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Editorial

Short though it is in mere weeks, the Lent term is long with the tedium of hope deferred. Ahead lie the glories of summer, the green and white ritual of cricket, the bees pouring into the Junior Quad laden with nectar, that delightful day when, G.C.E. or School Exams over, you can bask with a clear conscience on the rim of the pool. The present reality is most often fog, or rain, or sleet, or the squelching misery of thaw, excessive but inevitable reckoning to be paid for the brief exhilaration of snow. As befits such a term, the Lenten "Red Rose" is shorter too; we trust there will be no bleakness or tedium to disguise the reduced number of pages.

An important innovation has been made this term in connection with the magazine. J. K. Stuart has been appointed Assistant Editor, and a Committee has been formed to assist in editing and management. At present, in addition to the Editor and Assistant Editor, this Committee consists of Mr. T. B. Johnson, H. C. Corrin, H. D. Renshaw and D. M. Raynor. The Committee will add to itself by co-option, so that there will always be members of the Upper Sixth with experience of the work. This is another step towards making you feel that the Red Rose is your magazine. We hope that you will give us the benefit of your ideas and not be afraid of offering your criticisms. We have thick skins, and, who knows? we may even act upon your advice.

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Important Dates

Summer Term begins	April 16th
Athletics Sports	May 20th
Half-Term	May 26th, 27th, 28th
G.C.E. 'A' level Exams. begin	June 9th
G.C.E. 'O' level Exams. begin	June 23rd
Summer Exams. begin	July 1st
Summer Exams. end	July 4th
G.C.E. Exams. end	July 11th
Term ends	July 22nd

School Notes

We welcome at the beginning of this term Dr. C. Haigh as Head of the Physics Department. Dr. Haigh is a graduate of Leeds University where he also did his research for Ph.D. For the last 6 years he has been Head of the Physics Department at Almondbury Grammar School, Huddersfield.

We also welcome Mr. J. R. de S. Honey who is with us in a temporary capacity to teach History. Mr. Honey was at the City of London School and is a Scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

We are sorry to lose at the end of this term Mr. F. D. Coulson, who is leaving us to become Head of the English Department at Whitchurch Grammar School. Apart from his valuable work in the English department Mr. Coulson has given us useful help with the Under 14 Rugby Group.

RECENT EVENTS

23rd November. Mr. Duncan took a party of 25 boys to the Engineering Convention in the Department of Engineering at Liverpool University.

12th, 13th, 14th December. School Play, a modern adaptation by Lionel Harris of 'The Duenna' by Sheridan, with Music by Julian Slade. This was an unusual and ambitious production and was obviously enjoyed by large audiences each night. A full report appears in this issue.

21st December. Another successful Old Boys' Dance was held in the School Hall.

January 1958. 8 boys went to the annual C.E.W.C. Conference in London.

18th February. The local branch of the United Nations Association held a meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel on this evening at which three representatives of this school — J. K. Stuart, G. A. Wade and R. Williams, together with three girls from the High School, spoke on the responsibility of the United Nations for the control and development of atomic energy.

14th March. French Embassy Lecture by Madame Maspétiol, to Lower Vth and Upper Vth forms on Travelling in France (in simple French), and to the Modern Vth Forms together with Vth Form girls from the High School, talk on The Romantic Period.

17th March. A party of 10 boys visited the University of Liverpool to see the play "Des Meeres und der Liebe Wellen" by Grillparzer.

20th March. 20 boys visited the University of Liverpool to see the play "Un Nommé Judas" by Puget and Bost.

26th March. The Regional Officer of the Ministry of Labour gave careers talks to the Lower Fifth forms.

The collection this term was taken for The Camphill Village Trust for handicapped young people, and realised £11/14s/8d.

We congratulate P. G. Davies on gaining an Open Exhibition in Classics at St. John's College, Oxford, and J. K. Stuart on gaining an Open Exhibition also in Classics at Caius College, Cambridge, in December.

VALETE

Davies, M. K., 1950-57.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, G.C.E. (O5) 1955-57, School Prefect 1956-57, House Captain 1957, Rugby Full Colours 1956-57.

Gillett, C. J., 1950-57.—Evans', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O5) 1955-57, Athletics Colours 1955-56-57.

Rimmer, J. B., 1950-57.—Woodham's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O4) 1955-57.

Jones, A. K., 1951-57.—Spencer's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O3) 1955-57, School Prefect 1957, Athletics Full Colours 1957.

Bailey, A. S., 1952-57.—Edwards', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O2) 1957, Cricket Half Colours 1957.

Burrill, M. L., 1952-57.—Leech's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O4) 1957.
 Hardman, A., 1952-57.—Edwards', Upper VTrM., G.C.E. (O6) 1957, Junior Rugby Colours 1956, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross 1957.
 Lowe, D., 1952-57.—Evans', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O2) 1957.
 Riley, M. J., 1952-57.—Gear's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O2) 1957.
 Steadman, J., 1952-57.—Evans', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O5) 1957.
 Thomas, B. W., 1952-58.—Gear's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (O4) 1957.
 Rimmer, M. R., 1953-58.—Edwards', Upper Vb.
 Allen, B. M., 1956-58.—Evans', IVa.
 Bladen, J. C., 1956-58.—Woodham's, IIIa.

SALVETE

A. K. Canter, A. R. A. Court, P. A. A. Court, J. D. Pickard, J. R. Pickard, R. Watkins.

W. T. Marsden Memorial Fund.

A committee composed of three masters and three boys, appointed to administer this memorial fund, agreed unanimously that the money should be invested in order to endow a prize — The W. T. Marsden Memorial Prize — which will be awarded annually.

It was decided by the committee that:—

1. The prize should be awarded for the best essay on some general subject chosen each year by three members of the Staff invited to act as adjudicators.
2. Essays may be submitted by any member of the School.
3. The maximum length of the essay must be about 2,000 words.
4. The adjudicators reserve the right to withhold the award if, in their opinion, none of the entries reaches a sufficiently high standard.
5. The winning essay should be published in some way that would give all members of the School an opportunity to read it.
6. If, after a reasonable trial period, the idea of an essay competition fails to promote sufficient response, the prize should be awarded for some other effort agreed upon by a committee appointed for that purpose.

7. The award will be a book prize selected by the writer of the winning essay from a list submitted by the adjudicators.

The essay subject for 1958 is "THE NATURE OF CIVILISATION," and entries must be submitted to the School office not later than Wednesday 30th April 1958.

House Reports

EDWARDS'

Captain — J. K. Stuart.

Almoner — R. Williams.

Captain of Games — P. G. Davies.

Prefects — R. Aldred, D. Bailey, P. Dodworth, D. Renshaw, G. T. Watkinson.

First, a belated word of congratulations on two accounts: to Aldred and Dodworth on their appointment as School Prefects; and to the Senior Rugby Team on its success in the final, at the end of last term.

A very much improved charity collection has been realized this term, doubtless due to the presence and energy of our Almoner, Williams who raised a total of £1-12-2.

The cross-country teams met with varying fortunes. The Juniors did well, coming second: it is unnecessary to delve in to the lamentable details of the Seniors' achievements — or lack of them. Suffice it to say that our overall position was Seventh.

Half-a-crown is not supposed to be very much these days: apparently it has been sufficient to deter many would-be competitors from the life-saving competition. We therefore extend our appreciation and sympathy to Dodworth whose energetic organization has as yet yielded so few results, and to Morton, our solitary competitor, for their heroic efforts to maintain the honour of the house.

The weather has not yet given Davies an opportunity to hold any junior Rugby practices, and at the time of writing the first match is dangerously close. Further, to repeat those oft expressed exhortations and hopes of success in such contests, would, in this case, be perhaps dangerous, and certainly platitudinous.

J.K.S.

EVANS'

'Disce Prodesse'

House Captain — P. N. Heyes.

Vice-Captain — W. T. Keeley.

Secretary — P. J. Travis.

Almoner — M. R. Little.

Prefects — P. Aughton (Captain of Rugby), J. R. Peet, M. J. Whiteley, J. Huxley.

We wish to congratulate W. T. Keeley and M. J. Whiteley on their appointments as school junior prefects.

The main event of note so far this term has been the inter House cross-country competition. The junior team had the bad luck to have three of its most promising runners absent on the critical day, Friday 14th, and we are accordingly grateful to Horton, Halsall and Higham who volunteered to run at only a couple of hours' notice. The junior team finished sixth; Travis, its first member home, finished twelfth. Our senior team was considerably more successful, and the team position was first, thanks to M. J. Whiteley, who turned out to run despite absence from school for the previous few days. Whiteley's perseverance was rewarded and he finished first. Johnston and P.J. Travis finished third and tenth respectively. The position of the House on aggregate was disappointingly low at fourth.

We have this term, thanks to the efforts of Keeley and Peet, found good numbers of entrants for boxing and lifesaving. Last term in the R.L.S.S. examinations, thanks to the keenness and good training of the members, we were the only House with 100 per cent success, and this term we have done well in overcoming the antipathy of two of our most hardened dissenters, who have now paid their half-crowns and are irretrievably 'in.'

This term the charity has been the Camphill Village Trust and Evans' collected the better-than-average sum of £1-10-1½d, though not without some heartache on the part of the Almoner, whose impassioned and moving tirades were heard in stony silence throughout.

Carter has been chosen as Junior Rugby Captain this term.

Finally, it is hoped that those of us who have been disagreeably shocked by our performances in the G.C.E. trial examinations earlier this term will be spurred to greater effort. May we at the same time, however, warn those happy ones among us who met with better success not to rest on their laurels!

P.J.T.

GREAR'S

"Labore atque ludo."

Captain — G. A. Wade.

Secretary — G. D. Bradshaw.

Almoner — N. Rimmer.

House Prefects — Rowntree, King, Crabtree.

At the end of last term, the House team gained a great victory in the Chess Competition, winning the Chess Cup without the loss of a single match. We should like to congratulate Adams, King and Wilson on their notable achievement.

Recent bad weather has somewhat hampered the Junior House Rugby practices although up to the time of writing two successful practices have been held, and we feel sure that the players, under the captaincy of Ostick, will acquit themselves well on the field.

Our most notable achievement this term has been in the Cross Country competition, which we won by a fair margin. In the Junior race, Hulme, ran an excellent race to be 1st, being well supported by Wright, 5th, and Wall, 8th, and the Seniors, who finished sixth, were represented by Adams (capt.), Thomson, Ripley, Halsall, Wilson and Crabtree. The following boys also ran for the School in the recent cross country matches, Thomson, Adams, Halsall, Hulme, Wall, Wright and Fairclough.

In the Boxing competition this term we are reasonably well represented by perhaps a more select group of entrants, since the entry has been limited to one for each weight. We wish everyone taking part in the forthcoming competition the best of luck.

The response to this term's Charity Collection was greatly improved and the House Almoner wishes to express his appreciation for the generous support.

Our position in the Honours List last term, however, was uncomfortably low, and the boys are reminded to put as much effort into the academic side of school life as they do into the lighter activities.

Finally, we wish success to all those taking part in the Life-Saving Examinations, and urge entrants to make full use of the tuition provided by Rowntree and Halsall.

G.D.B.

LEECH'S

"Ad Unum Omnes."

Captain — R. W. Rothwell.

Secretary — J. Dewhurst.

Almoner — J. S. Gadd.

This term saw the inauguration of Junior School Prefects, and we are pleased to note that the names, J. Ashcroft and A. Platt appear on the list of appointments.

At the end of last term, the Senior Rugby XV were beaten by Woodham's in the third match after we had beaten Evans' and Mason's decisively, and so we were just deprived of a place in the Final.

It is the turn of Junior Rugby XV this term and although many practices have had to be cancelled because of the weather, we think that we have a very good team and hope to retain the Shield for the second year running.

The following boys have played for School teams — R. W. Rothwell, J. Ashcroft and R. White head for the 1st XV; G. Z. Szymanski for the 2nd XV; R. W. Bateman and D. Greenberg for the Under 15's; J. F. Rennie-Kermode for the Under 14's; M. D. Carr, P. K. Thomson, P. J. Farrer and P. D. Moore for the Under 13's. J. D. Cohen has played for the School Chess team and S. J. Burge has run for the School cross-country team.

In the Inter-House Cross-Country race, Leech's finished with an aggregate of 4th position, the Juniors having a slight advantage over the Seniors. A. B. Milner, J. G. Turner and P. M. Young scored for the Juniors and for the Seniors, R. Watkins, was 6th and B. Murphy and R. W. Rothwell came in 14th and 15th respectively.

The House Almoner, J. S. Gadd, wishes to thank all members for their support in the Charity Collections which realised the sum of 25 shillings.

Practices in Life-Saving and Boxing have progressed well this term through the efforts of J. Ashcroft and G. Z. Szymanski, and better results in both of these fields are expected.

Finally we wish to remind all boys taking G.C.E. Examinations in the Summer to work hard during the holidays.

J.D.

MASON'S

House Prefects — Rimmer, Parkinson, Burgess, Baines, Jackson.

During this term, although the shortest of the three, the house has not lain dormant. In the summer the G.C.E. Examinations come round again and all our candidates have been working hard for the Trial Examinations.

Great activity has also been going on behind scenes. In the Senior Cross Country, after training hard Burgess, Horsfall and Martin ran the house into second place. The Juniors did well also and the house was placed third.

Last term the Chess team, Jackson, Greenhalgh and Grime, fought well and they brought us second place, equal with Edwards'.

In the house Rugby, however, our senior team did not enjoy much success. However, it did obtain much enjoyment out of playing. Under the captaincy of Rimmer the team showed an excellent example of team spirit which is a good sign. The House, on the other hand, expect a different picture from the junior XV under the captaincy of Terry. This team shows great promise for a future senior team and our good wishes go with them.

Our swimming enthusiasts are also forging ahead. Burgess has gained the Bar to the Award of merit and several other boys passed the Intermediate Exam.

The Almoner wishes to thank all boys who contributed to our final total of £1-10-0.

ROGERS'

Captain — A. D. Redman.

Vice-Captain — D. Shaw.

Almoner — G. M. Hand.

Secretary — P. D. Pond.

Prefects — Milne, Swindlehurst.

Mr. T. H. Evans has returned to good health, and the new boys have settled down to house and school activities.

Last term the Senior Rugby XV failed to repeat their victory over a strengthened Edwards' team in the replay. The score (6—3), however was not discreditable.

D. Shaw has been pressing on this term with life-saving practices and the house is hoping to do well in the examinations at the end of term.

The cross-country teams have not been as successful as last year mainly from lack of serious training. We have, however, two very promising runners, D. B. Taylor in the Senior, and A. J. Corbett in the Junior team, who should gain high positions next year.

The Junior Rugby XV will soon be battling once again for the shield. They have been out practising under the guidance of J. Hulm despite the weather. A few members of the team play for the school:— Johns K. W. (U14), Day W. G., Reid J. C., Peacock C. (U13). We wish them luck in their coming matches.

The inter-house Boxing Competition will be commencing in the immediate future. Unfortunately there have been even fewer entrants from our house this year than last, but, under the new rules of entry our lack of quantity may not be too much to our detriment.

The collections this year were in aid of the Camphill Village Community, an estate which has been built to help the mentally retarded. The House Almoner, G. M. Hand, this term collected the sum of £1-1-3.

SPENCER'S

"Virtute ac Diligentia."

House Captain — F. Schober.

Secretary — J. T. Fox.

House Prefects — P. T. Knight, G. Smith, D. Palmer, J. A. Belcher, B. V. Smith.

The House heard with deep regret of the death of its long serving Housemaster, Mr. W. T. Marsden. To him we owe our sincerest thanks for many years of devoted service to the House. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Marsden in her sad bereavement. We are sure that Mr. J. Hodnett, our new Housemaster will continue the tradition set by Mr. Marsden.

At the end of last term we were unfortunate to lose the excellent services of A. K. Jones, the House Captain, to whom we extend our good wishes for the future. His successor is F. Schober, whom we congratulate on his appointment as a School Prefect. We also congratulate J. K. Wintersgill and J. T. Fox who become Junior School Prefects.

Owing to adverse weather conditions so far this term, there have been few Junior Rugby practices. However, under the captaincy of B. H. Barfield, we have a promising, although inexperienced, team.

There has been a pleasingly large entry for the Boxing Competition, and we hope to gain a high position. The results of the Cross-country race, however, were rather disappointing, particularly among the Juniors, although D. A. Jones ran very well. Life-Saving classes are continuing under the tuition of G. Smith, and we wish all this term's entrants every success.

This term's Charity collection, although better than last term's, is still very disappointing, and we hope that next term will show a marked improvement.

J.T.F.

WOODHAM'S

Captain — Mould R. F.

Almoner — Symington R. T. K.

House Prefects — Beattie A. N., Lawson G. C., Rimmer I. W.

We returned to school this term to see a vacant space on the houseroom wall, where once rested our Senior House Rugby

Trophy. Our only consolation was the fact that we did not let it go easily, and the game was as close and hard-fought as the score of 6—5 suggests. Our congratulations to Edwards', the victors.

It is now for the juniors to do their best for the house in the Junior Rugby Competition. The team is little changed from last years team, which showed so much promise.

Woodham's have this year a fair number of players in school rugby teams. These are:— 1st XV Beattie, Lawson, Husband. 2nd XV Mould (capt). Under 14 XV Hillier, Capes, McKenzie, Smith. Under 15 XV Sharpling, Hatfield, Linch. Under 16 XV Pinch.

The House cross-country team ran well this year finishing second to Grear's. Our most successful runners were Salmon and Perry who both finished second, in the Senior and Junior contests respectively. This year the Juniors had a better record than the Seniors and we can expect good results from them in the future.

The House succeeded in raising £2-11s-4d for this term's charity collection and it is hoped the House will keep up its high record of generosity from now on.

At the time of writing the Boxing Contest is rapidly approaching, and we have a record number of entries this year. We wish them all success in their endeavour to bring back the trophy, which we lost last year.

This term several Junior Prefects have been created, namely, I. W. Rimmer, P. J. G. Salmon and H. C. Corrin.

P.J.G.S.

Rugby Reports

1st XV RUGBY

This season has been a very disappointing one from the results point of view. On no occasion however can it be said that the side has been completely outclassed by the opposition. In spite of their lack of success a fine team spirit has been developed, inspired by the fine work of Watkinson, the captain. The example he has set should be a model for all games players in school.

One of the chief reasons for the side's lack of success has been the inability to find a settled formation in the backs. Beattie has played some very good games at scrum half. He should, however, realise that he must make a real break or pass the ball immediately to his out-half. Failure to do this means that the movement breaks down almost before it starts. Husband has played extremely

well throughout but all too often he has been expected to do too much. Of the others Burgess and Martin have played well in patches. Both of these players will be very good when they rid themselves of their weaknesses in the fundamentals of the game.

The forwards have gained a major share of the ball both from set scrums and from line-outs. It is in the loose and in defensive covering that they have been wanting. The outstanding forwards other than Watkinson have been Halsall F., Rimmer F., Buckels and Lawson.

The chief lesson to be learned is that in order to be successful a side must both think and act quickly, and that intelligence is needed on the games field just as much as in the classroom.

R.A.

UNDER 15 XV

After a rather shaky start this team began to settle down to play good rugby. As soon as the season opened the team lost Martin to the First XV. This left a gap at fly-half which was very difficult to fill. After two experiments, Tasker, improving with every match, played some excellent games in this position. Pinch played some sterling games at scrum-half and was at his best when under pressure, showing considerable courage sometimes in falling on the ball. The tackling and covering of Elias and Keeley, in the centres, was excellent, and both of them made good use of openings though a little more speed 'off the mark' should be cultivated if possible. If they can find this, then they will be outstanding centres in the future. Sharpling improved his tackling considerably and became a most useful wing threequarter. Pedder and Ostick also played very well. Ostick's tackling was his strongest point, and Pedder's safe touch kicking, his. But both were very reliable under pressure, and useful in attack.

Among the forwards, Scales was perhaps the most outstanding, particularly in forward dribbles. He is both fast and strong and should prove most useful in senior sides in the future. Mercer played some excellent games and was always 'up with the ball'. Rostron became a first class open side-wing forward, and played some most intelligent games. Jump and Moore made a good second row combination, although at times they were both guilty of slow heeling in set scrums. Jump was also a good pack leader. Woodroffe also tried hard and played some good games. He must eradicate his fault of knocking back from the line-outs. He would be well advised to keep telling himself this fault all day long so

that it becomes second nature to correct it. Grime and Bateman also played in the forwards, and were both in the front row. Both showed great keenness and played well.

The captaincy of the team was a joint one, with Tasker and Keeley taking it in turns to be captain. Both were able to bring out the best in their teams, with Tasker in particular using personal example to help him, in that he accepted defeat only at the end of a match.

In summary it may be said that the team experienced mixed fortunes. After the early heavy defeats at the beginning of the season, the side settled down and won as many as it lost. The best factor concerning the team was its spirit, which was maintained all through the season.

Green, A. J. should not be forgotten. He was the regular touch-judge and reserve, and he did this job excellently at all times.
P.G.L.

Society Reports

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman : P. G. Davies.

Vice-Chairman : J. K. Stuart.

Secretary : R. Armstrong.

Committee : A. Bradley, G. A. Wade, N. H. M. Freeman, R. A. French.

Since the last report of the Society appeared in the December edition of the Red Rose, many more meetings have been held, and although the attendances have been somewhat smaller than was hoped, the standard of debating has surpassed our highest expectations.

Undoubtedly the highlight of last term's meetings was the joint debate with the Literary and Debating Society of the High School, when the sacred precincts of the library were invaded by the fairer sex. As was to be expected the occasion attracted a very large audience who heard the motion, "That Divorce is Justifiable" proposed by Miss A. Rimmer, seconded by R. Armstrong and opposed by G. A. Wade, seconded by Miss A. Hallows. Following the speeches by the leaders and many from the floor, in both instances on and off the subject, the motion was carried.

Last term was somewhat disrupted by the school play, but the new term got away to a good start with a heated political debate when the motion was, "That the Tories must Go!" A debate

of this kind was sure to heat the tempers of many members, and heckling, which has been a feature of the debates this term, caused the chairman a certain amount of consternation. However, the opposition led by J. K. Stuart was loyally supported and the motion was eventually defeated handsomely.

This term the annual masters debate was held in the Hall, an occasion which, like the High School Debate, attracted a very large audience, although for some what different reasons. Messrs Wakefield and Johnson spoke for the proposition, and Messrs Bowker and Wynne for the opposition. Following fine examples of debating ability on both sides the motion that, "By education most have been misled," was carried.

At the time this report went to press a very full term of debating lay ahead with the chairman's and High School Debate yet to come. In these forthcoming functions we hope so much success will be achieved as in the past.

R.A.

C.E.W.C. and LITERARY SOCIETY

Chairman : J. K. Stuart.

Secretary : G. A. Wade.

"Naturalism, Realism and Convention in English Literature" was the subject of our first meeting this term. After the usual cup of tea and a witty and fluent introduction from Mr. Wakefield, members settled down to a lively discussion, which somehow managed to devolve upon certain aspects of Life in Rochdale.

On Tuesday, 11th February, Mr. Drake gave a studied commentary on Mr. George Kennan's Reith Lectures, which provoked a sincere and heated debate. The many speakers ranged themselves in two opposing factions; some favoured the retention of the H-bomb and guided missiles as the only safeguards of freedom, whilst others felt that we were experiencing an uneasy peace and that positive steps should be taken to lessen tension. At times members tended to wander away from the subject: fortunately the vigilance of Mr. Berry prevented too many of these perambulations.

Our next speaker will be Mr. J. Clough, who has agreed to address the society on the Age of Augustus.

The local branch of the U.N.A. honoured us this term by inviting three of our committee to take part, with three High-School girls, in one of their meetings. Williams dealt with the administration of the school C.E.W.C. whilst Stuart and Wade

discussed respectively the strategic and moral problems springing from the use of atomic energy, in warfare. Though the response from the audience was poor (perhaps the older members were surprised by the forcefulness of the speakers), the meeting seems to have been a great success.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman : P. H. Middleton.

Publicity Agent : J. R. Peet.

Secretary : J. T. Winpenny.

A pleasing feature of our activities during the past period has been the continued support we have received from members of the Fifth and lower forms. We hope that an increasing number of boys will continue to swell our numbers.

On November 14th the Lecture Theatre was filled to capacity for a showing of the "Fact and Faith" film "Voice of the Deeps." We trust that the expectations of the audience were fully realized by this vivid, modern exposition of the Christian message. Thanks are due to Mr. Jones and Renshaw for working the projector.

A small party of 6th Form boys attended an Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship Conference held on Saturday, November 30th at Bootle Grammar School. The topic for study, "Is Christianity Unique" was examined in a most thorough and convincing manner by the chief speaker, J. N. D. Anderson, Professor of Islamic Law at London University. Group discussion was followed by tea, and later a Brains Trust. It was interesting to note the sincerity and simplicity with which the speakers, men of great intellectual capacity, approached the questions put to them.

On December 5th, we had a Bible Study, led by K. Horsfall, with the 13th Chapter of Romans as our subject. Although the discussion later tended to leave St. Paul behind, we all gained considerably from it.

On December 19th, we held our annual Carol Service in the Hall, when the Rev. J. Hamilton of St. Simons and St. Jude's Church was the speaker. Mr. Hamilton gave a challenging and inspiring address to the large number who attended.

During the Christmas Holidays, a number of boys made the effort to attend the meetings (at Christ Church School and elsewhere) arranged by a group of local University Students. These appeared highly resourceful and original in their choice of meetings, with several excellent films and informative talks included in the programme, together with outdoor games for the more

energetic. The obvious enjoyment gained from these activities is a tribute to the hard work put in by our student friends.

We began the New Year well (on Monday, 13th January) by holding a recital of records of Gospel songs and music. We are sure that this original medium conveyed some of the message of the Gospels to the large audience, which included a number of junior boys. We are grateful to G. Matthews for the loan of his record-player.

Another Bible-Study, this time under the leadership of the Chairman took place on Monday, January 27th, when we examined the first Chapter of Ephesian. Although the discussion proceeded slowly at first, we gained much information about this valuable chapter.

About this time we were sorry to hear that Mr. Drake found it necessary to resign his post as "custodian" of the Union. We thank Mr. Drake for the work he has done in the past for us and for the patience and insight he has shown in this difficult task. To his successor, Mr. Benson, go our best wishes and confidence in his ability to carry on the good work.

Tribute must also be paid to D. Partington, upon whose time and ability we make frequent demands in his function as poster designer.

In conclusion we thank all those who have supported us in the past and repeat our invitation to all boys who are interested to attend our meetings.

J.T.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman : P. Aughton.

Vice-Chairman : J. Aughton.

Secretary : J. E. Rowntree.

Projectionist : D. Renshaw.

Committee : R. Mould, P. N. Heyes.

So far this term the Society has held three meetings which have all been well attended.

The first on January 14th, was a lecture given by Mr. I. P. Moss, who with the aid of the epidiascope, gave a well informed talk on "The Sun and the Moon."

On January 28th, Mr. H. Jackson on behalf of Mullard Magnetic Components of Crossens gave an interesting lecture on "Magnetics." He gave an account of the advantages and disadvantages of ferrites, illustrating his points with samples. A colour film

on the manufacture of "Ferrox cube" was then shown.

On 11th February, an interesting and well informed lecture on "Low Temperature Physics" was given by the chairman, P. Aughton.

The society hopes to hold two more meetings this term, a talk by Mr. W. Lord on "Nutrition" and a film show.

J.E.R.

THE BEE CLUB

Chairman : J. C. French.

Treasurer : Mr. G. F. Drake.

Secretary : W. K. Jewell.

Committee : E. Taylor, R. Kissick, R. Trevitt, R. M. Jones.

The meetings held last term, after the School magazine went to press, proved successful. The first was a lecture on the "Rudiments of Bee-keeping" by E. Taylor. He explained all the parts of the hive, various bits of bee-keeping paraphernalia. He finished by describing the bees and their functions in the hive.

The second meeting took the form of a Brains Trust in which the panel consisted of The Headmaster, Mr. Drake, E. Taylor and W. Jewell. The question master was the chairman J. French.

Although no meetings have been held yet this term we have a film show arranged for the 24th February. This is to be followed by another meeting a month later. It will, weather permitting, take the form of the first inspection of the hive this year.

Next term being beekeepers busy season we shall be holding a meeting every Monday evening in the junior quadrangle. The committee is hoping for a record harvest this year to fill all the honey jars not yet returned.

W.K.J.

THE ECONOMICS SOCIETY

President : Mr. P. G. Longhurst.

Chairman : A. D. Redman.

Committee : J. R. Peet, P. H. S. Hadfield, J. S. Gadd.

Secretary : J. T. Winpenny.

For some time now there has been an increasing realisation of the need for some organisation to cater for the interests of the growing number of boys studying Economics in the Sixth Form. Consequently this Society, the "brain-child" of Mr. Longhurst, has been formed with the prime object of providing facilities for the discussion of economic matters, and if possible, of hearing the

opinions of outside speakers. Thus it is hoped to foster a growing interest in this relatively modern science, a knowledge of which is imperative to all laying claims to be well educated, by introducing on an intelligible level the main characteristics and problems of our modern economy. We hope for a satisfactory response from all who are interested.

The only meeting we have been able to arrange so far this term took place on Tuesday, 13th February, when the visitor was Mr. J. R. Dale, the Works Personnel Officer of Bibby's, Liverpool. Taking "Inflation and the Finn" as his subject, Mr. Dale outlined, in a very able and vivacious manner, the basic problems confronting this country at the moment, emphasizing the disastrous economic and social effects of the contemporary rampant inflation. After proposing some remedies, he answered numerous questions on this and other topics. The audience, whose size was highly satisfactory, greatly appreciated this instructive, and at times entertaining, lecture.

We are grateful to D. Partington for publicity arrangements.

J.T.W.

ATHLETICS CLUB

Chairman : P. G. Davies.

Secretary : D. Shaw.

Each Tuesday of this term, a group of Junior and Senior boys has met in the Gymn to attempt the task of getting themselves fit. There under the guidance of Messrs Gale and Longhurst they have completed circuit training, before passing on to training for specialist events. Of course as the term progresses, more and more emphasis will be placed on the latter.

A pleasing feature has been the large attendance of the junior boys, who have shown a great keenness. Unfortunately, however, the seniors for whom such training is more necessary have not put in so many attendances. We hope that more of the older ones, and especially members of the School Athletics team will appear regularly, in future.

D.S.

ART SOCIETY

Once more the society has been well supported by the junior members of the school. These youngsters show very great enthusiasm and some are making good progress.

The mural painters have had a very colourful term, and the wall-spaces outside the junior and senior art rooms have been most ably treated in nautical fashion by Poole and Coupe.

The mural on the wall above the high-table in the dining-hall is nearing completion, and has now passed beyond the appearance of a crushed Spanish omelette rampant over a sea of goulash.

Towards the end of last term the society surrendered some of its members to the school play. The scenic work of these members, through long hours, was greatly appreciated, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them and congratulating them on their success.

Now that it is plain for all to see that the society is leaving its mark on the school, I hope that we shall receive even more support than ever, especially from the senior school.

H. Brooks, secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman : D. J. G. Salmon.

Secretary : P. Kennedy.

Treasurer : J. A. Belcher.

Librarian : H. C. Corrin.

Committee : J. W. Eaton, J. Dewhurst, I. Rimmer.

This term it has been pleasing to note that members have been making full use of the darkroom. A new safelight has been fitted, and this has greatly improved the ease and speed of work.

On January 20th, the meeting of the society took the form of a film show, at which two colour films loaned by the Swiss Tourist Office were shown. The two films were entitled, "Mountaineering in Switzerland" and "Under Blue Skies," the latter showing a car-trip through Switzerland. The meeting was very well attended and it is hoped that more boys will come along to meetings which are perhaps not so attractive.

In the last edition of the 'Red Rose', a picture of the commemorative plaque in the pavilion appeared, which was taken by two senior members of the society.

At the time of writing there still remain two more meetings of the society. In spite of the fact that our indoor activities have assumed most importance during this term, it is hoped that members have not abandoned their cameras completely, and that we shall have as varied an entry as possible in next term's competition.

P.K.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess team has had a very full calendar this term, taking part in the Wright shield. We are at present second to Caldys having only lost two matches, with our last game against St. Edward's College still to be played.

The team has also taken part in several friendly matches with even greater success, and has only lost once; the most notable victories being against the Staff and Wigan Grammar School.

A Junior side has also been formed and has played with varying success.

The most creditable performance in the Lancashire Junior Chess Championship was by P. F. S. Jackson, who reached the fourth round. The other contestants, Moore, Anderton and Shaw were beaten in previous rounds, and we wish them better luck next year.

P.F.S.J.

LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS

Président : G. A. Wade.

Secrétaire : A. D. Redman.

Comité : Hulme J., Thomson D. C., Baines D., Matthews.

Vers la fin du trimestre d'hiver, Mr. Wynne a institué le Cercle Français en vue de faire connaître un peu de la vie et du caractère français.

Le 3 décembre, Mr. Graham a présenté un programme de disques intitulé "Chansons de Cabaret", où on a vraiment ressenti la gaieté scintillante de la vie parisienne.

Le 21 janvier, il y a eu deux programmes de films fixes en couleur, intitulés, "Aspects de la France" et "La Peinture Française du XIXe Siècle." Le premier programme, présenté par A. D. Redman, contenait plusieurs sites magnifiques. Dans le second programme, présenté par Mr. Wynne, on a entrevu la beauté étrange et saisissante de la peinture impressionniste.

Le 25 février, Mr. Berry a fait une conférence sur Albert Schweitzer, intitulée, "La Biographie d'un Grand Français."

Vers la fin de ce trimestre, on espère mettre en scène quelques extraits de "Hernani", drame célèbre de Victor Hugo.

A.D.R.

SCOUTS

This term's meetings began in lively fashion with the annual party. After the usual pleading with mothers a banquet of sandwiches, jellies, blancmanges, fruit, biscuits and cakes was duly produced with the indispensable help of Miss Ingleston for whom no praise is too high. After tea the remainder of the evening was spent in activities of a more or less boisterous nature.

This term, also, several of our new members have been enrolled, but several others still await the day since the bad weather

which has dogged us all term prevented some members from appearing. Those enrolled were:— N. Ainsworth, Laws, R. Collings, Sanders, Sinclair, Aspinall, and Ascroft.

A concerted attack is about to be made on the Scout Room by Taylor and Young who feel that it would be a good idea to have a corner of the room for each of the patrols.

Hopes for the future include that Heyes will be allowed to go to the Windsor Parade at Easter (but only 9 scouts can go from the S. W. Lancs. area) and that there will be some opportunities for camping next term.

The Duenna

It is both difficult and presumptuous for all save the professional student of English Literature to make even the most tentative remarks about Richard Brinsley Sheridan in general, or his little-known play, "The Duenna," in particular. The plot is traditional and tortuous, involving a bewildering series of conspiracies and machinations by seemingly innumerable lovers and their beloved, all made necessary by tyrannical old men — in this case chiefly by Don Jerome. Such a plot, including much of the detail, is virtually a direct adaptation from Greek New Comedy, best exemplified in the words of Menander and Phaulbus. To complicate matters, Menander would introduce a scheming slave. Sheridan, of course, cannot do this: but he achieves a similar effect by his use of a cunning old lady, called Margaret, who gives the play its title.

The school performance, given at the end of the Winter term, was not, fortunately typified by the opening scenes, which were rather dull. But the singing throughout was as varied and as good as the song: the solos, particularly those of the female characters, received delicate and sympathetic treatment: and the lively choruses combined a lusty vigour with a not unpleasant tone. The set was constructed and painted with more than usual excellence: but an all too obvious attempt had been made to evade the exigencies of the frequent change of scene by a compromise between complete reality, and the complete lack of it. But, like so many other compromises, this was not, I think, altogether successful. Its shortcomings were especially noticeable in the Monastery scene: the existing set, with its gaily coloured streamers and wrought-iron work, was virtually unchanged. The only indication of the fact that we were supposed to be witnessing the solemn scenes of "Devotion and Mortification" by some not-so-pious monks was provided by a solitary black cross. There was also room for improvement in the make-up.

As the scheming Duenna, R. Williams played a difficult role

with confidence and enthusiasm. He was particularly impressive in his frequent outbursts against Don Jerome and others, and in his masterful negotiation of the reception of Isaac. Perhaps the only fault in what was otherwise a very good performance was a perceptible lack of variation in his voice, which at times tended to become monotonous.

H. Brooks, as Don Jerome, dominated the play throughout, and gave it a much-needed impetus in his very first entrance, in night-cap and shirt. He very rarely slipped in his excellent vocal and facial portrayal of old age, by which, together with some lively singing he achieved a standard which put many a professional to shame.

Nobody liked silly Isaac Mendoza, except perhaps Don Jerome — and even he turned against him in the end. R. Armstrong gave a truly magnificent performance: by his light and easy movements, his accent, and his expert use of facial and vocal expression, he produced a very convincing portrayal of the oily, scheming, stupid Portuguese. Perhaps at times he tended to over-act a little — though it may be doubted whether this can, in reality, be called a fault.

As Don Ferdinand, son of Don Jerome, N. H. Freeman again attained to his usual very high standards. He gave a very sound if sometimes rather self-conscious portrayal of the rejected lover: occasionally he lapsed into a style more akin to tragedy.

D. G. Elias, as Donna Louisa, sang superbly: unfortunately his acting was not quite so good. His movements were sometimes elephantine, and his voice often lacked expression. Otherwise it was an adequate performance.

B. W. Howgate as Don Antonio proved to be a convincing and attractive young lover: his singing was also particularly pleasing.

M. S. Armitage, as Donna Clara, lover of Don Ferdinand, acted with a truly remarkable delicacy and femininity.

R. A. French and T. R. Hesketh gave competent portrayals of Don Carlos and Lopez. Among the lesser parts, D. Brown, as Father Paul, was out-standing.

The Monks, Maids, Footmen and Masqueraders were all capably acted by D. C. Thomson, D. M. Raynor, B. Murphy, S. A. French, D. H. Bennison, P. J. Travis, J. R. A. Smith, S. B. Kersh, J. Dewhurst, not forgetting the porter, E. Taylor.

All in all, we were treated to a very good production and performance of what is an extremely amusing, but by no means meaningless, play.

J. K. Stuart.



A Scene from "The Duenna."



Scenes from "The Duenna."

Wild Goose Chase

by S. A. Barton 3Y.

On the morning of Monday 30th December, at 10-30, seven boys from 3Y and Mr. Drake started off on a day-trip to find the Pink Footed Geese which frequent the fields of Martin Mere. The boys were:— Belcher, Chisnall, Fellows, Gorse, Hodges, Rimmer and myself.

We cycled to Bescar and then onto the red roads of the Mere. Mr. Drake decided then to look in the field in which he had seen them, but there were no Geese in that field, so we tried some fields on the opposite side of the woods — again no Geese. In a ditch Mr. Drake spotted a Song-Thrush lying in the water, alive. So he jumped the ditch, and picked it up, it squawked, and he released it. We visited several woods, and in one Hodges disturbed a pheasant. Everybody was also collecting spent cartridges, after Rimmer had found the first one.

After more searching, it looked as if it was going to be a "wild goose chase." But then an aeroplane flew over and the geese flew up from near some trees, about a mile away.

So we made our way to the trees via the end of Moss Lane and $\frac{1}{4}$ hr. later Mr. Drake spotted them in a field $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away. We dismounted and tried to stalk them, but they saw us and the whole flock numbering about 1,000 flew up and made for Holmeswood, three miles away. We then had lunch, and afterwards cycled to Holmeswood. Mr. Drake then said that they were on the opposite side of the embankment. So we crept along behind the embankment and sure enough there they were, mixed with a field of hens. Again we were seen and the Geese flew away Westwards. Then we looked at the remains of Holmeswood windmill, and afterwards battled back to Moss Lane against a moderate Westerly wind.

And then we saw the Geese again, in the same field as we had found them at first. So Mr. Drake allowed us to stalk them, and we managed to get within 80 yards of them. The main flock went up with a "whirr" of wings and then was followed by the remainder. We returned to Mr. Drake, and he complimented us on our good stalking.

We then continued homewards and saw the Geese again in other fields; but we let them be, as it was getting late.

Soon we reached Churchtown and we all went our respective ways, agreeing that it was not a "wild goose chase" after all.

Red Rose Competitions

(set this term by Mr. T. B. Johnson)

The Topics to be written on this term are :—

Group I Competitors over 16 years of age on 31-3-58 are invited to write an imaginary conversation (uncensored) between Dulles and Gromyko.

Group II Competitors between 14 and 16 years of age on 31-3-58 are invited to write a sequel to Abou Ben Adhem in not more than 14 lines of verse entitled, "The Day he Sinned."

Group III Competitors under 14 years of age on 31-3-58 are invited to write a short story of not more than 200 words entitled, "Finding the treasure — and what a disappointment."

Rules : Write neatly on one side of the paper only. Literary excellence counts far more than spelling but dictionaries are available.

Entries must reach the Editor (Mr. Drake) by **Friday May 23rd.**

FIRST REPORT

Experience led me to expect that there would be many entries in the junior group, fewer in the medium group, fewest in the senior. I was right, of course, though I have never been able to find a satisfactory explanation of why enthusiasm wanes in the upward course through the school.

The mass of junior versification on "Streamlines" was quickly reduced to five entries. Free verse was not ruled out, but in all arts you can only begin to take liberties with the rules when you have mastered them. It is fatal to put a word that is not a rhyme simply because you cannot think of one that is, or to crowd in a mass of unrythmical syllables simply because you cannot prune your ideas to metrical form.

P. Briscoe in Trans X, though he reached the last five, broke down on this metrical difficulty. Starting with a trochaic eight syllabled line, he gave us a beautiful Shakespearian iambic pentameter as his fifth. N. Carver in Trans X spoils a good effort with sickly little clichés like, "the bright blue sky." P. K. P. Beaumont in 3X has the same weakness, but his poem has an attractive pattern of echoes. P. K. Thompson in 3X comes second. He has chosen a lively, attractive and suitable metre and sticks to it though not slavishly.

The best poem, however, comes from R. L. Burgess in Trans

X. He has given us a streamlined poem in which the thought, as well as the words and lines, is built to a pattern. I would recommend unsuccessful competitors to study the last two lines of his second verse, with the weight of expression placed on his well-chosen verbs "mar" and "flows."

The middle group brought us no entries from eligible competitors, but two boys outside the age-group offered their stories to the Editor. Both were of good quality, and are printed in this issue. "Hunted" by T. R. Pearce in LVX is a study in atmosphere. The scene is well described but the story fails to carry conviction. P. A. Westwood gives a very neat little narrative.

The Shakespearean pastiche demanded from the seniors brought only one entry and one non-eligible attempt, so that in this group also the prize is not being awarded. D. Geldard makes a fair attempt though his metre falters in places (I suspect the Shakespearean text was corrupt — a pirated edition perhaps!) D. J. Farrant, from St. John's College, Oxford, exhorts the first XV captain with the voice of Shakespeare, and also for good measure, with that of Dylan Thomas. We are grateful, as always, for his enthusiastic interest in his old school.

GROUP I SECTION "A"

Let all, who on this day are of a mind
To do their best, surround me now;
That I, not as a captain but a friend
May see the men for whom this game
Was long since made; those men
Who when in strife do not reveal their torment
But do fight though hell be in their path.
Great courage is not found in one alone, but
In a team, a band of striving souls,
The bright coals of success do breed anew.
Today a game weplay,
But though the wind be strong and mud be thick
And though the Old Boys' play be ever keen,
Strive on! and heeding not their cries
Of pain, and blows which seem to tear
The very soul, touch down the ball,
And know that all your men
With one full heart do cheer.
Away! there is no time for sad delay,
We have a game to win, a goal to reach.
An enemy to trick, confuse and tire!

D. Geldard, Lower 6 Mod.

The captain of the first XV exhorting his men before the Old Boys' Match:—

"Once more into the scrum dear friends once more,
And take the leathern sphere on with your feet;
Dive, dive into the serried ranks of men
And win bright glory for our scroll of fame
Let your young breath hang in the frosty air,
And strike the striped garments of our foe;
For we are clean and fresh, with supple limbs
Whilst they are old, with hard and heavy chests
That knock against their ribs as they do run.
When that shrill blast doth call us to the fray
Then fight we, loved ones, fight and battle on
Till, at the evening watch when all is done,
Our triumph shall resound to those dear shores
Of home, where older men still wait to hear
The too long distant victory call of old."

William Shakespeare.

"Come boys, let us dive again into the dark, black, slow-black, resin-sweet-smelling scrum, and kick and hack and fight the heaving, crashing, panting, ugly, martyred bodies of those old, old men that come again to rededicate themselves to this ancient religion of the airy, leather-white, ovoid-rolling ball. Each year they win by craft and guile and know-how learned in hard-fought frightening contests fought by blues and harlequins, lions, wallabies, springboks, and all other types of nasty, mangy, flea-ridden, yellow-eyed, devouring, jungle-prowling animals. But this time, we can push them off their perch, and rub their unfit noses in our murky, black, evil-smelling, fine-jane mud. We are fit and fresh and super-trained, where they are just emerging from a sordid haze of skittles, beer, and deep, brown-smelling, throat-searing, nasty-coughing pipes. Our names we must retain, and crush these funny, smiling relics of a bygone age beneath our quick, fleet, black-and-white-bestockinged, aluminium-studded feet."

Dylan Thomas.

HUNTED

There were dark stains on the cloth. On the table stood a vase of week-old, shrivelled, flowers, and an ashtray full of chewed filter-tips and ash. The rickety chair groaned protestingly as he sank onto it, exhausted. He was safe, or thought he was, in this dingy, evil smelling and gloomy West-end café. It was less than a week since he had escaped from the gloomy fortress-prison on

Dartmoor. The memory of the long, weary, trek across the moor was still vivid — the mist and rain and those distant sounds of baying police-dogs. The weary journey, too — in the clattering line of goods wagons, in a truck, under a tarpaulin, soaked to the bone and dead tired. Since then he had been tramping round London, earning a bit here and there, and turning nearly sick with fear every time he saw the dark helmet of a "rozzar".

He gave a start as the door handle was rattled, and then the rough voice of a lorry-driver said gruffly, "Not thur, Sid. They charge yer fer the bit 'uvver the 'e'." Then the two mens' footsteps were heard receding down the passage to the street.

"Yes, Sir:" said a voice unexpectedly from beside him as he sat, sunk in thought. Jumping round he perceived the proprietor standing by his table, in the musky half-light that penetrated through the yellowing plastic curtains at the window.

"Oh, er, egg and chips, please," said the convict guiltily. "And ten fags," he added as an afterthought.

After he had eaten his much-needed meal he lit a cigarette — a luxury he had not had for days now, since he had last had his scanty tobacco ration at the jail — and pondered as to his future. When the proprietor returned he paid the bill and asked, "Anywhere I can shave?"

He followed the man out to the back of the shop and shaved off his beard and stumpy moustache, and donned an old mackintosh which was lent him by the café owner, and then once again walked out into the rain.

He emerged from the passage onto the gleaming, wet pavement, illuminated here and there with street-lamps of the old gas variety.

He walked along the pavement quickly, turned a corner and came upon a more busy road where the shining taxis hissed past at intervals. Then suddenly he was accosted by a man in a soaked dark-brown overcoat, "Have you seen a bearded man with no coat on go past you lately?"

The criminal pondered a moment, then painted behind him. "First street on yer left, I seed 'im," he said. Immediately the detective rushed off in the direction indicated. From the shelter of a doorway the convict watched the man turn the corner, and grinning, sprinted off in the opposite direction into the fog.

T. R. Pearce, LVX

THERE WERE DARK STAINS ON THE CLOTH

There were dark stains on the cloth!

Incredulously, I gazed at the scene of destruction which had been wrought by the puppy who was now scratching at my turn-ups with his inky paws. The cloth which was the cherished possession of my mother, having been hand embroidered in Madeira, had been given to her by my great-grand-mother who had been dead many years.

In a flash of inspiration, I remembered that salt was said to remove ink. I whipped the cloth off the occasional table and rushing wildly into the kitchen, tripping over the dog on the way, I feverishly snatched the salt off the shelf and rubbed it into the stain. After I had removed most of the ink from the cloth, only a few dark blotches remaining, my thoughts turned to Shandy, my pup. He at least must not fall under suspicion, as my father, who already detested the dog, would use the least excuse to get rid of him.

Leaving the cloth in cold water, I picked up the pup and carried him into the bath-room and vigorously applying soap and water to the struggling puppy, I endeavoured to erase all the traces of ink from his paws. Then I remembered the ink stains on the table and carpet.

Lifting the protesting pup out of the bath, and wrapping him securely in a towel, I carried him down-stairs and put him in front of the fire to dry, whilst I applied myself earnestly to the task of removing the ink from the table and carpet. I stood back and admired my work. Only the keenest eye could detect traces of the catastrophe.

Half an hour later, when Shandy was dry and the towel had been hastily returned to the bath-room my Father and Mother returned home. I thought it prudent to tell my mother of the accident to the cloth omitting all references to the part played by Shandy. My mother was naturally upset and scolded me for my carelessness.

At this moment Shandy, looking beautifully clean and fluffy, ran into the kitchen wagging his tail. My mother who was exceedingly fond of Shandy said with a smile, "I wonder how this imp of mischief keeps himself so clean."

P. A. Westwood, LVX

STREAMLINES

The engine rushes down the hill,
How smooth, how sleek, how fast
Gone is the funnel, gone is the dome,
Gone's the shape of the past.

The speedboat skims across the lake
Just see how fast she goes,
No bulges mar her graceful shape.
Unspoilt her outline flows.

The essence of this modern age
Of which these are a sign
Is speed surpassing all before
With smooth unbroken line.

R. L. Burgess, Trans X

Flashing past rivers, hedges and ditches,
Going as fast as broom-sticks and witches,
Over the hills and across the moors,
Past the children all waving from doors,
Through the stations and over the points,
The streamlined engine with oily joints
Still forges onwards into the night,
Where there isn't a sound nor even a light,
Apart from the glow from the noisy train
Puffing and blowing, with spreading mane
Of smoke from her funnel polluting the air,
Her journey's completed with minutes to spare.

P. K. Thompson, 3X

Streamlines, Dreamlines,
Looking so sleek and bright,
Roaring through the country-side
On a winter's night.

Roaring through the country side,
Clanging over Rail,
Onward go the streamlines
Through fog, snow and hail.

Onward go the streamlines,
Signals are at green,
Hurling, bustling onward
Into the great unseen.

P. K. P. Beaumont, 3X

Prose and Verse

THE STARLING

The starling first appeared on his window-sill when he was eating his breakfast. He hardly noticed it at first, but it tapped on the window with its long yellow beak, causing him to look round. He saw it standing there. It was quite an ordinary starling, black and ugly as all these birds are. And yet there was something about this one, it was — yes, it's eyes. They had an evil glint in them which he could not quite fathom. The bird glared at him as if planting some curse upon him. Then suddenly it was gone. He returned to his meal with an uneasy feeling. The spirit of the starling seemed to hover over him. Something was not quite right.

The next day he left the house early. No thought of the starling now. He was getting the train to Dover where he would catch a boat across to France — and Brigitte. As the train sped along the Kentish country-side, he thought back to that day ten years ago. How long ago it seemed now! He had been going to meet Nadine then, but when he had arrived at Calais he had seen Brigitte standing there. So lonely! So lovely! All thoughts of Nadine vanished from his mind. He had never seen her since. Now, soon, he would be with Brigitte again.

It was not long before he was on the boat, crossing the channel. It was peaceful on the sunny deck, watching the English coast receding and finally disappearing into the haze. Then he saw the starling again. It was perched on the deck rail, eyes glinting. It looked right at him, then it was gone. Suddenly the boat lurched, a woman screamed. He was flung against the side of the boat; his body was slipping between the rails. He cried out, but everyone seemed to be watching him and smiling. He was sliding to the swirling sea below. He choked as the salty water went down his throat. He was feeling dizzy, with a giant thud all went black. The waters closed around him. The sea became still again. He was lost to the world for ever.

On the newsbulletin that evening it was announced that a man had fallen overboard on the cross-channel steamer going to Calais from Dover.

At Calais a lone figure stood on the quay. The boat had arrived an hour ago, now stood empty by her side, swaying to the rhythmic waters. Brigitte, her beautiful face tear-stained, looked out across the vast sea. She turned slowly away. The quay was desolate.

Up in the sky among the gulls, which were swooping over the

sea, was a black starling. It flashed in front of Brigitte's face, giving a loud cry as it did so, then flew away into the sky again, up towards the heavens. Up, up, up until it became only a black speck in the distance. And, peering through a window in a little shed on the end of the quay, Nadine smiled.

R. W. Ellis, (U.V.T.M.)

Old Boys' Section

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

- D. R. Binns (G) (1945-52) has passed the final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.
- C. A. R. Blackmore (Ed) (1939-44) is now manager of the Formby Branch of the Wigan Trustees Savings Bank.
- E. W. Brookfield (M) (1933-38) has been admitted an associate member of the Corporation of Secretaries. Last June he took the Corporation's final examination in Local Government and Public Administration.
- H. Clumpus (Ed) (1946-52) has passed the qualifying examination to become a member of the Pharmaceutical Society.
- P. Croston (Ed) (1949-55) has passed the intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants, and has been awarded the sixth certificate of merit.
- M. A. Haigh (Ev) (1947-53) has gained his Second Mate's certificate, Elder Demster Line.
- B. J. Hartwell (M) (1921-24) has been appointed president of the Southport and Ormskirk Law Society.
- T. Hodge (W) (1929-36) M.Eng.A.M.I.C.E. is resident Engineer in charge of the £900,000 River Crossens land drainage scheme.
- P. J. Lucas (Ed) (1943-48) is now Senior Second Engineer of the S.S. "Drakensberg Castle" Union-Castle Line.
- F. R. McManus (W) (1939-45) is a Lecturer at Lancaster Technical College of Further Education and is also a County Councillor.
- Dr. W. H. Scott (G) (1933-40) lecturer in Social Science at Liverpool University is at present in the United States as visiting professor, and for most of the time will be at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

A. W. Sharp (G) (1947-51) has gained his Ph.D. at Manchester University as a result of research work in supersonic aerodynamics. He has now taken up a position as project supervisor with the Aircraft Research Association at Bedford.

H. D. Sherrington (Silverton) (Ev) (1943-51) LL.B., recently passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and has been awarded by the Institute, the Theodore Gregory Prize for obtaining the highest marks in the English Law Part II paper.

P. Stephens (M) (1947-49) is working in Fleet Street for Amalgamated Press as a sub-editor, specialising in children's books.

I. R. J. Williams (Ev) (1942-49 Assistant District Officer, North Nigeria, West Africa

MARRIAGES

N. Ralph to Angela Fielding at S. S. Simon and Jude's Church on the 21st December 1957.

D. C. Wareing to Barbara Helliwell at the West End Congregational Church on 1st January 1958.

A. R. Allen to Dorothy Gurney at Liverpool Road Methodist Church on 8th February 1958.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

Oxford

In the middle of a very cold January, we returned to Oxford with still an inner glow of glory in our hearts, springing from our great victory over the much vaunted Cambridge team at Twickenham in the vacation. For most, however the glow soon turned to stark horror. Freshmen suddenly realized that Prelims. were but weeks away, and third year men were stunned to think that the day of their Finals was no longer far below the scholastic horizon, but was shining strongly in a none too distant noonday sun. As a result, it has been impossible to get a seat in any of the libraries except by queueing up for at least an hour before they are opened. Second year men, on the other hand, without a care or examination in the world, have been living the lives of indescribably gay Lotharios, but their happiness has been tinged with disappointment

because they cannot seem to find anyone but their contemporaries to play with.

Most Old Georgians have resolved into a state of academic hibernation as none of us is a second year man. I. M. Blair was, for a while, spreading abroad an apocryphal tale that D. H. Rimmer was rowing in Torpids, but that worthy has indignantly denied this, and has given official pronouncement that his long-awaited entry upon the sports fields of Oxford has been postponed until the warmer weather.

J. V. Boothman has got a job, D. J. Farrant and B. Sourbut have got fourth years, and C. Dyer has still got a beard, but, these apart, there has been no other visible sign of Old Georgian activity.

In conclusion, we must say how amused we were to see that our colleagues at Manchester had adopted "Nunc est Bibendum" as their motto, even though we thought that "In Vino Veritas" might have been more appropriate.

We must thus end our epistle, and ask to be remembered kindly to all those at school who are still so kind as to remember us.

D.J.F.

Cambridge

Owing to the departure of S. K. Runcorn to a Professorship at Newcastle, the organisation of Cambridge Old Georgians has fallen apart, and Old Boys' teas are no longer a notable feature of the University term. It is therefore impossible for any one Old Georgian to report fully on the activities of all the others. As it happens, most of the Old Georgians now in Cambridge are academically minded, and encounters are usually brief, whilst some are even too occupied with their studies to pass any greeting.

However, Mrs. Preston has been heard to remark that sherry parties seem more in evidence than tea parties, so we presume that not all Old Georgians have succumbed to the modern trend. D. S. Preston has done his best to salvage M. S. Davidson from the wreck, but even Davidson seems to find it progressively harder to sleep in the library, in spite of denials of this statement.

Traffic still manages to avoid Seal, one of the most senior Old Georgians in Cambridge, despite his obvious preoccupation

with work and family responsibilities. He appears to be a fixture here. It was a great disappointment when Thompson missed the start of the rugby season; he has since turned some of his attention to soccer. It is also unfortunate that Whittaker has been deprived of a possible athletics Blue by recent injury, but we still have high hopes of H. Green.

E. W. Durham and P. Rushton are in their third year. We are not quite certain what they have done with the other two.

Elliott appears to be thoroughly acclimatised to the social life of Trinity. He is in fact reported to be the only undergraduate in Cambridge sufficiently civilised to use a table-cloth. Lyons, the Ziments and Salkie, along with Lewin and Gatiss, must be classed as ships who pass in the night, (gowned, of course.)

We are very pleased to hear that Mr. Kirkby, himself an Old Caian, assisted by Stuart and Davies, has achieved a remarkable success, and we shall be pleased to welcome Stuart to Cambridge, and to wish Davies the best of luck at Oxford.

M.S.D.

BIRMINGHAM

We all enjoyed reading "The Red Rose" very much, and were glad to be in touch with you all again. Here is the latest progress report from Birmingham.

The big news here also turned out to be a great tragedy, for last term, just before the Vac., Founder's Room, the living and loving room of Arts and Law students, was burned very badly. How we ever survived without its cosmopolitan atmosphere we shall never know. This week, however, it has been reopened after miraculous rebuilding and decoration; but the old place will never be the same. The opening ceremony was performed by Cyril Hershon, on behalf of the scurrilous paper he edits; so keen were erstwhile inmates to return to their habitat, that he was well nigh knocked over in the rush for the coffee.

Among the first in, naturally, was Jim Belmont, with his better half in tow. He is at present meditating over his impending stay in Marburg, which he claims to be part of his course, though no one else seems to have heard of the place. He will undoubtedly miss English cooking, a fact vouched for by his friend the cook at Chancellor's Hall.

Yet another coffee-slopper is Alan Brookfield, who has blossomed out in every way. He received his undergrad. colours, since his habit of turning up for everyone five minutes late, makes him a fully fledged student. He spends most of his time reading true adventure Westerns for a course on American Far Western History.

As to our friend Dave Ditchfield . . . does he exist? We are sure he does — his name appears on the Engineering Attendance Sheets — but we shall look out for him, and report at a later date. Until then, good luck to all Georgians old and new, and we hope to see some of the former here with us next session.

C.R.H.

LIVERPOOL

After the escapades and excitements of Panto Week we have now receded once again into the normal routine of University life. The highlight of the pre-Panto activities was the mass invasion of the city of some two thousand students, and it was especially pleasing to see Old Georgians, T. M. Jones, N. Ashcroft, W. E. Brookfield and C. F. Wilson, enjoying the exhilarating Mersey sea air on the Secombe ferry. However they were not involved in the generous sprinkling of red fluid onto innocent bystanders which occurred on that particular day.

L. Illingworth was overheard expressing his disgust at his recent £5 fine after participating in the now notorious and well publicised visit of the Engineering Faculty to the Royal Court Theatre in order to express their appreciation of a popular young ballad singer. Rumour has it that he was actually involved in throwing missiles — carrots to be precise.

J. M. Ellis has been seen but little this term and it is believed he is buried in Studio 2 of the Architects' building with drawing board and paper, appearing to be working hard.

This however is the term of social activities when one can relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and quietness of Saturday evening Union dances, the term before the neurotic summer term when one faces the perils of exams and when one regrettably casts one's mind back to recollect some of the forgotten knowledge obtained in lectures throughout the year.

We must congratulate D. N. Max and N. Booth in their appointments as President of the Legal Society, and Captain of the University Ist. XV respectively.

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

L.U.O.G.S.

Rugby Results

FIRST FIFTEEN

Feb. 1st. v Balshaw's G. S. Lost 3—6.
Feb. 15th. v Upholland G. S. Match abandoned.
Feb. 19th. v Blackpool G. S. Lost 3—14.
Feb. 22nd. v Lancaster R. G. S. Lost 6—14
Mar. 1st. v Waterloo. Lost 14—20.
Mar. 8th. v Barrow G. S. Won 6—3.
Mar. 12th. v Cowley G. S. Lost 3—10.
Mar. 22nd. v Sale. Won 9—3.

SECOND FIFTEEN

Nov. 20th. v King Edward's G. S., Lytham. Won 11—0.
Feb. 1st. v Balshaw's G. S. Lost 21—0.
Feb. 15th. v Upholland G. S. Lost 14—6.
Feb. 19th. v Blackpool G. S. Won 48—0.
Mar. 1st. v Bolton G. S. Lost 10—6.

UNDER 15 XV

Feb. 1st. v Balshaw's G. S. Drew 5—5.
Feb. 12th. v Liverpool College. Won 17—11.
Mar. 8th. v Barrow. Lost 29—6.
Mar. 12th. v Cowley. Lost 11—3.

UNDER 14 XV

v Wigan. Lost 0—15.
Feb. 12th. v Liverpool College. Lost 3—11.
v Blackpool. Lost 5—14.
Feb. 22nd. v Lancaster R. G. S. Won 8—6.

UNDER 13 XV

Feb. 1st. v Balshaw's G. S. Won 21—0.

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