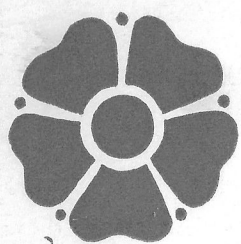


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## Editorial

Everybody is acquainted with the parable of the talents, but do we all put its teaching into practice?

As you will know, the man with five talents represents those rare people who are particularly gifted in many different spheres. The man with two talents is the type of those who are not quite so brilliantly versatile, but who excel themselves in more than one way. They are much more common. But the man with only one talent represents those millions who are outstanding in only one way, be it playing cricket or making tea.

Think, very carefully, of yourself, and try to pick out your own talents. You may find several fields in which you stand out; or, on the other hand, you may think, after careful self-examination, that you have no outstanding ability at all.

If you fall into this last category—and some people think they do—may we suggest that you try your hand at something which seems quite foreign to you, and which seems out of your scope. For example, you may never have tried photography; but if you make the effort and join the Photographic Society, you may soon realise that photography is your talent. Your school calendar lists the many societies which you may join; and if you feel that your range of interests is small and limited, you have the means to broaden it right at your feet. Please do not act like the man in the parable, who was frightened of using his one talent. There is no harm in trying, and you will offend neither yourself nor anybody else if you try your hand at something and realise afterwards that it is not your particular gift.

Finally, we would make one plea to all our readers. If, during these holidays, you find yourself at a loose end, why not try writing something, a story, an article about something which interests you, or even a poem? Then, when you go back to school next term, hand it in to any of the "Red Rose" Committee, whose names you should find somewhere in this issue, and ask for it to be considered for publication in next term's "Red Rose."

We are becoming increasingly worried by the all-too-common attitude of "Leave it to somebody else," and would remind you that this is the "Magazine of King George V School." We want YOUR comments, ideas and opinions on any subject you can think of. You may find that your outstanding ability is writing, but you will not find out until you try.

There must, in a school as large as ours, be some budding writers, and we should merely like to see your talents blossoming in the pages of your magazine.

D.M.R.

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The Editor of the next issue will be Mr. J. M. Grindle.

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.

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

## Important Dates

Autumn term begins	.. .. .	8th September
Half term	.. .. .	28th, 29th, 30th October
Autumn term ends	.. .. .	22nd December

## VALETE

Grundy, A. D., 1953-59.—Gear's, L6Modern, G.C.E. (04) 1958.

Capes, R. G., 1955-59.—Woodham's, L5Y. Colt's XI Colours 1957-8 (Capt. U14 1958), Junior XV Colours 1957-8-9.

McMath, A. J., 1957-59.—Leech's, 3a.

Wilson, R., 1957-59.—Rogers', 3X.

Mars, M., 1959.—Evans', 3Y, School Orchestra.

## SALVETE

P. C. Atkinson, C. R. Campbell, D. A. James, J. N. Pinnington, D. M. Prue, A. J. Reid, S. F. Warner.

## School Notes and Recent Events

We welcome two new masters this term. Dr. C. G. Hadley has taken over as Head of the Modern Languages Department. He was educated at Halesowen Grammar School and St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and later had a year at the University of Aix-Marseille, France, as a Rotary Foundation Fellow. He comes to us from the King's School, Chester, where he was also Head of the Modern Languages Department.



Mr. R. E. Rimmer is the new Head of the Music Department. He is a graduate of the Royal Schools of Music and did his training at the Royal Manchester College of Music. He is also an excellent cricketer. The 1st XI were able to appreciate the quality of his bowling in the Staff match on Founder's Day

The Annual General Meeting of Parents on the 11th May included a Careers Convention as in previous years. The following very kindly gave their services—

Mr. H. R. J. Bascombe. Careers in industry for the non-scientist.  
Mr. Bascombe is Assistant Staff Manager in Imperial Chemical Industries, General Chemicals Division, Liverpool.

Mr. A. V. Cunliffe. Careers in Law.  
Mr. Cunliffe is a Solicitor and is Deputy Coroner. He is an Old Boy of the school and is also a member of the Governing Body.

Mr. D. P. Hamilton. Scientific careers in the atomic energy industry.  
Mr. Hamilton is Training Officer with the Industrial Group of the Atomic Energy Authority at Preston.

Mr. F. Rushton. Careers in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering.  
Mr. Rushton is Apprentice Supervisor at the De Havilland Aeronautical Technical School, Letchworth.

Mr. E. H. B. Sellwood. Careers in Industrial Chemistry and Pharmacy.  
Mr. Sellwood is Chief Chemist with Bob Martin's Ltd.

At this meeting the Rev. T. T. Williams resigned from his post as Parents' representative on the Governing Body as his son is leaving school. Mr. Williams has been a very good friend of the school for the last 7 years and has become well known both to staff and boys. We have much appreciated his interest in the affairs of the school and would particularly like to thank him for his able judging in the Inter-House Boxing competitions.

At the same meeting the parents elected the Rev. W. F. Cox, Vicar of Holy Trinity, as their representative on the Governing Body for the ensuing year.

The school has received a generous gift of a Ship's Clock from Mrs. McIndoe of Birkdale. This clock has been mounted on the wall of the Library where we have badly needed a clock for many years. We much appreciate Mrs. McIndoe's kind gift to the school.

The collection this term was taken for "The Children's Country Holidays Fund" and a cheque for £11 1s. was sent off in May.

The Old Boys' Association have held several events in the past few months.

A Dance was held at the Queen's Hotel on the 7th March, and the Annual Dinner at the Masonic Hall on the 20th March. The annual Rugger match against the School was held on the 24th March, and the result was a victory for the School by 19-3. On the same day an innovation was a Badminton match in the evening and this was much enjoyed by both the School team and the Old Boys' team.

We were again fortunate with the weather for Founder's Day. The Cricket match was a draw, the 1st XI scoring 114 for 7 dec. and the Staff 64 for 4.

It has been decided to make certain changes in the "Red Rose" for future issues. One of the most important of these is that starting next term the Magazine will be published at half-term instead of the end of term. This will enable us to publish the complete results for instance of all Cricket and Swimming matches shortly after the conclusion of the season, whereas at present these results have to be split between two issues.

It is very much to be hoped that in its new form the Magazine will attract more and better original work by boys. The School Magazine provides an opportunity for the publication of such original work which is of great value to those who make use of it.

## The Marsden Memorial Prize

The subject of the Marsden Memorial Essay this year was "The Study of History." The Committee has decided to divide the prize between P. H. S. Hadfield and J. T. Winpenny.

### EDWARDS'

"Amici Usque Ad Aras"

Captain—R. Williams

Secretary—N. H. M. Freeman

Almoner—J. T. Winpenny

House Prefects—R. P. Aldred, D. Town, J. G. Matthews

This school year is a turning point in the composition of the House. For the next few years there will be few sixth formers and thus it has been interesting to see in which fields our juniors' prowess lies.

For the second year running the junior rugby shield will adorn our wall; the team under Bambroffe did very well to win a close and exciting final. The Junior cricket team has so far managed to hold its own; under the captaincy of Miley, it has lost to Leech's and defeated Grear's. The senior cricket team, captained by Aldred, has won one game after drawing their first and then losing to Grear's.



Athletics and swimming have been followed with very little enthusiasm, and our sympathy must lie with Matthews, and with Maxwell and Derbyshire for their unrewarded endeavour.

We are sorry that the amount raised for the Children's Holiday Fund was well under the standard set in previous years.

To those who are leaving we wish the best of luck no matter where they go, and trust that their participation in House affairs will prove to have been valuable experience.

N.H.M.F.

### EVANS'

#### "DISCE PRODESSE"

##### "Learn to be of Service"

**Captain**—T. A. Holland

**Vice-Captain**—C. W. Wattleworth

**Secretary**—J. Huxley

**Almoner**—C. C. Ashley

**Prefects**—J. M. Rawlinson, P. Dickinson, J. Ball

In the Athletics Sports, T. Holland, one of our two representatives in group one, gained 2nd place in the shot and 3rd place in the discus. In group two J. Holmberg was 1st in the 880 yards, the hurdles and the long jump; whilst A. Travis was 2nd in the 880 yards. Williams in group three came 1st in the 100 yards, the 220 yards and the shot; and in group four Carter managed to get into three finals, but unfortunately had to miss them through illness. In addition we won the senior tug and the groups two and three relays—gaining 2nd place in the Pariser Cup competition and coming 5th in the overall classifications. J. MacLachlan and J. Holmberg are to be congratulated on their organisation of these events.

In the school athletics team we are ably represented by Holland, Holmberg, Keeley, Williams and Hunt.

Under the captaincy of T. Holland the Senior House Cricket team has drawn with Edwards', lost to Grear's, and beaten Rogers'; whilst our junior team, in the one match so far, has also beaten Rogers'. T. Holland is also a member of the School 1st XI and we have Keeley, MacLachlan and Rostron in the 2nd XI and Bateman in the Under 15 XI.

In conclusion the House would like to wish all those who are leaving at the end of term success and happiness in their chosen careers.

C.P.B.

### GREAR'S

#### "Labore atque ludo"

**Captain**—B. King

**Secretary**—D. C. Thomson

**Almoner**—G. D. Bradshaw

**House Prefects**—J. C. Wilson, S. J. Gordon, A. Halsall, F. A. Wright, B. T. Wright, D. Ripley

This term the House makes its ultimate efforts to regain the Jubilee Cup. The Senior cricket team, under the captaincy of Wilson, has reached the final, with three easy victories; indeed several players have

not been called upon to bat as yet. The House is also well represented in the School Cricket 1st XI, Wilson, Knapman. 2nd XI Billing (capt.), Farquhar, Wright, B. T., Halsall, Thomson, Jump and Ostick.

Although we did not win any trophies in the Athletics Sports, the House by no means disgraced itself, and our thanks are due to D. C. Thomson for his enthusiastic captaincy.

S. J. Gordon, the swimming captain, is as keen as ever this term, and a large number of junior boys, have qualified thanks to his persuasion. Thus we have a very good chance of winning both the Qualification and Life-Saving Cups. The Swimming Sports are yet to come, and we extend our best wishes to Foster who almost alone must bear the weight of several Senior events.

G. D. Bradshaw induced the House to give £1 12s. to the Children's Holiday Fund, not an outstanding sum for such a worthy cause.

Finally we wish the best of luck to all members of the House involved in external examinations this term, and urge all boys to greater industry in the classroom, if not for their own sakes, then for the sake of the House and the Jubilee Cup.

R.T.J.

### LEECH'S

#### "Ad Unum Omnes"

**Captain**—H. Brooks

**Secretary**—B. Murphy

**Almoner**—P. J. Aughton

**House Prefects**—R. Watkins, D. S. Partington, A. Platt

Whether or not we shall win the Jubilee Cup is, at the time of going to Press, still unresolved, but at least we still have a reasonable chance of being the first House to do the "hat-trick."

It is not an unusual custom for good chroniclers of House achievement to look back (often in anger); I shall look forward (in hope).

We are very fortunate in that our Juniors are all very enthusiastic and for the most part quite able. We are fortunate also in that the House Prefects have spared no effort in fostering this ability and enthusiasm. The Juniors who served us so well this year should (if they resist the notorious apathy of Middle and Upper school) form the strong Senior teams which we visualise in two or three years' time. Moreover, only the Lower school qualify for the honours list, and our holding the first place in this for nearly three years has determined the location of the Jubilee Cup since 1957.

Our successes in the Sports were more unusual that the sun which shone on them. They were our first for eight years. Once again our strength lay in the Junior section, and Partington and Watkins, our chief coach and organising genius respectively, deserve great credit for their hard work and the knack of finding ability where it was not thought to exist. This knack did not extend to cricket, for the Senior team, captained by Brooks has no reward save the consolation of the Olympic Games motto "it is noble to win, but nobler to lose honourably."

Swimming has never been our strong point, but this year our very young captain, Henry, despite difficulties, is having the sort of modest success which may well be a happy prognostic of greater things.

To those leaving we express not only the hope that they will succeed in future life, but also our profound gratitude for their services to the House.

B.M.

### MASON'S

**Captain**—D. Baines (and Capt. of Cricket). **Secretary**—P. A. S. Hadfield

**Athletics Captain**—G. Burgess

**Almoner**—D. Brown

**Prefects**—C. R. C. Beddows, R. M. Greenhalgh, A. Moister,

J. M. Parkinson, P. V. Rogers

From the welter of competitions this term brings with it, Mason's has (to date) emerged with moderate success—best exemplified by our overall position of fourth in the Athletics Sports though we did contrive to finish runners-up in the field activities. There were, moreover, a number of laudable performances, outstanding being those of Burgess in group one; of Martin in group two; of Plumb in group three and of Marshal in group four. Our Junior Tug team and our Junior Cricket XI have been fortunate though only one match has yet been played. A dispiritingly crushing defeat of our Senior XI has, however, been countervailed by a win so that the results of the remaining matches will be followed with keen interest. Swimming Captain Parkinson has employed all his powers of persuasion to overwhelm the brazen insouciance of many potential contributors of points in the Qualifications competition—we are so far second—and we entertain a certain amount of gratified optimism about our chances in the Swimming Gala. Our deprecations of the House's attitude towards the charity collection are becoming deplorably trite.

Finally we wish success to all examination candidates and hope that all leaving will rapidly surmount all possible difficulties and strike out for a future bright with promise.

P.A.S.H.

### ROGERS'

**Captain**—D. Shaw

**Vice-Captain**—P. D. Pond

**Secretary**—J. A. Fleetwood

**Almoner**—K. S. Milne

**Prefects**—A. N. Buckels, J. Hulme, J. W. Eaton, D. M. Raynor

The first main event of this long and extremely crowded Summer term was the Athletic Sports. In this the House acquitted itself extremely well, and in the final positions was well placed, third. Special mention should be made of the performances of Day, Moore, Shaw D., and Thomas B., who scored double figures in points for the House. Shaw D. and Moore acted as co-Captains, and we must also congratulate Shaw on being appointed School Athletics Captain.

Cricket has not been a strong point in the House this term. The Seniors again under the Captaincy of Fleetwood lost all their three games. The Juniors, led by Grice and coached by Fleetwood, narrowly lost to Evans. In school teams we are represented by Fleetwood and Hulme in the 1st XI, Raynor 2nd XI, Fogarty Under 15 XI, Grice Under 14 XI and Burgess Under 13 XI.

At the end of the term is the Swimming Gala, and in this the House has a very good record. Shaw D. and Shaw R. are co-Captains, and they have been holding practices and encouraging the younger boys to qualify.

The House charity collections were again disappointing, raising only £1 3s. 7d. It would be a good idea in the future for a target to be set which could be aimed at.

At the end of this term are the G.E.C. examinations which are the culmination of many years' work for a number of boys. To these and also to those leaving school we wish every success.

J.A.F.

### SPENCER'S

*'Virtute ac Diligentia'*

**Captain**—T. Fox

**Vice-Captain**—D. Palmer

**Secretary**—B. V. Smith

**Almoner**—J. K. Wintersgill

**House Prefects**—J. M. Bibby, P. Elliot, A. Court

Our first duty must be to congratulate the Senior team on their fine performance in the Sevens competition. They played extremely well to reach the final and, though narrowly beaten by Grear's, they never gave up trying.

Last term we again finished well up in the Honours List. We would congratulate all those who contributed towards this, but, at the same time, would express the wish that this standard be maintained.

In the Senior Section of the House, the Cricket XI, under the captaincy of Fox has played well. The first match against Woodham's resulted in a win for Woodham's by 100 runs to 27 runs. In the second match, Spencer's scored 79 runs, Cameron having the top score of 19, and the opposing side Mason's scored 46 runs. In this match there was outstanding bowling by both A. Court, 5 for 8 and T. Fox, 4 for 23.

The Junior XI lost narrowly against Woodham's. Spencer's scored 42 runs (Bibby 14, Moore 14), and Woodham's 45 for 8 in which Woodcock took 4 for 9 and Bibby 4 for 16.

Our representatives in school teams this term are T. Fox in 1st XI, Barfield, Captain of Under 15 and Rimmer in the Under 14.

Swimming has been very disappointing this term and only six boys have qualified. It is hoped that we will be able to put up a good show in the Swimming Gala. We regret that our swimming captain D. Gregson leaves us at the end of this term.



We take our farewell of a number of Senior boys this term, and in thanking them for their past services we wish them every success in the future. To those who will return next year may we exhort them to carry on the good work, to support their House in all its activities, making a special effort to offset the loss of those who have contributed to the success of the House in the past.

B.V.S.

### WOODHAM'S

**Captain**—A. N. Beattie

**Cricket Captain**—R. T. K. Symington

**Secretary**—H. C. Corrin

**Almoner**—J. A. Sage

**House Prefects**—Hyde, Husband, Dyson, Bradley

The Summer term is one of bustle and activity; the cold gloom of Winter has given way to the golden warmth of Summer; the muddy, scrambling melée of rugby has been superseded by the more leisurely green and white ritual of cricket; and months of preparation culminate in the creaking silence of the examination room.

The Senior Cricket team, under the energetic captaincy of Symington, have so far won all the matches played. The Junior team under Carver, however, cannot boast such a spectacular achievement. On Sports Day the House maintained its tradition of success and thanks largely to the efforts of Beattie, Husband, Sharpling and Carver, the Mawdesley Shield and Rimmer Cup remain to keep the picture of Mr. Woodham company. Hyde's "optimism" will be put to the test in the Swimming Gala at the end of this term—but the large number of entrants portend success here.

And now those of us who have completed our sojourn here are leaving, "Tomorrow to fresh woods, and pastures new"; and with you who remain we can do no better than leave those immortal words of Sir Henry Newbolt—"Play up, play up; and play the game." H.C.C.

## The School Concert

It can be said with some degree of certainty that had it not been for the almost fortuitous arrival on the academic scene of Mr. D. Massey, with his boundless enthusiasm and energy, in his capacity as temporary music master, the 1959 School Concert would never have taken place. He was with us for the duration of the Lent Term only; yet, within the space of those few short weeks, Mr. Massey had built up a sufficiently strong choir and orchestra to give a concert that was, if not the most eminent, certainly the most enjoyable ever to have been held within the hitherto sacred precincts of the School Hall.

The opening number was an arrangement of "Angel Voices Ever Singing" by the Rev. E. Vine Hall, sung by the **Choir**. It was unfortunate that the soloist, M. W. Sharpling, should have been slightly

nervous, but this was perhaps only to be expected before an audience of about 600. The rest of the anthem was sung very well, however; entries were crisp and on time, and the harmony was especially pleasing in the quieter passages—which really were sung quietly, and consequently with a tonal quality that was superb.

"**Three Pieces for Orchestra**" was the second item; these were Offenbach's popular Barcarolle from the "Tales of Hoffman," an Air and Rondo by Purcell (popularised by Britten, but still enjoyable), and Walford-Davies' "Solemn Melody." Unfortunately, harmony in the louder passages was almost non-existent, while the quieter passages were handled very nicely; the violins, as always, interpreted "fortissimo" as a cue for them to go sharp.

Clearing their throats, the **Staff Quartet** then assembled before the piano, and it soon became evident that this was to be the Star Turn of the evening. Messrs. Hankinson, Honey, Dixon and Grindle sang firstly the old English Air, "A Farmer's Boy," arranged by Vaughan-Williams. Mr. Grindle's rich and resonant bass was more than offset by Mr. Hankinson's (intermittently) prominent tenor, while Messrs. Dixon and Honey struggled manfully to keep up with the pace set by the other two. The arrangement of "Bobbie Shaftoe" by Whittaker was sung to the accompaniment of notes from the piano and gales of enthusiastic laughter from the audience, who were by now thoroughly enjoying themselves—as no doubt were the members of the Quartet themselves. Great and prolonged applause indicated how popular this item had been.

Coleridge-Taylor's Valse Suite, "Three Fours," for pianoforte was played very pleasantly by M. Goodridge, despite awkward dribbles of applause from the audience in the wrong places. Goodridge's playing maintained an excellent standard throughout, though perhaps he was even more at home in the more spirited passages.

The **Junior Choir**—volunteers conscripted by Mr. Massey from the 3rd forms—seemed a little apprehensive before such a formidable audience, but they settled down to give a delightful rendering of "Summer Rain" by Stanford, and "April Showers" by Marchant. All remained on time, too, despite the fact that few were watching the conductor.

**Chamber Music**—Mozart's Piano Trio No. 5 in G—was played by Mr. J. W. Lord, B. Partington and J. R. Smith, and played superbly: the Rondo was especially exhilarating.

After a prolonged but well-earned tea interval, the **Choir** reassembled on the stage to give a lively and well-balanced rendering of Easthope Martin's "Fairing." Harmony here was again excellent: there were no "ragged" openings, diction was clear, and the whole was enchanting.



The Staff Quartet received a great ovation before they even started to sing, and the audience's eager anticipation was far from vitiated by the rollicking songs, "Three Jolly Welshmen" and "Old King Cole," arranged by Sampson and Forsyth. The audience drowned the songs with waves of laughter and old boys rolled helpless in their seats, seeing their former pedagogues in this unusual and much less dignified rôle: the First Tenor struggling manfully to keep in tune with the rest of the Quartet, who were also struggling manfully to keep together. The huge applause and cries of "Encore!" (which were not ignored) indicated that this was easily the most popular performance of the evening.

After the hilarity of the Staff Quartet, the audience was sobered with part of **Beethoven's Trio No. 1 in E Flat**. Once again, this was a superb performance, and the sharp-as-mustard precision of the three players was a delight to hear.

The "Senior Choir" then sang the negro spiritual "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and the seventeenth century "Golden Slumbers." G. D. Bradshaw, the soloist in "Swing Low," while lacking resonance on the top notes, had a more satisfying bass tone lower down. The harmony in "Swing Low" was spoilt somewhat by an annoyingly prominent tenor; but "Golden Slumbers" was much better—the tonal quality and harmony throughout were much more evenly balanced.

Then came what to my mind was the most excellent performance of the evening: Robertson's "All in the April Evening," sung unaccompanied by the Choir. The lighting was cunning; it diminished as the song progressed, representing (in a variety of colours) the advancing dusk, and to this darkening background the Choir sang with a precision of diction, breathing and entry that suggested hours of careful practice. Every word could be heard distinctly, every singer was together, both for coming in and coming off, the crescendoes and diminuendoes were precise and effective. Altogether a truly superb performance.

The Orchestra finally rounded off the Concert with three more pieces: "Melody in F" by Rubinstein, part of the second movement of Dvorák's "New World" Symphony, and a Norwegian Suite, arranged by Hansen. The lonely, melancholy atmosphere of the "New World" movement was put over very effectively, especially after the more spirited "Melody in F," while the Norwegian Suite went with a swing, ending the Concert on a very lively note.

Once again, grateful thanks must be given to the High School for their much needed assistance in the string section of the Orchestra, and congratulations extended to all who took part in a Concert which will probably be remembered, not only for its excellence, but also for its variety and spontaneity.

H. C. CORRIN.

## Sport

### CRICKET RESULTS

#### 1st XI

- v. WIGAN G.S. (H.)—*Match drawn*.  
Wigan 72 for 7 dec. (Wilson 4 for 39; Baines 2 for 15)  
School 37 for 2 (Fox 16).
- v. STOCKPORT G.S. (H.)—*Match drawn*.  
Stockport 79 for 6 dec. (Holland 2 for 19; Brooks 4 for 21)  
School 73 for 8 (Knapman 26; Wilson 14).
- v. MANCHESTER G.S. (H.) *Won by 27 runs*.  
School 96 (Marsh 29; Knapman 26)  
Manchester 69 (Holland 5 for 12; Tasker 3 for 36).
- v. WIGAN G.S. (A.)—*Lost by 6 wickets*.  
School 28 (Holland 9; Fleetwood 7)  
Wigan 30 for 4 (Holland 2 for 15; Tasker 2 for 14).
- v. CALDAY GRANGE G.S. (A.)—*Won by 6 wickets*.  
Caldy Grange 114 (Tasker 5 for 17; Fleetwood 3 for 27)  
School 116 for 4 (Brooks 63 not out; Hulm 28).
- v. SOUTHPORT & BIRKDALE C.C. (A.)—*Lost by 3 wickets*.  
School 136 for 6 dec. (Brooks 46; Wilson 24)  
Southport & Birkdale 138 for 7 (Holland 3 for 31).
- v. KIRKHAM G.S. (A.)—*Match drawn*.  
Kirkham 154 for 4 dec.  
School 124 for 5 (Hulm 75 not out; Brooks 15).
- v. A KING GEORGE V STAFF XI—*Match drawn*.  
School 114 for 7 dec. (Brooks 24; Fox 20)  
Staff 62 for 4 (Mr. Abram 26; Mr. Gale 22 not out).
- v. LANCASTER R.G.S. (A.)—*Won by 5 wickets*.  
Lancaster 108 (Wilson 6 for 24; Baines 3 for 20)  
School 112 for 5 (Knapman 34; Brooks 25).

#### 2nd XI

- v. WIGAN G.S.—*Won by 10 wickets*.  
Wigan 19 (McLachlan 4 for 5; Keeley 4 for 9)  
School 20 for 0.
- v. MANCHESTER G.S.—*Lost by 43 runs*.  
Manchester 98 (Keeley 2 for 5)  
School 55 (Billing 15; Thomson 14).
- v. WIGAN G.S.—*Won by 55 runs*.  
School 68 for 8 dec. (Halsall 30)  
Wigan 13 (Thomson 8 for 1; Wright B. 2 for 0).
- v. CALDAY GRANGE G.S.—*Won by 6 wickets*.  
Caldy Grange 32 (Thomson 5 for 7)  
School 33 for 4 (Jump 16).

v. **ARNOLD SCHOOL**—*Won by 9 wickets.*

Arnold School 14 (Keeley 4 for 2; Beattie 3 for 2)  
School 15 for 1.

v. **LANCASTER R.G.S.**—*Match drawn.*

School 127 for 8 dec. (Wright B. 54; Farquhar 24)  
Lancaster 45 for 9 (Fleetwood 4 for 8).

v. **CHETHAM'S H.S. 1st XI**—*Match drawn.*

School 103 for 5 dec. (Marsh 52 not out)  
Chetham's 16 for 9 (Keeley 4 for 0; Tasker 4 for 9).

The side, well led by Billing, has enjoyed a very successful season so far. There have been some very good individual performances, but the main reason for the team's success has been the excellent team spirit which has developed as the season progressed. The fielding has been good, Rostron in particular doing some very good work. Of the bowlers Keeley has met with most success, with Thomson also doing well. The batting has not been really tested but there have been some good individual performances. Most of the team will be returning to school next year and so the prospects for next year's 1st XI look quite promising.

R.A.

## THE U14 XV

v. **CALDAY GRANGE G.S.**—*Won by 3 wickets.*

Calday Grange 96 (Carver 5 for 25; Kirkman 4 for 26)  
School 102 for 7 (Whiteside 47; Blundell 16 not out).

v. **ARNOLD SCHOOL**—*Won by 8 wickets.*

Arnold School 8 (Kirkman 6 for 7; Carver 4 for 1)  
School 9 for 2.

v. **LANCASTER R.G.S.**—*Won by 60 runs.*

School 123 for 8 dec. (Moore 67; Whiteside 20)  
Lancaster 63 (Kirkman 5 for 18).

v. **CHETHAM'S H.S.**—*Won by 41 runs.*

School 98 (Rimmer 27)  
Chetham's 57 (Whiteside 5 for 10).

As the results show, the side has enjoyed a very good season up to date. In all the games they have shown a very aggressive spirit which has been pleasing to see. There have been two batting performances worthy of mention—Moore's 67 v. Lancaster and Whiteside's hurricane 47 in the first match. Kirkman, although his action is not what one would like, has bowled with remarkable accuracy. Carver has, like most bowlers of his age, attempted to bowl too fast, and has not done quite as well as he might. Whiteside and Blundell show signs of becoming quite good spin bowlers. The ground fielding has been sound and very few catches have been dropped.

R.A.

## BOXING REPORT

### Results of the Inter-House Boxing Competition

4½ st. Junior:	Pearce, A. W. (W.) v. MATHISON, I. W. (Ed.)
5½ st. Senior:	SWIMER, N. H. (M.) v. Hollis, M. R. (W.)
5 st. Junior:	Chadwick, I. P. (R.) v. DOLMAN, D. J. (L.)
7 st. Senior:	Standring, R. W. (L.) v. YOUNG, P. M. (L.)
5½ st. Junior:	Eckersley, I. R. (L.) v. MARSHALL, C. S. (M.)
7½ st. Senior:	Samuels, R. P. (R.) v. McLEAN, A. (L.)
5½ st. Junior:	REID, J. C. (R.) v. Wall, T. W. (G.)
8 st. Senior:	PINCH, E. E. (W.) v. Ostick, D. G. (G.)
6 st. Junior:	Nightingale, T. A. (Ed.) v. MEAKIN, J. L. (Ed.)
8½ st. Senior:	Wattleworth, C. W. (Ev.) v. WINTERSGILL, M. (S.)
6½ st. Junior:	LINDSAY, R. J. (G.) v. Beaumont, P. K. (G.)
9 st. Senior:	Turner, J. G. (L.) v. ELIAS, D. G. (M.)
6½ st. Junior:	Burns, R. F. (M.) v. ELIAS, R. J. (M.)
7 st. Junior:	Hunter, D. J. (Ev.) v. WRIGHT, A. S. (G.)
10 st. Senior:	POND, P. D. (R.) v. Elliott, G. P. (S.)
11 st. Senior:	HALSALL, A. (G.) v. Parkinson, J. M. (M.)
8½ st. Junior:	Bateman, T. G. (Ev.) v. WOLFENDEN, A. (S.)
9½ st. Junior:	Huckle, J. E. (W.) v. PLUMB, A. C. (M.)
10½ st. Senior:	GRIME, J. D. (M.) v. Fox, J. T. (S.)
12 st. Senior:	Jerram, C. W. (Ed.) v. BURGESS, G. F. (M.)

### The points awarded to each house were:

Edwards' .....	36	Mason's .....	70
Evans' .....	20	Rogers' .....	25
Grear's .....	44	Spencer's .....	30
Leech's .....	56	Woodham's ....	21

The name given in block capitals was the winner of the bout.

## SWIMMING

**Captain**—J. M. Parkinson

**Secretary**—S. J. Gordon

The results of matches swum to date are as follows:—

H. v. Manchester G.S. ....	Lost	36-42
A. v. Bolton S. ....	Lost	33-61
H. v. Calday Grange G.S. ....	Won	93-28
H. v. Hutton G.S. ....	Won	48-40
A. v. Wallasey G.S. ....	Lost	64½-67½
A. v. Manchester G.S. ....	Lost	30½-57½

So far the team has had a lean time. However, most of the remaining matches are easier fixtures. Parkinson, Burgess, Foster, Shaw (R.) and Gall have all swum consistently well.

An encouraging feature this term is the keenness and talent of the first formers. As a result, our first year relay has been highly successful. There has also been much fiercer competition for the Qualifications and Lifesaving trophies. Three houses in particular have been responsible for this—Evans', Grear's and Mason's.



Perhaps it would not be out of place in this report to emphasise two points about swimming. Firstly, it is vitally important to train seriously; too often swimmers rely solely on strength, and if they have to swim more than fifty yards their deficiencies in style and stamina become only too obvious. Secondly, although swimming is generally associated with summer weather, it is necessary to swim during the winter if one is to be fit for School matches at the beginning of the summer term. Don't forget that though it may be cold outside, the water and the atmosphere inside the baths is very pleasant; and swimmers will never catch colds after leaving the baths if they dry themselves thoroughly. Remember, as well, that of all the sporting activities in the School, swimming is the one that may be carried on the longest: eighty-year-olds hardly ever play rugger or cricket, but many swim regularly. S.J.G.

### SCHOOL BADMINTON

During this season, Badminton has undergone a revival, and the enthusiasm of Mr. Lord has been well rewarded by the School's increasing interest in the game. Through his efforts, the School team has been engaged in seven matches, of which five have been won and two narrowly lost. The spread of Badminton to other schools in Lancashire holds promise of more fixtures next season. The team has shown enthusiasm in its matches, and a notable feature has been the refusal to yield when losing, even by a large margin. Sheer persistence has led to victory in games which appeared lost, and this, together with skilfully disguised shots, and the fact that, owing to the absence of D. Thomson, a full team has been fielded in only one match, makes the team's performances most creditable. At first pair, D. Raynor (capt.) has been partnered by J. Wilson and once by D. Peddar; A. N. Beattie, B. Murphy and A. Halsall have interchanged at second pair; and the third pair has been chosen from M. Billing, D. Peddar, D. Palmer and J. Hulm.

Results:—

Jan. 30th	v. Wallasey G.S. (h.)	.....	Won	8—1
Feb. 18th	v. Wallasey G.S. (a.)	.....	Won	7—2
Feb. 27th	v. King Edward VII, Lytham (a.)	.....	Lost	4—5
Mar. 11th	v. Hutton G.S. (a.)	.....	Lost	4—5
Mar. 13th	v. Lytham G.S. (h.)	.....	Won	5—4
Mar. 19th	v. Old Boys (h.)	.....	Won	5—4
			D.M.R.	
Apr. 24th	v. Hutton G.S. (h.)	.....	Won	6—3

## Society Reports

### ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Chairman—R. T. Jump

Vice-Chairman—J. M. Smith

Secretary—A. J. H. Mercer

Committee—Mr. Moss, B. Partington, D. N. Sharpling, J. R. A. Smith

This term we have had two lectures from well known astronomers. Firstly, on the 11th May, having postponed it from the preceding

Monday, the Senior Lecturer in Physics and Astronomy at Manchester University, Dr. Ring, gave a lecture on "Modern Developments in Astronomy." In this he described the ways in which the electromagnetic waves from stars are collected and used to deduce measurements and some properties of the stars. He also gave the advantages and disadvantages of radio astronomy as opposed to visual astronomy.

Our second lecturer was Dr. Barocas, of the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory, Preston, who spoke on "The Sun and its Effects on the Earth." He dealt with sunspots, the corona and chromosphere of the sun, and total eclipses. Of the effects on the earth, Dr. Barocas pointed, as the main ones, electrical storms and the fading of short wave wireless owing to solar flares. A number of slides were shown as illustrations of the main points of the lecture.

Both these lectures were well attended, and it is hoped that this will continue.

We have one more meeting this term which will be addressed by Mr. Moss.

To end on a practical note: obviously during this time of long days and short nights, there has been no viewing from the telescope, but it is expected that during the Winter months, there will be some "public nights." A.J.H.M.

### THE BEE CLUB

Chairman—W. T. Jewell

Vice-Chairman—B. J. Woodcock

Secretary—E. Taylor

Treasurer—Mr. G. F. Drake

At last we are able to report that the School's colony has been able to survive the winter and is now well on the way to becoming a fairly strong stock. Unfortunately, the vicious element which was prevalent last season has once again begun to rear its ugly head. Mr. Drake has already been stung several times, although the bees are not really vicious yet.

The School Bee Club has recently been presented with a fine W.B.C. hive by Mr. Stuart, a member of the L.B.K.A. This hive is in excellent condition and, thanks to the woodwork of B. Woodcock, has been made into an extremely good home for a stock of bees. The hives have been painted by Hanlon, Gorse and Woodcock. Mr. Hanlon has very kindly contributed some material for covering the hive roofs. By the time this issue comes into print, we will have had the school exhibition, with some honey, we hope.

May I once more appeal to the younger members of the school to come and join our club. This term we have had two new members. Unless we get some new blood into the society, the Bee Club will cease to exist in a few year's time E.T



## CHESSE CLUB

The First Team has had a moderately successful season, coming seventh out of fifteen schools in the Wright Shield competition, but our performances against such strong schools as Calday Grange, Bolton and Wallasey show that we lack all-round playing strength and ability as yet.

The Second Team, after two initial defeats, settled down very well and performed creditably even against First Teams.

The First Team has been drawn from Williams, King, Wilson, Greenhalgh, Fox, Symington, Sage and Blank, while Grime, Parker, Lloyd, Cohen, Canter, Emanuel, Halsall, Sallin, Sirotkin, Haberland and J. D. Pickard have played for the Second. I am grateful to all these for their efforts during the past year, with particular thanks due to Williams, the captain, and Sage, the secretary.

A change will be made in the running of the Club next term. Except when the House Competitions are on, there will be no Monday evening meeting since the dinner-time sessions give ample opportunity for play.  
J.C.

## CHESSE RESULTS, 1958-59

### FIRST TEAM

#### WRIGHT SHIELD

	F	A
v. Rock Ferry H.S. (H.)	4½	2½
v. Holt H.S. (A.)	2	5
v. Liverpool Institute (H.)	3½	3½
v. Merchant Taylor's S. (A.)	4½	2½
v. Wallasey G.S. (H.)	1	6
v. Bluecoat S. (A.)	6	1
v. Calday Grange G.S. (H.)	0	7

#### "SUNDAY TIMES" COMPETITION

v. Bolton S. (A.)	1½	5½
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#### FRIENDLY MATCH

v. Southport C.C. (H.)	4	10
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### SECOND TEAM

v. Liverpool Institute (H.)	1	6
v. Maghull G.S. 1st (H.)	3	7
v. Merchant Taylor's S. (A.)	5½	1½
v. Wigan G.S. 1st (H.)	6	1
v. Wigan G.S. 1st (A.)	4	3
v. Maghull G.S. 1st (A.)	5½	4½

Senior House Champions: Gear's.

Junior House Champions: Evans'

## CHRISTIAN UNION

Chairman—J. T. Winpenny

Secretary—P. J. Aughton

Quite a number of interesting meetings have been held since our last report was given, and the attendance at the meetings has risen considerably.

One of the most interesting meetings was the one held at the beginning of this term when Father J. Collins, of St. Joseph's R.C. Church, spoke on the Catholic point of view. A number of very varied and controversial questions followed, including divorce, racial segregation and symbolism.

Late last term a testimonial meeting was held when two of the Junior members of the Union gave their testimonies and thanksgivings.

A Brain's Trust was also held last term, when Mr. Lord, Mr. Berry and Winpenny answered a variety of questions shot at them by the gathering. The subjects discussed were again numerous and included the authority of the Bible, proof of Christ's existence and justification by prayer.

Many more interesting and exciting meetings have been held this year and on the whole the attendance and spirit has been very good. As the Secretary, I want to ask those boys staying on next year to give the Christian Union your earnest consideration. You will learn a lot about the Faith, you will hear other people's ideas and you will perhaps give a little more time to God.  
P. J. AUGHTON (Sec.)

## THE FENCING CLUB

Maitre d' Armes—Mr. A. C. Wynne

Members—R. Watkins (Captain), B. King, J. Hulm, D. Blundell, G. Z. Szymanski, R. Williams

At the end of last term the Club held a return match with the Southport Fencing Club. Both teams fought extremely well, and in this evenly matched contest the School was narrowly defeated by 8 bouts to 6.

On the 27th May, we held our first fixture with Queen Elizabeth's School, Blackburn. The School team fought valiantly against experienced, well-trying opponents who displayed considerable skill both in technique and timing. The result was a victory for Blackburn by 10 bouts to six. In spite of the Club's defeat, we feel that the members gained some valuable experience from the match, and we eagerly look forward to crossing swords once again with such worthy adversaries.

As most of the members will be leaving School at the end of this term, next year will see a new team of fencers lunging, parrying, riposting across the gymnasium floor. We wish them every success in their new venture.  
R.W.

## LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

**Président honoraire**—Mr. A. C. Wynne

**Président**—D. W. Baines

**Secrétaire**—R. T. K. Symington

**Comité**—K. S. Milne, A. Moister, J. C. Wilson, D. C. Thompson,  
D. Rayner, J. Hulm

Le "Débat en Ballon" a eu lieu le 26 mai. Plusieurs membres du Cercle qui se trouvaient dans un ballon avarié se sont disputé avec éloquence : car il fallait qu'un de ces aéronautes intrépides perdît la vie dans l'intérêt des autres. En effet on doit présumer que la gravité de cette situation et la fortitude des ballonniers en présence d'un si grand péril ont bien séduit l'imagination, tant l'assistance était nombreuse.

Le 7 juillet, on a présenté un programme de deux films française intitulé "Crin Blanc," histoire charmante et sentimentale au sujet de l'affection d'un petit garçon pour un cheval, et "La Vie de Balzac," biographie de cet écrivain célèbre du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle. Désormais on espère présenter un tel programme une fois par trimestre, ce qui devrait plaire non seulement aux grands mais aussi aux petits.

R.T.K.S.

## JAZZ CLUB

As this is the first report of the Jazz Club, our remarks must be confined to a mere narrative instead of serving as an answer to our more acrimonious and conservative critics.

Fortunately the powers that be ignored the pedantic editorial which appeared in last December's "Red Rose" and granted permission for the Club to be formed under the guidance of Messrs. Grindle, Lowe and Wilks with the help of Messrs. Massey and Rimmer—to whom we are deeply indebted.

Thus the Club came into being, paying little heed to the vitriolic threats of some of the more straight-laced members of the opposition party. We have managed to convert one formerly strictly classical music lover from the staff into an enthusiastic Miles Davies fan, while the two schools of "Trad" and "Modern" that exist in the Club are gradually coming to an understanding. Not, however, our elder sister, the Gramophone Society.

Since the middle of last term, members have listened to the styles of Jelly Roll Morton and the M.J.Q., Muggsy Spanier and Gerry Mulligan, Chris Barber and Dave Brubeck, Humphrey Lyttelton—in all phases—and Clot Baker to mention only a few, with Caribbean rhythms and jug bands thrown in for good measure.

Among the staff whom we must thank for records are Messrs. Lowe, Wilks and Simpson—but unfortunately the last two mentioned have now returned to their havens of rest, Oxford and Liverpool Universities respectively—and among the boys, Town, Partington, Holland, Sim and Stephens. Thanks also must be given to an old boy, J. Ashcroft—

formerly of Roger's—who during a fortnight's welcome leave from the Army, presented two programmes about the origins of Jazz and the "roaring twenties." In addition we should like to apologise to Henry, of 4Y, for causing him great inconvenience by our having overlooked one of the rules of our constitution.

We have had a successful and enjoyable beginning, and in closing can but hope that the future sixth-formers of K.G.V. prove as enthusiastic and as broad-minded as their predecessors, and that the Jazz Club will move from strength to strength. N.H.M.F.

## LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**President**—Mr. Steane

**Chairman**—C. P. Baird

**Secretary**—J. A. Fleetwood

**Committee**—D. Grime, D. G. Nind

At the end of last term a new society, known as the Local History Society, was founded by Mr. Steane. Its objects were to hold meetings at School, when different speakers would be invited to lecture on suitable topics, and to hold expeditions on Saturdays to places of interest in Lancashire.

The first meeting was duly held on April 21st, when R. Watkins was invited to talk on "The History of Martin Mere." About 50 members were present to hear Watkins give an interesting and informative talk on a subject in which he has undoubtedly done much research and field-work.

On May 2nd, the first expedition went by coach to Lancaster. Many places of interest were visited, including the castle, the museum, the Priory and Parish Church of St. Mary and the old quay.

A fortnight later, on May 16th, another expedition, this time by bicycle and bus, made its way to Rufford. An enjoyable afternoon was spent rubbing brasses in the Church and viewing the Old Hall. Another similar expedition set out on May 30th to visit Ormskirk and Halsall parish churches, where some brass rubbings were secured. The final expedition will go by coach to Astley Hall and Hoghton Tower on June 13th, but this occurs too late to be reported on.

It is hoped that further interest in the Society's activities will be aroused by the exhibition to be held in the Library on Open Day, whilst a programme of talks for next term is being prepared J.A.F.

## THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

**Chairman**—D. Partington

**Secretary**—A. Bradley

**Committee**—J. W. Eaton, G. Matthews, D. Palmer, J. E. Sephton,  
M. A. Scott

Education knows no obstacle and the hard-working Secretary of the Railway Society, feverishly "swotting" for G.C.E. exams., has hardly a moment to spare in which to write this report, and therefore asks readers to pardon its brevity.



**March 3rd**—J. W. Eaton gave a lecture on "The Midland Railway," illustrated with maps and pictures from the epidiascope. His talk was bright, interesting and exceptionally well-informed.

**April 21st**—Mr. H. W. Hardy, from British Railways led a discussion on British Railways' Freight Services. Unfortunately the attendance at this meeting was poor, partly due to the "secret police" tactics of a member of the staff who "persuaded" members to attend a meeting of another society.

**May 5th**—A Film Show had no attendance difficulties with films about electrification and freight.

Finally, the Secretary would like to thank all those who have helped the Society this year—Mr. Jones, who kindly projected the films; D. Partington for his attractive publicity; the energetic and hard-working committee; and Mr. Hodnett for his invaluable assistance at all times.

## SCOUTS

The hope expressed in our last report that with the approach of the lighter nights the activities of the Troop would become more varied, has been fulfilled. It was decided to offer a prize of seven shillings and sixpence to the patrol that collected the most money during Bob-a-Job week, with which books should be bought. The average amount obtained per Scout in the Troop was in the region of twelve shillings, and the prize went to Otters.

One Tuesday evening at 6-10 p.m. each of the patrol leaders was contacted by phone and told to bring his patrol down to the Sea Cadet hut on the Esplanade as soon as possible to search for some magnetic tape containing secret information which had been dropped by an enemy spy while making a hurried escape. The first patrol to appear were Lions, in the patrol leader's father's car. The bicycle of a member of the patrol picked up en route was projecting dangerously from the boot, and from inside the car came murmurings of: "I've not done my homework yet," "What a crackpot scheme!" and "I'd only just got in from a cricket practice," in treble voices, and "I've not had my tea; I've only been in a few minutes from the office," in a bass voice from the driver. This patrol were soon successful in finding the tape and had plenty of time to complete homework. Others, however, were not so fortunate: one boy was taking the dog for a walk on the shore when his house was contacted, another was on a public park playing soccer, another was on the Haig Avenue football ground (he was not successfully contacted), and yet another cycled nine miles looking for his patrol leader. The result was that Scouts were still arriving at the Esplanade two hours after the initial call. Each Scout who appeared, however, was suitably rewarded with a bar of chocolate. From accounts penetrating the walls of the patrol rooms the following Friday, however, several parents were not so easily reconciled (perhaps because they did not receive the bars of chocolate).

The turn-out for the Whit camp for new recruits was particularly fruitful. Practically half of the Troop spent the nights of Friday and Saturday (15th, 16th May) under canvas at the School field. All enjoyed the experience. Several important points were realised, not only by the new recruits but also by the old hands, perhaps most important of all that if breakfast can be prepared and therefore cleared early there seems to be twice as much time for everything throughout the rest of the day. This, of course, means that every minute does not seem to have to be spent doing chores. A full afternoon was spent on a game of cricket and a tent was re-proofed.

We can only hope, now, that we shall be equally fortunate during the Summer Camp which, this year, is to be held near Thirsk in North Yorkshire. This is not a new site for the Troop; it was used a few years ago when the nearby lake was more greatly appreciated than the tent. Can we... dare we expect the same again? Read our next report for the answer.

In preparation for an Open Night for parents and friends of members of the Troop, the Scouts themselves decided that the evening should be divided into patrol exhibitions, tea and biscuits, a series of patrol sketches, talks by the S.M., Mr. Linck (the D.C.) and the Headmaster (a Vice-President of the Local Association) and a Camp Fire. The evening ended with Troop prayers. The Scouters feel they must congratulate the Troop on the effort put into the entertainment. The Headmaster, who kindly consented to judge the exhibitions finally awarded the prize to the Eagles. The tea and biscuits were ready on time, and the sketches, if showing a marked dependence upon television, were presented in an original way. The troop was complimented on its singing by Mr. Linck. There were about sixty-five parents present and the Scoutmaster would like to thank the parents for taking such an interest in the Troop and turning up in such good numbers.

During the evening Mr. Long mentioned that the idea of a separate home for the Troop had been raised again and that he was hoping to organise several functions in the near future in order to raise funds for this end. By the time this report is published the first of these functions will have taken place—a coffee morning, to be held in the Little Theatre on Saturday, 20th June, between 10-30 a.m. and mid-day.

A quotation for these huts has already been received from Mr. C. Warwick, M.C. He was a member of the School Troop at one time and we take this opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as A.D.C.

Several badges have been taken this term especially by Horton, who, this time, has passed his First Class First-aid and Emergencies, Highway Code and Mapping and has successfully taken the Handyman, Swimmer and Despatch Rider Badges. To the remainder of you, we say: Use this as an example.

Patrol meetings have been held at the S.M.'s house on various occasions. It is hoped that this system will be extended and that the patrol leaders will hold meetings for their patrols on their own account.



Other innovations are a test timetable, the splitting up of test work between the S.M. and one A.S.M. and preparations for the institution of a Senior Patrol next September. The first of these is designed to be a guide as to how each Scout is progressing. It also allows for tests to be taken at the most suitable times: for example Trees will be prepared for at the end of the Spring term and the beginning of the Summer Term. It also allows for a division of labour by the Scouters, who will each take certain tests, and thus enables a concerted attack to be made. The last of these three innovations is designed to enable Scouts over 15 years old to progress more quickly and effectively than under the present system. There will be certain conditions for entry: (1) The Scout must be over 15. (2) He must have only retake 2nd Class and Journey left in 1st Class. (3) He must attend at least fifty per cent. of the Senior Troop meetings in the town. (4) He must pass a selection committee for suitability.

Finally, as to the question of recruits, there has been a reasonable number of new faces round the patrol rooms this term but there is always room for more. If you have read this report, have found the activities mentioned to be interesting and are not yourself a scout, come along and try it. You never know, it may be just the interest you have been looking for. Come along any Friday evening after 4-45 or see Mr. Johnson or Mr. Long during the week.

## PREFECTS' REPORT

### REFLECTIONS

The door did not slam rudely in my face as usual but swung open lazily at a touch revealing a tastefully appointed room. The large french windows facing me framed a picture of the spacious green lawns and their guardian poplar trees. Slanting light cast by these windows lay on the top of the heavy oak table, which on closer inspection presented intricate carvings. Around this large table sat an assortment of period chairs, house-room collapsible type chairs, rocking chairs, uncomfortable chairs, Governors' chairs and chairs. On the left above the open hearth fireplace hung a hyperbolic paraboloidal shaped mirror. Above this was a portrait of a nice Old Boy, a playwright, I believe, who wrote the immortal line associated with a teapot and its contents. The other three walls rested on bookshelves, some of which contained books. In the far corner a spare table was piled neatly. From the tall ceiling two magnificent naked chandeliers were suspended above a floor thickly carpeted with one of Williams' army surpluses. This is the Prefects' room at 5-30 p.m. when all is quiet and day is done. I staggered wearily into the room, sank through a backless chair with a sigh and mused over the events of the day . . . . .

The school had begun as usual, in the morning. Winpenny, the Economist and the Guardian arrived first, the others later. At about 9-15 a.m. the prefects dispersed to their respective classes; some

remained, however, to study. A pregnant silence was soon destroyed by Symington, a person as popular as any game secretary. Surrounded by correspondence he suddenly jumped up, holding his head, screaming that next year's 1st XV had four fixtures on the same day! Aldred looked up, gave a quiet chuckle, and as the echoes died away heads nodded once more.

At a quarter to ten Brooks arrived. The inevitable weather-beaten query came: "High tide to-day, Harry?" But our Harry drowned any further remarks about his beach house with a watery stare, but did not attempt to explain why he had condescended to visit school. A hush descended momentarily when a small youth was seen in the doorway. It was R. (I.T.V. Williams, the proud owner of a flawless automobile that could only be rivalled in antiquity by Pond's motor cycle.

As the day progressed the prefects assumed a more informal attitude. Murphy was laughing to himself as he reclined on the tallest locker and Court smiled knowingly. The impressionist painter, Partington (a trained spotter) excitedly told of the time he had caught a glimpse of Eaton but Freeman seemed unconcerned and browsed through the corset advertisements in the "Times." For several periods during the day Watkins sat in the centre of the room, on a chair facing the mirror, with his head severed from his shoulders by a towel. He was having his hair cut by Burgess, who used a pair of scissors procured from the Art Room. Rawly did nothing but eat tinned fruit, no doubt to prove his mettle. This carefree happiness did not infect everyone. Wilson looked worried and was not his normal garrulous self, one could only suppose that he was having pecuniary difficulties. Shaw came in fresh from lording over 4Y, concerned because he could not fill an athletic coach. His pleas were answered for all by Fox who, resting from screwing open his locker, said that he would love to go if he could afford it, if he liked athletics, and if he did not have a 1st XI game to watch.

It was six o'clock and time to go home. In retrospect, despite the occasional accident, this was a typical day. All the boys were well behaved, probably because the prefect is now an even more impressive sight with his black necktie which sports a Lancashire red rose at varying distances from the chin, depending, of course, on the chin. Gordon, however, in agreement with most masters, believes that pupils should not be supervised. Boys, he says, can be trusted. This, the "Trauts Modrog Theory," I thought, might be employed next year with success, for success always follows prefects in school. I hope that it will continue to follow those who are freed this term.

## International Section

### THE JOHN ADAMS JOURNAL

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of an American contemporary, "The John Adams Journal," from the John Adams High

School, Cleveland, Ohio, to whose Editor we in turn have sent a copy of "The Red Rose."

The contrast between these two publications is so striking that it is worthy of comment. The format of the "Journal" is that of a newspaper, with headlines ("Up'n Adams," "Jack reports on the Sports," "Conaway hurls Lincoln Shutout"), and inset photographs of contributors. John Adams is a mixed school, in sex and in race, and the "Journal" reflects an abundant vitality and zest. There are photographs of the review "Babes in Toyland," a letter complaining that while tryouts are held for girl cheerleaders, the boy drum-major is appointed; an account of the school's hospitality to a Liberian boy. There is even what appears to be an advertisement from a Mortician (or Undertaker). You will search in vain for intellectual subtlety or literary artifice, and you might be forgiven for finding the "Journal's" colloquial platitudes tiresome.

How do we look to John Adams? Dull and pretentious, perhaps? Taking ourselves too seriously, with our lengthy review of "Murder in the Cathedral"? The fact is, of course, that "The Red Rose" and "The John Adams Journal" are doing two quite different things, and representing schools which have two quite different approaches to their task. The John Adams High School aims primarily at welding a society, at integrating heterogeneous elements into a happy, vigorous and cohesive whole. "King George V" aims at training bodies and minds, but especially minds, which can deal with the technical and intellectual problems of our age. To understand that difference is to bridge the dangerous gap that sometimes opens between the minds of Britain and the United States.

(EDITOR.)

### A SWEDE SEES ENGLAND

If I were asked where I would like to live, in England or in Sweden, I should actually not be quite certain what to answer. Only a couple of years ago, I could not possibly fancy living anywhere else but in Sweden, but now, having been away from home for such a long time, I have changed my mind to some extent. This is probably due to the fact that I have now for the first time been able really to compare my home-land with another country.

To start with England as a country. I think it is much too crowded to be really nice. Overcrowded countries are not often pleasant. There are not many places in England where you really can say that you are in the countryside, where you can be lonely and relax. There are people everywhere. Sweden is at least twice the size of England and Wales, and there are only about seven million people. In England, everybody seems, as it were, only to be one in an enormous crowd, like one spectator in Wembley when it is filled. There doesn't seem to be any room for the individual. There is not much personality. The people live in houses that are exactly the same along long straight streets. The only

differences between the houses are their numbers. Each district has its own style, and then every single house in that district is built that way. I suppose this is due to the overcrowdedness. The people don't bother or can't afford to build their houses differently, because they are all built collectively at the same time. The main thing is to get a house, not what it looks like. In Sweden people can afford to have their houses built differently. True, there are many areas with almost the same buildings in them, but they are not as depressingly alike as in England.

England is also, as most Englishmen realise, rather dirty. Sweden is much cleaner that way. But this is natural since you use a lot of coal here in the factories, trains, private houses, etc. Coal, however, is almost out of date at home. Electricity and oil are used instead.

The English have a mentality that is famous all over the world, and which I approve very strongly. I can't put it into words, but there is certainly something that no other people have got. Perhaps it is the sense for sport, fair play and appreciation of the opposition. Where but in England can you, for instance, see the winners of a rugby or football match applaud the losers when they leave the field? In England they don't make much fuss about a single player's or athlete's performance, it is the team that matters. The English character is shown in a cricket match. When a batsman is out he at once starts to walk out of the pitch. In many other countries he might start arguing with the umpires or the other players, or throw his bat on the ground or have any other outburst of temperament. The English are also very conservative in many ways, e.g., their drinking of tea at every opportunity. Few other countries have specialised so much in one single drink.

There is one thing I cannot understand concerning the English houses; why you don't have central heating or double windows. It is really frightfully cold inside when it is at its coldest in winter. It is like sleeping out-of-doors, because the coal or gas fires don't warm much. I don't mind how cold it is out-of-doors if only it is warm indoors. But I suppose most people don't think it is worthwhile to have central heating since you only need it about a month a year. In Sweden, however, we should be in a very poor state without it.

From what I have said now it may seem that I don't like England very much. However, I think it is a very pleasant country, and it has, as it were, an air of pleasantness about it that I don't think Sweden has. If I could find a small, clean English town and a warm house I would like very much to stay in England.

J. HOLMBERG, Lower VI Modern.

### LES JUSTES

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 18th, a party of Sixth Formers, accompanied by Mr. Berry and Mr. Wynne, went to the French



Section of the Liverpool University to see "Les Justes", by Albert Camus, presented by French University students.

The play is a dramatic interplay of character, with little action at all. Set in Moscow, it concerns the members of a conspiracy, who intend to assassinate the tyrannous Grand-Duc, who never appears on the stage. The drama is caused by the attitude of each of the terrorists to the task they have been allotted. Stepan Fedorov is a resolute, but stubborn man, whilst Dora Doulebor presents the emotional viewpoint. Alexis Voinor is the peace-maker in the frequent arguments between Stepan and Boria Annenkov and Yanek Kaliayer, the latter being the man who commits the murder and is imprisoned. Despite the offer of the Grande-Duchesse to grant Yanek a reprieve, he says that he devoted himself to one task, and, now that his task is complete, desires nothing more in life. His attitude to the task is one which conflicts with those of the other terrorists in earlier scenes. The dramatic tension was well conveyed by the actors who are to be commended for a memorable and enterprising performance.

D.M.R.

### MARIA STUART

On Friday, March 13th, a group of Lower and Upper Sixth formers travelled to Liverpool University to see a performance of Schiller's "Maria Stuart," presented by the students of the Faculty of Arts.

The play shows the actions and feelings of Mary during the last three days of her life while under the death sentence. Mary has a crime on her conscience, the murder of her husband Darnley, and she believes she will expiate this by her death. But Schiller has given her tragic dignity by throwing all the light on her noble bearing in captivity and when face to face with death. He assumes the Casket Letters to be forgeries and makes her innocent of the charge of complicity in the plots against Elizabeth's life, on which she has been condemned. Her innocence makes her death a tragedy and her noble bearing is for him an example of sublime composure. The action can be considered on three planes: the rivalry between Elizabeth and Mary as women, on the personal plane, and as queens and representatives of competing religions, on the political plane; thirdly the moral questions raised by Mary's execution.

The two Queens carried the play; both were superb; Mary convinced by the attraction that she had for everyone around her. Especially effective was the scene in which she wanders freely in the garden, rejoicing in nature and her new found freedom, and speaking frankly to Elizabeth in a tirade against her rival. Elizabeth revealed to the full the conflict within her and portrayed a certain haughtiness to those around her. Mortimer conveyed well his hot headedness and ardent devotion, while Burleigh played the hard and unfeeling statesman with convincing harshness and authority. Leicester's weak character was not sufficiently brought out, while Denison was almost inaudible. The

rest of the court and retinue played well enough. Despite the shortcomings of the semi-circular stage, the failure of Mary to appear in the first scene and the heavy going for the sixth formers, the University is to be congratulated on a brave attempt at a difficult play.

### THE EASTER TRIP TO HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

During the week April 1st to 8th this year, Mr. Longhurst took a party of 36 boys to Holland and Belgium. The party travelled to London by train and at Victoria Station joined a party from the Royal Masonic School led by Mr. and Mrs. Blake. We travelled first-class from Dover to Ostend, where we were met by two coaches which took us to the little Belgian seaside resort of Wenduysre for the night.

Early next day we started the journey through Bruges and Antwerp to Rotterdam, where a tremendous rebuilding programme has restored the great port, half destroyed by enemy action. We stopped at Delft, famous for pottery and street barrel organs and reached the lovely little seaside resort of Noordwijk am Zee where we were to spend the next seven days.

On Friday we went to The Hague and spent a most interesting hour on a conducted tour of the Peace Palace in which sits the International Court of Justice. The Palace has priceless fittings coming from all those countries of the world which helped to pay for the building. We returned to Scheveningen, Holland's premier resort.

The next day we went to Amsterdam, and toured the harbour and canals of the city in a glass-covered boat. Then we visited museums, with their art treasures, and the fine shops of the city.

After attending the local church on Sunday, we visited the Kenkenof, the Dutch Kew Gardens. There were glass houses filled with magnificent blooms, and a Dutch windmill still in action.

On our last day we visited Afsluitdyk, and the 18 mile long Zuyder Zee dyke, the naval base of Dan Helder (with Danish vessels anchored there), and the cheese town of Alkmaar (where we learned that red and yellow cheeses differ only in colour). The Haarlem bulb-fields were not yet at their best, but the countryside was dotted with windmills of varying types.

The next morning at 7 we began our return journey. We went round the island of Walcheren, devastated by floods in 1953, through Middelburg and Flushing and across the Scheldt by ferry to Knokke, where our amiable guide and driver, Georges, told us of the Battle of Zeebrugge in the First World War. We spent the night in Blankenberg.

The return crossing was rough and we arrived home tired, but we had learned a great deal about Holland and Belgium and are grateful to the leaders and organisers for so enjoyable and untroubled a holiday.

### K.G.V. STUDENTS IN GERMANY

Two King George V. boys, P. N. Walker and J. Rennie-Kermode, have been at school in Germany this term. Both, from their letters, are profiting from their experiences, not only in vastly improved com-



mand of their German language, but also by association with students of other nationalities and by the warm hospitality of their hosts. We hope to publish their impressions in a future issue.

## Prose and Verse

### WASTE GROUND

From a window opposite.

Content with a worn out bucket,  
sticks, and a corrugated den  
three children make a world of fantasy  
between back garden fences and the road.  
A thorn bush and a rough grass patch  
have secret, versatile identities,  
serving a purpose in each part  
that's played. One by one  
the lights appear in back room windows,  
and the unheeded darkness  
draws low cloud across the sky.  
A shout from far off down the street  
calls one adventurer home;  
and tired, with hanging heads  
and scuffling feet  
the others trail away, disappearing  
wordless into murky doorways.

Pools of gaslight fade into darkness  
and trodden soil, and over the rooftops  
scrappy willows poke against the sky,  
easing the bareness  
of the chimney skyline.  
Slowly a lingerer skirts the darkness,  
passing the waste ground world  
an empty, unfamiliar figure,  
fading into an echo of footsteps,  
and casting slender shadows  
against the walls.

R. WATKINS, Up. 6 Mod.

### TO THE ATKINSON LIBRARY

Within that sweet cell there is many a belle,  
You may go there and see for yourself,  
For easily found, they are handsomely bound  
And it's rare that they're left on the shelf.

They are pleasant of line, and their type is divine,  
Not rigid, but charmingly curved,

They are light as the breeze, and are picked up with ease  
(Though the ones that have slips are reserved).

But of all the above there is one that I love,  
She is cut in a praiseworthy fashion,  
She's perfectly packed, she is lavishly backed.  
And her frontispiece fills me with passion.

Ah sorrow! Ah pain! All my love is in vain,  
Although it is pure and devout,  
For she dwells in the womb of the Reference Room,  
And I can't—as you know—take her out.

E. STEPHENS, L. VIM.

### THE MOUNTAIN

How high they stand those walls supreme,  
Withstanding wind and weather.  
How high they are those peaks unseen,  
Bringing heaven and earth together.

In summer's morning haze,  
Her green dress wet with dew.  
The rising sun gives forth its rays  
On flowers of every hue.

In the winter bleak and cold,  
Her bridal dress of white  
Blown by the wind, fold on fold,  
Gleams in the shades of night.

The clouds are her hair,  
The flowers are her friends,  
And she will stand there  
Till eternity ends.

M. W. SHARPLING.

### AN ODE TO CRICKET

The bowler thunders up with dire intent,  
Down hurtles his bright leathern sphere of doom;  
You swipe out bravely, but the cry "Owzat!"  
Rings sharply through the sunny evening air.  
A look of anguished fear spreads o'er your face  
As, hopelessly, you turn and sadly view  
Your middle stump supine two yards away.  
Dejectedly you turn and plod towards  
The distant haven of a batter's shame,  
Where one can hide the stigma of a "duck,"  
And hope to do much better the next game.

E. D. SINCLAIR, 3X

### THE CUP FINAL

Blue skies, white clouds and sunshine set the scene,  
The famous Wembley turf is verdant green,  
The crowd, a hundred thousand strong, await  
The whistle which will start the game; the fate  
of which decides who wears the highest crown  
Of the whole season. And the lucky town  
Will greet their men like heroes and accept  
The victor's cup, in year-long glory kept.  
Here come the two teams and a mighty roar  
Meets them as from the dressing-rooms they pour.

R. L. BURGESS, 3X.

### THE WANDERING GYPSIES

The Gipsy train trots down the lane  
Led by a horse with a fluffy white mane.  
The yellow van wheels sink in the ooze,  
But forward they press with nothing to lose.  
To every onlooker there's a cheer and a wave,  
For while they drive on, a new way they pave.  
Every caravan is a sight to be seen,  
For they bear many colours of red, blue and green.  
With an air of mystery, pathetic yet gay,  
They wander to nowhere, with nowhere to stay.

C. S. KERSE, Tr.X.

### THE PORTRAIT

The portrait had always had an influence on his life. When he had left school, it had been the stately picture hung on the study wall that had inspired him to be a success in his new job. Likewise, he always felt it had guided him into a happy marriage, when, that fateful night he had come to ease his troubled mind in the peace of the study. He felt he had made a mistake when he proposed to Olivia, but in his highly strung state it took the calm of the study and the forbearance of the portrait to show him the truth.

He had never found out who the bearded old gentleman, whose face was depicted in the portrait, really was. One time he sat alone in the study, gazing up at the old picture above. It was, he thought, probably some ancestor of his, renowned for his mortal deeds and now to be ever remembered, through his painting, by future generations in the family home. He hoped that his first child would be a boy to carry on this noble tradition of his ancestry. His wife Gabrielle joined him as he sat there and together they looked at the portrait, both wondering of the son they hoped would own it one day. The portrait above made them feel small like man looking at a god.

But not everybody regarded the portrait with the reverence he did, and when his children were born they even used to mock the stern

face of the old man. Many years later, in the autumn of his life, he was standing in the quiet of his study beneath the portrait. He thought of the things it had given him during his life; a job, a wife, a son. Then, by some strange compulsion, he looked up into the profound gaze of the old, bearded man, painted maybe hundreds of years ago. The face now seemed strangely familiar. As he stood there, he suddenly realised the astounding truth. The portrait, in every small detail, was of himself.

R. W. ELLIS, LR. 6 SPE.

### THE FLOWER SHOW

"It is my pleasure and privilege to declare this Flower Show well and truly . . . ."

At this point Major Philpots was interrupted by a rather faint pop and an obstacle that whizzed at high speed so close to his moustache that had it been a razor it would most probably have shaved him. He looked round with an air of an African hunter in imminent peril, and out of the corner of his eye espied young Raymond Brown, an outsized boy in short trousers with freckles and an irregular mop of hair. "Ah," thought the Major, "this is the culprit," and at the same time noticed a rather large ginger beer bottle in the hands of young Raymond. The missile had been the cork!

After this interruption the Major, having recovered from his fright, pronounced the word "open" with all the ferocity usually connected with a man-eating lion.

At this point there was a sudden uproar as the crowds poured through the gates ignoring the two policemen who were instructed to keep absolute order. These two lawkeepers were soon lost in the mass of people that entered in the first few minutes. But after disentangling themselves from the rabble and trying to find their helmets they took up their position at the gate again; only to be removed once more by a struggling mass of latecomers who had mistimed the ending of Major Philpots' speech.

At the head of the main tent a gathering of enthusiastic scouts and cubs were arguing with many of the crowd about the price of the programmes going up from last year from 3d. to 4d. Meanwhile, our young friend Raymond had successfully managed to get lost and was now chewing a rather sticky piece of rock and tormenting a poor Wolf Cub who was trying to fish his cap out of the rockery pond!

Soon, Raymond decided to have a look at the flowers in the main tent and, thrusting the remaining piece of rock down the cub's neck, went there.

He had never seen so many flowers. He passed a lovely bunch of red roses, and after carefully seeing that no one was watching, snapped one off and stuck it majestically on his jacket collar. It was soon dinner time, and Raymond, like all boys of his age, became very hungry, and not being able to find "Mam," went to the ice cream van and spent his sixpence on a cornet. Nibbling away at this, and still unable to find "Mam," he wandered off to watch the horse jumping.



He just could not understand why everyone should make such a fuss of a pack of silly girls in long trousers with funny hats on, riding ponies that were either too big or too small for them! Suddenly there was a cry of "Help!" "Stop Thief!" "Somebody stop that man!" Raymond, being quick on his feet, ran towards the main tent, and seeing a crowd of people chasing after a youth of about eighteen, was in half a mind to help him to get away. He did not notice Raymond, however, and the latter, being very quick thinking, stuck his foot out, which the youth fell over and Raymond jumped on him. Soon a crowd was round and the youth was being taken away by two sturdy "bobbies" and everybody was praising Raymond. One big man brought him a lolly ice and hoisted him on his shoulders to take him to the main tent. Everyone was singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and Raymond, only too pleased to have this fuss made over him, held his head high.

Soon he was in front of Major Philpots, who shook him by the hand and called him a jolly decent little fellow.

Outside the tent he met "Mam," who greeted him saying:—

"Where you bin?"

"I bin catchin' thieves, 'Mam' "

"Don't you tell your lies to me, Raymond Brown."

DELAHUNTY, L.VB.

## Old Boys' Section

We regret to announce the deaths of the following:—

D. Bancroft (M) (50-55) on 27th February. He was stage manager at the Scala Theatre with the Southport Repertory Company.

H. Solomon (R) (42-48) on 25th April, at Oxford. He was a research student.

Squadron Leader F. Eyres (L) (33-38), who saw service as an observer with Bomber Command during the war, died suddenly in June at the R.A.F. station, Upwood.

### NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

H. Briscoe (S) (32-37) has been appointed Headmaster of Empingham C. of E. School, Rutland.

B. Collinge (L) (35-41) has been appointed a Reader in Physics at Liverpool University.

M. F. Drury (R) (37-40), Liberal representative of Birkdale South Ward for 3 years, is now in New Zealand organising a new factory.

D. Fenna (R) (46-53) and N. Nutter (L) (45-53) are working at Springfield Atomic Energy factory.

B. J. Hartwell (M) (21-24), though elected Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales last year, only began work in connection with this office in May. He has twice visited America to attend the World Council of Churches. He is honoured in the Birthday Honour List with the O.B.E.

J. K. Hulm (R) (33-41), who is Group Department Manager of Westinghouse Electrical Engineering Co., U.S.A., was over in this country

in June interviewing scientists for appointment to his firm. We were pleased to see him at the Founder's Day cricket match.

L. G. Jaeger (Ed) (36-43) has been elected to an official Fellowship at Magdalene College, Cambridge, he has been lecturing in the Engineering department at the University for nearly 3 years.

W. H. Lee (M) (21-26) has been appointed Staff Engineer at External Communications Headquarters, London.

D. M. Marsh (R) (44-53) was picked for the Walker Cup Team.

G. A. Noar (Ed) (44-52) has passed his final examination as a dental surgeon at Liverpool University and has taken up an appointment at Liverpool Dental Hospital.

A. Pendlebury-Green (Ed) (41-48) has been appointed Deputy Head at St. Philip's C.E. School as from September. He is this year's President of the Southport N.U.T. Association.

S. V. Perry (G) (29-36) has been appointed Professor of Bio-Chemistry at Birmingham University.

B. Rowbotham (G) (26-29) has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Martins Bank Ltd. He commenced his banking career in 1930 in the Southport branch.

C. Taylor (S) (50-53), graduate member of the Royal Institute of Chemists, is now a Works Chemist in Aintree.

R. K. Wright (M) (48-55), at present an assistant lecturer in English and Economic History at Wigan and District Mining and Technical College, has been awarded a U.S. teaching fellowship at Kentucky State University.

J. C. C. Meunier (S) (1947-1953), who has just taken his Final in Architecture at Liverpool University, has been awarded a Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship at Harvard University, U.S.A., and will be going there for one year in August. His course there will lead to the Degree of Master of Architecture.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS REPORT

"Oxford in the summer is quite a different place," proclaimed one of our second-year veterans as he travelled up with a group of freshmen at the beginning of term. The veteran was D. H. Rimmer, and as usual his words have proved true. As in other places so in Oxford, warm summer weather is not conducive to the academic life, and for eight glorious weeks punting and parties have tended to predominate.

Certainly it is at this time of year that the river really comes into its own, and even if there were no old Georgians on the Isis in Eights Week, some at any rate have been prominent on the Cherwell where the exercise is less strenuous. There is J. A. Hoyle, for example, who may be seen idly reclining in a punt while his female slave struggles with the pole, or else there is J. M. M. Dalby, resplendent in bathing trunks as he casually paddles a canoe. Mr. Dalby has also taken to tennis this term, and it is understood that he can now get at least one serve out of ten in the right quarter. At parties our foremost representative is D. R. K. Seddon, recently nicknamed "Sid," who is hoping to arrange

one night a reunion on the sandhills to which he intends to invite Oxfordians from all over Lancashire.

Many of the Old Georgians are prominent in the religious life of Oxford. J. A. Hoyle is an enthusiastic member of the John Wesley Society, under whose auspices he engages in local preaching in village chapels, while D. H. Rimmer holds high office in the Oxford University Church Union. One of the highlights of the term, however, was a visit paid by that staunch Nonconformist, P. G. Davies, to a service at Pusey House—we understand that he emerged highly incensed!

Visits to "Town" seem quite common these days. P. G. Davies spent the best part of two days there, ostensibly attending religious meetings. P. A. MacLean, on the other hand, whom rumour declares to be a slightly more regular visitor, has long since dispensed with such excuses—in fact it was cruelly suggested than an account of his recent activities might well be more relevant in the London report!

It has been our pleasure to welcome D. J. Farrant back to our midst once more, fresh from a term at Sherborne. Unfortunately, however, this is his last term at Oxford. His presence for the last four years has been much appreciated, and not only by Old Georgians for he has played a very full part in University life at all levels. He leaves armed with the letters "B.A." and, we hope, "Dip.Ed.", and we should like to close this report by wishing him every success as he takes up a teaching post at Brecon. J.M.M.D.

### HULL UNIVERSITY

Out in the wilds of Yorkshire lies the city and county of Kingston-upon-Hull, or, to give it its usual name, 'Ull. It is on the edge of Holderness, with docks on the Humber. In the north of the city is the University at which five Old Georgians study. The College was founded in 1927, became a University in 1954 and was first descended on by Old Georgians in 1957.

The University is small; our contingent of five represents one two-hundred-and-eightieth of the total membership. Needless to say, we have distinguished ourselves in numerous ways, but more of that later. The three Freshers amongst our number have now settled in and are almost as much a part of the landscape as the other two, one of whom is almost as familiar as the Common Rooms of Union that he frequents.

Jack Kisseniski was known at School for his Cross-Country Running; he still does this, he is in the Cross-Country Team and has also played Rugby for Hull University. He is generally to be found in either the Mixed or the Men's Common Room and is occasionally seen smoking a pipe. He often used to run to School to keep fit; it is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Ferens Hall to the University, and as he never gets up for breakfast, he now uses the bus in the mornings.

The other Second-year is Dave Barton. He has also played in the Rugby team and also smokes a pipe. He was last seen at the end of the Spring Term, was not observed to board the 9 a.m. train for Southport, and to our knowledge no one has seen him since.

Jack (or Jim) Adams tried to get elected on to Council but was unsuccessful and now is often seen arranging spotlights for dances, or alternatively jiving with a Lab. assistant from the Zoology Department; oddly enough, as he does Chemistry.

Linn (or Lynden) Emery occasionally goes mountaineering, and more regularly is seen rushing between Ferens and the University on a rather muddy bicycle. He has just become Secretary of the Biological Society. He is involved in an expedition to Dark Ireland and spends most of his time writing letters to the Coraslompair Eireann. He is frequently to be seen arguing with some unfortunate Psychologist, often about spiders, which he captures but never succeeds in identifying.

Dave Moore is rarely seen, but when he is about is usually trying to work out some mathematical problem or is in the company of several female students, or both. (He must obviously be a schizophrenic.)

'Tis said that one of the two Second-year O.G.s tried to grow a beard. We have been asked not to mention his name as the result was not successful, but he was seen at K.G.V. last summer with a moustache.

Rag Week is approaching as we write this letter. Linn is at present wondering how to construct a snail twenty-five feet long for the Biol. Soc. float, do his swotting for Aucils, and also find time to sleep. All of us (except Dave Barton, for the aforementioned reasons) are seen at dances and other social events but rarely speak to each other there; each is usually otherwise involved, and when one is otherwise involved one cannot stop to speak to friends, can one? We hope to see more Old Georgians here in the near future, especially some non-scientists, as we are all scientists, and this is rather a bad balance; remember it is nice and dry in this part of the country, even if it is a little muddy here.

L.H.E., J.O.K.

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