1924-28), the Master Elect, was duly installed in the Chair of the Lodge. He then appointed and invested W.Bro. William Peter Wood (1926-30) as Senior Warden, W.Bro. P. F. Kinsey (1921-30) as Junior Warden and W.Bro. E. C. Emerson (1915-19) as Secretary. W.Bro. Eric T. Dangerfield (1924-30), the elected Treasurer of the Lodge, was prevented by illness from being present at this meeting, so will be invested at a subsequent meeting.

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

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

GENERAL ELECTION

Five Old Millhillians stood for Parliament in the General Election in October, 1959, all being elected in the constituencies they had represented in the last Parliament. Details are as follows:—

Sir Eric Errington (1913-14) — Aldershot (Conservative).

P. Holman (1906-09) — Bethnal Green (Labour).

A. F. Holt (1924-31) — Bolton West (Liberal).

J. A. Leavey (1929-33) — Heywood and Royton (Conservative).

D. W. Wade (1918-20) — Huddersfield West (Liberal).