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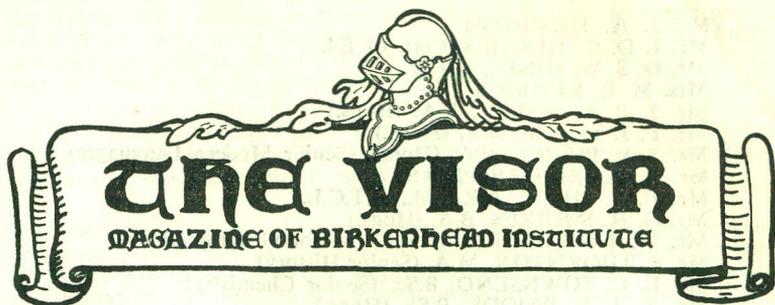
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EDITORIAL

Tradition inevitably plays a great part in a school such as Birkenhead Institute with its long history and famous Old Boys.. Despite a change of editorship, therefore, much of the traditional content of "The Visor" will be found in the present issue. The present Editor feels, nevertheless, that a printed magazine appearing for financial reasons but once a year should present an embracing picture of the life and activities of the school during the preceding twelve months. Consequently, more material than usual of a record nature may be found in this issue, accompanying the original contributions that are the life-blood of any magazine.

To give greater scope for this originality, however, it is hoped in the near future to form an editorial committee of boys and staff to produce an additional duplicated magazine by our own efforts on the school premises, with more frequent appearance than is possible at the moment. The success of such a venture is dependent, of course, on the enthusiasm of the editorial staff and their readiness to give much in the way of effort and time but the willing co-operation of prospective contributors is vital. We have every hope that a benevolent Education Committee may assist us in the provision of a first essential—an electric duplicator but thereafter it is up to all of us to make the project worthwhile. Contributions will, therefore, be very welcome at the appropriate time. Of particular assistance would be any offers of help in the actual typing of material selected onto stencils, for the Editor confesses himself an inept typist! Have we any unsuspected proficient members of the school, loving sisters, fond mothers, budding stenographers, etc., able and willing to undertake part of the task?

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SCHOOL NOTES

During the year that has passed since the publication of the "Visor" in March, 1966, there have been several changes of staff. Mr. H. Gray, the Senior English Master and Editor of the last magazine, left at the end of the 1966 academic year to take up a post as lecturer in a College of Education; Mr. H. Jones (Mathematics) went to an American university at the same time and Mr. C. West (Mathematics) transferred to another school in Birkenhead. In December, 1966, we lost Mr. G. W. Halliday (Biology) who was promoted to a senior post in St. Asaph Grammar School.

To replace these we welcomed to the school as Senior English Master and the new Editor of the "Visor" a former member of the staff, Mr. J. G. Allan. It is only within the last few days that a permanent appointment has been made to replace Mr. H. Jones. It is Mr. L. Faragher—himself a former pupil of the school and at present a Senior Mathematics Master at Holt High School, Liverpool. He will be joining the school at the beginning of next term. Since September we had two Mathematics Teachers for one term—Mr. B. Wade and Mrs. R. Dickinson and from January we have been extremely grateful for the help given to us by Mr. Hampton who came to us on loan from his permanent post to help us in our difficulties. Mrs. M. E. Kenrick joined the school in January to take over Mr. Halliday's post as Senior Biology teacher.

During this year the Senior Chemistry and Physics Laboratories were completely re-equipped from floor to ceiling. This meant that we were without these rooms from June to October, but it also means that boys can now work in much better conditions.

The "Wilfred Owen" Library received an extra generous grant from the Education Committee, enabling us to expand and provide more reading material for forms below the Sixth Form. The Library is awaiting further furniture and shelves, but will be so full when these arrive that the next step will have to be the provision of more space.

The French "Audio-Visual" Aids came into full use for the first time this session. First year pupils are now introduced to their first foreign language by the most modern methods.

The Local Education Authority has made known its intention eventually to change to a system of Comprehensive Secondary Schools in this borough. Its plans have been put to the Department of Education and Science. It is, however, evident that much time will have to pass before such a scheme is completed and that some interim scheme may be introduced. We do not know yet what part this school would play in any such scheme, but we are certain that the school will continue to do its best for its pupils, as it has done ever since its beginning some seventy-eight years ago.

We continue to receive our normal number of new boys and we present each year an increasing number of candidates for public examinations at 'O' Level and 'A' Level. With each year more pupils are striving for university places.

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GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION RESULTS

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ORDINARY LEVEL

FORM 5A:

Abbott, S. (7); Ainslie, I. E. (5); Aldcroft, R. G. (4); Armstrong, R. (9); Ashworth, T. L. (6); Beattie, K. R. (5); Cook, R. F. (9); Corlett, D. (7); Cotgrave, A. G. (5); Gallagher, R. H. (2); Griffiths, A. J. (4); Hall, P. W. (9); Howarth, T. E. (6); James, E. R. (3); Johnson, P. A. P. (8); Jones, L. G. T. (7); Kelly, J. D. (6); Leeming, G. R. (8); McDonald, E. (1); Malloy, P. (4); Mitchell, A. T. (4); Murphy, A. R. (6); O'Keefe, M. (6); Pack, H. (8); Pratt, K. L. T. (7); Price, R. S. (3); Sherlock, J. G. (7); Stevenson, A. J. (5); Whitehead, P. R. (5); Williams, C. N. (9); Williams, J. H. (5); Williams, M. (7).

FORM 5B:

Alldis, G. A. (1); Andrews, P. (2); Barker, A. J. (3); Bullock, R. R. (1); Chamberlain, K. (4); Colgan, P. T. (2); Cottrell, J. R. (3); Daniels, H. R. (1); Danson, G. P. (2); Darlington, C. (4); Darlington, H. (1); Faulkner, T. R. (2); Flint, J. G. E. (3); Fogarty, P. P. (2); Halliday, A. B. (2); Halligan, A. (2); Hawksford, C. K. (1); Lampkin, C. S. J. (2); Leicester, W. J. (5); Mealar, P. S. (1); Mercer, V. W. (2); Milnes, P. J. (1); Roberts, E. H. (1); Sindall, K. (1); Taylor, P. F. (2); Thomas, C. E. (3); Thompson, L. D. (2); Wielopolski, S. Z. (1); Williams, K. W. (2).

ADVANCED LEVEL

FORM UPPER VI:

Armitage, I. A. (H F); Bird, D. L. (G); Cooke, T. G. (Gen.S C B); Corfe, B. J. (H); Cotgrave, S. R. (E H); Edmonds, A. E. (E* G* H); Elliott, A. J. (Gen.S M* Fur.M P*); Everard, W. T. (Gen.S M P); Hayes, A. E. (Gen.S M* Fur.M P); Hedgley, D. (H G); Heys, T. C. (M P); Howarth, A. J. (M Fur.M P); Jones, G. T. (A); Lawrence, B. A. (M P C); Manley, G. R. (M Fur.M P); Oxtton, P. G. (Gen.S H F); Parry, P. G. (Gen.S E H G); Parsons, C. J. (P); Scarisbrick, J. P. (Gen.S P C); Scott, K. (M P); Shaw, W. K. (Gen.S F); Thorne, D. L. (B); Tofts, L. A. (P C); Woods, A. (P); Young, D. R. (E H).

Code: Gen.S—General Studies; E—English Literature; H—History; G—Geography; A—Art; F—French; M—Mathematics; Fur.M—Further Mathematics; P—Physics; C—Chemistry; B—Biology.

* Denotes Distinction (Grade A) in the subject preceding the asterisk.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day in the Town Hall on March 23rd, 1966, was graced by the presence of His Worship The Mayor (Councillor W. Gardner, J.P.) in the chair and the prizes, certificates and trophies were presented by Gordon Bowen, Esq., C.B., C.M.G. (Principal Finance Officer, Ministry of Technology), who also gave the address following on the distribution.

Music was provided by the School Choir (who sang "The Shipbuilders" by Gustav Holst, "Ye Banks and Braes" to a setting by Cyril Win and "All things bright and beautiful" with a special descant written by the School Music Club for the Mayor of Birkenhead's Civic Service) and by S. A. Owens who performed the piano solo "L'Arabesque" by Burgmuller.

Certificates, prizes and trophies were presented as follows:—

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Brown, G. F.	Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Croft, J. R.	Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics*
Frost, F. B.	Physics, Chemistry
Gregory, W. J.	History, Geography
Joynson, P. R.	History, Geography, French
McBride, C. A.	Art*, French
McNulty, M. F.	General Studies, History, Geography, French
Mills, D. H.	General Studies, English, French
Newbold, G.	General Studies, Mathematics, Physics*, Chemistry*, Chemistry (Special Paper Grade 1)
Parry, R. D.	General Studies, History, French
Pye, E. L.	General Studies, History, Geography, French
Ratcliff, D. R.	English, History, Geography
Roberts, C. J.	Physics, Chemistry
Roddick, E. F.	Geography, Biology
Steels, D. J.	French
Thomas, C.	Geography, Chemistry, Biology
Tunley, J.	History, French
Walker, B. W.	General Studies, History, Geography*, French
White, M. G.	General Studies*, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry

* Denotes Distinction

ORDINARY LEVEL

Allen, P.	Jackson, P. R.	Rigby, D. M.
Barlow, R.	Jarvis, M. J.	Roberts, A.
Birss, A. D.	Johnson, A. P.	Roberts, P. H.
Callister, R. W.	Johnson, R. I.	Rogers, J. P.
Campbell, S.	Johnston, L. J.	Salisbury, D. J.
Chaliner, P. C.	Jones, I. O.	Sloan, M. D.
Chilton, W. M.	Jones, R. E.	Smith, B.
Clark, M. D.	Jones, S. L.	Smurthwaite, W.
Coey, B. G.	Keating, G. F.	Snook, R. J.
Davies, E. N.	Laing, J. A.	Stott, R. E.
Davies, R. J.	Lamb, S. S.	Strange, A. R. F.
Dawson, S.	Lampkin, C. S.	Stuart, D. I.
Diamond, A. E.	Little, C. R.	Titchmarsh, T. F.
Fletcher, R. M.	Loy, A. J.	Vaughan, P.
Griffiths, T. J.	McLeod, A. J.	Wade, D.
Grover, M. G.	Macklin, J. L.	Watson, P.
Gunson, J. B.	Martingell, K. E.	Wilkinson, L. G.
Haddow, J. H.	Mort, R. J.	Williams, J. H.
Harper, C. R.	Neale, W.	Wilson, B. J.
Hartley, L.	O'Connor, J. J.	Wood, M. D.
Hodgson, V. Y.	Price, P. R.	Young, A. W.
Houghton, B.	Reid, J. C.	

Henry Tate (School) Scholarships:

Cooke, T. G.; Elliott, A. J.; Hayes, A. E.; Hedgley, D.; Parry, P. G.

Henry Tate (University) Scholarships:

Brown, G. F.; Croft, J. R.; Newbold, G.; Walker, B. W.

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First Forms:

Davies, A. B.; Jones, J. R.; Pugh, K. B.; Fraser, J. R.

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Third Forms:

Carty, M. J.; Ainslie, R. J.; Drake, S. A.; Hall, J.

Fourth Forms:

Hall, P. W.; Abbott, S.; Leeming, G. R.; Cook, R. F.

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Lower Sixth—Subject Prizes:

English	Young, D. R.
History	Hedgley, D.
Geography	Edmonds, A. E.
French	...	...	...	...	...	Shaw, W. K.
Mathematics and Physics	...	...	...	...	...	Elliott, A. J.
Mathematics	...	...	...	...	...	Hayes, A. E.
Chemistry and Biology	...	...	...	...	...	Cooke, T. G.

Special Prizes:

The Old Boys' Memorial Prize	...	...	...	...	McNulty, M. F.
J. E. Allison Prize for Geography	...	...	...	...	Walker, B. W.
The Connacher Prize for English	...	...	...	...	Mills, D. H.
The Solly Memorial Prize for History	...	...	...	...	Gregory, W. J.
The George Holt Prizes—						
French	...	...	...	...	Joynson, P. R.
Mathematics	...	...	...	...	Croft, J. R.
Physics	...	...	...	...	Newbold, G.
Chemistry	...	...	...	...	Newbold, G.
Biology	...	...	...	...	Brown, G. F.
The Wrayford Willmer Prize for special services to the school						
Special Prize for Art	...	...	...	...	Frost, F. B.
Headmaster's Prize	...	...	...	...	McBride, C. A.
					Pye, E. L.	

SPORTS

Victor Ludorum	...	...	...	...	Williams, J. H.
Silver Cup for Games—						
Senior	...	...	...	...	Parry, R. D.
Junior	...	...	...	...	Wilson, D. J.
Old Boys' Sports Prizes—						
(A)	...	...	...	...	Westwater, C. J.
(S)	...	...	...	...	Williams, M.
(T)	...	...	...	...	Howarth, A. J.
(W)	...	...	...	...	Titchmarsh, T. F.
House Trophies—						
Athletics	...	...	...	...	Atkin
Cricket	...	...	...	...	Stitt
Cross Country	...	...	...	...	Stitt
Chess	...	...	...	...	Westminster
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Cup for Rugby						
Football	...	...	...	...	Stitt
His Majesty King George VI Coronation Cup						
(Awarded to the Champion House for the year)						

LIBRARY NOTES

Since the Wilfred Owen Library was opened in 1964, all forms except the Fourth and Fifth Forms have had access to library facilities in the school. Now it is intended to extend facilities to them before the end of the current year. An additional grant from the local authority has made it possible to purchase about 800 books during the present academic year. Most of this allowance has been spent on works of general interest, especially novels, making the planned extension possible. It is hoped to open the library for the use of the fourth and fifth year for two lunch-times (Monday and Friday) per week and two evenings (Tuesday and Thursday) after school. Boys will be able to borrow two books for a maximum period of two weeks; a fine will be imposed for books which are overdue. A section of the library will be reserved for the Sixth Form who will continue to use the library on the existing basis.

Amongst the new additions are several outstanding books. These include the Larousse Encyclopaedia volumes on the Earth, Mythology, Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern History. Other notable additions to the biography and history sections include the colourful history of Louis XIV entitled 'The Sun King' by Nancy Mitford, and the recently published biographies of Joseph Chamberlain, Benjamin Disraeli, R. A. Butler and Winston Churchill.

The handful of books concerning law and government has been increased and now includes "John Citizen and the Law", "An Introduction to Economics", "Government and Parliament", "Local Government in England and Wales", "Whitehall—Townhall".

With all this new and exciting material, it has been necessary to improve the display facilities in the Library and some peg board fittings have been introduced for this purpose. The increase in stock has meant that a major reorganisation of the library has been necessary which it is hoped to complete by the end of the term.

Several new magazines have also been added to the library, including 'Paris Match', 'Life', 'World Sport' and 'Encounter'.

At Christmas the Librarians in both the Junior Library and the Wilfred Owen Library retired and I would like to thank them for the effort they put in to ensure the smooth running of the library. J.P.L.

MAY WE RECOMMEND . . . ?

In order to encourage a wider use of the library, we have this term given various members of the Sixth Form the opportunity of commenting on and recommending (or disapproving of) a book of their choice selected freely from the shelves of our expanding library. The only proviso was that the book should not be a standard text. The criticisms that follow are therefore the personal opinions of the writers concerned and must not be taken as necessarily reflecting the views of the Headmaster, Editor, Caretaker—or indeed anyone else.

If there results an immediate rush to borrow these books we shall feel that the reviewers have done their work well and that the present assessments should be followed by others in later issues. J.P.L., J.G.A.

"MAO TSE-TUNG" by Stuart Schram

The author states that he has drawn a great deal of the information on Mao Tse-Tung's earlier life from Mao's own biography, published by an American journalist in 1936. This appears to be true as the great detail of the first half of the book is not matched by similar detail concerning his later life, particularly during and after the Second World War. Communist secrecy may account for this and the author seeks to make up for the disappointing lack of information by recounting Chinese policy towards Taiwan, America, etc. The author's general theme is the relationship between Mao's childhood reading and experiences and his attitude towards events later in his life. In particular, he seems to think that Mao's guerilla tactics before and during the "Long March" and Sino-Japanese War were

similar to those of a bandit hero Mao had read about in a popular Chinese novel. Stuart Schram also quotes Mao liberally and has included several of what he considers to be Mao's better poems which mainly relate to the battles in which he has taken part.

A little disappointing in respect of the lack of details regarding Mao's recent life. P.V.

"SPORT IN SOCIETY by P. C. McIntosh

This is an excellent book to read if you are doubtful about the merits of the place of sport in the school curriculum. It deals with all aspects of sport from the Olympic ideal down to its part in politics. The book is not one to sit down and read from cover to cover, even though it is relatively short: but it is one of interest which varies from chapter to chapter. Before anyone decries sport as a waste of time I recommend him to read this book. A.D.B.

"A CONCISE HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY" by H. & A. Gernsheim

It is now 141 years since the first accepted photograph was taken by Niepée in 1826. The authors have gathered a photohistorical collection at the University of Texas. They begin by tracing discoveries leading to the production of the first photograph and then continue up to the present day and the use of colour and polaroid techniques. This history is dealt with in less than fifty pages.

The second section of the book deals with the artistic achievements of photography. It is in two parts: pre-1914 and the modern period. Each part is divided into sections and contains examples of landscape, war reportage, fotoform and amateur snapshots. The book has 285 plates forming a very well balanced selection. examples of the art in all its stages, and the work of the great photographers from the early daguerrotypists to the contemporaries. D.C.C.

"AN INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS" by Frank Land

In the early chapters the basic fundamentals of mathematics are dealt with; then as the book progresses Land expands on these early chapters when he writes on more advanced mathematics. Because of this even the more complicated mathematical principles may be studied by arts students. Owing to its easily readable style and wide range of topics both arts and science students will find something of interest in this book. C.R.H.

"CLAUDIUS THE GOD" by Robert Graves

Basically "Claudius the God" is a history narrated by Claudius of his own life from his accession to the throne as Emperor to his death.

Before his forced accession he was regarded by Rome as a stuttering imbecile, who was to be ridiculed on all occasions. On the death of Caligula, his nephew and predecessor, the Imperial guards surprisingly acclaimed him emperor and forced the Senate to accept him. He was, he believed at the time, the only true anti-monarchist in Rome, but he saw that the Senate was not strong enough to rule by itself.

He, therefore, without any previous experience and still being ridiculed, began a wholesale reorganisation of the penal code, the finances and the religion of Rome. He considerably strengthened the Empire and, at the age of fifty-three, without having done any military service, personally directed the conquest of Southern Britain.

At the same time, taking advantage of the weakness of the Roman reserves, owing to the British campaign, his friend, Herod Agrippa, the king of the Jews, was planning to overthrow the Romans in the Eastern Mediterranean with the help of the neighbouring monarchs. However, Claudius' luck held and Herod died suddenly, thus preventing the uprising.

At the height of his reign as he was about to reinstate a Republican government Claudius found out what all Rome had known for a long time; that is, the treachery and corruption of his wife Messalina. She, having been entrusted with many responsibilities, earned for Claudius the name of a tyrant owing to her own methods of forgery and bribery.

Messalina was executed immediately and Claudius' rule began to decline as he decided that Rome was not fit for republican rule. He married his own niece and adopted her son, Nero, the future Emperor. The story ends with the death by poisoning of Claudius, disillusioned and overcome with shame for the misdeeds of his previous wife.

Outside the basic story, an interesting novel in itself, there are many occasions in which Robert Graves gives the reader glimpses of the story's background. There is included an account of the British druids as well as the early Christian Church as seen by Claudius and Herod Agrippa. Also there are many details given of the Roman customs and traditions in the daily life of the times.

In all, "Claudius the God" is a very interesting and exciting historical novel whose atmosphere is created by the descriptions of Roman life and is well worth reading. P.W.

"OBJECTIONS TO ROMAN CATHOLICISM" (Penguin)

This book is a joint effort by many different writers, each putting forward their own specific objections to the Roman Catholic Church. For example, Frank Roberts objects to the authoritarian power which the church exercises over its members and its emphasis on orthodoxy, whilst Professor H. P. R. Finberg thinks that ecclesiastical censorship is wrong. The writers have very little respect for either Roman Catholicism or its members.

On the whole the book is difficult to read because the style of writing changes so often, but it does outline most of the objections to Roman Catholicism, which is after all what it set out to do. J.D.K.

"STATUS SEEKERS" by Vance Packard

Does the theoretical democracy in the U.S.A., the so-called American Creed really exist? Vance Packard examines this question in intricate detail to find that it is more deserving of the appellation "The American Dream".

It is a bold and frank survey which analyses the behaviour, status symbols and even the sexual behaviour whereby Americans strive to "live up to the Joneses". It shows how this so-called democracy crushes, rather than breeds, individualism, as big corporations in America seem to have the unwritten law:

"If you want to get ahead—learn how to be a good subordinate." And it also shows that our own European democracies are beginning to conform to this type of 'your-superior-is-always-right-and-don't-question-him' democracy."

The book is a boon for communists or any general anti-Americans.

Vance Packard writes with an exhilarating economy of language which makes the book very easy to read. The chapters are reasonably short so that one does not become bored as one often does in most scientific-type journals. A very illuminating and interesting book.

G.L.

"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS" by Jonathan Swift

Contrary to widely-held belief, "Gulliver's Travels" is not a fairy tale about the imaginary adventures of a ship-wrecked doctor. It is, in fact, quite the opposite. The writer, Jonathan Swift, was reputedly insane at the time of writing, warped by his inability to marry the girl he loved because of his illness.

A vicious streak often shows itself in his writing; in fact, before he wrote "Gulliver's Travels" he had, in a paper on the Irish famine, recommended the peasants to eat their babies, and even provided a recipe including sauces to serve with the main dish. The book itself is full of his political and social hatreds and in the fuller versions a section of explanatory notes is useful for the more obscure symbols.

Thus in the third chapter, when he is in Lilliput, he describes the habit of giving ministerial positions to those most adept at tight-rope walking and refers to Flimnap, the Treasurer, once falling off and being saved from death by falling on the Queen's cushion. This represents the saving of Walpole in his fall from power by the Queen, because he was one of her favourites. Also in Lilliput the pathetic futility of living, in his mind, is represented in the puny, immaterial fighting over which end to open an egg, of the Lilliputians; and in Brobdingnag Gulliver himself becomes the little man among the giants, both physically and culturally. He also visits Laputa, Balnibarbi, the flying island, and lastly the land of the horses. There the human race is represented as the most disgusting Yahoos.

All in all Swift's book is amazingly interesting and absorbing.

J.G.S.

"JUSTINE" by Lawrence Durrell

"Justine" is basically an account of a married schoolmaster's affair with a married girl—Justine. This is the centre around which Durrell builds up a comprehensive picture of the life and appearance of Alexandria, a town with which he is very familiar.

Durrell's style is the most interesting part of this book. It is very unusual right from the start where one is plunged straight into the narrative with no introduction or scene-setting. This, together with his approach of telling the story through the thoughts (often very complex things) of the schoolmaster, is initially off-putting. After becoming accustomed to it, one enjoys the book, however. In places he becomes too involved with his language, making certain passages difficult to understand and link up with the rest of the story, but this is offset by the superb way he conveys the thoughts of the narrator.

Because of its unusual approach to a rather common theme, I enjoyed the book once I had become familiar with the characters and their position relative to one another. My only serious complaint is the way in which he starts, tending to make the book boring because one has no knowledge of the characters to be able to appreciate the first twenty pages or so.

D.F.G.

VISITS AND EXCURSIONS

Pride of place in any report of the year's visits must inevitably go to the school trip abroad. Last summer's trip was, as ever, highly successful and it and those of previous years are covered in two articles that follow.

Outside visits have been quite numerous. Apart from groups attending external lectures, parties have made geographical excursions and indeed an expedition to Northumbria, as described later. The French Department has arranged visits to "Le Mariage de Figaro" by Beaumarchais, "La Cantatrice Chauve" by Ionesco and "Antigone" by Anouilh. The English Department since September has organised visits of the Sixth Form to a 'film lecture' on "The Art of the Cartoon" with special reference to "Animal Farm" by George Orwell and to the film of "Othello" with Laurence Olivier in the title-role; the Fifth Form saw the film of "Julius Caesar".

PLAYHOUSE VISIT

During the Autumn Term, a memorable afternoon was provided in the school hall for the Sixth Form by Mr. Graham Woodruff. Associate Producer at the Liverpool Playhouse, together with four of the present company, Mikel Lambert, Morag Hood, Christine Akehurst and Nicholas McArdle, who visited the school at the invitation of the English Department. This was indeed the first of an experimental series of visits the group were prepared to make in the Merseyside area with the laudable object of taking the theatre into the schools.

This proved to be no mere acting of a few scenes on a stage many feet away from the audience. Mr. Woodruff demonstrated to us 'theatre in the round' or rather the square around which the audience sat—inches, not feet, away from real live actresses and an actor who not only gripped their audience in emotional scenes from "Uncle Vanya" (not the easiest of plays to put over to an audience of boys who did not know the play) but followed it up with a hilarious demonstration of how **NOT** to do the same scenes. We learned much of the producer's art from Mr. Woodruff's commentary on the reasons lying behind particular movements or gestures, on the importance of grouping and by his display of several methods of fixing the audience's attention on a selected actor on the stage.

The interest this aroused was amply demonstrated in the general discussion that followed and we were sorry to see them leave. Our Playhouse guests themselves enjoyed their visit to such an extent that Birkenhead Institute received honourable mention in the programme of the next production of the Liverpool Playhouse. J.G.A.

SWITZERLAND

What does it feel like to go abroad for the first time? Those who have been know the novelty of using a foreign currency, hearing a language other than English and suddenly realising that home has been left hundreds of miles away. Most of us who, together with Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Pierce, went on the Switzerland trip last Summer, experienced these feelings.

After the party had assembled at Lime Street Station in Liverpool on August 24th at 8-30 a.m., we travelled by train to London where two hours were spent sightseeing, after a turkey lunch. Then we were joined by Miss Nunn, who accompanied the party for the whole holiday as an excellent guide. From London our route lay through Folkestone, over the channel to Boulogne, across France on the night Continental Express to Basle; we arrived at Interlaken, our destination, at midday August 25th, one and a half days after our departure from Liverpool.

Our hotel, Pension Henrike, was situated about three miles from Interlaken in a small village called Gsteigweiler, high on the side of the tremendous ice-gouged Lauterbrunnen Valley. On one side of the hotel, looking down the valley, Interlaken could be seen spread out across the fan of land separating the lakes of Thun and Brienz, while the upper slopes of the valley were dominated by the sheer height of the snow-covered Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau, 13,000 ft. high.

Two days after our arrival we were to experience the breath-taking effect of a fine sunset on the snow-peaks, when they were tinted with the rosy glow of the setting sun. This change appeared more beautiful as it was seen from the dark valley, 10,000 ft. below.

Interlaken itself produced many diversions for free days. There was the inevitable crazy-golf, a modern outdoor swimming pool and a shopping centre catering especially for tourists, where English almost replaced the German language. In these respects it was unfortunate that our hotel was situated so far from Interlaken, making it impossible to visit the town in the evening. However, we were fortunately compensated in that a girls' school from Kings Lynn was also staying in the same hotel, and the evening congregations were enjoyed by all.

From Gsteigweiler we undertook several excursions to the surrounding places of interest. Our first full day was occupied in travelling by coach to Lake Blausee (the blue lake) situated in the neighbouring Kander Valley. We were then transported by chairlift from the town of Kandersteg into the lower mountains and, after a short walk, the party arrived at Lake Oeschinensee, dominated by the Blümisalp peak, 13,028 ft. high. Later, on the return journey, a visit was paid to the quaint, mediaeval town of Thun with its narrow cobbled streets and its 13th century castle. The day due for the ascent of the Niederhorn (9,000 ft. high) by chairlift and funicular railway, was fortunately clear of mist, and from the summit, range upon range of snow-covered mountains could be seen stretching as far as Mont Blanc in France. The day was also notable for the visit to the limestone caves directly underneath the Niederhorn, when the party were taken three-quarters of a mile below the surface, and also for the trip by the lake steamer back to Interlaken.

Perhaps the most notable excursion was the Three Passes Tour, one of the finest motor tours in Europe, when we reached a height of 8,000 ft. by road and visited the Rhône Glacier with its famous blue ice caves. But again the trip to Berne, the federal capital of Switzerland, with its famous bears, cathedral and clock towers, together with the three mile walk to Mürren, also stand out as being exceptional. The latter town, situated right on the edge of a 3,000 ft. drop into the Lauterbrunnen Valley and facing the Jungfrau, must have one of the most breath-taking cable-car rides in the world, both because of the spectacular panorama and because of the unnerving view of the roads, villages and fields far below.

While the majority of the boys went into Interlaken on the first of the two free days, four of us took the opportunity to go with Miss Nunn, our guide, to Kleine Scheidegg, which stands at the foot of the mile-high 'North Wall' of the Eiger. Again it was perfect weather, a point which made this holiday outstanding, and although we were on the snowline for much of the day, the sun was so strong that we all returned to the hotel as red as beetroots, a point of amusement for many at dinner.

However, all too soon, the holiday came to an end, and, after spending part of the last day buying presents in Interlaken, we boarded the train for home at 6 p.m.

Little did we know what was in store for us the following day and how glad we eventually were to arrive home. With England just across the Channel from Boulogne, we were hit by a terrific storm with winds of gale force eight and very rough seas. Needless to say, the crossing to Folkestone was not at all pleasant for anyone, but fortunately we all managed to survive. After dinner in London, which was appreciated by most of the party, there was a long wait for our train and a tiring haul through London's underground in the rush hour.

Eventually, however, we arrived back in Liverpool, thoroughly tired out after the journey home, but with many memories of a wonderful holiday.

W. Chilton, M. D. Clark, J. H. Williams (U.VI).

THE ROLLING STONES

For fifteen consecutive years parties from the school have travelled to the continent during the summer months and have covered a large area of Europe in that time. They have walked in the heat down the Champs-Élysées, and relaxed in the cool of the Bois de Boulogne; they have visited the Sacré-Coeur and Notre Dame and the vastly different setting of Montmartre; they have viewed themselves in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, and have been viewed on French television, climbing the Eiffel Tower. Cologne Cathedral by moonlight, the war museum at Zeebrugge, the battlefield of Waterloo, the mermaid on the rock in Copenhagen, the Mona Lisa, Kronborg Castle at Elsinore, the cuckoo clock in Heidelberg, the model village of Madurodam, the salt mines of Berchtesgarden, have all been seen.

Elephants have been fed at Vincennes in Paris and bears in Berne, as also have pigeons in the square before Milan Cathedral. Instonians have listened in vain for the songs of the Rhine maidens at the Lorelei but been entertained by a Dutch girls' choir on a ferry boat bound for Flushing. They have travelled by motor launch on the Rhine, the Meuse and the canals of Amsterdam and Bruges, and fallen into the waters of the Seine and the Scheldt.

From the heights of the Niederhorn, the Frohnalpstock and the Rigi, gained by chair lifts, funiculars and cable cars, they have gone to the depths of the grottoes at Rochefort and Han-sur-Lesse and the darkness of the catacombs in Paris where, sitting by candlelight among the piles of bones, they have sung "John Brown's body".

They have toured cheese farms, clog factories, flower markets, staggering home through the customs, laden with their purchases, and inspected wine cellars, sampling their products. They have left behind spectacles, cameras, and articles of clothing in Basle and Brunnen, and in Halsingborg in Sweden, but dealt with reasonable competence in francs, the French, Swiss and Belgian varieties, lire, krone and ore, marks and pfennigs, guilders and cents, schilling and groschen.

They have been bathed in sunshine at the Kaprun dams, drenched at the Krimml Falls and chilled on the Pasternzen Glacier; they have swum in waters ranging from the cold depths of the Baltic to the warmer stretches of the Lake of Lugano, played golf in Blankenberge, Paris, Dinant and Noordwijk, and defended English honour at table tennis and billiards against the skills of many nationalities.

They have spent gay evenings in the famed Tivoli Gardens and quieter days learning of the ways of life of other nations: different customs, different foods, different languages, in countries in which they have been the foreigners.

L.T.M.

["Pierre qui roule n'amasse pas mousse"—Ed.]

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Since the last edition of the "Visor" there have been several geography field trips to a number of areas ranging from Anglesey to Dibbinsdale in Bromborough.

The first trip, which took place on a cold, wet day, was to Dibbinsdale where the geology and relief were mapped, the main features observed being the terraces of the River Dibbin.

The second trip was further afield to Anglesey, where, after stopping at an unusual rock outcrop of Serpentine (this type of rock being found in only one other area of England), the party continued to Rhoscolyn. At Rhoscolyn Head the quartzitic rocks, forming the upland coastline, have been eroded by the sea resulting in some very interesting landforms such as caves, stacks and a natural arch. The next stop was at the drumlin area near Valley where the drumlins and land rise were mapped after which a visit was paid to Parys Mountain in North-east Anglesey, where there are some disused copper mines. Here, some mineral specimens were found

such as iron pyrites and of course copper. One member of the party found Parys Mountain so interesting that he was determined to spend the rest of the Easter holidays there, but after a mountain rescue operation led by Mr. Taylor, he decided to rejoin us for the trip home.

This year the present Upper Sixth have made two further field trips, one to Halkyn in North Wales and one to Thurston.

The Halkyn trip began with a study of Pothole Valley, found in the limestone belt of North-east Wales, where, once again, our intrepid adventurer of Parys Mountain succeeded in getting lost. The party then went on to the disused Halkyn lead mines and the cairn on Gop Hill. This trip was rounded off by a visit to Cefn Caves, which, according to one member of the party, contained archaeological remains, but all that was found there was a number of empty beer cans and chicken bones.

Recently, a half-day trip was arranged to study the sandstone and clay of the Thurston area. On Thurston Hill itself, with the help of some energetic digging by Wood, we were able to study typical soil profiles developed under a heath vegetation. The party then moved down to the shore where a combined study of the boulder clay cliffs and search for gypsum was made. The final object of the trip was to visit the sandstone gorge known as the Dungeon, where Wirral's highest waterfall (10 ft.)!! thunders down to the boulder clay plain. Whilst returning to the minibus two members of the party achieved a notable turn of speed when they had a slight disagreement with a rather vigorous pig.

Living in the Wirral we are very fortunate in having such a variety of geology at such a short distance and full use of this has been made by these field excursions. Thus our thanks are due to Mr. Taylor who has organised each of these interesting and successful outings.

A. P. Johnson, J. Williams (U.VI).

TO THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS

(The author of this saga wishes to preserve his anonymity.—Ed.)

On that sunny Thursday, nine young, eager gentlemen awaited the arrival of the minibus outside the school gates. On its prompt arrival twenty minutes late it was at once obvious that this would be an interesting journey and bets were taken on its subsequent progress (or lack of it). But in we all piled—destination Rock Hall.

First stop was Malham Cove, thence Kettlewell where the party encountered three American girls who had hitch-hiked (!—Ed.) from Philadelphia. On being told that we hailed from Beatleland, they went hysterical and were offered a lift in the bus but staff intervention (tactful) prevented the girls from joining the party.

Next we proceeded to the youth hostel at Aysgarth for an appetising meal and other refreshment, the evening ending on a high and gripping note with Macklin and Titchmarsh defeating the staff at Ludo. At bedtime came a shock: R—'s sleeping attire! Over his pyjamas he wore a thick pullover, a pair of gloves and two pairs of thick rugby socks, capping it all with a bobble hat. Sleep eluded us while one of the party would insist on describing vividly a physics experiment to find the specific heat of marmalade, perversely choosing points A and B, however, instead of P and Q.

The party awoke in good spirits except for R—, who was complaining how cold it was, and after a hearty breakfast we left Aysgarth. At the beginning of the journey we had all noticed that A. P. Johnson was sporting a murderous-looking hatchet. On crossing the Yorkshire Moors, however, we discovered its purpose as Johnson threw himself out of the minibus and started smashing rocks. Encouraged by this display of energy, the rest of the party joined in. Mr. Gray suspected he had found a gold vein, only to be reassured by Johnson that it was really iron. The pile of rocks Johnson loaded onto the minibus thereafter rolled noisily at every turn we made.

Contrary to expectation, the minibus had been taking steep hills rather well but on the hill at Witton-le-Wear the water-pump blew up. While a helpful mechanic from a nearby garage did repairs, the 'Dun Cow' provided tea and sandwiches and we finally reached Rock Hall Youth Hostel where Macklin's hipster trousers attracted the Warden's attention.

In the morning after breakfast (for which R—, who was complaining of the cold, had to be forced out of bed) the party went to Holy Island, where R. I. Johnson trod on the body of a putrefying sheep, to the gratification of the rest of the party. At Bamburgh some of the more daring ones bathed in the ice-cold waters of the North Sea.

On returning to the hostel, most of the party decided to have a night out in Alnwick. T—, however, took this too literally and when the party were due to return he could not be found. Search parties were dispatched and rumour has it that he was located leaning against a wall, unaccountably singing "Men of England". His subsequent triumph in beating all at table-tennis, including the self-styled champion of Ireland, was therefore doubly commendable. The party retired to bed at ten o'clock, with R— putting on an extra pullover, still complaining bitterly about the cold.

The return home was accomplished next day at great speed, the party singing all the way. All who went wish to thank Mr. Richards and Mr. Gray for organising the trip and for their excellent driving. Particular tribute is due to:—

R. I. Johnson for his singing and Watson and Vaughan for not singing;

Titchmarsh for putting Birkenhead on the table-tennis map;

Mr. Richards for finding reverse gear at last;

Mr. Gray for his jokes;

Roberts for doing nothing;

A. P. Johnson for his hatchet;

and, last but not least, to R— for remaining cold to the end.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

The following notabilities did not address the Sixth Form Society this year: Mr. Kosygin, Jimmy Saville, Mao Tse-Tung, Chilton, Harold Wilson, and the Queen, but we still had a notable year.

During the past Summer Term we had two speakers. The first was the Public Relations Officer for Vauxhall's and the second was the Assistant Governor of Walton Gaol who favourably compared our building with his institution. During this term the Lower Sixth competed with the staff for the bowls and 'chip and putt' trophy, unfortunately with no greater success than our predecessors. The staff led by Christie ("I only play once a year") Connah, the golfing slide-rule, won by the comfortable score of 12—8, mainly due to good cheating by Mr. Woods and Mr. Halliday.

The last event of the term was a very enjoyable three day minibus trip, reported elsewhere, to Northumberland and Yorkshire with Mr. Gray and Mr. Richards.

This was to be Mr. Gray's last venture with the Sixth Form and we should like to thank him for his year spent in helping to organise our activities.

During the Autumn Term we had speakers on the 'Pestalozzi Villages'. 'The American Way of Life' and 'Germany Today'. The last-named meeting was a joint one with two girls' schools. For some unknown reason this subject provoked a fantastic cultural thirst amongst Sixth Formers and the Wilfred Owen Library was packed to capacity.

It should also be mentioned that this meeting produced hitherto unseen smart attire and a sudden urge to help with refreshments.

The remaining meetings consisted of a film show and a visit to the Playhouse.

As last year, a Christmas Party was held in the Dining Hall. This year it was held with Park High School for Girls and was undoubtedly the best attended effort of the year; virtually all the Sixth Form came and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Sixth Form would like to thank the Catering Committee for providing a huge buffet at the party at virtually no cost, Mr. Woods for giving up his Wednesday evenings to attend our meetings, R. I. Johnson, Gunson, Wade and Hodgson for their efforts towards the party, Watson for providing the refreshments at our meetings and Ashworth for devouring most of them.

J. L. Macklin, Secretary.

MUSIC CLUB REPORT

To most of the pupils, and perhaps even some of the staff of B.I., what goes on behind the closed doors of the Music Room every lunch-hour is a complete mystery. Through this door, to add to the confusion, about a dozen people pass, at the above-mentioned time. This assembly is commonly known by its members as the "Music Club".

Led by Mr. Shaw, the club's aims are:—

- (a) To develop musical aptitude beyond what can be covered in time-table lessons.
- (b) To pass external examinations—especially those in musical knowledge.
- (c) To enter suitable boys for musical festivals in practical subjects, i.e. solo-singing, instrumental work, sight-reading tests, etc. and
- (d) To render such musical service to the community as to keep B.I. in the eye of musical circles and the public.

I mentioned above "external examinations". To some people, this term rings a bell; to others it falls on stony ground. The members of the Music Club learn a great deal, and it's difficult, of musical theory in a very short time, in order to catch the next series of exams. These exams are held twice a year, by Trinity College of Music, and are divided into various grades. The following results were gained during the past year:—
Grade I—P. Roberts, G. Williams, E. Parker.
Grade II—P. Cave, A. Waters, A. Tulloch, C. Berrido, E. Shackleton.
Grade III—A. Kelly, J. Fraser, G. Jemitus.
Grade V—J. Beattie.

Grades VI, VII, VIII (in successive exams) were gained by S. A. Owens of 4A. To have attained all three is a record; considering he is only 15½, as these are normally for 17, 18, and 19 year-olds successively. Owens has now passed all the College's "Amateur" grades, and the story now is that he might easily become a professional musician before he leaves school.

I also mentioned in my list of aims Music Festivals. During the last year, several notable successes were made in various local festivals.

Waters gained a Medal for solo singing at Wallasey, and Owens and Waters gained second prize for a duet at the same festival. Owens won second prize for sight-singing at Bromborough. He also gained second prize for Musical Knowledge, which was for all ages, including adults, at Wallasey. Several other boys gained 2nd, 3rd and Merit Certificates at different festivals, too numerous to mention here.

Last year, various town awards were also made. Tulloch received the Mayor's Medal for singing, and S. A. Owens was awarded the Rushworth and Dreaper Medal and letter of commendation for the most outstanding paper-work. As well as this, he was awarded the Town Scholarship for three years, which involves two professional teachers, all expenses paid.

W. E. Ward, having passed to Sheffield Training College, gained "Top Student" Award for Analysis.

The Music Club does not only go in for awards, though. Last year, Owens composed a descant for the Mayor's favourite hymn, which was first performed on Mayor's Sunday. A letter of thanks was received from the Mayor, along with a request that it be known as the "Mayor of Birkhead's Descant."

Another civic occasion was Remembrance Sunday, for which members of the Music Club prepared thirty-two band parts for an unobtainable hymn, a very difficult task indeed. A letter of thanks was again received from the Mayor, along with one from the conductor of Cammel Laird's Band.

During the Autumn Term the Music Club took part in the choral arrangements for a Memorial Service for three London policemen who were murdered. The Mayor also attended this service in St. Mary's Parish Church.

Members of the School Choir and Parish Church Choir gave a lecture-demonstration (under Mr. Shaw) to the N.W. Branch of the Presbyterian Guild of Organists. Compressed in one afternoon were methods of teaching, from seven years of age to adult part-singing. For this, the Guild reported favourably in their National Magazine.

During National Savings Week, a Concert was held at the Technical College. Here, the Harmony Group sang part-songs and a special "Psalm of the Psavers", composed of Savings literature and written by Mr. Shaw.

The Carol Concert, with guest performer Robin Johnson (medal from Trinity College for violin playing) and St. Mary's Church Choir, had a record attendance and also a record collection—£18.

This term an Inspector of Schools came to listen to tapes, specially prepared by Mr. Shaw and members of the club, of a new musical teaching method. The Inspector thought very highly of this.

We have several engagements for the coming year, a Concert for the Manx Society in April, which is a repeat after a performance two years ago. This may prove to be a busier year still! Who knows?

T. N. Birkett.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club normally meets every dinner hour 1-0 to 1-45, and there is usually keen competition, especially among Juniors, for the use of the limited number of sets and accommodation available.

In the Wright Shield Competition last season, although the school team secured only $1\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 7, all matches were evenly contested and the result was sometimes closer than the score suggests. This season, with a strong nucleus of last year's team still remaining, two wins have so far been recorded against stronger opposition with one fixture still outstanding.

Three friendly matches have also been played—one last season and two this—resulting in two wins against Wirral G.S. and a heavy defeat by a strong Calday G.S. 2nd team.

The usual Senior and Junior House Competitions resulted in an overall win for Atkin, mainly owing to the strength of their Junior team which won every match and so secured the Chess Shield for their House for the first time for many years. This season the Senior Competition has so far been played, from which Stitt House hold the lead with three wins, with Westminster holding second place with two wins.

School Chess Colours were awarded last season to the School Captain, P. G. Parry, and this year have also been awarded to the present School Captain, J. L. Macklin.

Results in detail are as follows:—

SCHOOL TEAM GAMES — 1965-6

Prescot G.S. 4½, B.I. 2½; St. Anselm's College 4, B.I. 3; Ruffwood Comprehensive 1½, B.I. 5½; Maghull G.S. 5½; B.I. 1½; Liverpool College 3½, B.I. 3½; St. Edward's College 4½, B.I. 2½; Cowley G.S. 4, B.I. 3.

Reserve Team Game:

Wirral G.S. 5, B.I. 7.

Senior House Matches:

Stitt 4, Atkin 3; Westminster 6, Tate 1; Atkin 5, Tate 2; Westminster 5, Stitt 2; Atkin 3½, Westminster 3½; Stitt 5½, Tate 1½.

1st, Westminster (2½); 2nd, Stitt (2); 3rd, Atkins (1½); 4th, Tate (0).

Junior House Matches:

Atkin 4, Stitt 3; Tate 4, Westminster 3; Atkins 5½, Tate 1½; Stitt 5, Westminster 2; Atkin 5½, Westminster 1½; Stitt 7, Tate 0.

1st, Atkin (3); 2nd, Stitt (2); 3rd, Tate (1); 4th, Westminster (0).

FINAL POSITIONS

1st, Atkin—4½ (26½); 2nd, Stitt—4 (26½); 3rd, Westminster—2½ (21); 4th, Tate—1 (10).

SCHOOL TEAM GAMES — 1966-67

Wigan G.S. 3, B.I. 4; Wallasey G.S. 6, B.I. 1; Rock Ferry 4½, B.I. 2½; Birkenhead School 5½, B.I. 1½; St. Francis Xaviers 4, B.I. 3; Ruffwood Comp. 2½, B.I. 4½.

Reserve Team Matches:

Wirral 2, B.I. 6; Calday G.S. 7, B.I. 0.

Senior House Matches:

Atkin 3, Stitt 4; Tate 1½, Westminster 5½; Atkin 3, Tate 4; Westminster 3, Stitt 4; Stitt 7, Tate 0; Westminster 5, Atkin 2.

Senior Result:

1st, Stitt (3); 2nd, Westminster (2); 3rd, Tate (1); 4th, Atkin (0).

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS CLUB

The club was formed on February 8th, and now has an average attendance of 28 members. The membership fee is 3/-, and members pay 6d. per week to the club's funds; this money will be used to buy equipment for the club.

The meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 4-0 p.m., in the Junior Science Laboratory. The activities of the club will include work with tape-recorders, amplifiers, and short-wave radios. Members will be able to use some of the school equipment, and will be encouraged to do some construction work at the meetings.

Theory classes are to be arranged soon, and we hope to invite some members of the Wirral Radio Society to come and speak to us. Details of all meetings will be placed on the notice board, and all members of the school interested in radio or electronics are invited to attend.

A. Halliday (L.6).

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

MEMORIES

The town I was born in
Is a dying town
And maybe now it's already dead.
I don't know!
I left it many years ago.
I remember
The dirty streets,
That dirty feet trod,
But now they are all gone!
I remember
The towering cranes,
The bellowing ships,
And the noisy people.
I remember the dirty river
That dirty boats crossed
Carrying the thousands of tiny people;
All hurrying,
Bustling,

And shoving.

No they're not pleasant memories!

At night I remember the deadened streets,

Yellow in the pale, watery moon.

The unused church,

Now broken—dead!

Even the moon by-passing its jagged body, trying not to see;

The broken windows,

The moss-covered walls—no longer seeing or breathing.

Just decaying in the wind.

But maybe, my town is not dead—

Still living, and breathing,

But I'm not sure.

I guess, I'm running now.

I always have been

Running, running, always running.

Trying not to see

But always living with my memories—

Of My Town!

A. Roberts (3.A).

AUTUMN REVIEW

Time for tea.

Swirling water and steamy breath;

Frosty fingertips and scarves wound tight;

Trees undressed, the bed time season;

Clouds of wool just whisk along.

A robin's song;

Windswept proms; the boarded huts;

Cold surf rises to wash and lick.

Autumn tones that warm our windows,

And give us restful comfort,

To browse round shops, as showers stop.

Lights like lemons, and stars unnumbered,

Reflect in streets to light the coming gloom.

P. Bowen (3.A).

'THE JOURNEY'

by J. B. Shields

The machinery clanked as the small machine bored its way through the solid rock towards the centre of the earth. Then disaster happened. One of the tracks on the boring machine was ripped to shreds by a jagged piece of extremely hard rock. The boring machine was now completely immobile.

The two crew members donned asbestos suits because of the extreme heat outside and one of them took the laser cutter out of a large metal locker. They left their refuge through a small emergency exit in the roof. Within minutes the two crewmen had set up the laser cutter and the beam of light began to cut its way through the rock like a knife through butter.

It took nearly 8 hours to cut a narrow tunnel about 10 feet long in the rock. The two strangely garbed men slowly and clumsily made their way towards the end of the very short tunnel, which led to a natural subterranean cavern almost pitch-black. Both men took out their torches and lit the way ahead of them. Ahead of the two loomed a small lake which presented them with the next problem of how to cross it.

There was a muffled roar; they whirled round, only to see the lake bubbling as though it was being churned-up by some gigantic creature. Then before their eyes a huge grey monster appeared out of the murky depths. It looked like something out of the prehistoric age and before the men could move a step it bore down on them with its jaws wide open showing its menacing teeth . . .

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THE ULTIMATE MACHINE

The finger was poised, the countdown started: 5 . . 4 . . 3 . . 2 . . 1 . . the finger plunged down. That was it. The end of a generation's work.

The era of the ultimate machine was inaugurated. It had taken 50 years to build. What would happen now?

It was an economist's heaven—everything for everyone—the end of all material desire. And so the years passed by with everyone contented. People forgot how to work. Generations grew up and died. Then it happened;—the Machine broke down.

For a while all went well, but then it started, ever so gradually, to grind to a halt. The whole edifice cracked. Gone was the empty contentedness, scarcity had come. Old instincts were found anew. There were those that had and there were those that hadn't. People learnt how to fight amongst themselves.

Some places had plenty; some didn't. People learnt how to wage war too. People found it was easier to fight in groups. Gradually leaders emerged. Then some of these little bands combined. The bigger ones extracted dues from the smaller ones. The leadership became hereditary. A kingdom was born.

Many kingdoms were born. Some conquered others; soon there were fewer. Society progressed: feudalism disappeared; capitalism emerged. Then, that which had been dormant for centuries emerged—People wanted things.

Socialism came—all were equal; all shared what there was. But people still wanted things. Then it happened—it was the new process; it was brilliant; it was the ultimate machine.

F. Pack, L.VI.

A STORMY NIGHT

Rain,
Drumming on dustbin lids.
Dripping from eaves
And running along gutters.
Rain,—
With squelching boots
Down muddy lane
The farmer travels home.
Pitter-Patter Rain,—
Passing overflowing lakes and rivers
The farmer stands and shivers,
But sees his home-stead window bright
Light up with comfort of fire-light.

J. D. Corran, 3A.

AT THE DENTIST'S

Many years ago, when dentists did not exist, the extraction of a tooth was very much more painful than it is now. For with all the modern tools of dentistry and anaesthetics, such as cocaine and gas, we feel almost nothing at all; whereas in earlier times the only tool was a stone and no anaesthetic existed, except perhaps for a swift blow on the head from a seemingly helpful companion.

The dentist today is really that helpful companion and even more so because he causes much less pain, and in fact does a lot to prevent it. The dentist is not, however, treated as such, and a young child may look up at that towering, serious-looking man with a small drill in his hand and think of him as an ogre.

My first opinion of my first dentist was that he was a pleasant, jovial man for he was of rather large build with a ruddy complexion. The only fault I found in him was that like most men with ruddy complexion he wheezed and at close quarters he sounded like a car with a flat battery.

At this present time it is not only the "homo sapiens" who have to go to the dentists. Such institutions as animal clinics have been set up which amongst other things take care of animals' teeth. The animal fortunately is not able to express his feelings unless he has the power to wrinkle his face as do monkeys. The most plentiful animals in need of dental care (I should think) are dogs because they rely on their teeth for everything. One could take for an example a watch-dog without any teeth or a dog trying to eat a bone. Imagine what it would be like if all dogs had no teeth; their value to the community would go and a certain quotation by Diogenes would have to be changed to, "I am a dog because I fawn on those who give me anything, I yelp at those who refuse, and set my teeth in rascals".

P. M. De Santos, 4A.

ESCARGOT

I slide along
With the greatest of ease;
I am a snail
And I live on fleas.
I live in a shell
Way under the ground;
It's a nice little place
And it's proofed against sound.
My mother went out;
Was caught by a cat.
And I never did see her
Again after that.
With this sad event
This now ends my tale
Of the sound-proofed life
Of a poor little snail.

D. McNamara (1H)

CATS ?

A cat is a four-legged, warm-blooded creature, nocturnal by nature, only coming alive after nightfall when all its social life takes place. In consequence, during the daytime it is 'recharging its batteries' as it were and, when not asleep, moves with the minimum of effort and the maximum of effect.

Because of this cats tend to be regarded as naturally lazy animals; they always seem to be either stretched out or curled up (according to the kind of cat) in a very warm place, mostly the best armchair. Some live dangerously; lie in the grate, for instance, where red-hot cinders are liable to fall on them. There was one sad case where the cat used to crawl into the oven for warmth—the woman one day found roast lamb and grilled tabby. Cats are very independent; after being shouted, whistled and clapped for hours, they at last deign to come in to eat, after giving a disdainful look round to show who is boss and a disdainful sniff to show their dislike of that particular brand of cat food.

The only time that cats lose this independence is when they are stuck up a tree. Then they present a most pitiful sight, howling with terror, until some mad fool climbs up to rescue them and after being badly scratched brings them down, whereupon they jump out of his hands and flee. They are very deadly though, as will agree anyone who has seen a cat silently and stealthily stalking its prey, blissfully unaware of its presence right up to the very end, and pounce with the speed of lightning.

Lions being bigger are that much deadlier; they are often called the 'King of Beasts' but the lioness is usually fiercer. These are the Mafia of the animal world; they kill deer and small animals with the casual skill of the professional. Tigers are similar to lions, but striped; it is convenient to say that lions live in Africa and tigers in India but this is not strictly true as any naturalist will admit under pressure. I believe there are a few hundred lions in Asia (not the same species as their African cousins and much rarer). To me Siamese cats are the aristocracy of the cat world and I can well imagine the ancient Egyptians worshipping similar ones and writing their lyrics on every wall of every sarcophagus, tomb and palace they could build.

Television gives cats a bad image; what lower form of scoundrel, more low-down sneak is there than Silvester or Mr. Jinx? The former was always trying to get his claws into a talking canary, called for some unknown reason, Tweety Pie, the latter into two mice. Of course, neither ever succeeded and in most cases failed miserably with their carnivorous designs. A very different 'kettle of fish' or 'pride of lions' is Snagglepuss, the soft and chicken-hearted lion, whose philosophy is 'he who runs away today, lives to run another day' whenever he is confronted with trouble or potential danger.

In contrast cats in advertisements never grow old, can always pick out which cat food contains the most vitamins per square inch and always get their way if they want the gas fire turned up high. The majority of cats, however, lie between the two extremes.

'Cool cats' was a term that was in vogue a few years ago. It described those people who today are called 'with-it' or the 'in-set.' They were supposed to have those lazy, unworried, economical-of-effort qualities of the real thing. I would not know, never having met anyone who professed to be or know one.

'Catty' used of women, though, is meant to represent a cat at its worst when it pounces on a small animal or bird from behind and cruelly tears it to pieces. A female is catty if she backbites and tears another person's reputation to shreds behind his or her back from some selfish, jealous, envious or purely spiteful motives of her own. (The correct word would be 'feline' which means either cat-like or catty in the sense I hope I have just explained). There is a definite feline-feminine relationship; feline describing a woman can be either in praise of her suppleness and ease of movement or a term of greatest abuse; also women, like cats, have the knack of biting the hand that feeds them.

Could cats ever take over the world? They seem almost as intelligent as dogs whom they must regard as traitors for having allowed themselves to be tamed and humanised unlike themselves. Yes, it is a possibility.

S. A. Drake (5A)

..... OR DOGS?

A famous quotation by someone or other, I can't quite remember who it is at the moment, tells us that "Aristocrats have heirs; the poor have children; the rest keep dogs." And its high time we recognized the English Dog Cult, which now vies with Christianity in the top-ten religions poll. The dog population of Britain is myriad; when you are not actually seeing one, you are treading in evidence of one. The best way of finding the origins of this cult is to delve into the canine past.

There was a time when the forebears of our contemporary dog ran free in packs of up to one hundred; short, stocky and yellow-haired, revelling in the liberty of a collar-free throat. It's hard to believe that the lump of hairy fat, slobbered out in front of a Mayfair fire, is a scion of these once-noble creatures.

But then, back in the mists of time, something happened: there fell from a tree a half-upright hairy creature called Man. Later on some were called Women, which eased the Palaeolithic sexual frustration (until then,

known as the Ice Age). Feasting on a pot-pourri of mammoth steaks and H.P. sauce, early men moved on, leaving in their wake all the members of the tribe too fat to move. Lying there, daubed with woad and with feathers in every orifice, these rotund men looked, as we say, done up like dog's dinner—which in fact they became. From then on, the more way-of the dog pack scavenged in the van of the early itinerant tribes.

Then, in the cold winter of his discontent, Man, by striking trees with lightning invented (a) Fire and (b) Nothing else. Wayward dog drew near the crackling flames and basked in the effulgent warmth. Unwittingly he was taking the first steps to a lush life of social elevation and canine oblivion. Dog grew sleeker, fatter, his fleas became an affluent society; he even learned to wag his tail. This seemed to please his master, but always puzzled the dog. And dog emulated man by giving birth to a litter of twelve pups.

Now it came to pass that among the busy tribes there were many, what we shall call, less industrious females. One such a one happened upon what was, until then, a perfectly happy litter. She bent down (a most precarious pastime in that period) and picked up one of the pups. "Awwwwwwwww," she said. From that moment on, Dog was doomed. Through the ensuing centuries dog has been interbred, crossbred, inbred, overbred, stretched, reduced, lengthened, shortened, hair cut off, hair grown to all lengths, tails lopped off, and latterly, fired to the moon.

Today, there is only the mongrel that retains the knowledge of what he really is, and he is rejected by the new Canine Hierarchy; whose leader at the moment is known as the poodle, and is what can only be described as a knotted piece of string with legs. There are also the miniatures made conveniently to fit in handbags; and there is even a booming industry catering for the canine gourmet, with its own advertising rights on I.T.V. For example, "Don't let your dog eat the same scraps your husband has to. Feed him on Wuffalot." This is what is known as the milk of human kindness. Feed your dog up to the eyeballs and don't worry about the starving children in the Congo and India.

One's spirits soar at this selfless devotion of man to his dog.

G. Leeming (L.VI)

DEATH OF AN ACE

The ace, the queen, the demon cards,
His father had drawn them . . . and his father died hard.
That bird skimmed quickly, o'er the lake,
His heart thumped, and his brow did bake,
But the ripple he saw, the ripple he knew,
Would finish his life like vapourised dew.

The ace, the queen, the demon cards,
His father had drawn them . . . and his father died hard.
That bird skimmed quickly, and the ripple did hit.
He leapt in the air, spun over and split.
The impact, the crashing, the explosion as well,
Yet why did he do it? Why toll death's bell?

The ace, the queen, the demon cards,
His father had drawn them . . . his father died hard.
But why, oh why, did he give up his life?
For a water speed record he made all this strife.
Why, oh why? This question we ask,
But for Britain, remember, he wore death's mask.

S. Ladyman (3A)

ME NEW KNIFE

We wus walkin' along and we seen dis 'ouse wiv a big winder in it. So Charlie gorra brick and chucked it frew di winder. Den this copper seen us, so we bombed it down de road. We soon lost 'im in de alleys where we seen dis 'ere black 'n' white moggy, and dis birrer string, and dis 'ere can, so we stuck 'em all together and we ended up wiv a moggy w'at 'ad a can 'round its tail.

After dis we seen dis snobby lad lookin' fer summat. So we walked up to 'im an' I said,

"Whatcha lookin' for, matey?"

"A knife," said the boy, poshly.

"We'll 'elp yer," I said. "What's it look like?"

An' 'e said, "It has got a bone handle."

"Gorrit!" said Joey.

"Gissit 'ere, Joey," I said.

Then this 'ere lad ast me forrit back.

"Over me dead body!" I said violently.

At dis 'e looked dead queer and shocked.

"Give it me," he said, 'alf cryin'.

"What's it like?" I asked. Then dis 'ere lad said, "It has got a bone handle, with three blades, and thingy for getting pebbles out of horses' hoofs, and tweesars," he said.

"'as it gorra corkscrew, be any chance?" I asked.

"Yes!" he said.

So I replied, knowin' it 'ad got one, "Sorry, lad, dis ain't yours, 'cos it 'asn't got one."

"It is mine. I saw that kid pick it up."

Then Joey jumped on 'im, and stuck 'is knee in 'is back. Then when 'e was on de deck we all gorrin. Joey kicked 'im on 'is elbow, 'an I flattened 'is konk wiv a left 'ook. Then we ran off wiv 'is cap, kickin' it like a footer ball fru de mud. 'e tried to gerrus bu' 'e didn't uvverwise we wudder gorrin. When we were out of sight and finished kickin' it, we chucked it in de canal. Then we went off, looking for some more kicks.

D. L. Williams and L. McGeough (2T).

(Form 2T don't really speak like this!—Ed.)

THE ADDICT

They warned me,

They told me,

It was wrong,

But I don't care,

I don't care

If I die,

As long as

I am "fixed".

I fiddle prescriptions

Just for more.

It makes me high,

It makes me good,

As long as

I get more,

Heroin, hash, hemp;

I've had them all.

They say I'll die at 27;

I don't care about heaven,

I've seen it once,

And hell as well,

In a "trip"

That I have taken.

Go on, man,

Try some, man,

Try some L.S.D.

Peter Price (IVB)

FITZGIBBON LEAVES CHORLEY! (From Our Special Correspondent)

It was reported today that Mr. Rastus Fitzgibbon, manager of bottom-of-the-table Chorley Chemicals, has handed in his resignation.

This afternoon, in an official statement, the club chairman, speaking on behalf of his colleagues, commented: "The news has come somewhat as a shock. We were a closely knitted club and we all pulled our weight. Rastus ate, slept and drank football; it is a great pity he knew absolutely nothing about the game."

The news of his resignation also caused great concern amongst the players, who intend holding a banquet on Friday in celebration of the sad occasion.

In a career spanning many years, Mr. Fitzgibbon, as both a player and a manager, has been a dedicated servant to football, and has many happy recollections from these years. He can remember numerous convictions for corruption, and also a short term of imprisonment for an assault on a linesman.

Mr. Fitzgibbon has been with the Lancashire club for four years, and in that time has guided them surely from the glitter of the First Division to their present predicament at the foot of the Fourth. This feat, never before achieved in this country, earned him the acknowledgement of the football world. He was given the proud title of Rat-face Rastus, and was so modest about this that he refused to speak for twelve months.

Asked about his future, Mr. Fitzgibbon said that the fact that he will be eighty-nine years old next month in no way affected his decision. He now intends to accept the generous offer, made by the Football League, of a coaching appointment in Tasmania.

D. C. McB.

MY TOWN

The town I speak of holds no memories

But for the winter nights of mystery.

3 o'clock.

This town has carried no feelings,

But for those who have long since gone.

The wind blows;

It chills your toes.

The streets are filled with the ghosts of people,

The dancing rain clangs against the cold ground

The sky is cold against the church-steeple

It smites an old stone courthouse, decaying in the wind.

Oh, it's been so long abandoned,

And the very breath of the broken masonry is dying.

The town is being smothered by the clinging moss.

The very eyes of the silver moon are watching

Through the jagged clouds

And in the distance the dogs howl in the graveyard.

But still this choking town holds its dignity,

Its heart yearning for human pity.

Though it is not a rich town;

This is my town . . . a dying town;

A dead town.

A horrible, horrible feeling tears my tortured brain,

Oh, Lord take me from this Hell, for it is here that I was slain!

D. Knight (3.A).

Gentlemen of the French Guard, fire first—(Lord Charles Hay)

Messieurs les Anglais, tirez les premiers—(Comte d'Anterroche)

Comme le suggère ce titre, notre propos est de relater brièvement les divers échanges de politesses, de pensées élogieuses ou dédaigneuses, de jugements flatteurs ou méprisants qu'ont causés les légères différences dans le mode de vie de l'Angleterre et de la France.

A en croire les deux premières lignes, les guerres franco-anglaises, anglo-françaises devrais-je écrire, n'ont jamais été guère plus qu'un échange de civilités. Ce dialogue aurait presque pu se répéter pour savoir qui des deux montera le premier dans le carrosse ou se servira en petits fours— Il faut bien reconnaître cependant qu'il n'en a pas toujours été de même—
"L'Angleterre est une nation de boutiquiers" (Napoléon I).
"The faithless vain disturber of mankind, insulting Gaul."

(Thomson: "The Seasons")

"Perfide Angleterre." (Bossuet: "Premier Sermon")

"The most frivolous and fickle of civilized nations"

(Walter Bagehot, speaking of France)

Cela a au moins le mérite de la franchise—Mais ce ne sont là que des jugements d'ensemble et sur bien des points plus précis une sorte de duel verbal à travers les siècles s'établit.

(i) Le Temps:

"The English Winter ,ending in July

To recommence in August" (Byron: "Don Juan")

Ceci doit poser un problème pour les couturiers: pas de

Collection Hiver ou Mode de Printemps!

"I would not exchange thy (England) sullen skies and fields without a
flower for warmer France with all her vines"

(William Cowper: "The Time Piece")

"Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun." (Noel Coward).

Le risque d'insolation cependant n'est pas énorme.

(ii) Le Vin:

"Some are fond of French wine."

(John Masefield: "Captain Stratton's Fancy").

Remarquez ici l'usage habituel chez les Anglais de l'"understatement".

(iii) La Cuisine:

Une seule et brève citation suffira:

"The French cook, we open tins." (John Galsworthy).

(iv) La Langue:

"La difficulté d'écrire l'anglais m'est extrêmement ennuyeuse. Ah, mon Dieu! Si l'on pouvait toujours écrire cette belle langue de France!"

(Dickens, en français dans le texte).

"Speak in French when you can't think of the English for a thing."

(Lewis Carroll: Alice through the Looking Glass).

"C'est une belle langue que l'anglais . . . Avec God dam en Angleterre on ne manque de rien nulle part . . . Les Anglais, à la vérité, ajoutent par ci, par là quelques autres mots en conversant; mais il est bien aisé de voir que God dam est le fond de la langue." (Beaumarchais: Figaro).

Cela ruine la publicité de linguaphone!

(v) L'aptitude au silence:

"A Frenchman must always be talking whether he knows anything of the matter or not; an Englishman is content to say nothing when he has nothing to say." (Samuel Johnson (letter to Boswell))

En d'autres mots, la façon dont se passent les cours de conversation!

"Le silence morne et mort de nos si chers amis anglais."

(Charles Du Bos: "Journal".)

Ce qui est un compliment si l' on croit Thomas Carlyle "I hope we English will long maintain our grand talent pour le silence."

Le résultat de ces différences mineures est qu' Anglais et Français ne se comprennent pas toujours:

"I hate the French because they are all slaves and wear wooden shoes."

(Oliver Goldsmith: "Essays".)

Sur le premier point, il ne m' est pas permis de parler ici de politique, mais sur le deuxième, je peux l' assurer que cette coutume est en voie de disparition.

"L'Angleterre est au monde ce que le diable est à l' homme." (Leon Bloy).
Remarquez l' usage habituel chez les Français de l' "overstatement".

"The French are wiser than they seem." (Francis Bacon: "Essays".)

Compliment sur l' esprit ou critique sur le physique?

"Guerre aux tyrans! Jamais en France

Jamais l' anglais ne régnera" (Casimir Delavigne: "Charles VI".)

Je suis sûr qu'il n'y a aucune mauvaise intention de la sorte dans la tentative anglaise d' entrée dans le Marché Commun!

"It is not a fashion for maids in France to kiss before they are married"

(Shakespeare: "King Henry V".)

Les traditions se perdent!

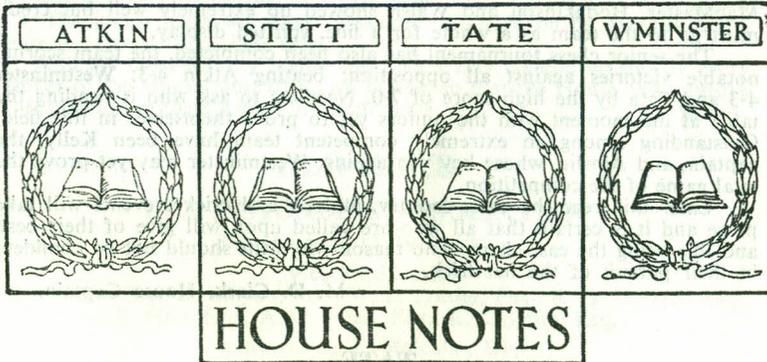
Tout ceci explique peut-être quelques différences singulières d'expressions—
Par exemple, "filer à l' anglaise" se traduit par "to take French leave." Il existe un autre exemple tout aussi frappant mais la décence m'interdit de le citer ici.

Pour terminer une citation qui fera peut-être réfléchir les promoteurs du pont ou du tunnel sous la Manche.

"The best thing I know between France and England is the sea."

(D. W. Jerrold: "The Anglo French Alliance".)

Gilles Gamot.



ATKIN

Last year for Atkin was a very successful one. In every event we were either first or second and lost the Coronation cup by only one point to Stitt. Particularly outstanding was our success in the Chess Cup which Atkin won for the first time for several years. Our success was due mainly to the efforts of the Senior Boys in the House and the work many of them put in behind the scenes. We must thank especially Phil Parry, last year's House Captain, who took part in every single house activity during the year. With his departure the House loses the last member of a family of three who have made a first class contribution to the activities of the House in recent years.

This season on the Rugby Field the senior team did extremely well in winning two matches, losing only to a very strong Westminster side. The regular rugby players made a major contribution but success would not have been achieved without sustained work from the other members of the team. The Junior team have been less successful to date but they have played well and next season we can look forward to an excellent side.

The future progress of Atkin this season lies with every boy in the House and we are sure that Atkin will achieve a successful result if we all make the effort.

A.P.J., J.H.W.

STITT

The posed question for all Stitt lads is whether or not we can win the Coronation Cup for the third year in succession. So far there has been little House activity with only the senior Rugby and Chess matches being completed, but general enthusiasm and honest endeavour by those competing in the competitions so far suggests that Stitt are determined to try for the hat trick.

Unfortunately, in the senior rugby, our team was not as strong as in recent years and lost all of its matches to the other Houses. The last game of the series against Tate was by far the most exciting with Stitt leading up to half time and then desperately trying to pull back the deficit after a goal by the opposition.

Scorers in the three matches were R. J. Ainslie; P. Rimmer, M. Gibson, P. Smith, M. Armitage, G. B. Johnson and L. G. T. Jones. Special mention must be made of Skipper P. Whitehead who was outstanding in all the games and a great source of inspiration and encouragement to his somewhat weak side.

It now seems certain that Westminster will be this year's rugby champions but Stitt could still finish in a good position depending on our junior side who so far have disposed of Tate and Atkin in very workmanlike style. MacMaster, Hodgkinson and Walsh showed up extremely well but credit must go to the team as a whole for a fine, spirited display.

The senior chess tournament has also been completed, the team scoring notable victories against all opposition; beating Atkin 4-3; Westminster 4-3 and Tate by the high score of 7-0. Needless to ask who is heading the table at the moment with the juniors yet to prove themselves in this field. Outstanding among an extremely competent team have been Kelly, the captain, and Ainslie, whose key win against Westminster may yet prove the vital game of the competition.

Later this year the cross-country, athletic and cricket events will take place and it is certain that all who are called upon will give of their best, and this being the case there is no reason why Stitt should not be confident in their pursuit of the hat trick.

M. D. Clark, House Captain.

TATE

The year provided Tate with outstanding successes in two events of the House competition but also with less cheering performances in the remaining activities.

Tate's achievement in the Cross Country events must take pride of place for this was a genuine team effort. The victory was attained just as much by the willingness of the House backmarkers to fight their way up the field as by the most able runners producing their best performances. Undoubtedly this was Tate's finest team success for many years.

The House certainly did not start as favourites for the cricket championships. However, the seemingly more gifted sides proved vulnerable and a fine innings by Milnes in the final senior match against Westminster proved decisive.

All Houses were evenly balanced in the Athletic Sports. Tate could easily have been challenging for first position had it not been for absence or injury depriving the House of a number of its best athletes. Uniform effort from each year group would have guaranteed a higher place.

The rugby and chess teams displayed less team spirit and determination to win. Greater enthusiasm and endeavour in these fields must be the next objective in improving the House record.

WESTMINSTER

At the time of writing the position of the House in the rugby and chess competitions is quite good. All the rugby matches played have been won and only one chess match has been lost.

In the first senior rugby match against Tate, the team, slightly weakened by several injuries, took some time to settle down and it was not until the second half that it began to show its true form. The final score was 14-0 for Westminster. In the next two matches the team settled down considerably and both backs and forwards put up excellent displays and were well rewarded with tries. The scores were 26-0 against Stitt and 23-3 against Atkin.

The junior team, in the first match against Tate, achieved a convincing win of 33-0 mainly due to the dominance of the Westminster pack. The backs, not getting a great deal of the ball, did not use the ball as well as they could have, but James at scrum-half put up a fine display of rugby. Candeland also needs to be congratulated for his accurate goal-kicking. The second match against Atkin was again a victory with a score of 22-0. The forwards showed less domination in this match and as a consequence the backs produced some very good moves. Again James, Sutton, Candeland and Lewis showed some good play. With these five wins the House is in an unassailable position in the rugby competition.

The senior chess team has won two of its three matches, against Tate and Atkin by convincing scores of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 5-2. The other match against Stitt was a closely fought battle which ended in a win for Stitt by 4 games to 3. The junior team will have to concentrate hard on its matches if the House is to regain the chess shield.

With the cross-country match and Sports Day coming up shortly every member of the House must strive his utmost so that the House can improve on its position in these events in recent years. P.W.

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The Association Club, 40 Argyle Street, Birkenhead, is maintained by an energetic Committee for the benefit of Association members and their guests. It is open on Sundays, Monday, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 7-30 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held in the Whetstone Lounge on Wednesday, March 29th, at 8 p.m.

On Remembrance Day the Association laid its tributes on the School War Memorials.

Each year at the school the Association is pleased to present its Sports Prizes, one to a boy from each of the four Houses. The next presentation will be in May.

At the end of each Summer Term an Association XI meets the School 1st Cricket XI at Ingleborough Road in what always proves to be a most enjoyable match followed by supper in the pavilion. This year the game is to be played on Monday and Tuesday, July 17th and 18th, and the Old Boys' team is to be captained by Roy Parry.

Another social occasion enjoyed by an increasing number of Old Boys is the Annual Golf Match which is to be held this year at the Prenton Golf Club on Wednesday, May 17th. The function is being organized by Dr. A. Hodgson, 337 Upton Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead.

The Association tie, black with open gold visors in diagonal lines, can be purchased from Bibby and Perkin, Grange Road, Birkenhead, on production of a current membership card. The cards for 1967 will be distributed shortly after the A.G.M.

OLD INSTONIANS R.U.F.C.

The Club has had a mixed season so far, with the following results:

	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XV	8	3	12
2nd XV	9	1	14
3rd XV	4	3	14
4th XV	8	3	6

However, the 1st XV have improved considerably since Christmas, having lost only one in the last seven matches and scoring 72 points to 21 points against.

Congratulations are extended to Phil Mealor, Phil Whitehead and Harry Daniels who now hold regular 1st XV places for the Old Boys.

Special mention of the 4th team results are appropriate in these notes as several members of the School's teams have played with great enthusiasm in many of these games.

The Old Boys are now looking for further successes, the season being closed with our tour of the Isle of Man at Easter.

I would like to remind those Rugby players who will be leaving School this summer that the membership subscription is very nominal for members in their first year after leaving school.

R.W.S.

WAR MEMORIAL PRIZE

After the last war an appeal was launched for funds so that a memorial tablet in memory of the Old Boys of the School who had died could be erected in the entrance hall. Subscriptions were received from parents, Old Boys, and friends of the School, and the tablet was unveiled after a memorial service on December 18th, 1949.

The balance of the fund was invested and the interest used to provide annually an Old Boys' War Memorial Prize, which is presented at the prize distribution. The Prize is awarded by the Trustees, six Old Boys of the School, to the boy who has most merited the award by some noteworthy performance or achievement in athletics, or any of the School's sporting or recreational activities, during the preceding twelve months.

The Winners of the Award

1949 A. A. Smith	1955 I. Marrs	1961 A. McIntosh
1950 A. A. Smith	1956 H. S. Jones	1962 A. Steedman
1951 J. R. Morris	1957 T. H. Harris	1962 A. Steedman
1952 G. M. Dodd	1958 P. J. Sampson	1963 L. R. McKittrick
1953 T. S. Hodgson	1959 D. Docherty	1964 G. F. Brown
1954 A. S. Hodgson	1960 C. M. Lee	1965 M. F. McNulty

The Trustees have awarded the Prize for 1966 to P. G. Parry.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

We are always glad to hear of the activities of our Old Boys at University or elsewhere and welcome letters such as that received recently from Timothy Cooke, a recent leaver now in Kumasi, Ghana. The following is just an extract from an interesting letter:

"Since September I have been working here for the Forest Products Research Institute, part of the Ghana Academy of Sciences as a research officer. I work under a Welshman who is here on British Technical Aid in the tree-breeding section. We are trying to develop a seed orchard in Kumasi in order to carry out afforestation work and to develop plantations. My actual job is the selection of 'perfect' or 'plus' trees—that is, trees with straight trunks and good branching, etc.. From these we obtain buds, which are then grafted onto roots in a plantation. Hence we have, with luck, a plantation of perfect trees, which we use to produce seed. This process involves staying out in the bush for long periods. In fact, in my four months here I have spent over three in the 'bush' by myself. This is a very lonely life living in rest-houses or camping in remote villages. At first I was rather depressed, but now that I am accustomed to being alone I enjoy it. It means that I have plenty of time for reading and time to think without the threat of exams every few months. When I'm in the 'bush' I work with a gang of labourers who don't speak English, but we manage to communicate in pidgin English and a few words of the local languages that I know.

I don't know when I shall return to England, but I am trying to delay it as long as possible. If it weren't for the fact that I have a university place I would stay for a second year."

N.B.—The writer also requests a copy of this year's "Visor"! (Ed.)

SCHOOL SPORTS

CRICKET RESULTS — 1966

1st XI:

Holt 53 for 9 dec. (P. Parry 4 for 13), B.I. 54 for 9 (Ashworth 23). B.I. won by 1 wicket.
 Oldershaw 76 (Titchmarsh 3 for 10, Parry 5 for 27), B.I. 123 for 8 dec. (Ashworth 40, Titchmarsh 32 not out). B.I. won by 47 runs.
 Calday Grange 27 for 8 (Parry 4 for 15), B.I. 26. B.I. lost by 2 wickets.
 Park High School 109 (Parry 6 for 24), B.I. 111 for 4 (Westwater 50, Woods 31 not out). B.I. won by 6 wickets.
 St. Anselm's College 110 (Titchmarsh 4 for 27), B.I. 48. B.I. lost by 62 runs.
 Quarry Bank 54 (Parry 4 for 13, Woods 3 for 13), B.I. 55 for 2 (Westwater 24). B.I. won by 8 wickets.
 Wellington 11 (Parry 3 for 4, McDonald 5 for 6), B.I. 92 for 3 dec. B.I. won by 81 runs.
 Rock Ferry 41 (Parry 8 for 18), B.I. 42 for 2 (Woods 24 not out). B.I. won by 8 wickets.
 Chester City 103, B.I. 86 for 9 (Ashworth 31). Drawn.
 Maghull 51 (Parry 8 for 24), B.I. 56 (Woods 20). B.I. won by 5 runs.
 O. Instonians 85 (Parry 5 for 27), B.I. 31. B.I. lost by 54 runs.
 Staff 120 (Titchmarsh 7 for 42), B.I. 87 for 6 (Ashworth 52 not out). Drawn.

2nd XI:

Oldershaw 24, B.I. 22. B.I. lost by 2 runs.
 Calday 88 (Whitehead 6 for 16), B.I. 63 for 2. Drawn.
 Park High 82 (Pearson 7 for 39), B.I. 56 for 8. Drawn.
 St. Anselm's 119 for 5 dec., B.I. 44. B.I. lost by 75 runs.
 Rock Ferry 114 (Prescott 6 for 29), B.I. 87. B.I. lost by 27 runs.
 Maghull 32 (Prescott 7 for 22), B.I. 36. B.I. won by 4 runs.

4th Year:

Holt 49 for 3, B.I. 47. B.I. lost by 7 wickets.
 Pershore House 54 for 7 (Mabbutt 6 for 9), B.I. 53. B.I. lost by 3 wickets.
 Chester City 101 for 7, B.I. 117 for 2 (Wilson 82 not out). B.I. won by 8 wickets.

3rd Year:

Calday 62 for 2 dec., B.I. 64 for 5. B.I. won by 5 wickets.
 Park High 56 (Griffiths 5 for 14, Armitage 4 for 30), B.I. 79 (Wade 22, Griffiths 25). B.I. won by 23 runs.
 Wirral 42 (Armitage 4 for 19, Laithwaite 4 for 12), B.I. 41. B.I. lost by 1 run.
 St. George's 12 (Griffiths 4 for 7, Armitage 4 for 5), B.I. 13 for 1. B.I. won by 9 wickets.
 Wellington 17 (Armitage 4 for 5), B.I. 65 for 7 dec. B.I. won by 48 runs.
 Rock Ferry 13 (Griffiths 8 for 5), B.I. 54. B.I. won by 41 runs.

2nd Year:

Park High 85 for 5 dec., B.I. 37. B.I. lost by 48 runs.
 Rock Ferry 61 for 8 dec., B.I. 47. B.I. lost by 14 runs.

1st Year:

Park High 48 for 3, B.I. 41 for 9 dec. B.I. lost by 7 wickets.
 St. George's 16 (Cairns 5 for 4), B.I. 17 for 3. B.I. won by 7 wickets.

RUGBY — 1966/67
(B.I. score appears first, in all results)

1st XV: Sept. 10th—Hillfoot (A), 17-8; Sept. 14th—Retiring Capt. XV (H), 0-17; Sept. 17th—Calday (H), 8-28; Sept. 21st—Wirral (A), 6-37; Sept. 24th—Helsby (H), 12-8; Oct. 1st—Grove Park (H), 0-8; Oct. 8th—St. Edward's College (A), 0-33; Oct. 15th—Wallasey T.G.S. (A), 5-3; Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (A), 3-30; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (H), 9-8; Nov. 12th—Collegiate (H), 6-11; Nov. 19th—West Park (A), 0-67; Nov. 26th—Maghull (A), 3-8; Dec. 7th—Rock Ferry (A), 3-12; Dec. 14th—Park High School (A), 6-8; 1967: Jan. 14th—Holt (H), 25-3; Jan. 25th—Wirral (H), 3-22; Feb. 1st—Park High School (H), 8-11; Feb. 4th—Wallasey T.G.S. (H), 26-3; Feb. 8th—St. Anselm's (A), 5-6; Feb. 11th—Wellington (A), 31-3; Feb. 15th—Rock Ferry (H), 16-6; Feb. 18th—Maghull (H), 16-18.

2nd XV: Sept. 17th—Calday (H), 3-6; Sept. 21st—Wirral (H), 9-0; Sept. 24th—Helsby (H), 11-8; Oct. 1st—Grove Park (A), 6-6; Oct. 8th—St. Edward's College (A), 0-24; Oct. 15th—Wallasey T.G.S. (A), 3-3; Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (A), 0-31; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (H), 12-5; Nov. 19th—West Park (A), 0-55; Nov. 26th—Maghull (H), 3-3; Dec. 14th—Park High School (A), 3-11; 1967: Jan. 14th—Carlett Park (A), 5-27; Jan. 25th—Wirral (A), 6-8; Jan. 28th—Carlett Park (H), 3-0; Feb. 1st—Park High School (H), 3-12; Feb. 4th—Wallasey T.G.S. (H), 21-3; Feb. 8th—St. Anselm's (H), 0-19; Feb. 15th—Rock Ferry (H), 9-8; Feb. 18th—Maghull (A), 3-9.

Colts: Sept. 17th—Calday (A), 0-41; Sept. 21st—Preston (H), 0-30; Sept. 24th—Helsby (A), 22-0; Oct. 1st—Grove Park (H), 0-19; Oct. 8th—St. Edward's College (H), 3-14; Oct. 15th—Wallasey T.G.S. (H), 3-3; Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (H), 5-23; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (A), 0-22; Nov. 19th—West Park (H), 6-3; Nov. 26th—Maghull (A), 0-3; Dec. 7th—St. George's (A), 6-0; 1967: Jan. 25th—St. George's (H), 3-3; Jan. 28th—Woodchurch (A), 0-20; Feb. 1st—Park High School (A), 0-20; Feb. 4th—Wallasey T.G.S. (A), 0-19; Feb. 8th—Preston (H), 8-13; Feb. 11th—St. Anselm's (A), 8-11; Feb. 15th—Wellington (A), 11-3; Feb. 18th—Maghull (H), 17-3.

Bantams: Sept. 17th—Calday (A), 6-24; Sept. 24th—Helsby (A), 0-24; Oct. 1st—Grove Park (A), 6-0; Oct. 8th—St. Edward's College (H), 3-19; Oct. 15th—Wallasey T.G.S. (H), 11-0; Oct. 20th—Wirral G.S. (H), 3-14; Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (H), 3-3; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (A), 3-19; Nov. 12th—Collegiate (A), 9-3; Nov. 19th—West Park (H), 0-8; Dec. 8th—St. George's (H), 6-3; 1967: Jan. 14th—Preston (A), 12-8; Jan. 26th—St. George's (H), 6-3; Jan. 28th—Oldershaw (H), 6-0; Feb. 2nd—Park High School (A), 0-11; Feb. 4th—Wallasey T.G.S. (A), 9-11; Feb. 9th—St. Anselm's (A), 3-19; Feb. 11th—Wellington (H), 14-5; Feb. 16th—Rock Ferry (A), 6-14.

Junior Bantams: Sept. 17th—Calday (A), 0-22; Oct. 1st—Preston (A), 9-17; Oct. 8th—St. Edward's College (A), 0-50; Oct. 15th—Wallasey T.G.S. (H), 0-9; Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (H), 0-30; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (A), 3-17; Nov. 12th—Collegiate (H), 11-3; Nov. 22nd—Wellington (H), 32-0; Nov. 26th—Maghull (A), 18-13; 1967: Jan. 14th—Wirral (H), 0-16; Jan. 24th—St. George's (H), 17-0; Feb. 4th—Wallasey T.G.S. (A), 3-12; Feb. 11th—Wellington (H), 15-3; Feb. 18th—Maghull (H), 6-8.

Chicks: Oct. 22nd—Cardinal Allen (A), 0-41; Nov. 5th—Ellesmere Port (H), 0-3; Nov. 12th—Collegiate (A), 12-0; Nov. 21st—Wellington (H), 12-0; Nov. 26th—Maghull (H), 21-0; Dec. 5th—St. George's (H), 3-3; 1967: Jan. 14th—Wirral (H), 3-3; Jan. 23rd—St. George's (A), 3-6; Jan. 30th—Park High School (H), 6-11; Feb. 11th—Wellington (H), 6-3; Feb. 18th—Maghull (A), 6-0.

RUGBY HOUSE MATCHES

Senior: Atkin 29 pts., Stitt 15 pts.; Tate 0 pts., Westminster 14 pts.; Atkin 9 pts., Tate 8 pts.; Stitt 0 pts., Westminster 24 pts.; Atkin 0 pts., Westminster 20 pts.; Tate 8 pts., Stitt 6 pts.

Junior: Atkin 3 pts., Stitt 6 pts.; Tate 0 p ts., Westminster 33 pts.; Atkin 0 pts., Westminster 22 pts.; Tate 0 pts., Stitt 14 pts.; Atkin 5 pts., Tate 6 pts.; Stitt 10 pts., Westminster 12 pts.

1st XV RUGBY

‘Not how you lost or won
But how you played the game!’

It may sound trite but nevertheless true.

If you can overcome a defeatist attitude, learn to play as a team with the necessary esprit de corps and not as temperamental individuals and you realise how to do the right thing at the appropriate moment, then results are relatively unimportant. To see a team being welded together into fifteen seeking to achieve the same object, that of winning the game by playing superior rugby to the opposition is much more to be desired.

In terms of matches lost and won, no-one could say that this has been a successful season but the team has learnt many lessons and is settling down into a side with confidence, ability and, above all, the right spirit. A spirit that has been lacking; lacking the fire and the fight that makes the poor side into the average and the average into the good and this is where we now stand. Good, but by no means brilliant. With our limitations, mainly absence of speed men, the team has probably reached its final stage of development but now feels confident to face any local school and at least hold its own against them. If you believe this to be so much eye-wash then ask St. Anselm's or Rock Ferry High School.

The pleasing improvement in the team's play has been the development of the back play especially in defence. Where, before, they allowed the opponents room to move they now go up hard onto their opposite numbers and force them into handling mistakes or resorting to kicking which suits our immensely improved full-back, Ashworth.

At the beginning of each season the team is faced with the same problem, that of finding men to fill key positions and this year was no exception. Abbott came from the backrow to make an excellent hooker, Wilson from stand-off to breach the gap in the centre and Harper left the scrum to do very well on the wing.

A special mention should be made of our present pack leader, Mealor, who besides being a prop of the first calibre, jumps better in the lineout than most second row, but also inspires with magnificent bursts of energy which put fear into the hearts of opposing packs and fire into our own. There must be props, par excellence, in the Cheshire side to keep Phil Mealor from obtaining his place.

It has been an unkind season for Captain Dave Birss, who has been used as the utility man for the side, filling in wherever he was required whether on the back row, outside half or centre and rarely playing in his own position at scrum-half. This term, we will be losing the longest serving member of the School's First XV, a player who has played in virtually every game since leaving the Colts in the fourth year—and that is Watson. Never an outstanding player but always the steadiest, always there to drop on the ball in an emergency, or to smuggle it away in the loose, his immense stamina and the will power that always accompanies this attribute has made him an automatic choice at team-selecting time.

Birss, Mealor, Watson, Milnes and Titchmarsh obtained their rugby colours during the season.

It takes time to build a team and the lads become a little disheartened at being switched from one position to another and begin to think that they are never to be allowed to settle down. But eventually, and usually a little too late in the season to have effect on the majority of results, the team finds itself sorted out and can begin to play attractive rugby.

2nd XV

The 2nd XV has not met with the success of other teams in recent years. The fact that losses outweigh wins, however, masks the efforts and skill displayed by the team and particularly the pack. The forwards have at least been the equal of their predecessors and, in some respects, their superiors.

Inevitably the 2nd XV suffer from instability. Injuries and the demands made by the 1st XV upon the more able players make it more or less impossible to maintain the same threequarter line or the same successful pack. The team has, in fact, been fortunate in having a number of reserves of ability and there have been occasions when selection has been a difficult task.

One of the attractions of 2nd XV rugby is that there is not the same pressure to win that there is at the highest level. The players were able to enjoy their games in consequence, and the team spirit was high. Further, the team were fortunate once again in having such a keen and reliable captain as Murphy.

COLTS XV

The 1966-67 season must be classed as a disappointing one for the Colts XV. There has been a lack of team spirit and effort and considerable potential has remained dormant. On just one occasion the backs and forwards linked together, ran and tackled with determination and zest and this brought about our best win against Helsby G.S. This was the only spark in a rather frustrating season for me watching from the touchline.

Although not entirely blameless, the forwards held their own in the majority of games and therefore the failure of the team must chiefly rest with the backs. Failure to meet the opposition, to tackle their men and to fall on the ball have resulted in one or two heavy defeats. The few tries score emphasise the lack of thrust and penetration and this from possibly the heaviest and fastest backs the Colts have had for a number of years.

A better team spirit has been apparent in the last three matches. This produced a narrow defeat and two victories and it makes one wish that the season was just underway.

Four players may look back on the season with some satisfaction. Jarvis hooked extremely well throughout, Tuohy seldom missed his man in the tackle and Fisher and G. Griffiths were perhaps the most improved players; reserves at the beginning of the season they are always prepared to drop on the ball and to go looking for it in the loose.

BANTAMS

The Bantams have enjoyed mixed fortunes during the past season, their defeats too often coinciding with 'non-tackling' days.

In the tight, the pack has had the benefit of the weight of Sutton and Candeland, whilst Jones and Hughes have been outstanding in the loose.

At half-back James and Lewis have formed a competent pair especially in defence. The rest of the backs, with the speed of Bowen and Hodgkinson in the centre, the guile of Pugh and Flint outside them, promised great things but all too often the vital pass went astray!

All in all, not a great side, but one which has enjoyed its rugby and has been a pleasure to watch.

JUNIOR BANTAMS

Played 14; Won 5; Lost 9; Cancelled 6.

The Junior Bantams' side improved as the season progressed. They lost the first six matches played, scoring 12 pts. and conceding 145 pts., but a win over Liverpool Collegiate School gave them confidence in themselves. The team began to play as a team, and, they expected to win. Unfortunately, the bad weather caused the cancelling of several matches which the team feel they could have won. With this new-found team spirit the Junior Bantams look forward to the new season as Bantams with confidence.

1st YEAR

Played 12; Won 6; Lost 4; Drawn 2; Cancelled 3.

Right from the start of the season the 'Chicks' played rugby as it was meant to be played—running and passing the ball with a minimum of kicking. The backs have excelled themselves and frequently the ball goes from one wing to another and back again. All the backs merit a mention. Cross and Pemberton have proved to be hard tackling full-backs, Charsley and Davies have been determined runners with the ball whilst Duckers and Lewis are elusive centres who have been quick to spot an opening.

D. Jones has played admirably as captain and stand-off; his handling has been very good and his side-step has often left the opposition groping.

Crossley soon learned the scrum half trade and gave an excellent service to Jones. Unfortunately, the end of the Christmas term found him New Zealand bound. The gap to the end of the season was filled by McKie who soon fitted in with the style of play.

The forwards were not so spectacular and much hard work is necessary if they are to give the backs a fair share of the ball. Mention must, however, be made of Dalziel and Woolley, both of whom have worked hard in the tight and in the loose.

General

The games staff and boys wish to thank Mr. E. Begley for the work he has put in to get the pitches playable. Our thanks are also given to Mrs. Watson and her team of ladies for the way they give of their time in order to serve refreshments to the teams. Thank you very much, ladies!

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

The results this season are that the school team has beaten Wirral Grammar School twice, by 24 points to 42 points and 28 points to 53 points, lost to St. Anselm's College by 41 points to 37 points, beaten Park High School by 24 points to 59 points, lost heavily to Wallasey Grammar School, beaten Oldershaw Grammar School by 32 points to 46 points, lost to Rock Ferry High School by 43 points to 36 points and beaten Rock Ferry High School by 39 points to 43 points.

In a triangular fixture with St. Anselm's College and Park High School, the School came second, the points being 38, 46 and 99, and in a similar match with St. Anselm's College and Oldershaw Grammar School, the School came third, the points being 44, 53 and 83.

For the example he has set to the team throughout the season, cross-country colours were awarded to M. Williams.

ATHLETIC SPORTS — 1966

Distribution of Awards by J. A. Savidge, Esq.

FIRST YEAR—100 yards: 1st, G. A. Foxon (A); 2nd, P. M. Tomkinson (W); 3rd, S. Williams (A). Time: 14.0 sec. **220 yards:** 1st, G. A. Foxon (A); 2nd, P. Crockford (W); 3rd, C. Conroy (T). Time: 31.2 sec. **440 yards:** 1st, G. A. Foxon (A); 2nd, E. W. Parker (A); 3rd, P. M. Tomkinson (W). Time: 74.6 sec. **80 yards Hurdles:** 1st, D. J. Walsh (S); 2nd, P. R. Jones (S); 3rd, D. H. Griffiths (W). Time: 14.0 sec.* **High Jump:** 1st, D. H. Griffiths (W); 2nd, N. W. Hogg (S); 3rd, D. P. Foulkes (T). Height: 4ft. 0in. **Long Jump:** 1st, G. A. Foxon (A); 2nd, D. J. Walsh (S); 3rd, I. J. Sephton (A). Distance: 11ft. 6in. **Discus:** 1st, D. L. Williams (T); 2nd, D. H. Griffiths (W); 3rd, R. V. Cairns (A). Distance: 56ft. 3in. **Shot:** 1st, D. J. Walsh; 2nd, N. W. Hogg (S); 3rd, P. Cave (S). Distance: 25ft. 0in. **Javelin:** 1st, D. H. Griffiths (W); 2nd, R. A. Jones (T); 3rd, P. R. Jones (S). Distance: 88ft. 6in.

SECOND YEAR—100 yards: 1st, P. J. Leadbetter (A); 2nd, R. W. Parkin (T); 3rd, A. Beckett (T). Time: 13.5 sec. **220 yards:** 1st, P. J. Leadbetter (A) and A. Beckett (T); 3rd, S. J. Ladyman (W). Time: 31.5 sec. **440 yards:** 1st, D. L. G. Thomas (A); 2nd, J. R. Landsborough (S); 3rd, E. James (W). Time: 74.6 sec. **80 yards Hurdles:** 1st, P. J. Leadbetter (A); 2nd, P. R. Bowen (T); 3rd, R. P. Lewis (W). Time: 14.0 sec.* **High Jump:** 1st, R. P. Lewis (W); 2nd, M. McMaster (S) and P. R. Bowen (T). Height: 3ft. 11in. **Long Jump:** 1st, P. J. Leadbetter (A); 2nd, R. W. Parkin (T); 3rd, A. Beckett (T). Distance: 13ft. 11½in. **Discus:** 1st, J. Sutton (W); 2nd, A. Mason (S); 3rd, G. H. Candeland (W). Distance: 70ft. 7in.* **Shot:** 1st, J. Sutton (W); 2nd, R. W. Parkin (T); 3rd, K. B. Pugh (W). Distance: 29ft. 1in. **Javelin:** 1st, R. P. Lewis (W); 2nd, J. E. Lawrence (T); 3rd, K. B. Pugh (W). Distance: 92ft. 4in.

THIRD YEAR—100 yards: 1st, P. Smith (S); 2nd, P. Laithwaite (S); 3rd, R. M. O'Brien (A). Time: 11.6 sec. **220 yards:** 1st, P. Smith (S); 2nd, D. W. J. Gregory (A); 3rd, P. Laithwaite (S). Time: 28.0 sec. **440 yards:** 1st, J. L. Gibson (S); 2nd, P. Laithwaite (S); 3rd, D. W. J. Gregory (A). Time: 64.0 sec. **880 yards:** 1st, J. L. Gibson (S); 2nd, D. Fisher (A); 3rd, C. Berrido (A). Time: 2 min. 31.2 sec. **80 yards Hurdles:** 1st, D. W. J. Gregory (A); 2nd, P. Byrne (T); 3rd, M. Armitage (S). Time: 13.5 sec.* **High Jump:** 1st, L. A. Rigby (S); 2nd, P. Smith (S); 3rd, S. J. Holland (A). Height: 4ft. 8in. **Long Jump:** 1st, D. A. Owens (W) and J. L. Gibson (S); 3rd, J. Davies (A). Distance: 14ft. 11½ in. **Discus:** 1st, D. W. J. Gregory (A); 2nd, D. A. Owens (W); 3rd, C. J. Griffiths (T). Distance 77ft. 10in. **Shot:** 1st, R. M. O'Brien (A); 2nd, W. C. Gaywood (S); 3rd, P. Smith (S). Distance: 26ft. 3½ in. **Javelin:** 1st, D. A. Owens (W); 2nd, B. S. Evans (T); 3rd, L. A. Rigby (S). Distance: 97ft. 6in.

FOURTH YEAR—100 yards: 1st, P. M. O'Hare (S); 2nd, J. R. Haddow (S); 3rd, J. J. Roberts (W). Time: 12.2 sec. **220 yards:** 1st, J. Beattie (T); 2nd, P. M. O'Hare (S); 3rd, G. T. Morrison (T). Time: 27.4 sec. **440 yards:** 1st, G. T. Morrison (T); 2nd, A. D. Robinson (S); 3rd, J. Beattie (T). Time: 64.8 sec. **880 yards:** 1st, A. D. Robinson; 2nd, D. E. Welsh (W); 3rd, P. J. Woods (T). Time: 2 min. 15.5 sec.† **1 Mile:** 1st, G. T. Morrison (T) and R. G. S. Hammond (T); 3rd, A. D. Robinson (S). Time: 5 min. 12.5 sec. **120 yards Hurdles:** 1st, D. J. Wilson (W); 2nd, P. M. O'Hare (S); 3rd, S. L. Easdown (W). Time: 18.5 sec.* **High Jump:** 1st, G. B. Johnson (S); 2nd, P. J. Pagan (W); 3rd, P. J. Cross (A). Height: 4 ft. 7 in. **Long Jump:** 1st, J. Beattie (T) and P. M. O'Hare (S); 3rd, D. J. Wilson (W). Distance: 16 ft. 0½ in. **Discus:** 1st, J. Hall (S); 2nd, D. C. McBride (W); 3rd, P. Rimmer (S). Distance: 84 ft. 4 in. **Shot:** 1st, P. A. Edwards (T); 2nd, D. A. Garry (W); 3rd, J. Hall (S). Distance: 29 ft. 3½ in. **Javelin:** 1st, P. Rimmer (S); 2nd, P. Dutton (T); 3rd, A. G. Prescott (W). Distance: 109 ft. 10 in.

SENIOR—100 yards: 1st, J. H. Williams (A); 2nd, R. Armstrong (A); 3rd, P. J. Milnes (T). Time: 11.5 sec. **220 yards:** 1st, J. H. Williams (A); 2nd, P. J. Milnes (T); 3rd, D. Hedgley (A). Time: 25.4 sec. **440 yards:** 1st, K. R. Beattie (W); 2nd, M. Williams (S); 3rd, P. A. P. Johnson (A). Time: 58.7 sec. **880 yards:** 1st, K. R. Beattie (W); 2nd, M. Williams (S); 3rd, T. G. Cooke (A). Time: 2 min. 15.5 sec. **1 Mile:** 1st, M. Williams (S); 2nd, P. Andrews (T); 3rd, T. G. Cooke (A). Time: 5 min. 6.6 sec. **120 yards Hurdles:** 1st, C. R. Harper (T); 2nd, P. J. Milnes (T); 3rd, J. H. Williams (A). Time: 19.0 sec.* **High Jump:** 1st, J. H. Williams (A); 2nd, T. F. Titchmarsh (W); 3rd, T. L. Ashworth (A). Height: 5 ft. 0 in. **Long Jump:** 1st, D. Hedgley (A); 2nd, P. J. Milnes (T); 3rd, C. R. Harper (T). Distance: 16 ft. 9 in. **Discus:** 1st, H. L. Daniels (W); 2nd, A. Woods (S); 3rd, J. B. Gunson (T). Distance: 94 ft. 9in. **Shot:** 1st, P. S. Mealar (W); 2nd, P. G. Parry (A) 3rd, J. B. Gunson (T). Distance: 34 ft. 11½ in. **Javelin:** 1st, A. J. Howarth (T); 2nd, L. D. Thompson (A); 3rd, M. L. Hayman (W). Distance: 133 ft. 0 in. **Pole Vault:** 1st, W. K. Shaw (W); 2nd, A. J. Elliott (W); 3rd, E. R. James (W). Height: 9 ft. 0 in.*

Relay (1st year): 1st, Atkin; 2nd, Westminster; 3rd, Tate. Time: 62.0 sec. **Relay (2nd year):** 1st, Tate; 2nd, Atkin; 3rd, Stitt. Time: 60.7 sec. **Relay (3rd year):** 1st, Stitt; 2nd, Westminster; 3rd, Tate. Time: 54.1 sec. **Relay (4th year):** 1st, Tate; 2nd, Stitt; 3rd, Atkin. Time: 53.5 sec. **Relay (Senior):** 1st, Atkin; 2nd, Westminster; 3rd, Tate. Time: 49.4 sec. **Victor Ludorum:** 1st, J. H. Williams 28 pts. (A); 2nd, P. J. Milnes 22 pts. (T). **House Championship:** 1st, Stitt 321 pts.; 2nd, Atkin 302 pts.; 3rd, Westminster 299 pts.; 4th, Tate 251 pts. **Junior Cross-Country:** 1st, E. James (W); 2nd, A. Beckitt (T); 3rd, J. R. Landsborough (S). Time: 16 min. 28.6 sec. **Inter Cross-Country:** 1st, J. L. Gibson (S); 2nd, F. J. Sudlow (A); 3rd, R. G. S. Hammond (T). Time: 27 min. 8.4 sec. **Senior Cross-Country:** 1st, M. Williams (S); 2nd, K. R. Beattie (W); 3rd, P. Andrews (T). Time: 33 min. 1.6 sec. **Cross-Country Championship:** 1st, Tate; 2nd, Atkin and Stitt; 4th, Westminster.

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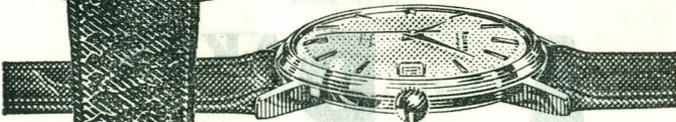
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