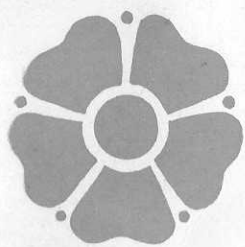


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Editorial

The Editor, who in private life is both schoolmaster and parent is prone to give advice. The advice is seldom taken, and sometimes when taken it turns out to have been unsound, but he is not at all deterred. This is his advice to young writers.

First, have something to say. The most boring speakers are those who have to say something, and what is barely tolerable in speech becomes quite intolerable in print.

Write, therefore about something which interests you. The first requirement of a writer is a lively, active mind, the second an observant eye. The lower animals mind their own business; the hedgehog grunts across the garden knowing only his own body's needs; man, who sees everything as part of a pattern of universal meaning, has a lively awareness of his surroundings. To write well, you must be a human being, not a hedgehog.

Read good stuff. R.L.S., learning the writer's craft, "played the sedulous ape." I do not recommend his method. But if your mind is steeped in the style of a master, you will imitate him without knowing it. When you see something written compellingly well, learn it by heart. Your mind will absorb and digest, and what you write, though it will be fed by what you read, will bear the imprint of your own personality.

Avoid clichés. In this age of thirty million daily newspapers you will not altogether escape from the flat, trite overworked phrase. You can at least avoid being overwhelmed by the flood. If you are aware that the cliché is the besetting literary sin of the time you will have some chance of keeping your freshness and zest.

Love words. If you love them, you will not ill-use them, waste them, blunt them, murder them. Words are living, growing things, and every word owes something of its meaning, feeling, colour, tone and texture to every writer who used it memorably. And, like the chameleon, a word takes colour from its surroundings.

Finally write to someone. Whether it is a letter to your parents or an article for the "Red Rose," see in your mind's eye, the person who will read it. Remember your duty to make clear to him or her whatever you describe, think or feel. When you are acclaimed as the modern poet of 1964, 1974, or 1984, you may have earned the privilege of writing what is intelligible only to yourself.

Notice to Correspondents and Contributors

The Editor will be glad to consider for publication letters on matters of general or school interest, as well as articles, short stories, poems, etc.

All matter submitted should bear the name and form (or if from an old boy the address) of the contributor, although if he so desires it may be published under a pseudonym.

Matter may be submitted either to the Editor direct, or through the form representative. It should be written clearly **on one side of the paper only.**

Matter intended for publication in the December issue should reach the Editor not later than Friday, November 14th.

THE RED ROSE, 1957-58

Assistant Editor: J. K. Stuart

Editorial Board: Mr. T. B. Johnson, H. C. Corrin,
H. D. Renshaw, D. M. Raynor, R. M. Greenhalgh,
T. R. Hesketh.

Our thanks are due to Mr. N. Harrison, who has designed the new cover.

Important Dates

Autumn term begins	...	...	...	9th September
Half term	...	...	...	30th, 31st October
	...	...	...	3rd November.
Autumn Term ends	...	...	...	19th December

VALETE

Carey, J. A., 1952-58.—Leech's, Lower VI Sp., G.C.E. (O1) 1957.
Perkins, K.A., 1952-58.—Spencer's, Lower VI Sc.B., G.C.E. (O5) 1957.
Geldard, D., 1953-58.—Edwards', Lower VI Modern, G.C.E. (O6) 1957, Intermediate Certificate R.L.S.S.
Carter, B. F., 1955-58.—Evans', 4b, U14 XV, Junior Rugby Colours 1958, U14 Cricket Colours 1957.
Day, W. G., 1956-58.—Rogers' 3X.
Andrews, J. R., 1957-58.—Edwards', TrX.
Deakin, S., 1957-58.—Mason's, 4A.
Hodgson, C., 1957-58.—Leech's, 2b.

SALVETE

J. M. Atkinson, M. B. Coulthard, G. P. Elliott, P. E. Jones,
J. M. F. LeCornec, P. Watkinson, J. R. Woodward.

School Notes and Recent Events

We much regret to record the death of Mr. C. W. Hardaker on 21st May. We had all admired his courage in his struggle against increasing ill-health over the last few years.

During his 30 years on the staff of this school he has held a number of important positions, with distinction: Head of the Geography Department, Housemaster of Edward's House and Master-in-charge of games. We shall all miss his strong personality and forceful presence. An appreciation of Mr. Hardaker's life and work in school appears in this issue.

We welcome his term, Mr. J. M. Steane who comes to us as Senior History Master. Mr. Steane was educated at Dulwich College and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was an Open Scholar, and for the past few years he has been History Master at Alsop High School, Liverpool.

We are sorry to be losing the services of Mr. F. R. Lewis at the end of this term; he is moving to a post at the County Grammar School, Godalming. During the last four years Mr. Lewis has impressed us all by his scholarly teaching of History, and we are also much in his debt for the enthusiastic way he has run the C.E.W.C. and Literary Society. Its present flourishing state owes much to his leadership. He has given us invaluable help with the school swimming. We wish him every success in his new post.

Mr. D. G. Jones, who has been with us for the last two years teaching general subjects, moves to a post at High Wycombe Royal Grammar School as a History Specialist. Mr. Jones has given us invaluable help in many ways in the school during his short time here, and we wish him every success.

We also wish every success to Mr. G. Benson and Mr. J. M. C. Davidson, who have held appointments here during the past year.

We congratulate P. Aughton and J. E. Aughton on gaining Open Scholarships to Manchester University.

The school has been fortunate enough to acquire a magnificent 12½ in. reflecting telescope. This was the property of the late Mr. Oswald Bradley who was a well-known amateur astronomer. Arrangements are in hand for foundations to be laid for the Observatory at the end of this term, and it is hoped that next year an Astronomical Club in the school will be in full swing. This telescope is probably as fine an instrument as is possessed by any school in the country.

This number of the magazine is the first with a new cover design and a slightly different format and with a different

printer. It is felt that the time has come for a break with tradition in this respect and we hope that the new arrangement will meet with everybody's approval.

At the Annual General Meeting of Parents on 2nd May, an innovation was the holding of a small Careers Convention afterwards. We are much indebted to the following gentlemen who kindly gave of their time to be interviewed by parents.

Mr. C. A. Hyde, a parent, who gave advice on Electrical Engineering.

Mr. J. W. Lord, an old boy and member of the staff, on Careers in Industrial Chemistry.

Mr. P. Slater, an old boy, on Accountancy.

Mr. S. R. Whipple, Secretary of Appointments Bureau at Liverpool University, on careers for Arts graduates.

This convention appeared to be very valuable and was appreciated by parents. We hope to have similar conventions dealing with different careers in subsequent years.

The collection this term was taken for the National Institute for the Deaf and a cheque for £12 11s. 2d. was sent off in May.

CALENDAR OF RECENT EVENTS

March 21st—Choral and Orchestral Concert.

„ 25th—Old Boys' Rugger Match. School won 9—5.

„ 28th—Old Boys' Annual Dinner at the Alexandra Hotel.

April 7th—Old Boys' Dance at Palace Hotel.

„ 19th—Annual Rugger Match against Southport R.U.F.C., lost 14—15.

May 2nd—Parents' Annual General Meeting and Careers Convention. The Rev. T. T. Williams was re-elected as parents' representative on the Governing Body.

„ 8th—Meeting of parents of boys in Lower Fifth Forms.

June 3rd—Founder's Day. The School beat the Staff in the annual cricket match by 9 runs.

„ 13th—Talk by the Bishop of Brandon, Manitoba, on Canada to Lower Fifth Forms.

Mr. C. W. Hardaker

The School has suffered a great loss through the death of Mr. C. W. Hardaker, who joined the staff in January, 1930. He was educated at Cockburn High School, Leeds, and at Leeds University, where he graduated in Science and distinguished himself in games, becoming Captain of the University XI in Association Football.

He taught at Buxton College for a short time and then at a country Grammar School at Fakenham, in Norfolk, before his appointment to King George V School in 1930. He came under the benign influence of Mr. J. Edwards and the Geography Department flourished under their leadership. He was a good, sound teacher, painstaking in his preparation and conscientious in his exposition of the subject he loved. He succeeded Mr. Edwards as Housemaster of Edwards' House and devoted himself to the welfare of the boys who came under his care and upon Mr. Edwards' retirement, he became Head of the Geography Department. He carried on the tradition of its teaching but his latter years were marred by ill-health against which he struggled valiantly.

Those of us who knew him in his early years at this school will remember his vigour and enthusiasm. He was one of four young masters who undertook the Physical Training of the School and, by carefully introducing Touch Rugby into the P.T. tables, helped to raise the standard and quality of School Rugby. He was an able footballer and played for Hesketh Park A.F.C.—a distinguished local amateur club. He had the honour of playing for the North against the South in the final Amateur International Trial. He also played for the Old Georgians' R.F.C. together with Mr. Higham and helped to introduce a sparkle into the back play of the Old Boys' side. He took charge of the "Under 16" School XV and with his enthusiasm aroused a ready response from boys who were later to form the 1st XV.

As a Yorkshireman, he understood what good cricket was and showed his talent as a wicket-keeper in the annual Staff v. 1st XI matches on Founder's Day.

He had a warm, friendly personality. Those who were fortunate to be taught by him, readily appreciated his care and attention. How free and easy he could be in his lighter vein; how controlled and purposeful he could be when serious! What pleasant expeditions he used to organise for the third forms to the purlieus of Parbold or for older boys to the mysteries of Malham!

In the Staff Common Room his cheerfulness will be missed. He was forthright in his opinions and his criticisms but generous in his praise.

He was a good schoolmaster who always had the good of the school and its members at heart and in our sorrow at his passing, we sympathise with Mrs. Hardaker in her

H.E.

The Marsden Memorial Prize

The subject set for this essay this year was "The Nature of Civilisation." Two essays were submitted and the judges have awarded the prize to J. K. Stuart. We regret that the prize-winning essay is too long for publication in this issue of "The Red Rose."

House Reports

EDWARDS'

Captain — J. K. Stuart. *Almoner* — R. Williams.
Captain of Games — P. G. Davies
Prefects — R. Aldred, D. Bailey, P. Dodworth, R. French, D. Renshaw, G. Watkinson.

We have not won the Jubilee Cup for as long as I can remember: and, of course, to make any definite predictions now may prove to have been misguided by the time, or at any rate soon after, this report is read. But if there has ever been a time, during the past six or seven years, when it has looked as if we might win it, it is surely now.

At the end of last term, much to their own and everyone else's surprise the Junior Rugby team, under Green's very able captaincy, won the shield, and, in addition to this and the Senior Shield, we have also gained hitherto unprecedented and undreamt of successes in the athletic sports, by winning the Hepburn and Pariser Cups.

The only big disappointment has been suffered on the cricket field: the Senior team, holders of the trophy for three years, have failed to qualify for the final. And it must be said that there has been a noticeably apathetic attitude amongst many members of the team towards their games in general and the prospect of winning the shield in particular—which is perhaps inevitable, even if undesirable.

On the other hand, the Juniors are doing better than last year and have won two matches.

Dodworth is ominously non-committal about the house's aquatic activities. The charity collection, as a result of a truly moving appeal by Williams, realised the relatively respectable total of 1-10-4½—relative, that is, to the usual low total of the school as a whole.

P. G. Davies, despite the administrative burdens of captaining the school, has yet found time to give enthusiastic and efficient leadership in almost all the house's sporting activities, and any success which has been achieved has been, to an unusual extent, the result of his unremitting industry. Still, I suppose someone has to write the house reports—and call for three well-earned cheers for Mr. Norris.

J.K.S.

EVANS'

Captain — P. N. Heyes. *Secretary* — P. J. Travis.
Vice-Captain — W. T. Keeley. *Almoner* — M. R. Little.
Prefects — P. Aughton, M. J. Whiteley, J. R. Peet, J. Huxley.

The summer term is always a period in which even the most lethargic of us find ourselves caught up in an irresistible whirl of academic and/or sporting activity.

At the end of last term the R.L.-S.S. examination went off very well for the House, and grateful thanks are due to the keenness and enthusiasm of Peet, the swimming captain, whose efforts, it cannot be doubted, played a great part in the success we gained. As a result we have been awarded the Life-saving cup.

In the cricket matches this term, the Juniors, captained by Williams, have not met with good fortune, having lost to Edwards and Leech's. They won a remarkable match, however, against Rogers', scoring 126 for one wicket against their opponents' 20: congratulations are due to Bateman who scored 82 not out. The Senior cricket team, under their captain, Holland, have been even less lucky, however, and lost to Leech's by three wickets, to Woodham's by one run, and to Rogers' by seven wickets!

In the Athletic Sports this year the House did not, unfortunately, excel, though there were one or two outstanding individual performances—Johnston and Whiteley were first and third in the mile. At the sports, however, it was pleasing to see the number of Evans' entries for the various heats, and our thanks are due to all who volunteered.

P.J.T.

GREAR'S

"Labore atque ludo."

Captain — G. A. Wade. *Secretary* — G. D. Bradshaw.
Almoner — N. Rimmer.
House Prefects — B. King, J. D. Adams, J. E. Rowntree, D. A. Crabtree.

Another School year draws to a close, another term ends, and if we cast our minds back on the events of the year we realise how quickly it appears to have passed. The Rugby

matches long forgotten, the Cricket and Athletic season virtually over, and all in the space of one year which does not appear to have lasted more than a few weeks. Indeed, some of us may even be looking forward to another Rugby season which will consequently mean another School year. How time flies!

Looking back, however, over the past thirteen weeks, we can find various items on which to report.

The Ingham Cup for qualifications was won by the House, and we wish to thank Rowntree for his efforts in persuading all the tortioses to turn turtle!

On Sports Day, which was blessed with fine weather but a stiff breeze, we managed to finish fourth in the overall position. Thomson and Wilson were outstanding in Group I, and fair promise was shown in Groups II and III.

The Senior Cricket XI, under the captaincy of Wilson, has met with excellent success, winning two and drawing one of their matches which takes them to the final to be played against Leech's. A shield on the House Room wall would just complete the picture!

The Junior XI has only played one match to date which they lost to Leech's. Better luck in the next two!

For a number of our senior boys, this term is their last at School; we wish them all a successful future and hope that they will take with them pleasant memories of the School and the House.

G.D.B.

LEECH'S

"Ad Unum Omnes."

Captain — R. W. Rothwell. *Vice-Captain* — H. Brooks.
Secretary — J. Dewhurst. *Almoner* — J. S. Gadd.

Once again, we come to the end of a successful school year—a year marked by a keen enthusiasm on the part of all members to retain the Jubilee Cup.

The Junior XI team, after winning its first match against Gear's, lost to Woodham's and now has slender chances of securing the trophy. However, under the training of R. Whitehead and the captaincy of J. F. Kermode, the members constitute a formidable team of which we hope to hear more in the future.

The Seniors, on the other hand, have won their first three matches, and under the competent captaincy of H. Brooks, are hopeful of winning the shield.

On Sports Day, our final position was third—an improvement on the previous year. We are fortunate in having some

promising young athletes who, in time, should raise our standards in this particular field. All the entrants are to be complimented for the way they turned out and did their best.

J. Ashcroft, the Swimming Captain, continues to work hard in training the Life Saving Section, and his efforts have given a spur to the House in this respect.

We headed the Honours List again last term and the more academically-minded members of the House appear to be working hard to compensate for those who may lower our final position this term.

The Almoner, J. S. Gadd, has been well supported throughout the year. Most boys have shown a willingness to contribute to worthy causes—a spirit of which we are rightly proud.

In particular, we wish to thank R. W. Rothwell, our House Captain for all he has done for the House, and to all those who are leaving, we record our best wishes for a successful and happy career.
J.D.

MASON'S

House Captain — F. Rimmer.

House Prefects — P. Jackson (*Almoner*), J. Parkinson, D. Baines, G. Burgess.

Captaincies — Cricket, F. Rimmer; Swimming, J. Parkinson; Athletics, G. Burgess. Boxing, McMinn.

This term, although it has not resulted in any trophies being gained, has been quite satisfactory on the whole.

Perhaps the boxing gave us our best results, Burgess, McMinn, Parkinson, Elias, and Looker all winning their finals, but more support might perhaps have gained us first place, instead of second.

Our cricket teams, both junior and senior, have been unfortunate in not winning any of their matches, as there have been some very close scores. F. Rimmer has proved a very able captain for the team.

Lack of more support again hampered us in our athletic attempts, and in groups one and two we had to rely too much on a few individual efforts to gain our points. However, we managed to be in the running for several of the cups at various stages in the sports.

I am sorry to say that our swimming hopes have been dampened somewhat by the unfortunate absence, owing to a broken arm, of our swimming captain J. Parkinson from the school gala.

The House charity for the summer term, £1 11s. 2½d., was quite a good effort compared with other Houses.

We extend our best wishes to all school leavers.
G.B.

ROGERS'

Captain — A. D. Redman.

Vice-Captain — D. Shaw.

Almoner — G. M. Hand.

Secretary — P. D. Pond.

Prefects — Fleetwood, Milne, K. S., Swindlehurst, Moore, D. G.

The Athletics Captain, D. Shaw, has spent a great deal of his time in the early weeks of this term holding practices and coaching our younger boys for the Athletic sports.

Four members of the House represent the school at Athletics this season; Open: Shaw, D., 220 and 100 yards, and Swindlehurst, W. E., javelin; U16: Moore, D. W., 220 and 440 yards and shot; U14: Thomas, D., high jump. Moore has had a very successful season and is undefeated in the 220 yards.

Although we failed to win any cups this year, we were placed high up in all the cups and our aggregate placed us fourth. Our junior tug-team was defeated by Edwards' in the final and our senior team was eliminated in the second round by the team which eventually won the final.

Our Senior cricket team is little altered from that of last season. The Captain, J. A. Fleetwood, plays for the School 1st XI and J. Hulm for the 2nd XI. The team won two of its three matches this season. We lost our first match to Leech's by seven wickets; after a good start, we were unable to break the opponent's third wicket stand, which soon passed our total. We beat Woodham's by 28 runs and Evans' by 5 wickets and we had the satisfaction of seeing our vanquishers enter the final.

The Junior team, Captained by Tattler, B., and coached by Fleetwood and Hulm, after an initial victory over Spencer's by 10 runs, sustained a crushing defeat by Evans'. We have still to play Edwards'.

The House Almoner, G. M. Hand, was disappointed with the total of £1 18s. 0d., which was collected in aid of the blind; a few members of the House have given generously but the majority have failed to remember their contributions.

The Swimming team remains little altered. The Captain, A. D. Redman, who also captains the School team, D. W. Moore and R. Shaw, swim for the School. We hope to maintain our high standard of swimming in the gala at the end of the term. There has been no life-saving this term, but qualifications have continued.

We have had a very interesting letter from L. R. Tyson, now living in Sydney, Australia.

P.D.P.

SPENCER'S

"Virtute ac Diligentia."

Captain — F. Schober.
Secretary — J. T. Fox.

Vice-Captain — F. Halsall.
Almoner — E. P. Hall.

We congratulate F. Halsall on gaining his 1st XV colours last term, and also J. T. Fox (Captain), F. Schober and P. A. A. Court on playing for the 1st XI, P. N. Walker for the 2nd XI; A. R. Walker for the Under 15's; B. H. Barfield and J. H. Entwistle for the Under 14's. A strong Senior team just failed to qualify for the final, winning two of its matches. So far a promising Junior team under the leadership of J. H. Entwistle, failed narrowly to beat Rogers in its only match.

In the Athletic Sports, the House did not disgrace itself. There were some very good individual performances, particularly from F. Halsall, F. Schober, J. H. Entwistle and G. A. Stocker who have all represented the School in Athletics matches. In Group III, both D. R. Bibby and P. H. Briscoe performed well.

The Swimming Gala takes place in the near future, and we hope the House will make a good showing. Members should make every effort to qualify, to help us gain a high place in the competition for the Qualifications Cup.

It was pleasing to see a greater response to the Charity Collection this term.

J.T.F.

WOODHAM'S

Captain — R. F. Mould.

Secretary — D. J. G. Salmon.

Almoner — R. T. K. Symington.

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

We were disappointed last term at the narrow defeat of the Junior House Rugby team in the final by Edwards', after Woodham's had dominated the later part of the game. One member of the staff said it was the closest and most exciting finish he had seen, though he had been at the school since the early days. That is surely a tribute to the two teams, who played magnificently.

The team, however, made up for this loss to some extent by winning quite decisively the seven-a-side competition for the second successive year.

This year the House won the boxing cup, absent for a few years from the house-room shelf. The standard of boxing has improved considerably this year, and offers hope for the future.

The bright spot this term has undoubtedly been our success in athletics. Although we were not top in the track events, our domination of the field events enabled us to win the Mawdesley shield for the aggregate of all competitions.

Beattie and Husband were largely responsible for this success, helped by Sharpling and Hillier in Group II and Carver in Group III. Carver still has two years left in this group. R. J. Pearce has shown us that a small boy can be a good sprinter.

Sharpling has the distinction of being the only athlete in school to break a school record this year. This he did in the 110 yds. hurdles by reducing his own record of last year from 17.5 to 15.2 secs. He also gave fine performances in the hop, step and jump and in the high-jump. Beattie won the Group I hop, step and jump, the long-jump, came second in the discus and third in the 100 yds. Husband won the javelin and the weight and was highly placed in the 440 yds., the 220 yds, the discus, the hurdles and the long-jump. These two were aided well by McManus and Lawson.

In the relays, the Group I team were first and the Group II second.

The success of the House in Athletics this year has undoubtedly been due to the team spirit shown. This is evident from the fact that last year we had seven boys in the finals, whereas this year the number was fifteen. All the boys who were in Group I finals for the House have represented the school in inter-school competitions.

The Senior House cricket team has won one match and lost two, but the juniors have won two matches convincingly, and look strong candidates for a place in the final.

D.J.G.S.

THE PREFECTS

(*"They also serve who only stand and wait"*)

There is only one room in K.G.V. named the Prefects' Room. It sits serenely amid the form rooms on the top corridor, the windows of the small, dark precincts seeming to smile with success. The easy chairs and the footrests in the corner, however, breathe of other things. Indeed the peace and tranquillity of this apartment is spoilt only by the munching of toast, the quiet bubbling of the percolator and the knocks of small boys wanting Roger.

This year has seen many innovations (new ones at that!) Tea and biscuits have proved so popular at break, that the

prefect on tea duty goes in fear of his life if he is a minute late with the "cuppa," whilst biscuit sales have averaged a tin and a half a week. We should produce some good civil servants this year. Meanwhile the rival establishment of "Stu's Havajah" has been no less flourishing. The proprietor regrets that he has been unable to serve the demands of the crowds of juniors who queue up each break, chanting "We want toast," and would like to remind you that crisps are sold only in season. Any rumours that fish and chips are sold on the premises may be traced to Watkinson.

(It is rumoured that J. K. Stuart has been seen in a period. This has not yet been confirmed).

The prefects' detention is no more. Owing to a rise in the cost of living it has been supplanted by a far more potent method called "the Tribunal," or as it is known in the Upper Vth "The — Tribunal." The miscreant is brought before the prefects in their hallowed sanctuary, and interrogation continues until, in the case of juniors, Mr. Hargreaves complains of the salt water seeping through his ceiling, or, in the case of Upper Vth formers, until the air is too blue to continue. It was due to the efforts of this body that at certain periods the powerhouse was the scene of unprecedented isolation.

It is no doubt common belief that to work in the prefects' room, apart from being unheard of, is a sin. Let us correct this defamatory statement. The sanctum is a hive of industry at all times. Dodworth, if not eating the breakfast he did not have time to have before leaving home at 9 a.m. is usually mending a puncture. Bailey, when not imparting to some luckless youth the theory of driving a car, may be heard discussing the merits of the Alvis over "our kid's" Morris. Renshaw is always screwing things in, or pulling things out, or trying in vain to justify the necessity of this adaptor or that wire. Mould may often be observed cleaning his spectacles. Sherriff King loads his six guns at regular intervals, whilst French may be heard mumbling bitterly about the advisability of not pushing ones luck, especially if one doesn't come from Birmingham. Dewhurst is usually to be found in deep, but happy conversation with Dodworth, about the more vivid details of Emil Zola. The hardest work of all, however, is done by Stuart. (At least he maintains it's harder to do nothing). We would also like to point out that, whatever else we do not know, we are all aware that nine rabbits eat as much as two sheep, and that despite the great educational value of Mrs. Dale's Diary, it is inadvisable to listen to it in the Prefects' Room.

At the time of going to print, the Prefects' 1st XI Hockey has played the High School 1st XI twice. The first

match, although only 'Arry had handled a hockey stick before, and despite the presence of a strong partisan crowd, resulted in a 2-0 victory for the K.G.V. side. In the second match, however, the team, after changing in the gardener's hut amidst hurdles, canes, plant pots, lime tins and Shaw, was held to a two all draw. Watkinson was robbed of his hat-trick by being knocked flat on his back by the opposing centre-half. Instead of giving a penalty, the referee said something about a "bully." The Prefects' 2nd XI gained a convincing 6-0 victory at the same time. We are now hoping to arrange a cricket match with the above establishment in which we are to play left-handed. To any High School Girls who may be reading this, Rothwell and Bailey are not left-handed.

(Stuart has been accused of slacking. We can't think why).

Of the twenty-nine who inhabit this room, or in the case of a mysterious George, flit in and out with disconcerting rapidity and furtiveness, twenty-two are going forth, never to return, setting out for higher things. Dodworth is leaving. Those who are to return to serve we would bid remember, "Quantum edunt duo oves, tantum novem cuniculi." For those aspiring to swell the numbers we would list the following qualifications: (1) a good tea-drinking capacity; (2) the ability to look industrious at a moments notice; (3) the ability to extricate oneself at the critical moment from those seemingly interminable arguments, which whether they be about the Alvis, the woman, Manchester United or Fruity, always seem to result in a distinct worsening of social relations.

We would like to end with the confident assertion that Brooks, having already lost one cricket ball in his hair, intends to have the same cut within the next twelve months.

Sports News

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS—1958

On the whole we have had a satisfactory season and there has certainly been competition with more schools than ever before. Some good performances have been recorded although not many school records have been broken. The team's best result was at Blackburn when we won the five-sided meeting on the excellent new Witton Park cinder-track. Most of the School team put up their best performances ever, and many of the School records were broken—but these cannot be counted as they were not set up on the school track.

Results:

1st May—

Home v. Blackpool G.S. Open: K.G.V. 71, B.G.S. 60
Junior: K.G.V. 70, B.G.S. 50

In this meeting the School team was generally superior in first-string competitors, and it was this factor which gained us the verdict. Davies and Shaw came first and second respectively in both the Open sprints.

8th May—

Home v. Cowley G.S. Open: K.G.V. 79, C.G.S. 69
Junior: K.G.V. 83, C.G.S. 99

Our sprinters were again on top in this match. Davies won both the 100 yards and 220 yards. Moore won the 220 yards Under 16, Martin the 440 yards Under 16, Hillier the Under 14 high jump and Marsh the Under 16 high jump. Burgess won both the Open discus and the long jump. Thomson, running very well indeed, easily won the Under 16 880 yards.

15th May—

Away v. Lancaster R.G.S. . Open: K.G.V. 55, L.R.G.S. 93
Junior: K.G.V. 91, L.R.G.S. 75

We suffered our first defeat in this match. The most successful School performer here was Moore. He won the Under 16 100 yards, 220 yards and the Shot. Martin again won the Under 16 440 yards while Williams won the 100 yards and Entwistle the 440 yards in the under 14 group. King won the Open javelin.

22nd May—

Away v. Clitheroe Royal G. S., Burnley G.S., Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Blackburn; Hulme's G.S., Oldham.
K.G.V. won this match.

This meeting was a happy hunting ground for the School. We ended up winners of the match and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the new Witton Park Athletic Track. The only drawback was the weather, which was most unpleasant.

29th May—

Home v. Hutton G.S. Open: K.G.V. 57, H.G.S. 80
Junior: K.G.V. 106, H.G.S. 90

In this meeting the Senior School sprinters were completely eclipsed. This may have been due to over-training

and fortunately they recovered in a week or two. In the Under 14 group, Hillier won the high jump, Hunt the 440 yards and Williams the 220 yards. In the Under 16 group, Martin won the 440 yards, Moore won the 100 yards and 220 yards, Sharpling won the high jump and Thomson once again won the 880 yards. In the Open Class our only success was gained by King who won the javelin.

5th June—

Home v. Bolton S. Open: K.G.V. 57, M.T.S. 87,
B.S. 75

Merchant Taylors

S. Junior K.G.V. 104, M.T.S. 120,
B.S. 106.

There was some excellent competition in this meeting, and some good times recorded. The successful K.G.V. boys were Moore in the Under 16 220 yards, Johnson in the 880 yards Under 16, Martin in the 440 yards Under 16, Entwistle in the Under 14 440 yards and Hillier in the Under 14 high jump.

The Athletics Team as a whole are to be complimented on their assiduous practice, many appreciably improving the standard of their performances in competition.

Finally thanks are due to the great help given at the athletics meetings after School by the boys who assisted the judges.

CRICKET

The 1st XI except for its defeat of the Staff XI, has had a rather disappointing season up to date. The majority of the games have been drawn, owing to a lack of bite in the bowling after the initial break through had been made. Fox has captained the side quite well and because of his enthusiasm the standard of fielding has been quite good. The batting has been good in patches, the outstanding performance being Brooks 41 not out v. Manchester G.S. Symington, Schober and Knapman have also batted well on occasions. Of the two all-rounders Wilson has met with most success; he must not, however, let his opinion of his cricket outstrip his performance. Whitehead has not fulfilled the promise which he showed last season. His bowling has not met with the success it has deserved, but his batting has shown a marked lack of discretion.

The 2nd XI, captained by Rothwell, has enjoyed a successful season. The side is a very young one and the spirit it has shown augurs well for the future.

RESULTS

1st XI—

- v. Wigan (H) Match drawn.
- v. Hutton (A) Match drawn.
- v. Calday Grange G.S. (H) Match drawn.
- v. Manchester G.S. (A) Match abandoned owing to rain.
- v. Stockport G.S. (A) Match drawn.
- v. Wigan G.S. (A) Lost.
- v. Staff XI (H) Won by 9 runs.
- v. Kirkham G.S. (H) Match abandoned owing to rain.
- v. Upholland G.S. (H) Lost.

2nd XV—

- v. Wigan G.S. (A) Draw.
- v. Hutton G.S. (H) Won.
- v. Calday G.S. (A) Won.
- v. Manchester G.S. (A) Match abandoned owing to rain.
- v. Stockport G.S. (H) Won.
- v. Kirkham G.S. (H) Match abandoned owing to rain.
- v. Upholland G.S. Drawn.

THE FOUNDER'S DAY STAFF MATCH

Was it a glorious victory for the school or quixotic harakiri by the staff? The question has no doubt been discussed ad nauseam over toast and tea in the prefects' den and under the smoke-pall of the staff common-room. We are content to state the facts.

The school batted first, and slowly put together the modest total of seventy-nine, both slowness and modesty being due partly to the awe of the occasion and partly to Mr. Abram's bowling.

The staff were left an hour and threequarters to get the runs. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Norris made it clear that, given unlimited time, they would have settled the match by ten wickets. But the school's bowling was accurate and the fielding keen, and runs would not come fast enough. When the opening pair had gone, the debacle started.

At two minutes to six, the staff were seventy for seven. The final over. Two of them lashed out for the runs; one was caught and the other bowled. Three balls left, ten runs to win. "The difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a little longer." But a scientist became absorbed in some problem of astronomy, and when he at last began to move with something less than the speed of light, a swift and accurate throw-in broke his wicket and the school had won by nine runs.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION

Senior:

Heavyweight—I. Rimmer (W) v. G. Watkinson.

Rimmer was awarded the contest as Watkinson was injured before the bout.

11½st.—G. Burgess (M) v. A. Buckels (R)

Burgess took the initiative from the start and kept Buckels worried. This continued in the second round when the fight was stopped in favour of Burgess after he had delivered a series of strong, well-chosen blows to which Buckels had no defence.

11st.—W. Swindlehurst (R) v. J. D. Adams (G)

The bout started and continued fast and furious, both punching hard and with the knuckle. Swindlehurst's slightly better defence just enabled him to take the first round. The second round was more "open" and again both hit hard. Swindlehurst was awarded the victory in a close contest of a very high standard of skill.

10½st.—J. Parkinson (M) v. G. Szymanski (L)

Parkinson made good use of his longer reach and avoided Szymanski's heavy, but rather wild swings, with ease. In the second round Parkinson again scored well with his straight left and won the contest.

10st.—B. Henshaw (Ed) v. P. Pond (R)

Pond had little difficulty in blocking Henshaw's right hand swings, which were the only resistance he met, and won the contest with his persistent attacks.

9½st.—J. Fox (S) v. B. King (G)

Fox started the contest with a series of rushes which King easily withstood by body-punching. The second round took the same course with King's few, but truer, punches being sufficient to give him victory.

9st.—S. McMinn (M) v. L. Pinches (W)

McMinn scored freely with good straight rights throughout the contest, keeping Pinches continually in trouble. McMinn was the winner.

8½st.—D. Salmon (W) v. G. Bradshaw (G)

Salmon, with the shorter reach, was easily able to avoid Bradshaw's only resistance, his straight left, and consequently scored well with fast, two-handed attacks. Salmon won comfortably.

8st.—A. Travis (Ev) v. D. Brown (W)

Brown took command of the fight from the start, and kept Travis worried. A good right cross to the point by Brown ended the fight in a knock-out in the second round.

7½st.—Clarkson (Ev) v. Turner (L)

Turner was awarded the contest as Clarkson was absent.

7st.—M. Wintersgill (S) v. D. Elias (M)

Wintersgill showed courage in standing up to the heavier punching Elias, but his defence was not adequate and Elias was able to score with both hands and win the contest.

Junior:

9½st.—McKenzie (W) v. Salt (L)

Both of them hit straight and often, but the punches were not hard. Neither showed much defensive ability. Salt, who is evidently right-handed, was given the decision in a close contest.

9st.—Looker (M) v. Williams (Ev)

Looker's swings, though signalled, landed successfully and gave him a lead on points in the first round. Williams fought back well, but the final decision was in Looker's favour.

8½st.—Curtis (L) v. Copeland (W)

Curtis hit frequently, but not straight, and many of the punches failed to score. His greater power and reach, however, proved too much for Copeland. The fight was stopped in the first round.

8st.—Hillier (W) v. Carter (Ev)

Hillier's longer reach enabled him to score freely to Carter's head, Carter retaliated with valiant counter attacks, but Hillier resisted these with some heavy punching. Hillier deservedly won the contest.

7½st.—Hulme (G) v. Farrar (L)

Hulme was awarded the contest as Farrar was absent.

7st.—Thomas (R) v. Newton (Ev)

The bout began with a good deal of action. Although the pace was kept up, few points were actually scored. Newton's persistent attacks in the second round met with little opposition and he was given the verdict.

6½st.—Nolan (M) v. Davies (Ev)

After a slow first round Davies attacked and won the fight with some hard hitting. Nolan's occasional counter-attacks did nothing to alter the course of the contest.

6¼st.—Green (Ed) v. Taylor (S)

Green's greater stature enabled him to land often with his left. This became the deciding factor in the match and Green was given the decision.

6st.—Wright (G) v. Bibby (S)

A rather quiet bout with Wright scoring with attacking blows and Bibby with counters. In the second round Wright, who won the fight, avoided Bibby's swings well, and scored with straighter punches.

5¾st.—Carwardine (G) v. Rawlinson (W)

Although Carwardine showed good boxing style, he was unable to keep Rawlinson out altogether. During the second round, however, Carwardine took the initiative with some good attacking punching and withstood Rawlinson's occasional rushes very well. A good bout in which Carwardine was declared the victor.

5½st.—Lindsay (G) v. Blackburn (S)

Both punched only to the head, but Lindsay's greater ability enabled him to score more frequently on Blackburn who had the longer reach. Another good contest of a high standard leaving Lindsay the winner.

5st.—Wall (G) v. Gaskell (Ev)

A bout full of action in which Gaskell landed solid punches and Wall fought back gallantly from Gaskell's onslaughts. Wall's greater efforts gave him the decision.

63lbs.—Hollis (W) v. Waldron (Ev)

Hollis attacked at the start, but Waldron counter-attacked effectively. Both of them landed a succession of very light blows. The second round took the same tranquil course as the first, and after some deliberation by the judges, Waldron was finally given the verdict.

The House Placings at the end of the competition were:

Woodham's	93 pts.	Mason's	60 pts.	Roger's	... 37 pts.
Evan's	... 76 pts.	Spencer's	59 pts.	Edward's	29 pts.
Grear's	... 64 pts.	Leech's	... 55 pts.		

SWIMMING

Captain — A. D. Redman.

Secretary — S. J. Gordon.

To begin on a gloomy note, it must be stated that the introduction of a half-crown entry fee for Life Saving Exams has produced no visible improvement in results. We still have a large number of boys entering for exams, and a high proportion of these result in failures. The Life Saving examiner, Mr. Johnson, has been very displeased with the general standard shown, and it is obvious that many of the boys take their examination without having had sufficient practice of the water-drill. Also, as in previous terms, about twenty per cent of the entrants fail to turn up for their exams. Apparently two and sixpence is of little importance to these boys.

The swimming team has done very well to date. The results are as follows:

April 30th	(A)	v. Hutton G.S.	... ..	Won	72	—39
May 7th	(A)	v. Bolton S.	... ..	Lost	28	—40
May 10th	(A)	v. Manchester G.S.	... ..	Won	48½	—27½
May 17th	(H)	v. Calday Grange G.S.	... ..	Won	67½	—25½
May 21st	(A)	v. Wallasey G.S.	... ..	Won	66	—55
May 31st	(H)	v. Merchant Taylors S.	... ..	Won	85	—29
June 4th	(A)	v. Calday Grange G.S.	... ..	Won	82	—44
June 7th	(H)	v. Manchester G.S.	... ..	Won	51½	—35½
June 14th	(A)	v. Lancaster R.G.S.	... ..	Lost	26	—55

The Seniors have blended into a good team. Of the Juniors, Shaw has done exceptionally well and Foster has frequently done well. The rest of the Junior side has done very well, and Henry and Gall show promise for future seasons.

We offer our sympathy to Parkinson, who broke his arm on Friday, the 13th of June. This may seriously jeopardize our chances in the Fylde Gala which takes place soon.

The results of the swimming team have been consistently good over the past five years as is shown by the fact that of the fifty matches swum, thirty-five have been won.

We say farewell to the Captain, Redman, who has been an inspiration to the team by his excellent swimming and good demeanour during the past two years.

S.J.G.

Journeys and Visits

TEN-DAY EASTER CONTINENTAL COACH TOUR

On April 1st, thirty-one boys left Southport at 7 a.m. with Mr. P. G. Longhurst in charge. We caught the train to Wigan and from there to London via Crewe. We had reserved seats on the trains and arrived at Euston Station at 11-40

a.m. After a reasonable underground journey we got to Victoria Station and met the Royal Masonic School party with whom we were going to spend the next few days. Mr. H. O. Blake, the co-leader of the Party was now to be in charge of the whole group, and Mrs. Blake were introduced to us and we boarded the boat train to Dover. The "King Albert" took us to Ostend, the sea was very rough and it was a bad crossing. At Ostend our luxurious Mercedes coach met us and took us to Blankenberge where we were to spend the night. The coach, and a small eight-seater Volkswagen coach were to stay with us for the rest of the holiday.

We were off to an early start next morning as we had to travel a long way to Luxembourg, where we spent the night. On the way through Belgium we stopped at Bruges, Tournai, Mons, and many other places of interest. We were very fascinated by the large storks' nests which were in most precarious positions on the tops of church roofs and other high buildings. Up to now the scenery had been long flat fields, but a change was soon noticed as we neared Luxembourg. There were more hills, and it was all much more interesting to pass through. The Luxembourg customs gave us no difficulties, as we went through without having to stop.

At 6-30 a.m. next morning we left Luxembourg to travel to Sarnen. The journey through France was quite interesting and we saw a number of cathedrals and other historical buildings. We stopped at Colmar and passed through Basle. We arrived at our destination and were served with an excellent meal.

The majority of the party spent the following morning exploring the village of Sarnen, as this was to be our headquarters for the next four days. In the afternoon we went to Lucerne which was fairly close—this really is a beautiful place. The lake, of course, was one of the main attractions, and a number of us took advantage of the low prices charged for hiring boats and went for an hour or two hour's spin. On the same afternoon we experienced one of the highlights of the tour; this was the chairlift to the summit of Mt. Pilatus which is over 7,000ft. above sea level. The panoramic view from this height was a really marvellous one, and one which I shall never forget. Because of thick snow the mountain railway up Pilatus which is the steepest in the world, was closed, and so we missed this experience.

The fifth day we spent visiting the villages nestled round Lake Lucerne. Altdorf of William Tell fame provided considerable scope for our photographers and souvenirs seemed to be much cheaper there than elsewhere. In the afternoon

and evening we were in Lucerne itself and the beautiful wooden bridges across the lake with their hundreds of paintings fascinated us all.

Easter Sunday brought many thrills. In addition to the usual rolls and butter for our breakfast we were each given a chocolate hare and sweet eggs which is the custom in this part of Switzerland. Most of us spent the morning climbing the mountains near Sarnen. In the afternoon we went to see the Reichenbach Gorge and water falls which we were told were extremely impressive. Unfortunately we did not see the actual falls because the passage way through the canyon was blocked by a fall of rocks. But to make up for our disappointment, in the afternoon we went back to the hotel to another excellent meal after stopping at the Brunnen Pass for a short time.

Interlaken and Grindewald were the two places we visited on our last day in Switzerland. The continuous rain marred the time we spent in the town between the lakes but we all enjoyed it just the same. The Grindewald stop was the best one of all. The rain had now turned to snow, but this made our visit even more entertaining. We went up the open chairlift with large, heavy overcoats provided by the company to protect us from the snow and intense cold. Higher up the mountain—which was all covered in snow—we passed over a number of people skiing. At the top, after about 45 minutes ride we found the cafe prices rather expensive. But we were well above the clouds which is a very thrilling sensation. That evening, back at the hotel we thanked the hotel proprietors and sang the "Happy Birthday" song to two of the party (Williams and Eckersley) who had had birthdays on that day.

We now had to begin the homeward journey. We made our way back to Luxembourg and had an hour to two in the magnificent city of Strasbourg. The famous cathedral with its world famous astronomical clock proved a great attraction. At Luxembourg city we saw the Royal Palace and lots of other places of interest including the Cathedral which was being prepared for the Royal Wedding due to take place in two days. We found the local Radio Luxembourg station very easy to find on the coach wireless.

The next day we left for Blankenberge. We stopped at Brussels for two hours. We went to the site of the Exhibition and were very thrilled to see the atomium and all the national pavilions ready for the Royal opening ceremony the following week. The roads all seemed to lead to the exhibition and many had been specially built for it. The grande place was most impressive. All the medieval guilds had their head-

quarters here and on all four sides there were these gold fronted buildings. We also visited the Law Courts and many other interesting places. Our next stop was Bruges at which we spent an enjoyable hour looking at some of the world famous buildings and sights of this "Venice of the North."

We were up at 6-15 a.m. next morning and after saying goodbye to the two friendly coach drivers, George and Richard, we left Ostend on the Prince Baudouin. We passed through the customs very smoothly at Dover and got into our seats on the London train. At Victoria Station we said goodbye to the Royal Masonic School Party and Mr. and Mrs. Blake. Mr. Longhurst took most of the group to Trafalgar Square and walked back along Whitehall looking up the Mall and Horseguard Parade, Downing Street, House of Commons from Parliament Bridge, Westminster Abbey and the Catholic Cathedral. At Euston we caught the 6-10 to Southport and after having dinner on the train reached journey's end at 10-35 p.m. We were tired of course, but very happy and having many wonderful memories of the tour and a great desire to go again.

P. D. SMITH, 4A

EIGHTH PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY EASTER, 1958

On Wednesday, April 2nd the nine Georgian representatives entrained at Victoria for Newhaven. The tenth member of the party (Freeman) had decided that he would rather pass the Easter Holidays in the Promenade Hospital! After a long and arduous voyage, especially for Williams who thought it suitable weather to sunbathe on top deck in the middle of the Channel (who wouldn't for 25/-?) we arrived at Dieppe, whence we departed for the metropolis (Paris, France). From the Gare St. Lazare we whisked through Paris to the Collège Stanislas, where, almost asleep on our feet, we were suddenly jerked into consciousness by the wonderful sight of an alcoholic beverage (beer) on the dining-table. That night the forty-seven students of Dortoir VI were lulled to sleep by the tuneful melodies of Smith, Whitehead and Murgatroyd, whose wide repertoire included one tune in constant request "This little light of mine."

The next day we soon became acquainted with French methods of cooking and eating. Cooking is accomplished with an over-abundance of oil, with which Symington's stomach refused to make friends. As for eating, the fingers are used as much as the knife and fork of which we were only allotted one set per meal. Thus "pommes frites" were delightfully

flavoured with "Ravoli en tomate." It was also noticeable that at lunch and dinner most students were more thirsty than usual; this was perhaps due to the nature of the table-water.

The afternoon was spent at the Louvre where we soon lost our guide, and going out by a back door, we gathered at "Le Rallye," which for the next ten days was to be "our" café. After dinner everyone made the fifteen minute walk to the girls' lycée.

It was remarkable that after each lecture our spirits and energies seemed to be at a low level. There is no need to say that all soon rectified this despondency with glasses of "vin blanc."

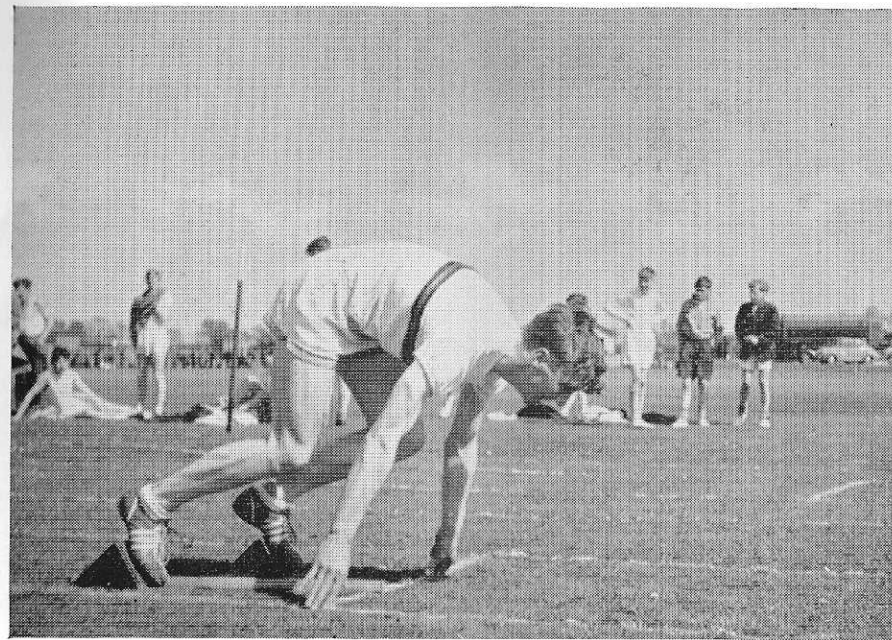
On Friday, April 4th we were conducted on a tour of the "Quartier Latin." We were enthralled by the magnificence of the Palais du Luxembourg and were greatly privileged in looking round President Coty's study and the Senate. We then walked through the rain to the Panthéon, where we visited the ice-cold, dimly lit vaults, in whose precincts lie such famous men as Victor Hugo, Emile Zola and Arouet de Voltaire. After an argument with a hostile guide, who expected a "pourboire" for his services, we decided it was time for afternoon coffee.

On Saturday morning everybody attended a reception at the Hôtel de Ville (the Town Hall of Paris) where students of several nationalities were gathered together. In the afternoon we embarked for a conducted tour of Paris, where two students, Ashcroft and Symington, decided to leave their dinner. After circling the Arc de Triomphe four times we visited Les Invalides, Eiffel Tower, Sacré Coeur and other famous beauty spots.

The Sunday morning was spent in attendance at the British Embassy Church. One member of the Southport contingent was keen enough to arise at the unearthly hour of 6 a.m. in order that he might attend 7 a.m. Communion. The afternoon was free and we decided to attend a football match at the Parc des Princes, where Monaco beat Strasbourg in the Quarter Final of the French Cup.

Monday, April 7th, was taken up by an unofficially free morning, and while half the Southport contingent journeyed to Versailles, the others watched the English Schoolboys' Rugby side draw with France 3-3.

At three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon we all "métro-ed" to Bir-Hakeim for the 400 franc trip up the Eiffel Tower. It



W. T. Keeley (Evans') poised for the start.



Edwards' team heave for victory.



A. B. Johnston (Evans) wins the mile.



A mixed Anglo-German group at the Landesheim.



The Swiss tour party photographed in Brussels.



Climbing in Skye.

seemed as if all Paris had turned out to take advantage of this reduced rate, for we only arrived at the top at 5-30 p.m. Wilson was press-ganged into throwing his brand-new pack of cards onto the Parisian populace, 985 feet below.

Wednesday afternoon was the day of the written examination and the evening was spent in the usual way.

Thursday consisted mainly of a shopping spree. That evening everyone attended the Comédie Française for the performances of Alfred de Musset's "Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte ou fermée" and Molière's "Le Misanthrope." The former was excellent and received an appropriate ovation, but "Le Misanthrope" soon had many people restless and drowsy.

Friday morning was the occasion of the Oral Examination, and in the afternoon we all assembled in the "Grand Amphithéâtre de la Sorbonne" for the prize-giving. This was the last night of the holiday and everybody scorned the "curfew" hour of 10-30 p.m.

Everybody rose early on Saturday morning and the coach drivers did their best to have a crash on the way to the Gare St. Lazare. After one coach driver had "misplaced" his licence and it had been found in a first-class compartment, the train moved off to appropriate farewell sounds. The channel-crossing was sickening, to say the least! Bowls were quickly handed round and the next four hours were marked by sounds of regurgitation. Once on terra firma again we journeyed up to London where we caught the midnight train to Liverpool, arriving in Southport by the 6-30 a.m. electric from Exchange.

We would recommend this excursion to all students of French. It is particularly beneficial for its vocabulary-increasing qualities. New phrases learnt, include: "encore du pain, de la bière, vin blanc, de l'essence" and finally "combien"!

J. Ashcroft, G. Smith, D. W. Baines, R. T. K. Symington, N. J. Murgatroyd, R. Whitehead, S. D. Partington, R. Williams, J. C. Wilson.

LANDESHEIM, NEAR HANOVER

On March 27th, at 6-45 a.m. we assembled at Chapel Street Station to begin our journey to Hanover. After an uneventful train journey to Dover, we boarded the "Königin

Elisabeth" and after a smooth four-hour voyage landed at Ostend at 7 p.m. Here the most tedious part of the journey began; a twelve-hour night train journey to Hanover. After a rather sleepless night for most of us, we arrived at 9 a.m. and were warmly greeted by our German hosts, hustled into a coach and whipped away to our temporary home. This proved to be a large house in a wood, a fair distance from any civilisation.

Our first observation of German life was the large amount of coffee drunk at meals. Everyone enjoyed this, but soon some of our party felt a longing for tea, which we bought in Eldagsen, the nearest village. This tea was expensive; in fact a mathematician in the party worked out the cost at 5/- a cup.

Eldagsen was two miles away, and no bus service to speak of, but the fatigue of going there was compensated for by visits to the Gasthaus and its liquid refreshments.

When we had settled in, we made an interesting coach trip to Hameln (Hamelin of the poem) and saw the house where the Pied Piper is reputed to have lived. On the same excursion we visited a monastery in which was a fine chapel, the altar of which was made from solid gold. On our return in the evening, Mr. Berry gave us a lively rendering of Browning's "Pied Piper."

As we soon found out, our German friends were keen sportsmen, and we had many football matches and table-tennis tournaments.

One of the main features of our holiday was "short" walks of about eight miles. On one of these, we went through a wood in which many wild boars lived. This particular excursion was rather unfortunate for Mr. Berry who got lost, but managed to find his way back none the worse. Although the Germans felt no ill-effects from these walks, I am afraid some of our party quickly tired of them, and in the end stopped about a hundred yards from the house and would go no further.

In the last five days, we separated, each boy finding himself a German partner who took him into his own home. Our group maintained contact by meeting at a fair in Hanover. Most of us went to church on Easter Sunday, which proved a novel experience for us.

Far too soon our holiday was over, and we said goodbye to our German friends. The return journey was uneventful. We met the school party which had been to Switzerland, and reached Southport quite late, cherishing souvenirs and memories.

VISIT TO CALDER HALL

On Wednesday, 28th May, three Sixth-form boys, namely Brown and Bradley, of Lower VI Sc.A and Hesketh of Lower V. Sc. B. paid a visit to Calder Hall Atomic Power Station on the coast of Cumberland.

The day was fortunately sunny and it was at about half-past three that Brown, looking through the left-hand seaward window of the train, began to bounce excitedly and, following his gaze, we discerned on the horizon the almost magical appearance of the tall chimneys of the Windscale Plutonium Factory—Calder Hall's sister plant. The bends in the railway then brought us between Calder Hall and the sea, so that on alighting at Sellafield and turning inland we were confronted by the Windscale stacks and beyond, the gleaming paintwork of Calder Hall 'A'-station, its tall cooling towers pouring the purest white steam out over the peaceful Cumbrian countryside. We were immediately struck by the modern, almost gay style in which Calder Hall had been painted. The four heat-exchangers on each reactor had been coated each with a different colour—red, blue, yellow and green, a pattern we later found to be repeated on the four 23-megawatt generators in the Turbine House.

A short walk, made even shorter by virtue of our being offered a lift in an Atomic Energy Authority car, brought us to the gate where the armed guard with the air of Eamonn Andrews asked us to "sign in." There also we met the party from Salford whom we were to accompany on our visit.

We were first taken to the Conference Room where we were treated to a forty-minute lecture on just how Calder Hall operated and we were indeed incensed to learn that its prime purpose was the production of plutonium for nuclear weapons—the generation of electricity being just a sideline. Our host then led us to the canteen where we were served with tea—the milk ban imposed on the area after the Windscale fire being fortunately lifted—we hope!

Splitting into smaller groups we were led to No. 2 reactor house and shown first the fuel preparation room. In this small chamber at the side of the reactor with only seven feet of biological shield separating us from the deadly gamma-rays we examined uranium rods as they arrived from Springfields, Preston, in their magnesium alloy casing. From there we went above the pressure vessel to where the fuel is inserted and brought out and we marvelled at the intricacy of the equipment and the cleanliness of the operation. In the turbine house we were surrounded by huge throbbing machines and

massive pipes. Finally we inspected the control rooms where the chain reaction is controlled and saw the precipitator units which automatically test samples of the coolant, carbon dioxide gas.

And so we bade goodbye to Calder Hall and arrived at Southport at an hour too near Thursday morning to be mentioned after what had been an expensive, exhausting but edifying and educational excursion.

A. Bradley

DES MEERES UND DER LIEBE WELLEN

On Monday, March 17th a small party of sixth Formers travelled to Liverpool University to see a performance of Franz Grillparzer's tragedy "Des Meeres und Der Liebe Wellen" presented by the under-graduates. The performance was admirably presented to a packed auditorium. The only bad feature was the setting, since the audience sat round the semi-circular stage as in Shakesperean days, so that when an actor turned to the opposite side of the stage it was rather difficult to hear him. Outstanding in an admirable all-round performance were Hero and Nankleros. The former never missed one of her 950 lines, while the latter spoke exceptionally clearly and precisely. The speeches of Leander needed careful attention, while Ianthe's words were barely audible. Good acting by the Priester was often spoiled by bad intonation and in definition of words. The Temple Guard spoke clearly and well, while the performances of the other minor characters, Heor's mother and father, servants and maids were admirable. Especially good was that of Hero's father, who, while imitating the voice of an old man managed to preserve clarity of speech. This was a fine and moving play well acted and well presented, and it provided an extremely enjoyable and educational afternoon's entertainment.

R. T. K. SYMINGTON.

WINTER HILL

On Tuesday, April 1st, twelve boys from 3A and 2A made a day trip to Winter Hill, near Bolton.

Those of us who lived in Southport caught the 8-20 Bolton Corporation bus, which picked up Mr. Wynne and the rest of the boys at Churchtown. After a pleasant ride we reached Chorley, where Mr. Moss joined us. We dismounted at Adlington and started on foot for Winter Hill.

During the journey, we walked past a reservoir and saw the television masts on distant Winter Hill. Then we climbed

Rivington Pike, quite a high summit, which Woodroffe from 3A and I were the first to reach. We took some photographs and descended as far as some ruins where we lunched. After lunch we explored the ruins, finding some gardens and broken statues. We stayed there for an hour and set off for Winter Hill.

It was a long walk and a strenuous climb up the hill to reach the television station. While Mr. Moss sought permission for us to go inside, we looked at the enormous masts, approximately 445ft. high. Mr. Moss was successful, and we split into two parties each under a guide.

Masses of electrical equipment surrounded us on all sides. Some of it was demonstrated to us, as was the test-card which enables you to adjust your set.

After leaving the station, we visited the scene of the aeroplane crash. We were forbidden to take any souvenirs away.

C.J.P. (2A).

SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

The following expeditions have been arranged for the end of the Summer Term:—

July 9th, 10th and 11th—Lower VA to London.

July 9th—3Y. Afternoon excursion to Hesketh Marsh.

July 9th and 10th—34 boys from 6th and Upper Vth Stratford-on-Avon.

July 9th—30 boys from Science Sixth. English Electric at Preston.

July 9th—12 boys from Modern Sixth. Liverpool Docks.

July 10th—3B. Afternoon excursion to Freshfield Dunes.

July 10th—3X and 4A. History excursion to Furness and Cartmel Abbeys.

July 11th—3A. Afternoon excursion to Burscough.

July 11th—30 boys from Science Sixth. Shell-Mex.

July 11th—UVI ScX and UV Tr.Sc. Biology excursion to Grange.

July 14th—UVI ScX. Biology excursion to Rufford.

July 14th—10 boys from VIth and Upper 5th. Snowdonia.

July 14th and 15th—30 boys from middle school. Lake District.

July 15th—30 boys from Science 6th. DeHavilland and Capenhurst.

The School Concert

A few days after this year's school concert, somebody whose musical knowledge is indisputably superior to the writer's, said that he thought that this year's had been the best concert ever. I find it hard to agree: of course, it all depends what you mean by best, but my own choice would have been the year when we sang the "Revenge." Still, it can hardly be denied that this year's performance was nothing if not ambitious.

After a spirited National Anthem, the choir and orchestra gave a much appreciated rendering of J. Owen-Jones's "He Fell among Thieves," a setting of a poem by Henry Newbolt. This composition affords plenty of opportunities to make a lot of noise, and generally speaking this was done quite successfully. But it was in the quiet bits, and especially in the last few bars, that conductor and conducted underwent their most exacting tests, and where they most especially impressed the audience. Anybody can make a noise: it takes a well-trained company to sing and play quietly.

The orchestral work was Schubert's Unfinished Symphony: it is questionable whether this was a particularly happy choice (though I can't think of a better one at the moment). It appears to be a tradition of the School Orchestra that all the strength should be concentrated in the woodwind and brass. The strings are usually numerically weak, and this year they were even weaker than usual. And there is quite a lot of very important violin music in this movement. Thus, though we were treated to some very accurate renderings of the main theme by the 'cellos, when the violins took it over the tune completely lost its significance: this was entirely due to lack of numbers. On the other hand, the woodwind was virtually up to strength, and played well. The brass was thunderous, enthusiastic, and notably self-confident.

In the second-half we went all modern, in Constant Lambert's "The Rio Grande." This was undoubtedly the most difficult piece attempted. Mr. Lord was obviously enjoying himself at the piano not least in the long cadenza. The orchestra, too, played well, better, I think, than in either of the other two items. But the most exacting and most rewarding role was given to the choir—and a very large choir it was too. The peculiar jazz-like rhythms and deliberate discords were negotiated very well: and the alto solos, which were in fact alto duets, were beautifully done.

The whole performance, indeed, gave us a very successful combination of vigour and expertise, and compared favourably with the performance which by some strange coincidence was given on the Television a few days later.

Finally, a word must be added about the Conductor. Mr. Williams, it must be remembered, is not just the man who waves the stick on the final night of the concert. He is also the man who spends two whole terms rehearsing for the concert, who has to train a choir and orchestra virtually from scratch, and who, for the whole of the spring term, spends most of his waking hours singing and thinking of the school concert.

Society Reports

THE ART SOCIETY

The society's Wednesday meetings have continued with the usual gratifying, if somewhat noisy, display of enthusiasm.

Lino block printing has been the most popular activity with some excellent results achieved at the cost of a few cut fingers and broken lino tools.

Messrs. Coupe and Pook, both of 4Y, have had the satisfaction of seeing their large murals reproduced in "Lancashire Life," and with unabated zeal have completed two further murals in the dining hall. Work on a very large scale seems to inspire these two. We feel that given time and enough paint they would cheerfully transform the whole school into one vast painting of sea and ships.

The Society went into its usual summer recess in June. When it meets again in September we should like to have more members from the middle and senior school. We are certain that there are many who would like to join but are doubtful about their abilities. To them we say that it does not matter how badly you draw or paint, if you like doing it that alone is enough to make you a welcome member.

Finally, we extend our congratulations to A. Platt, of Upp. VI Mod., who, examination results pending, has successfully competed for entrance to the Architectural School of London University and also thank R. B. W. Furness (Upp. VI Mod. 1957) for his generous gift of drawing materials and books.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman: P. H. Middleton.

Publicity Agent: J. R. Peet.

Secretary: J. T. Winpenny.

Attendance at our meetings recently has been satisfactory despite the innumerable rival attractions bred by the Summer Term. The frequency with which we had recourse to outside speakers must not be imputed to the sterility of our own resources, but rather to a desire to introduce more variety and interest into our meetings.

On February 24th, Mr. Benson gave a highly original talk entitled "The Gospel of Robinson Crusoe." He lost no time in modernizing the exploits of the castaway and showing the message which Crusoe's gradual conversion has for us today.

We were fortunate on March 3rd in having the Rev. Ian Bowman with us, to speak at one of our periodic services. The large number who attended heard a first-class address on the subject of "Truth."

On March 21st, the Rev. G. W. Hart of the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship, introduced "God of Creation," one of the well-known "Fact and Faith" series which are produced by the Moody Institute of Science in the United States.

"The Living Christ—Fact or Fiction?" was the title of our meeting on April 24th, when three members investigated the authenticity and reliability of the New Testament records of the life and resurrection of Our Lord. By means of a series of ten minute talks and a short discussion, we began to realise more fully that our Faith is built solidly on facts of history.

May 8th, being near to Ascension Day, we considered it appropriate on that day to reconsider the facts and implication of Christ's Ascension. We are indebted to Mr. Benson for leading this discussion.

In order that we might learn something about a point of view other than our own, on May 19th, we invited the Rev. E. Cahn, of the New Synagogue, Southport, to come and speak to us about Judaism. After Mr. Cahn's talk a lively discussion ensued concerning Judaism and the Jewish view of the life of Christ, and although at the end of it many differences remained unresolved and uncompromised, we are sincerely grateful to Mr. Cahn for the extremely able and courageous way in which he answered all our questions.

We hope, towards the end of term to arrange a short service which we hope will be especially helpful for those boys leaving at the end of term.

Finally, at the end of this school year, to everyone and especially to those leaving school, we would pass on the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." (John viii:12).

J.T.W.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

A split in the newly-re-formed Music Society! Can it be that the members are at loggerheads over Bop and Beethoven. No, the reason for the split is not so dreadful as it might at first seem. Since the society meets at lunch-time, the only practical way in which we can cater for members of both sittings is by holding two concerts—though not in the same week. Despite this rather unfortunate division the popularity of the society has ensured large audiences on every occasion.

The first series of recitals were given by Mr. Hankinson and Mr. Bowker, under whose auspices the society is run. Other "disc-jockeys" have been Mr. Graham, Wade, and Baines. As for the music, we have heard works by Beethoven, Brahms, Sibelius, Tschaikowsky, Holst—to mention only a few.

On the Thursday before half-term we held our first grand concert given before an audience of well over thirty boys and masters. Mr. Williams' excellent programme notes helped us to gain a deeper understanding of the works performed which included "Finlandia," the "Romeo and Juliet" Fantasy Overture, a Mozart piano concerto, and the "Pastoral" Symphony. The music, chosen by the members themselves, and a cup of tea at a reasonable price served to make the concert a great success.

Until the belated but welcome arrival of the school's new record-player, Matthews and later Mr. Berry kindly lent us their machines. We should like to take the opportunity here of publicly thanking them.

That the society has made a successful re-entry into the school is obvious: indeed so many people have wished to join, especially from the junior forms, that membership has had to be restricted to sixth and upper-fifth formers. Perhaps, as time progresses, it may be possible to form another body expressly for younger boys from this amoeba-like society.

Lastly, Platt is organising a trip by coach to one of the summer concerts in Liverpool and we hope to hold one more meeting before the term ends.

G.A.W.

G.A.W. himself must be thanked for his hard work in the Music Society. To this Society, as to all the others in which he participated, he brought an invaluable keenness. We shall miss his help when next dealing with fused lights, temperamental record-players and players of records, jugs of tea and all the other trials of a Music Society.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: D. J. Salmon.

Secretary: P. Kennedy

Treasurer: J. Belcher.

Librarian: H. C. Corrin.

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

In spite of the fact that indoor activities usually assume least importance during the summer term, the darkroom has been in as great a demand this term as in the two previous terms, particularly for enlarging.

On Sports Day, three members of the society were appointed as official photographers, and aided by the bright sunshine they obtained some good results. Some of the photographs taken are to be seen elsewhere in this issue.

This term we have had one meeting, which took the form of a talk by the Chairman on "Making Exhibition Pictures." The talk was illustrated by a series of photographs, and was intended to encourage members to improve the quality of their work.

If the enthusiasm of society members, especially junior members, is anything to go by, the Open Day Exhibition should reach a very high standard this year. There will again be a Junior Section as well as the Senior and "Events of the Year" Sections. Finally, we should like to thank all committee members for their help in running the society this year, and in particular J. W. Eaton who has diligently prepared solutions for use in the darkroom.

P.K.

THE FENCING CLUB

Members:

P. Dodworth, J. Hulm, B. King, J. R. Peet, J. E. Rowntree, R. Watkins.

Founded towards the end of Lent term by Mr. Wynne, the Fencing Club meets on Friday evenings and at dinner-time on Tuesdays in the Gym.

Membership had to be restricted to six, who, as they were all new to fencing, were first taught the grip, stance, and basic fencing positions. Of primary importance to the successful accomplishment of an attack are the lunge and the fixing of the blade on the target, which were the subjects of subsequent lessons. Simple attacks and the disengagement

and cut over, simple parries, the counter parry and ripostes taught us the elements of attack and defence. To terminate a compound attack, or an attack by *flèche*—a quick run with foil extended, or by *balestra*—a leap forward and then a lunge, a stop hit might be carried out by extending the arm on the opponent's first movement so that he runs on to the blade. The last lessons consisted of takings of the blade, attacks on the blade, renewed attacks and the graze. Members have now reached a sufficient standard for free play, and tactics are discussed and some experience accumulated.

In the Easter holidays, Mr. Kaitiff, an old boy of the school and an Inter-Varsity champion in fencing visited the club to give a demonstration. On Open Day the club is to give an exhibition of fencing with the foil.

J.R.P.

THE BEE CLUB

Chairman: J. C. French.

Treasurer: Mr. G. F. Drake.

Secretary: W. K. Jewell.

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

Since entries for the "Red Rose" went in last term the club held a very successful film show at which a 30-minute sound and colour film about planned pollination of alfalfa in U.S.A. Included in this film was a very humorous, but very concise and explicit description of the functions of each type of bee inside and outside the hive. This was the best film which the club has yet seen and we are greatly indebted to the Regent Oil Co. for lending it to us.

Several inspections have taken place this term and a super was put on which is well on the way to being filled and the club hopes for a record harvest.

Again the club failed when trying to re-queen but it is hoping for the best next time.

The number of people joining the club is small but the committee wish for more support, especially from the junior school, and they wish to point out that bee-keeping is not dangerous and only a small proportion of members get stung, usually the officers of the club. The bees seem to have taken a real dislike to the secretary and he is the only person who is stung regularly.

W.K.J.

COLLOQUIUM

Since the society's last report in the "Red Rose," two full meetings of the members have been held. Several Committee meetings have also been arranged and as a result of

these, subjects for discussion have been put forward including such items as, Scientific Humanism, Mass Media and Temperance.

The first meeting of the society in the Lent Term, was held on 14th February, when the subject chosen for discussion was the Press. The speaker for this meeting was Mr. Neil Bentley, a sub-editor of the "Manchester Evening News." Mr. Bentley gave a short address to the members, on such topics as the Press Council, and the freedom of the Press. This proved to be a popular discussion for, at that time, the Manchester United Air disaster had been given a great deal of publicity, and this particular incident was discussed very fully. This meeting was very interesting, and perhaps another meeting, the subject matter relating more to mass media might prove again interesting.

The second meeting of the term, was held on Monday, 24th March, in the Library. The subject for discussion was "Why shouldn't I have a drink?" The answer to this question was very ably expressed by Mr. Birchall, the local secretary of the Temperance organisation. Mr. Long was invited to this meeting as the Guest Member and expressed views on the subject. Questions querying the definition of temperance were asked and a good if somewhat one-sided discussion followed.

This term, no meetings have yet been arranged because of the annual G.C.E. examinations, but at a recent committee meeting, it was decided that a dinner meeting might be held at the end of this term. Suggestions were made for a speaker for this meeting, and it was finally decided that Mr. B. J. Hartwell (an old boy) should be invited to speak on juvenile delinquency.

P.N.H.

THORNLEY SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster

Chairman: P. N. Heyes.

Secretary: A. N. Buckels.

Committee: G. F. Burgess, P. Dodworth, J. M. Rawlinson.

Since the last issue of this magazine and the coming of the summer months, the society has planned several meets, the first of which took place at Easter, in the Isle of Skye. This island is reputed to be the best place for rock climbing in the British Isles, and this meet was the largest expedition which this society had yet undertaken. The menus and provisions required had all been previously worked out, and, because of the shortage of space in travelling, only necessities could be taken—apart from a "camp bed"—of course!

On Tuesday, April 8th, the party arrived and pitched camp on the shore of Loch Brittle, the remaining part of the afternoon being spent in bird watching.

WEDNESDAY:

A rock climbing expedition was planned. The routes included two parties on the Cioch West Climb (V.D.) and one party on the terrace (V.D.) Because of difficult route-finding, however, these climbs took rather longer than expected, and no more climbing could be completed that day.

THURSDAY:

The party enjoyed a sail to Loch Coruisk, and many seals were seen and photographs taken. From Loch Coruisk the party climbed Sgurr Dubh Beagh and Sgurr Dubh Mor, these mountains being rock from sea-level to 3,000ft. The Dubh-Thearlich Gap (D) was led by Burgess and all returned to camp via the Stone Shoot. This incidentally was a very quick return for certain members, as Dodworth slid down the snow for several feet, muttering to himself.

The following day, two parties completed Window Buttress.

SATURDAY:

The main ridge was our objective. Being aroused at 1 a.m., the party ventured into the darkness. Torches were found very necessary until 4-30 a.m., and the first peak of the main ridge was reached at 6 a.m., by climbing a very steep scree. The main ridge, for the most part is very rugged and magnificent scrambling. Dubh Thearlich Gap was once more encountered, and the party up to this time had made very good progress. The Inaccessible Pinnacle, also part of the main ridge was climbed, and the descent was made by Abseil. It was unfortunate, that photographs could not be taken of the Abseil, but low cloud prevented this.

At 5 p.m. on Saturday, after seventeen hours of walking and climbing, the party, now reduced to four in number, descended from the main ridge, leaving only another three peaks to be completed. This main ridge-walk climb is an extremely good test of endurance and still remains to be conquered by the Thornley Society.

The Isle of Skye left a very favourable impression on the party, but we have only nibbled at the many magnificent rock climbs yet to be completed. Perhaps this visit will have promoted enthusiasm for yet another visit to this island.

Among the other meets arranged for this term is an expedition in the school expedition week to Helyg, Wales. This is essentially a beginners' meet, and we hope all the volunteers will enjoy their visit to Wales. Another beginners' meet is also arranged for the first week of the holidays in Borrowdale, and a pot-holing meet has been arranged for the end of August. More details about these will be later however, as examinations always seem to interrupt the run of societies during the summer months.

P.N.H.

SCOUTS

Throughout the long winter evenings, the scouts have been progressing with patrol work and the passing of tests: how much they have learned will soon become obvious both to scouters and scouts, for the culmination of the scout year is drawing near — the annual camp. This event, besides uniting the patrols and the troop more closely than anything else, also quickly tests how much of theory learned in the patrol room can be put into practice. The camp this year is to be held at Skipsea on the Yorkshire coast and we are all hoping that the weather will look more favourably upon us this year than it did last.

Apart from the usual patrol work, the longer evenings this term have allowed much greater variety as regards both work and games, and some interesting and novel ways of learning scouting have been incorporated in our Friday evenings' activities.

Though the troop as a whole worked reasonably well during Bob-a-Job Week and some members did exceptionally well, one or two seem to have rested on their laurels rather too easily, and we shall expect them to do better next year.

Heyes—our one and only Queen's Scout was fortunate enough to be able to attend the St. George's Day parade at Windor, and though the Queen was unfortunately unable to inspect the parade this year the Scouts were honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh.

We hope that in the next few years we shall have several more scouts going to Windsor, but this honour can be achieved only by determination and hard-work and so we say to all the scouts — For every one test that you have passed this year, pass three next year.

THE LIBRARY

Many more books have been acquired for the shelves since the last note. Lack of space forbids a complete list, but

among the more important volumes are included the following:—Loeb editions of Tacitus, Petronius and Apollonius Rhodius; "Greek Theatre Production," by T. B. L. Webster; two books on fencing by R. A. Lidstone and Roger Crosnier; three books about birds; "Shakespeare Survey," volume 11; "British Mammals," by Maurice Burton; "Modern Publi-city," by Frank A. Mercer; and two books on Beekeeping.

We are grateful for books received from D. A. Jones and Miss C. Quantrell.

The following boys have been appointed Junior Librarians: Court, P. A., Beddows, Elliot, G. P., Greenhalgh, Raynor, Watkins.

THE LIBRARIANS.

Correspondence

The Editor accepts no responsibility for the views expressed by his correspondents.

To the Editor of The Red Rose.

Sir,

Alas! pessimist though I may be, plain sincere argument must sway your mind. In all the centuries of habitation on this earth, man has worked with the strength of one possessed to achieve one express purpose, the fulfilment of all his dreams,—self-destruction.

From the earliest awakening of his mind, man has sought as his main object in life a way to destroy others.

This century will bear the fruits of his labour. Twice already these past four decades, he has tried by two immense wars to reach his goal. He has failed, but the next time success will be as the last explosion rends this earth apart and the smoke clears. Then, and then only, will man's soul reach its fulfilment. You mock perhaps? Then let me give my prophecy.

It will start peacefully enough. The Russian block will gradually infiltrate into western trade, so strengthening its hold on the Middle East by giving help to these countries.

Under the white robe of nationalism, the communist influence will spread across the Middle East into Africa on the one hand, and India on the other; from these, to the Far East, to Italy (already on the brink of communism) to France under the slogan of Gaullism, Poujadism or just plain communism.

From there, who knows? to South America? to the Commonwealth? to all corners of the world?

At last, though communism in the trade union movement stands bloated like a balloon, no action will take place until, like a sudden storm the clouds will gather, the missiles and the bombs will fall, and "civilisation" will crush man like an avalanche.

And what would start the war? A formal declaration? I think not. Nothing but the fact that one day, on the borders of two countries, in the Middle East perhaps, one man, a soldier, trained to kill, will lift his rifle and kill another man on the other side, and from then on the world is doomed.

Yours, etc., David Greenberg (L.VY)

It should be pointed out to our correspondent that the movements of General de Gaulle and M. Poujade are both anti-communist.—(Ed.).

Prose and Verse

K.G.V. SEEN THROUGH SWEDISH EYES

You know K.G.V. is a Grammar School, and I am going to a Grammar School in Sweden too, so they ought to be the same. But they are not. The differences between my school and K.G.V. are that I have got girls in my school and class, I have got breaks between every period, I am going to school on Saturdays, and I have no preps over the week-end.

I probably have to explain this. The girls are reading just the same as I. My schoolday begins at a quarter past eight, and then I have a break for about eight minutes, after that a new period and then a break of about eight minutes. After three or four periods we have dinner break and then three periods again. At K.G.V. you have three periods without any break and then two periods. Then you have got dinner break and then three periods.

The differences are not very big, but I think it is nice with girls in the class, and I think it is too much without any break in the morning, and then three periods without any break in the afternoon. I don't know which is the best, to work on Saturday or not. I am used to it in Sweden, so I don't know what to do on Saturday. And I am glad that we don't have preps over the week-end in Sweden.

But I like K.G.V. and I hope I will do it the whole time when I am staying there. And I hope if any of you who read this will go to a Swedish school I hope you will have a nice time as I have had here at K.G.V.

PER LOFQIST.

MODERN TRENDS

The tall, lanky, stern-looking man in the black suit and bowler hat looked up from his evening paper to address his companion in the bus queue, a small, rather insipid looking gentleman, who was nervously fingering his pipe. The first gentleman read out the headline, printed in bold black type across the front of the newspaper, "Cousins rejects Elliot peace proposals."

"I don't know what the country is coming to," he remarked, "but this is a sign of decadence. When I was young, persons who entertained thoughts of elevating the working classes were regarded with a certain measure of disdain by the majority of respectable people. In fact, I clearly remember my father telling me of the uproar concerning the introduction of the Reform Bill, and I'm sure that the most ardent Whigs would have been thoroughly astounded at the train of events during the last fifty years."

The small man who was still fingering his pipe, nodded assent to everything his companion said, but a young gentleman nearby remarked that all changes had been for the better. This sparked off an argument. The stern-looking old gentleman retorted that if the train of events over the last fifty years continued at the same rate in the future, let alone if it were accelerated, the country would soon be on the threshold of doom. He added that certain power limitations should be imposed upon the Trades Unions.

To this statement the young man replied that it was only logical and Christian that the workers should receive fair treatment and not be exploited by the employers which made the stern looking gentleman reply that if the workers got half a chance, they would exploit the employers. This remark was supported by several onlookers. The stern-looking gentleman continued by saying that if ever there was a reduction in the cost of living, he was sure that the workers (devoid of understanding as they are) would not clamour for a proportionate decrease in wages.

The only argument which the young man could muster was that a situation of stability would probably never be achieved, and even if it were, the workers would do nothing which would cause any financial losses, and so re-start the wages spiral.

The stern-looking gentleman said that many of the workers were "perfect products of the Welfare State." They thought that work was a bad thing, they were prepared to live in subsidised houses at the expense of the tax-paying public.

The young man had to agree that this was so, to some extent, but thought that this was "a rather over-exploited argument of the bloated capitalists." He pointed out that 99% of the personal wealth in the country was owned by only 1% of the population, and therefore it would be a good plan if a transfer of a certain amount of money was effected.

This last remark infuriated the stern-looking gentleman who retorted that if a person worked hard and gained considerable financial remuneration for his efforts, then it was only right and proper that he should be allowed to reap the benefits of it in his later years, without threat of taking it away, so levelling him to somebody who had been prepared to idle his time away when young, but had joined a powerful union.

The pale gentleman, who had been absorbed in the discussion up to this point saw a bus approaching from down the road, and not having the will to intervene in the argument, tiptoed lightly away and boarded the bus, taking a last glance at the two gentlemen who were almost now at blows, and murmuring to himself the words of the old maxim "discretion is the better part of valour."

J. V. SMITH, Lr. VX.

TROPICAL FISH

Keeping tropical fish is an intensely interesting and simple hobby. It should be started by reading as many books as possible and studying them. The actual equipment costs less than most people would think. The items are as follows:

Tank: 18" x 10" x 10", 25/-; 24" x 12" x 12", 45/-.

Thermostat: 9/-, 25/-, 33/-.

Heater: 50w., 75w., 100w., 125w., 9/6.

Light cover: This can be bought or made, the bulb depending on the surface area of the water.

The equipment is not difficult to get as there is only one dealer in Southport and he is well-stocked.

Plants aerate the tank and one or two "musts" are Vallisneria, Saggitaria, and Colomba.

Foods are most important and a mixture of live and dried is recommended. Live foods are bloodworms, tubifex, daphnia, earthworms and cyclops. Bemax is recommended as a dried food. All food should be eaten in five minutes.

The layout of the tank is most important, and tips can be gained from Blackpool and Chester Aquariums.

The depth of a tank should never be more than 15";

Length	Breadth	Height
18"	12"	12"
24" (30)	12"	12"
36"	12"	14"

The Aquarists Society will soon be showing in the Cambridge Arcade an example of how fish can be put in the home, and will welcome all new members.

C. R. REES (3Y).

"A CITY BY NIGHT"

The sun-lit city of the day seems far removed from the same city at night. The beautiful transformation occurs when the sun has set and darkness gently slips its evening stole round the shoulders of the hard buildings. The city lights up as though some giant's hand has suddenly moved about it with a flickering taper. A hundred thousand points of light, white, red and blue, shine and glitter in the sable night.

When, in the late afternoon, the workers have left their offices and shops to go home; and when the banks and the "Old Established" companies have firmly shut their grandiose portals until the next day, the city moves imperceptibly to settle itself down to rest until the business of the following morning.

There is a lull for perhaps an hour, while the visitors are dining in their hotels and the workers in their suburban homes are also eating their evening meals. During this lull in the places which are to provide entertainment, the dirt succumbs in the final attack by a battery of vigorous cleaners.

But when these places of entertainment do open they are not filled by the people who work in the city by day. Although young people from the suburbs come into the city at night to be entertained, the cinemas, theatres, and night clubs are frequented more by visitors to the city than by anyone else. It is only at the week-end that the city workers and the people who live in the suburbs go into the city to enjoy themselves. Only in the city's recognised entertainment section—like London's "West End," New York's "Broadway," or the "Place Pigalle" in Paris—do crowds jostle each other as they make their way to the palaces of amusement. Only there can one see the twisting serpent-like line of people waiting outside a cinema showing one of the more notorious films; or gaze with rapt attention at the street vendors, the "barrow boys," whose professional cunning is strong enough to trap even the most erudite.

Apart from the cinemas and theatres, the only other part of a city which contributes to the "night life" is the "foreign" quarter. Almost all cities, because they are large centres of population, have a part which is inhabited by foreigners. To take the three cities again as examples; London's Soho, New York's China-Town, and Harlem, and Montmartre in Paris. These places have the exotic flavour that stimulates the city dwellers' palate, with the result that the inhabitants are sometimes gazed at with an almost clinical concern, as though they were beings from another planet, instead of fellow humans from across the sea.

Away from all this bustle, in the less frequented streets and alleys, there is silence, broken only by the echoing footsteps of a late walker or perhaps by the rumble of cars as they tow each other with their head lights on some nearby thoroughfare. The flickering street lamps cast deformed monstrous shadows in front of the pedestrian as he turns up his coat collar and walks a little more quickly.

After the pleasure seekers have returned home, and the clubs and public houses have vomited out their inhabitants and closed for the night, the city can sleep. Pieces of paper aided by the final night breeze float lifelessly across the streets, while stray cats roam between pavements that three hours previously had been covered by thousands of people. Perhaps the only person awake in this sleeping city is the one remaining Night Club pianist, who plays to himself in a doleful minor key while the smoke from his cigarette rises towards the roof. But soon he will realise that he is the only person awake and so the melody will cease in the middle of a phrase, the cigarette will be crushed out in the ash-tray—and all the city sleeps.

E. STEPHENS, Upper VA.

TARGET MARS

"Five, four, three, two, one, zero!" the words came through on the radio and a red ship took off from Earth to attempt a landing on Mars. The jets slowly lifted the ship up, then it began to race towards the Ionosphere. As it passed out of the Earth's atmosphere the crew blacked out; they came to half an hour later. The ship was dead on course for Mars, but there seemed to be a meteorite in the way. The hunk of rock should be moving but it was stationary. Rex, the pilot, glanced up at the heat indicator. It showed that the outer hull was nearly red hot. Rex cut the power drive and drifted; there must be some bubble of gas in the space between Earth and Mars through which they were passing, but tests showed that there was no form of any gas outside the ship, it was just the empty vacuum of space. Now they were more than three-

quarters of the way to Mars. Rex turned the ship over, cut power and switched on the side rockets to turn the ship round so that the base of the ship was facing towards Mars. As the ship began to fall, Rex switched on the landing rockets. The rate of falling was cut down. Suddenly a red light flashed up in the roof of the ship, which meant that the outer skin of the ship was melting.

Beneath the ship a patch of dust was swirling below the rocket jets. Rex switched off all jets but it was too late. The ship was melting fast. Suddenly there was a vast explosion and the ship was reduced to atoms which fanned more dust on the surface of Mars.

G. R. MILLWARD, 3B.

A REASON

Is life in this dark world worth all the strain,
The strain of fear, and after, blasted hope?
The numbness that affects our searching brain
As whirling vortex sucks us down life's slope?
For was man really meant to toil, and sweat
His life away, in scorching sun's hot eye?
His pleasures few, but in this desert, yet
He strives to live, to live? but why not die?
Why should men aimless want to work and live
When wants so many, yet deserts so few?
Why does he struggle, naked, just to give
An impetus to old ideas, none new?
The reason lies in hope of God's domain!
A hope that makes life always worth the strain.

C. R. C. BEDDOWS, Lr. VI Mod.

REFLECTIONS ON THE NECESSITY OF WORK

What is the use of slaving till we die?
Why should we work when life is given to men
To laugh, and love, and learn, and sleep, and then
To pass away from earth and reach the sky
Having enjoyed their mortal days? Oh why
Should we be tied to irksome labour, when
The sun is shining, and the poets pen
Is lifting all the human souls up high?
To work is to achieve an aim, to hit
A goal. We cannot idle life away
Without ambition; and to reach a goal
Which we have set ourselves, we have to put
Our paltry strength and tired wits each day
Against the world; and work, and slave, and toil.

R. M. GREENHALGH, L. VI M.

AND THE FOOLISH MAN BUILT . . .

The foolish man built his life upon steel,
a cartel, and a combine,
the rickety shorings of factories,
with the crash and wrench of machinery
twice minutely,
year in and year out.
His life and his living were built upon people,
ant-like, microbic,
for a man was the weaker machine
of his monstrous plannings.
His nerves were iron, steel, twice-tempered,
and cold stone his judgement,
compact and strataless.

But
steel snaps,
iron breaks,
stone shatters,
and the life of a house of cards crumbles
to industry.

R. WATKINS, L. VI M.

SNOW ON THE APPLE TREE

The clouds crowd down on the late winter evening,
Lying along the sky
Like tired hounds stretched across the hearth
When the fire is dead.
The once stern line of division
Between earth and heaven,
And northwards between sky and sea,
Is softened by snow mists.
That hover across the lower parts of the dark sky,
O'er the threatening blackness a white veil,
That creeps into the shadows
And tints the whole, flat aspect white,
White, as far as I can see,
Close on my view
An old apple tree rears into the darkness,
Its top twigs are scarcely thicker than a hair,
But straight, and frozen,
They stand stiffly upwards, and all lined with white,
Every branch is adorned with many snowflakes
Weaving like a pattern,
And splitting the darkness into many patches
That stare through,

They stare from behind their bright enclosures,
Dull and leaden.
One snowflake is forced upon my mind,
I cannot help but see it,
It fell from the top small branches,
And drifts down, past the dim eyes of the darkness,
Falling this way, and that way, turning on the breeze,
Dropping downwards, slowly, any way,
Towards the similar ground, the white ground,
Where it is swallowed
Into invisibility.
The tree of life
Is like the old apple tree,
And as the snowflakes build upon the branches
So our thoughts build on the branches of living,
An idea of help, or of a kind action,
These are the things that build;
Like the snowflakes there are many of them,
But are they accomplished,
The idea of help, and the kind action?
Now and again one falls from a branch,
It is accomplished and we are pleased,
But it falls into the long, flat, similarity of human actions,
And disappears.
None see it, no one, no one save the mighty one,
Yet enough that he sees and is pleased.
See, another flake falls from the old tree
Slowly into the snow,
And once more, slowly, another one,
Again, again, again.

R. WATKINS, L. VI M.

THE FIRE ENGINE

§ Did you see the fire-engine go dashing down the street?
Did you hear the pattering of tiny children's feet?
"Fire! Fire!" the cry goes up, "Ma Riley's is ablaze!"
The fire casts out its ruddy glow into the evening haze.

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§ Did you see the firemen grim, upon the engine bright?
Did you see the fire-engine come dashing through the night?
"Hurrah! Hurrah!" the people shout. "Hurrah for the
firemen bold!"
The firemen fight for many hours, the raging fire to
hold.

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§ Did you hear that lingering cry for help from up above?
Did you see that sweating fireman, drawing on his glove?

"The maid! The maid!" the people shout, "the maid
is trapped aloft—
"Can't you see that crimson blouse, so velvety and
soft?"

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§ Did you see the steaming jets directed at the fire?
Did you feel the black drenched soil, as slipp'ry as a mire?
A cry goes up "The maid is saved, Ma Riley's maid
is saved!
The officer of the Brigade the treacherous blaze has
braved!"

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§ Did you see the blackened faces with the glittering eyes
Did you ever see a blaze of such a wond'rous size?
But at last the fire is out, the flame no longer grips,
And the firemen, every one, a steaming "cuppa" sips.
P. J. WOODROFFE (3A)

Old Boys' Section

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

- R. B. Hughes (W) (1948-52) has been elected Liberal representative for Craven Ward on the Southport Borough Council.
- Rev. G. B. Kendrew (L) (1927-35) has pastoral charge of 3 Methodist churches around Whalley in the Clitheroe (Wesley) Circuit.
- S. H. F. Johnston (M) (1921-27), who is Senior lecturer in History at the University College of Aberystwyth, has recently had a book published—"The History of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 1689-1910".
- M. J. Malcolm (M) (1933-37) is Sales and Executive Training Manager for Consumer Marketing Section, Remington Rand International, New York.
- A. Pennington (G) (1928-35), who is in the Department of Education of the University of Durham, has received a grant from the Gulbenkian Foundation and has been released for a year for research in Teacher Training Courses in various types of Technical Colleges in the Northern region.
- D. E. Sutton (Ev) (1947-53), student of the School of Architecture at Liverpool University, has been working for a year at Munich designing new buildings, and has found time for ski-ing in the Bavarian Alps and trips by motor-scooter through Central Europe.

AN OLD GEORGIAN IN CYPRUS

The following is an extract from a letter written to Mr. Wakefield by 2nd Lt. A. T. Williams, now serving in Cyprus. The writer was School Captain in 1955-6.

More or less confined to camp, it is surprising how completely one can lose touch with the situation, and it will require some concentration to become conversant with the latest trends. One of the more difficult details is the large number of organisations, proscribed and permitted, which litter the scene. With the normal student, trade union and agrarian organisations, with the Pancyprian Union of Democratic Women even, one feels fairly comfortable, but when it comes to the Nationalist Service for Countering Communist Opposition, and another group which may be a Nationalist attempt to split the left wing or a Right Wing splinter group from the Left Wing (no-one has yet decided which) it all becomes rather complicated.

It is a great pity that the majority of soldiers out here have never had the opportunity to meet the locals, and brand them universally as "wogs." The village communities in particular can be very friendly, and the people very charming. Even a short time ago, when four of us went on a tour of the island which our B.C. later classified as completely mad, we found people, though perhaps more cautiously so than usual, extremely pleasant and hospitable. Although the majority of villages sported a flag to each house and many slogans, only one or two, like Rizzoharpasso in the isolated "pan-handle" area, appeared hostile. In others a general impression of antipathy was belied by the friendliness of individuals.

The extent to which a crowd can go in its demonstration of its feelings, however, was graphically shown in Nicosia last night. The picture of the anonymous enemy seems to have triumphed over the fact of amicable personal contacts. Yet all this, I suppose, is a commonplace of such situations, and the only solution the incredibly difficult one of building up and restoring confidence. Normally, no doubt to our shame, we never think of such things, but jump into our trucks and dash out as ordered.