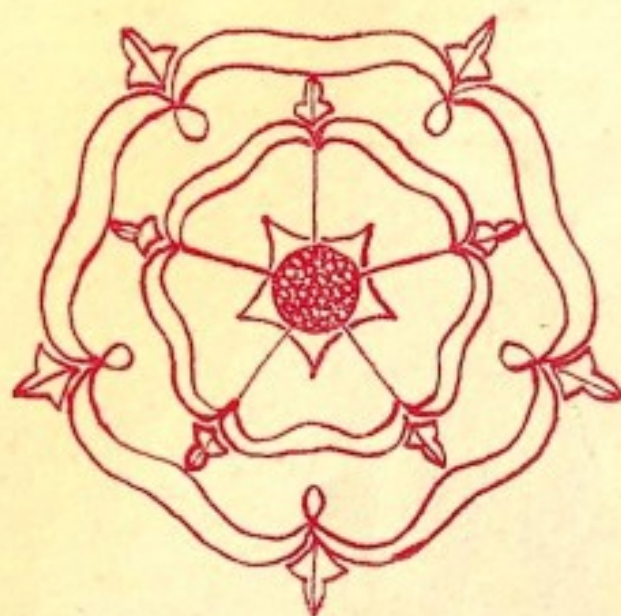


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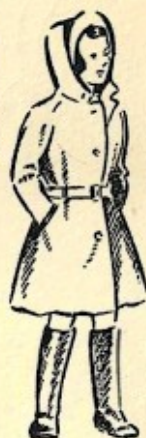
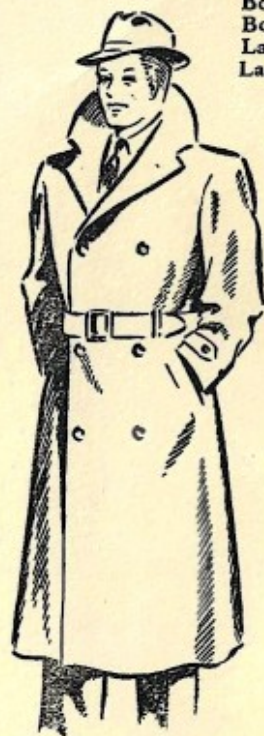
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Full details can be obtained from any Divisional Headquarters of the Board or from the National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S. W. 1

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EDITORIAL.

It is with considerable regret that we have to increase the price of this issue of "The Cytringanian" to one and ninepence.

Since 1952, the costs of producing this magazine at a level worthy of the school have steadily risen. The introduction of advertisements, and the economies made by the printers, have enabled us to keep the price stable throughout the last four years ; but, now that the departure of the Corby boys has reduced our sales without decreasing our costs, we are faced with the alternatives of either a drastic reduction in size (and, for a magazine which appears but once a year, this is well-nigh impossible) or of a much larger deficit than in previous years. We therefore had no option but to increase the price.

We feel that the magazine still offers good value for one and nine. If anyone disputes this, the following tables of sizes and costs should convince him :

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We are grateful to our printers and advertisers, whose willing co-operation makes possible this issue at its present size and price.



A SCENE FROM THE SCHOOL PLAY, 1955.
(Henry IV, part I).

[Photo.: "Northants Evening Telegraph".]

SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of the Summer Term we bade "Farewell" to four members of the staff. They were Mr. M. Crabtree, B.Sc., who took up an appointment as Second Mathematics Master at Ashbourne Grammar School, Derbyshire; Mr. J. V. Sherlicker, B.A., who joined the Modern Languages Department of Deacon's School, Peterborough; Mr. D. Whitehead, B.A., who went to Wells Theological College as a preparation for entering the Anglican Ministry; and finally Mr. J. F. Joline, M.A., who, with his family, returned to the Country Day School, St. Louis, U.S.A., after his year here as an exchange teacher.

To all these masters we extend our best wishes for their continued happiness and success.

In September we welcomed four masters to the Staff. They were: Mr. E. D. M. Bishop, M.A., who returned to us after his year as an exchange teacher in St. Louis; Mr. P. Wilson, B.A., who joined the Modern Languages Department in the place of Mr. Whitehead; Mr. B. Perrett, B.A., who replaces Mr. Sherlicker for Modern Languages; and finally Mr. J. K. Mandale, D.L.C., who was appointed to reintroduce woodwork into the School curriculum.

As it was found impossible to appoint a master for September in the place of Mr. Crabtree, we were fortunate in having the assistance of Miss E. M. Ives, B.A., formerly Senior Mathematics Mistress of the High School, during the Autumn Term.

In December, Mr. P. S. Adkins left us to take up an appointment as Senior Physical Training Master at the Sir William Collins School at St. Pancras. We wish him every success in his new task, and send our best wishes to him and to his wife on their marriage which took place during the Christmas holidays.

In January we welcomed to the School Mr. W. M. Barr, M.A., St. Andrews, who joined the Mathematics Department in the place of Mr. Crabtree; and Mr. G. S. Brown, who replaced Mr. Adkins for Games and P.T.

The new Grammar School at Corby commenced on September 26th. All Corby boys who had been in our First and Second forms were transferred to the new school and our numbers therefore fell from 602 to 521. As a partial replacement, four boys from other schools were transferred to the Grammar School at the beginning of their third year, and five others at the beginning of their second year.

The first classes were held in the new Science Block on 3rd October, 1955, though some parts of the building were still unfinished.

D. G. Bridge (U.6.Sc.) gained the L.R.A.M. Diploma in Pianoforte (performer section) at the examinations held at Easter, 1955.

D. H. Smith (Up.6.Sc.) was awarded a Flying Scholarship and has subsequently made his first solo flight in December, 1955.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bidgood on the birth of a daughter on November 29th, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips on the birth of a son on December 14th, 1955.

Much material—including Retrospect, some reports and many original articles—has had to be omitted from this issue through sheer lack of space.

Careers.

The Careers Section of the School Library has continued to expand and now contains information on opportunities and training schemes in the leading professions, industries, trades and crafts.
K.C.H.

Back numbers since 1938 of "The Cytringanian" are about to be bound, one volume being for the Library and the other for the Staff Room, but unfortunately, we have no copies of the issue of 1943.

If any reader could supply us with one, or two, copies of this issue, we should be most grateful.

We have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of several issues of the following school magazines, and apologise for any that we may have overlooked; The Daventrian, The Northamptonian, The Towcestrian, The Newtonian, and the Magazine of Wellingborough Grammar School.

This term ends on Wednesday, March 28th; the Summer term begins on Wednesday, April 18th, and ends on Thursday, July 26th, the combined half-term and Whitsun holidays being from May 19th to 27th inclusive. The G.C.E.(A) level begins on Monday, June 18th, and the (O) level on Monday, June 25th. The Autumn term begins on Tuesday, September 11th.

CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1955.

During the past twelve months a total of £107.10s. was collected, an increase over the previous year of £13. This was all the more pleasing, since our numbers during the Autumn Term were smaller than for some years past. We were able not only to make increased allocations to funds which had benefited in previous years, but to include one or two fresh charities in our list.

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Kettering Samaritan Fund ...	12	0	0
Royal National Lifeboat Institution ...	10	0	0
National Spastics Society ...	5	0	0
National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research ...	5	0	0
League of Pity ...	3	0	0
B.L.E.S.M.A. ...	3	0	0
British Empire Cancer Campaign ...	2	10	0
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G.F.P.

Vith FORM LEAVERS.

Spring Term, 1955.

Britten, R.—G.C.E. (O) 1953, Prefect, Government Service in Rhodesia.
 Catt, J. E.—G.C.E. (O), 1954. Army.
 Tiney, P.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954. Prefect. To Borough Road Training College.
 Williamson, I. F.—G.C.E. (O), 1954.

Summer Term, 1955.

Bassett, R.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. National Service then to University.
 Bates, J. G. H.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954 and 1955. Senior Prefect. County Major Scholarship. St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
 Bayliss, F. A.—G.C.E. (O), 1954. Merchant Navy.
 Bennett, A.—G.C.E. (A), 1955. Monitor, County Major Scholarship. To Liverpool University.

Brading, P. B. G.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954. Prefect. National Service—then to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. County Major Scholarship.
 Burwell, E. M.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954 and 1955. Monitor. National Service—then to St. Paul's College, Cheltenham.
 Chapman, R. J.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Prefect. State Scholarship. To St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
 Coley, R. W. B.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. Wye College.
 Cotton, M. E.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954 and 1955. Prefect. State Scholarship. To Peterhouse, Cambridge.
 Fysh, D.—G.C.E. (O), 1954; (A), 1955. National Service—then to Training College.
 Gomm, B.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. National Service.
 Hanks, B.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. National Service—then to University.
 Herbert, K.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954 and 1955. Prefect. State Scholarship. To Leeds University (Medicine).
 Hewitt, A. B.—G.C.E. (A), 1955. Monitor. State Scholarship. To Guy's Hospital—Dentistry.
 Howard, F. B.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. Northampton College of Technology.
 Jackson, C.—G.C.E. (A), 1955. National Service—then to Training College.
 Laverick, R.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955.
 Metcalfe, M.S.—G.C.E. (O), 1954; (A), 1955. County Major Scholarship. To Manchester University—Dentistry.
 Moore, H. D.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. State Scholarship. To St. Catharine's Society, Oxford.
 Moore, R. F.—G.C.E. (O), 1952; (A), 1954. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. Wadham College, Oxford.
 Oram, M. W.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1954. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. To Hull University.
 Parkinson, M. J.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Liverpool University.
 Runciman, I. G.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1954 and 1955. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Sheffield University (Metallurgy).
 Vickers, J. M.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. To Shell-Mex Laboratory.
 Weeds, P. G.—G.C.E. (O), 1953; (A), 1955. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. To Rawdon Baptist College, Leeds.
 Willson, G.—G.C.E. (O), 1954. Monitor. National Service.

Autumn Term, 1955.

Cox, B. D.—G.C.E. (O), 1955. Electronics Apprenticeship at Pye, Cambridge.
 Bennett, C. F.—G.C.E. (O), 1955. To Town Clerk's Office.
 Jones, M. D.—G.C.E. (O), 1955. Engineering Apprenticeship at Timsons, Kettering.
 Kendrick, E.—G.C.E. (O), 1955. Monitor. Quantity Surveying, Corby Development Corporation.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, 1955.

- R. H. Bassett—English (Distinction), French, History, German (Ordinary).
 J. G. H. Bates—French (Distinction), German.
 A. Bennett—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 D. G. Bridge—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics, Chemistry.
 E. M. Burwell—English, History, Geography.
 R. J. Chapman—English (Distinction), Latin, French (Distinction), German (Ordinary).
 R. W. B. Coley—Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 M. E. Cotton—German.
 P. G. K. Davies—English, Latin, French, German (Ordinary).
 D. Fysh—English.
 B. Gomm—Geography.
 B. Hanks—English, History, Geography.
 K. Herbert—Physics, Chemistry (Distinction), Biology (Distinction).
 A. B. Hewitt—Physics, Chemistry (Distinction), Botany, Zoology (Distinction).
 F. B. Howard—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 C. Jackson—Chemistry, Botany.
 D. W. James—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics, Chemistry (Distinction).
 R. G. Laverick—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 J. P. Marshall—Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics, Chemistry.
 M. S. Metcalfe—Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 H. D. Moore—English (Distinction), History (Distinction), Religious Knowledge (Distinction).
 M. J. Parkinson—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 I. G. Runciman—Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 P. E. Vendy—English (Distinction), Latin (Distinction), French (Distinction), German (Ordinary).
 J. M. Vickers—Chemistry.
 P. G. Weeds—English, History, Religious Knowledge.
 D. B. Williams—English (Distinction), History, Religious Knowledge.

General Certificate of Education. Ordinary Level.

- Form V.G.—D. F. Andrews (4), B. D. Bancroft (3), C. L. Beadsworth (3), A. D. Blaxley (5), M. D. Coleman (3), M. P. Coyle (2), D. L. Davidson (2), K. E. Davies (5), G. Davis (4), R. E. Fullilove (7), R. Godson (5), P. E. Gorman (1), B. M. Greasley (6), D. L. T. Green (7), D. C. Harris (8), M. D. Jones (5), E. Kendrick (7), T. W. Martin (2), A. R. M. McNulty (2), I. S. McPhie (2), W. J. G. Myles (6), M. Scott (7), D. S. Shillaker (7), P. C. Spence (8), R. C. Tame (4), T. C. Thackstone (2), A. J. West (4), A. Winn (3).

- Form V.M.—R. J. Abbott (9), D. R. Arden (5), C. F. Bennett (9), M. Bosworth (6), P. J. Casey (1), G. A. Coleman (9), B. D. Collins (4), A. S. Cook (7), D. E. O. Cox (9), S. E. Elkins (3), A. J. Gold (8), P. D. Goodman (5), J. R. Kemp (5), J. R. Kilborn (9), R. C. King (9), R. D. Knight (4), T. F. Lavelle (5), A. G. McCormick (9), R. H. Parish (3), R. Parker (9), J. G. Plenderleith (5), W. B. Russell (8), B. F. Smith (5), I. R. Thomson (8), A. Walton (3), B. Ward (9), R. D. Wardle (8), D. O. Webb (8).

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OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES.

- W. P. Asbrey—Final Examination of the Law Society.
 J. A. Bald—First Class Honours Diploma, Civil Engineering, Loughborough College.
 J. F. Clarke—B.D., London University.
 D. W. Cross—First Class Honours, English Tripos, Part I. Minor Scholarship. Jesus College, Cambridge.
 J. Dartnell—B.Sc. Second Class Honours, Engineering. London University. Associate of the Institute of Metallurgists.
 D. J. Godfrey—M.B., Ch.B. Leeds University.
 C. C. Hebron—B.A. Second Class Honours Division I., English Tripos. Part II. Pembroke College, Cambridge.
 M. C. Hurst—First Class Honours, History. Magdalen College, Oxford. Senior Scholarship, St. Antony's College, Oxford.
 D. J. Palmer—Open Scholarship in Modern Subjects. New College, Oxford.
 D. J. Roughton—Diploma in Electrical Engineering. Loughborough College.
 R. Shapiera—M.B., Ch.B. Birmingham University.
 B. R. Short—B.A., Second Class Honours, History. Wadham College, Oxford.
 R. Summerly—M.B., Ch.B. Birmingham University.
 A. Taylor—Third Class Honours, Natural Science Tripos, Part I. Downing College, Cambridge.
 J. B. Tomlinson—Diploma in Chemistry. Loughborough College.
 D. W. Wells—Diploma in Electrical Engineering. Loughborough College.

THE ENGLISH WAY.

By Mr. John F. Joline.

Taken, by kind permission, from the St. Louis Country Day News of October 21st, 1955.

Three or four busloads of boys arrived from the surrounding villages and towns, 100 or more bicycles careered through the gates, numerous walkers poured in from the near end of town, the exchange teacher from America dodged in among the rest—and the Kettering Grammar School began another year. Sixth Form boys, in navy blue caps and blazers, with black ties and gray flannel trousers (the same uniform that all students wore), straightened up the double files of each class as it gathered in the school yard before marching into the school hall, or auditorium, for the chapel service that opens each school day all over England. If any of the younger boys caused trouble, the monitors took their names and gave them the opportunity to serve a 30 or 60-minute detention after school.

If the boys were guilty of repeated breaches of school regulations or if they committed really disrespectful or contemptible acts, masters saw to it that they became candidates for Saturday morning detentions or for a visit to the Headmaster's study where six resounding whacks of the "cane" awaited them. The "cane" itself is a yellowy length of cane or bamboo that serves its purpose admirably. The caning was always performed by the headmaster, with a master present as witness to the appropriateness of the action.

Boys must Stand during Chapel Programs.

In the hall, which served as gymnasium, auditorium, and chapel, the masters stood along one wall, while the boys took their positions in lines facing the stage. First Forms (eleven-year-olds) standing in the front rows, Fifth and Sixth Forms (16 to 19-year-olds) lining the balcony above. At 8.45 the headmaster in his academic gown strode in, mounted the stage, and surveyed the 600 pupils who stood silently facing him. The entire congregation remained standing through the 15-minute service and the announcements which followed. They remained standing because there was no room for 600 boys and rows of chairs or benches. Everyone accepted this situation as a matter of course, and on cold winter days when boys occasionally fainted during the service, a master would invariably catch the boy before he actually dropped and would haul him quickly and efficiently to the nearest exit.

Two 40-minute periods followed chapel; then came a 20-minute break. Monitors from each class distributed bottles of milk to all. After drinking their milk, the classes would be dismissed to relax in the school yard, an asphalt-surfaced playground, where there would immediately be ten or fifteen separate soccer games going on in the same place, with smooth pebbles or old tennis balls serving as the "football". All masters but the one on duty—he would stay discreetly inside behind a door or window, emerging only to administer necessary discipline—would retire to the staff common room for tea and biscuits, a smoke, and ten-minutes' adult conversation before the pupils were again docilely filing into classrooms for the next two periods. Then came an hour and a half for lunch, when all who lived in Kettering walked or cycled home, while two masters shepherded 320 boys on the quarter-mile parade to the school cafeteria. After lunch came two classes, a ten-minute break, and a final class before school was over at four o'clock.

"Rugger" and Cricket are Major Sports.

Each class had one afternoon from 2.15 to 4.00 on the "games field" playing "rugger" from September to April, cricket from then until the end of school late in July. Boys on school teams (1st and 2nd XV, under 15 years, under 14, and under 13) would play scheduled games on Saturday or Wednesday afternoons, in addition to their usual afternoon of practice. School time was also taken during the year for an intramural program in all sports, from boxing to basketball. Those trying out for badminton, basketball, tennis, and track teams found time for practices occasionally during the lunch period or after school, and they played against other schools or amateur clubs in the evenings. The track, or "athletics" team had regularly scheduled dual meets and several larger meets against other local and district athletes.

Rehearsals for the school play, "Hamlet" last year, began the day school opened, and with five masters coaching daily after four o'clock, until December, received the kind of emphasis that football claims in most American schools (there were four pages of diagrams for the maneuvers of Hamlet and Laertes during the dual, and these were practiced as we drill our off-tackle play). The debating society, the music club, the photography club, the religious instruction group, the railway locomotive spotters' club all met once weekly at 4.15 in the afternoon, with pupils and masters participating.

Students take State Exams for Advancement.

Boys from eleven to sixteen years old were taking nine or ten subjects every year, with two or three homework assignments

the St. Louis Cardinals (the leading professional baseball team), by the Superintendent of Schools in St. Louis (=Chief Education Officer), by a missionary from the West Indies, by an expert dog-trainer, by the Headmaster of a Benedictine School in Rhode Island, and by a specialist in salesmanship. Then there were excellent talks by members of the Faculty (=Staff) on a wide range of subjects. Sometimes the programme was filled by films, usually of an instructional nature, sometimes by entertainments offered by the boys, or by other schools.

On the other three days of the week, this time was taken up by an "Advisory Period". Country Day School did not have form-masters, but every boy was placed under the special care of one member of the Faculty whose responsibility it was to keep watch over the boy's progress. Boys who were not required to see their advisers during this period, would either work by themselves in the study-hall, or go for a "Help-session" to a subject-master. This latter would give special assistance to any boy who, through absence or some other cause, was not finding it possible to keep up with the progress of his class-mates. It was in no sense a punishment, but a most effective way of ensuring that every boy achieved the maximum of which he was capable.

After one more period, the bell rang for the mid-day meal, and the Upper School and the Staff would walk over to the Dining Room. Here, boys sat in groups of ten or twelve, presided over by a master who served the meals, which were of a very high standard and always included at least half a pint of milk. It was the practice to complain that the milk was not cold enough. From each table, two boys were on duty, turn by turn, as waiters. After the meal (which was prefaced by the saying of grace) announcements were made by the Headmaster, and then the waiters had to clear the tables, and re-lay them for the second sitting. The masters took coffee and tried not to be impaled on flying trolleys.

Little more than five minutes after the meal was over, we were back at work. From 2.52 to 3.32, further "Help-sessions" and Study-hall periods took place. The rest of the afternoon, until 5 p.m., was devoted to Athletics—American football, soccer, basketball, track, baseball, boxing, cross-country and riflery, according to the time of the year, and the student's proclivities.

The number of subjects studied was fewer than we are accustomed to. English and Mathematics were compulsory at all levels, and all students, whether potential scientists or liberal arts candidates, followed the same English syllabus.

Since there are no national examinations equivalent to our G.C.E. levels, it was possible to organise the English programme

on freer lines than our own, and to study more contemporary writing, both American and English. In place of the G.C.E., however, the school engaged in an extensive "Testing Programme" designed to check the standards achieved in relation to other schools. Every year, each boy's Intelligence Quotient was measured through group tests such as the Otis or that of the American Council of Psychology. In addition, the actual achievement of every boy in each of his school courses is tested. Such additional tests as those designed to record reading ability, as the Strong Vocation Preference Test and the Yale Aptitude Test, provide useful evidence on which to advise students on their work at school, and on their choice of college and profession.

Discipline was largely a matter for individual teachers, but a measure of self-government was provided in the form of a Student Council, whose tasks included the hearing of, and passing sentence upon, offences against the standards of behaviour set by the school.

The class-room atmosphere was, in the main, pleasant and relaxed. The smallness of classes (the ones I taught ranged from seven to twenty-one in number) contributed very considerably to this end. The clothes of the boys were clearly intended to reflect the wearers' personalities and no regulation dress was imposed—jeans and tee-shirts, however, were prohibited. Most boys eschewed jackets—which was quite understandable in the sub-tropical climate of St. Louis.

After the sobriety of English school uniform, the brilliance and dash of American adolescent taste was quite startling at times; on the whole, however, boys chose their clothes with good taste, and it was amusing to observe new fashions exercising fascination on young minds for a week or so and then being contemptuously discarded.

Out of school activities were somewhat inhibited by the strong emphasis placed upon games and by the necessity of clearing the school at 5 p.m. Nevertheless, Country Day mounted two plays each year—one, a musical, and the other usually light and popular. Only one performance of each play took place, and the evening was crowned by an extremely glamorous dance, or "Prom", which was attended by boys of the upper forms (wearing tuxedos), and their "dates", mostly drawn from a local girls' school, dazzling in the very latest of fashions.

Superficial differences of behaviour, outlook and setting, all-absorbing in the early stages of my year in St. Louis, were rapidly forgotten in the growing awareness of the underlying harmony of purpose which binds our two nations together. Nowhere was this

more apparent than in the Faculty Room, where the stimulating and provocative discussions among the staff and their unfailing kindness and generosity never allowed one to feel that one was a stranger operating in an alien environment. Out of school hours, too, my wife and I were almost overwhelmed by the thoughtful attentions which were paid to us and the hospitality which was heaped on us. In innumerable ways, indeed, this was an exciting and unforgettable year, and we look forward to renewing many pleasant friendships when our American acquaintances visit Europe.

E.D.M.B.

GENESIS OF A NEW BUILDING.

When two workmen dug a hole at the East side of the Playing Field in the Spring of 1952, they started a project which had simmered in our minds for thirty years. The new Grammar School, so long awaited, so much needed, had begun.

During the next few weeks, cement and iron rods, mixing machines and little huts made their appearance, and a series of trenches in squares and oblongs filled with concrete came into being on the windswept plains of Windmill Avenue.

A frightful erection, forbidding and ugly, grew rapidly upwards as the framework of the New Science Block took shape. With extraordinary rapidity, this was finished, and the wind whistled through the gaunt grey skeleton, while birds nested among the girders.

Then, with a bang, came the first target date for the opening. More huts were built, two men and a boy began brewing tea there, bricks appeared; and slowly, the flesh began to be added to the bones. The first target date came and went.

There came a time when it was possible to climb upstairs with some risk of life. Rooms began to form. Presently there was a roof. Glass, smothered with whitewash, blocked up the biggest holes in the walls.

Now a period of frenzied activity began. The joiners moved in; plumbers, floor-layers, electricians and painters followed. A second target date was fixed.

Quite suddenly the building began to come alive. We, who had watched it growing and had climbed over it and had argued over it, had so long seen it as disconnected pieces that when its heart began to beat we hardly noticed it. I think for me it became alive the day I first heard water running there. That is a living sound.

The final target date was fixed—the building would open at the beginning of the Autumn Term. We packed up our belongings ready for the move and went on holiday.

The Autumn term opened, but not the new building. We waited. There came a time when it seemed just possible that we might make use of the unfinished building and occupy it jointly with the builders. We decided to do so. We are glad we did. They are really rather decent fellows.

Every building has a ghost which roams about it always. The ghost of the old building was a dark, harried, worried sort of ghost, always hurrying, always being pushed about, always looking for somewhere to put another class. It had a noisy voice, compounded of the raucous cries of the education vendors plying their trades in the uncouth accents of Lancashire, Norfolk, Oxford and Cambridge, superimposed upon the roar of traffic and a background murmur as of ten thousand starlings. There was a smell about this ghost, with a tang of floor polish, dirty rugger shirts, sulphuretted hydrogen, chalk dust, and dogfish in it. Occasionally it would rap violently upon a window with the flat end of a pencil and a small, dynamic, bald-headed figure would momentarily appear in the mind's eye. A rather testy ghost, but also rather effective and not entirely unlovable.

What will the ghost of the new building be like? By rights it should be an angular, ugly ghost, with a voice like a brass gong. It should be provocative, hideously efficient, dangerous, crackling with electric sparks, dynamic with energy. Is not Science like that?

Our new ghost is none of those things. To be sure, its style is against it. But, it somehow has a warm and mellow look. Within, it is quiet and restful, though not conducive to sleep. There are other entities present to war against that tendency. It is a light and airy ghost, purposeful but restrained. It is a tailor-made ghost. Most school laboratories look as though they were bought ready-made from a catalogue, as indeed they usually are. Our labs were planned by the users and reflect their personalities. We like our ghost already, and we think we are going to like it even more as we get to know it better.

R.J.G.

THE NEW HOUSE SYSTEM.

"What on earth is that tie you're wearing, boy?" "An East House tie." "House tie, did you say?—and East House?"

An Old Boy of the School unaware of a recent silent revolution might well be pardoned some surprise at so startling a double disclosure. For the imaginary fragment of dialogue reported above could indeed take place today, and thereby hangs a tale.

The House system has for so long been accepted as an essential element in the organisation of Grammar Schools in this country that any discussion of its purpose would be out of place here. Within the past few years the scope of our own School's House competitions has widened considerably, with new sports and additional trophies. But a comparison of the awards of three of the major trophies in 1949 and in 1955 throws an interesting light on recent trends. Seven years ago, the Tailby Rugby Football Cup, the Thornton Cricket Cup, and the Goode Athletics Cup were won respectively by South, West and North. Last year all three went to Country. The achievements of Country House constitute an impressive tribute to many of the boys from Corby and district who have been, and in some cases still are, with us, and it scarcely detracts from the merit of their performances to say that increasing disparity in numbers in the various Houses had its effect on results. Yet this disparity was the crux of the problem that had to be faced, and the departure last summer of our younger Country House boys to the new Corby Grammar School provided the obvious occasion for a re-organisation which was really overdue.

A small sub-committee of the Staff was accordingly appointed just over a year ago, to look into the matter and make recommendations. The first main question was whether to preserve the geographical basis for allocation to Houses, or whether to substitute for it some arbitrary scheme which would at least have the merit of ensuring equality of numbers in the Houses. After some discussion it was decided to recommend the continuation of the old system on the grounds that it was worth preserving the feeling of unity often fostered among boys who live near each other and in some cases travel to School together.

The next step involved consideration of two factors: new boundaries of a more or less permanent nature were clearly required, but the Upper Forms of the School still contained a large number of boys from Corby and district who would gradually leave and be replaced by boys from other areas. The solution to this difficult problem which was eventually recommended and has now been adopted has some drawbacks, but on a long-term view it seemed the most satisfactory. It was decided that the

re-drawing of boundaries (a task carried out by Mr. Larcombe and a group of Sixth-Form geography students) should take into account only boys from areas from which new entrants to the School would continue to come. For this purpose all boys from Corby and district were temporarily ignored, and the boundaries were drawn so as to divide into four approximately equal groups all the other boys, including new boys, who would be members of the School when it met in September, 1955. The four "new" Houses thus constituted would then have their total numbers made up by an entirely arbitrary but equal distribution of the Corby boys among them. As such boys left therefore, there would be no major disparity in the numbers of the four Houses, and these numbers could be kept more or less equal, in the allocation of each year's new entrants, by making minor adjustments along the boundaries.

Once the principle of geographical distribution was accepted, there was general agreement that the old names, with the addition of East to replace Country, should be retained, and Senior House Masters were appointed to take charge of the four "new" Houses thus created—Mr. Cowell for North, Mr. Larcombe for South, Mr. Young for East, and Mr. Lindley for West. Plans were made to introduce distinctive ties, rugby shirts and P.T. vests, and in this connection one change of colour was necessary, the old West House colour, red, being replaced by white to avoid confusion with the School rugby shirts and the Prefects' ties.

The other main innovation of the new regime is the introduction of two separate House Championships for games and work, for each of which it is hoped an additional trophy will be awarded annually. The suggestion was that for the first a simple points scheme should be drawn up so that over the whole year all games and sports should count towards the final result. For the second a plan was prepared by another sub-committee of the Staff, whose proposals were later discussed by the four Senior House Masters. Out of this discussion has emerged the scheme now in operation, by which points may be gained by every member of the House, from the humble "trier" in a junior form who scores 1 for an 'A' in some subject in a Half-Term Order, to the outstanding Sixth-former who scores 20 for an Open Scholarship or Exhibition. In order to keep the organization as simple as possible it was decided that no account would be taken of conduct. To Mr. Ashworth, in conjunction with Form Masters, falls the task of compiling the "score". We trust that he (and they) will not find this additional burden too heavy, and we all look forward to the final totals for this year, which will be announced in September, after the publication of external examination results and Scholarship awards.

Such then, are the main features of the "silent revolution" already referred to above. Some of the changes are experimental, and it is too early to judge their success. But behind them all, of course, lies the hope that they will give rise to a re-kindling of interest in inter-House rivalry, and the development of a lively and healthy House "spirit". Dare one take as evidence of this the popularity of the new House ties, and the enthusiasm shown at the House meetings held last term?

Perhaps the last word should rest with the House whose name will not appear in the records of future years. There must be many who will regret that the demise of the Country House—surely a landmark in the history of the School—could not be accorded appropriate funeral honours. They may take comfort in the fact that former stalwarts of Country are now providing officials (Captain or Vice-Captain) in three of the four new Houses, and an impressive addition to the strength of them all.

E.L.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

Peterhouse,
Cambridge.

Jan., 1956.

The University of Cambridge is a weird and wonderful organisation, with its roots so firmly embedded in tradition that not even the combined efforts of successive generations of undergraduates have succeeded in eradicating its ceremonial magnificence. The onus of ceremony is at times most disconcerting for the wide-eyed freshman. For instance, it is a Cambridge custom of introducing all new members of the University to the Vice-Chancellor in the Senate House. Now the Senate House itself, with its many pillars and broad stone steps, is sufficiently awe-inspiring, but when, transfixed by the inexorable gaze of that high dignitary, the Vice-Chancellor, one has to walk forward, bow, and then leave the building, the idea that ceremony is something better dispensed with may not infrequently occur to one. The wearing of gowns after dusk can also occasion some difficulty at first and is a point very easily overlooked by freshmen, until they are politely reminded by the College porter or fined 6s.8d. by the Proctors. New gowns, moreover, seem to have a peculiar tendency to cling to every protruding object in one's path, particularly to the handlebars of bicycles parked along the edge of the path.

Sport, of course, plays a major part in undergraduate life. If you are keen to play a lot of sport, you will find first class facilities at Cambridge in addition to a lengthy series of fixtures for the various teams. Sport is the key which can unlock the door to many opportunities and is a sure means of gaining a ready welcome in almost any sphere. Indeed after a short time in Cambridge one begins to wonder which is the more important, a 'blue' or a degree.

Peterhouse is one of the smallest Colleges in the University, and, founded in the early 13th century, has the dubious distinction of being the oldest (a fact which finds ready credibility among all those hardy enough to ascend the extremely narrow Elizabethan staircase which leads to my room). The master is Mr. Herbert Butterfield, well-known among students of history; he is also the professor of modern history in the University. Perhaps even more widely known than Mr. Butterfield is Professor Dennis Brogan, the radio 'quiz' expert, who has been a fellow of the college for some years. It is quite natural that a college that has flourished for 750 years, should have produced a number of legends which still

cling to its name—stories which have been passed down by the undergraduates through (in some cases) hundreds of years. It is common knowledge at Peterhouse that one side of the Old Court is haunted by a restless spirit known as the Blue Lady, which makes regular periodic appearances in certain rooms, and which only last term was seen by one of the Dons. The story has it that she was the wife of one of the Masters of the College who, through reasons which remain obscure, threw herself from the second floor window, and plunged to her death on the stones below. Another little anecdote, this time not so widely known, concerns the poet Thomas Gray, who entered the University as a Peterhouse undergraduate and left as a Pembroke graduate. Gray, it is said, had a mortal fear of fire, and to ensure his speedy escape should fire ever break out, he passed a rope through the stonework, which skirts the roof, down to the court below. It so happened that a number of playful young gentlemen, displeased with the poet's irritating attitude, blew clouds of smoke beneath his door and simultaneously beat the alarm bell with great gusto. The poet, frantic with fear, flung open the window and slid rapidly down the adjacent rope. He did not, however, reach the court, but fell instead into a large bath filled with cold water which had been dexterously placed below his window. The bard was not amused, and, as I have already said, left the University as a Pembroke graduate.

M. E. Cotton.

Wadham College,
Oxford.
Jan., 1956.

It has been said that there are three great events in an undergraduate's life: coming-up, going down, and the ceremony at which he receives his degree. I cannot as yet speak of the latter two from personal experience, for I have scarcely started on my second term, but I certainly agree that coming-up is a big event. In fact it is a very awe-inspiring experience and the first week or so of term is rather difficult for the freshman: in the first place he feels very small and insignificant beside the assuredness of the second and third year men, and secondly he will no doubt be affected by a certain amount of homesickness. This, however, very soon wears off as one begins to take part in University life and to make friends.

I could fill this letter with a detailed account of day-to-day life at Oxford, but that, in my opinion, would be futile. If the reader requires that, he must refer to the current Oxford University Handbook which can be found in the School and Public Libraries and which gives a fuller and better-written account of the mere mechanics of life in this ancient University than I could. Such an account, however, cannot by its very nature catch the spirit of life at Oxford, for to do that one must actually experience it and that privilege is open only to a comparatively small number of people.

But I would like to point out the variety of University life, which contrasts vividly with the restricted range at school. In sport for example, whereas at school there was only rugby and cross-country in winter, and cricket and a limited amount of tennis and swimming in summer, at Oxford almost every sport is catered for: association football, rugby football, rowing, golf, squash, badminton, to name only a few. The same is also true of the various University and college societies, the outstanding one of which being the Oxford Union, which besides providing interesting and amusing debates every Thursday in term, also provides for its members all the facilities and amenities of a club—such as dining-room, reading room, bar, library, etc.

Perhaps, however, the most interesting information for readers of the "Cytringingian" is that concerning other former boys of Kettering Grammar School who are now up at Oxford. Examination results in the last two or three years have made a small but notable increase in the number of old Cytringingians now residing in this ancient seat of learning. When B. R. Short wrote a similar letter to this for the school magazine of 1953 he was only able to point to himself and M. C. Hurst as K.G.S. representatives, but now there are five of us. P. P. Marshall is in his second year with me at Wadham; he is an enthusiastic and competent rowing man and he has recently been instrumental in forming a badminton club in the college. David Palmer is studying English at New College and distinguished himself by winning a scholarship while in his second year of national service. Finally, at St. Catherine's Society there are H. D. Moore studying English, and R. J. Tose-land studying History. G. F. Gold is also due up at Christ Church in October of this year (1956), and P. B. G. Brading is coming up to St. Catherine's in 1957. I also understand that there are several in the present sixth form trying for various colleges this year and to these I accord my best wishes for their success.

R. F. Moore.

Nottingham University.

Jan., 1956.

It is customary to refer to our provincial universities and colleges as "red-brick" universities. I find it hard to imagine anything less like red brick than the Portland stone of the two main buildings that are the nucleus of that settlement known as Nottingham University. Situated near the south-western boundary of the city called the Queen of the Midlands—my only comment being that in certain areas it is a black queen—University Park is quite extensive: it is as large as (if not larger than) the Wicksteed Park, although the buildings at present occupy only a very small corner of the grounds. An eminent architect has drawn up plans and prepared a scale model of what he considers would be ideal development of the university within the bounds of the park. These plans still await official approval, however, and there is every indication that they will still be an architect's dream even when Kettering completes its new Grammar School.

There are at present four other old boys of the school here. Roy Church finds his allegiance divided between Economic History and the Dramatic Society; Jim Panter, is suspected of having formed a Poujadiste Society in the French Department; while David Ainsworth and Joe Tailby, both engineers, are rarely seen, except on such occasions as when the engineers as a whole descend from their various workshops to terrorise the main buildings with their activities.

We are always very pleased to see members of the school up here for interviews, and hope that this year's sixth form will provide us with enough colleagues to contemplate forming a Cytringans' Society—one more being a mere drop in the ocean of the 89 existing societies that distract from studies. It has been estimated that if a person attended every society meeting held, he would not only be fully occupied, but would also need a split personality. Naturally, societies come and go in the same way as women's fashions, and it is a very fortunate treasurer who can honestly claim to have had more members than visiting speakers throughout the year.

F. J. Chambers.

The University,
Birmingham.

Jan., 1956.

Most people have heard of Birmingham, but few seem aware that Birmingham boasts a University. This is shown by the fact that there are at present only three Old Cytringanians here.

The University came into being on the 24th of March, 1900, when the Mason University College was granted a Royal Charter.

The original Mason College buildings are situated right in the centre of the city and are now inhabited by the Arts and Law faculties. The present University buildings were built in 1909 at Edgbaston. These surely must be the most red-bricked University buildings in the country! They are occupied by the Science department, and their outstanding feature is a huge clock tower, affectionately known as Joe, which stands alone in a courtyard. The whole building is of dubious architectural beauty and it is suggested among the undergraduate population that it would look more at home in the Red Square in Moscow.

Expansion is going on at a great rate. Within the last few years a new Mechanical Engineering block has been opened and new Chemical Engineering and Mining blocks are nearing completion. New buildings are planned at Edgbaston to house the Arts faculty and thus abolish the somewhat schizophrenic nature of the University in its present state.

A mention must be made of the Medical School which adjoins the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It is ultramodern compared with the rest, having been opened in 1939.

The focus of student life is the Guild of Undergraduates' Union; we pride ourselves that our Union is one of the best in the country. At the Union, all tastes are catered for, including sport, music and drama. There are at present about fifty societies and clubs attached to the Guild. The affairs of the Guild are run by elected members of the student body. One of the main functions of the Guild is 'Carnival'—which virtually means that students can do almost anything for a week. The object is to raise as much money as possible for Charities, by selling car raffle tickets, Carnival magazines, and by collecting on Carnival day when there are two grand processions of floats through the city centre.

P. L. Coe, R. Baker.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

CIRCUS DAYS.

The circus is coming to town today,
 And circus folk are always gay ;
 With horses jumping from stool to stool,
 And sea-lions playing in a pool :
 There is a man with a big trombone
 Who plays you tunes which are all well known,
 And on top of it all there is a clown,
 Who comes in the ring in a big dressing gown.

The circus is here, the big top is up
 There is a girl with a dear little pup.
 There are lions and tigers and even big bears
 Who eat their dinners sitting on chairs,
 At last the show is over and we all file out in twos,
 And we watch the clown cleaning his big shoes,
 We even stopped to watch the lions being fed,
 But at last it all was over and we had to go to bed.

The circus is going away today,
 With all the folk who are always gay,
 The clowns who all must live in a trance,
 The beautiful horses that gallop and dance ;
 They are going away to another town,
 To make the people laugh or frown,
 We have enjoyed their beautiful show,
 And their colourful caravans all in a row.

B. Bratton, I.Q.

THE SEASONS AND THEIR DRAWBACKS.

The summer's on its way again,
 Say farewell to snow and rain !
 The winter's o'er, and spring is here—
 And autumn, too, will bring good cheer.
 In the spring, that cheerful season,

All should rejoice, for many a reason—
 Many flow'rs spring up afresh,
 And birds from foreign lands return
 To build new homes of twig and fern ;
 But we in school must try to learn !

Summer is the time for swimming,
 Rambling, cycling—really living !
 There is fun at every turn ;
 But for us exams are dawning,
 And, from those, reports are forming !

Autumn is a lovely time,
 Leaves of gold and red are falling ;
 Surely it is such a crime
 That at school a new term's calling !

Winter ! Brrr ! So bleak and cold ;
 Snows are falling, as of old !
 But Christmas comes, with joys and pleasures ;
 For winter, too, holds many treasures ;
 But heaters fail, too, during classes,
 And then our interest quickly passes !

So another year has ended,
 Perhaps not just as we intended ;
 Holidays could have been longer,
 Resolutions so much stronger !
 But school has taken all our time !
 That is the burden of my rhyme !

G. Ball, 2P.

EPITAPH TO A CHICKEN.

Down comes the axe with one sharp blow !
 Severed the head from body now,
 And still, though parted from its brain,
 The body moves—but all in vain.

And though the life blood flows away,
 The muscles help the legs to flay,
 Around the yard on its last fling,
 Goes this pitiful headless thing.

R. W. Earle, 2R.

THE MODERN SANDHURST.

Sandhurst, a name known all over the world, has changed many times to meet the changing requirements of warfare. Now it is run partly as a great public school and partly as a University. Academics now take up a greater part of the time than previously, as it has been realised that, to make a good officer, a sound logical mind is required. The days of "Up the goth, and at 'em!" (usually yelled by a young subaltern, waving a sabre) are definitely over. Nowadays warfare is highly technical; it is far from simple, both strategically and tactically.

Training at Sandhurst was, until recently, spread over three terms, taking up eighteen months; now it takes up five terms and lasts two years. Most of one's time in the first term is taken up by drill, weapon-training and preparatory academics. I was glad when my first term was over, as the tension and pressure of work is quite considerable. During the intermediate terms, things slow down a little, and time is taken up with academic subjects, liberally sprinkled with Private Study (which often means coffee with So-and-So in his room). Finally the senior term arrives, and one feels rather cheerful when one returns with that extra strip of braid on the wrist and that indefinable commodity called authority. This term is busy and seems to fly. Then come the all-important finals, the reward for which (if one is successful) is the Queen's Commission.

However, there are a lot of snags en route; for instance, snap, full-scale tests are frequent, and these can prove very unpleasant if they catch you on the wrong foot. Also, work not up to standard could mean spending the rest of one's engagement in the ranks.

Sports play a big part in the life of Sandhurst. Every facility for almost every game imaginable is afforded, and cadets are encouraged to play more than one game. Also, extra-mural activities are almost too numerous to mention, and they range from literary groups to fox hunting and mountaineering. The Academy actually possesses its own yacht, which plies periodically to the Channel Islands.

One can now see how a modern army officer's training is made up. At first he is treated as a private soldier and in fact has only the privileges appropriate to that rank. This is to instil discipline—which is an essential in any army. As time passes, he is allowed more privileges. Sandhurst brings up the cadet in the atmosphere of the barrack-room as well as in that of the officers' mess—which is very sound, as an officer must know what things are like on both sides of the fence. The cadet has adequate free time, for Wednesdays and Saturdays are half days, and Sunday is free. This time

can be spent in any way one desires—though near-by London claims most of it.

In the Army, now as never before, efficiency is an absolute necessity. Split-second thinking is the key to success; anything slower may mean disaster. This quickness of thought is fostered by "schemes" wherein everyone eventually gets his chance. These "schemes" are great fun, even though they sometimes end in some disastrous mistake—but it is better to make your mistakes during training, than afterwards in the real thing.

When a young infantry officer leaves Sandhurst, he goes on a further two courses lasting about six months; then he joins his regiment and is usually given a platoon. This is his real test, and one which can make or break him, but, with keenness and the knowledge he has gained at Sandhurst, he should come through successfully. The proof of his success is, of course, in the efficiency of his platoon. It should be every young officer's aim to make his own platoon the most efficient.

Writing this article has given me great enjoyment, and brought back before my mind many happy occasions during my time at Sandhurst.

C. W. T. Lumby, 2nd Lieutenant.

CYPRUS HOLIDAY.

For my holidays last year, I went on a visit to Cyprus. I had been invited out by my Uncle, who is attached to the British Government there. I was to travel by plane, and stop at Malta. I waited with somewhat feverish excitement for the great day, when I was to travel to London to the air terminus, and be taken by one of the company's coaches for the run through Surrey, to Stanstead Airport.

On the morning of my departure, I got my various things packed, and went to the station with my mother. We arrived at London at 10 o'clock, and made our way to the terminus. As I had some considerable time to wait, I roamed around until I found a bookshop where I bought myself a book with which to sustain myself for the long and quiet flight. Eventually, we were under way, and as I sat in the top deck of the observation coach, I saw the suburbs of London steadily disappearing, and the dark roads of Epping Forest took their place.

We arrived at the aerodrome at 2 o'clock. I went into customs almost immediately, after which I could only see my mother from a distance. Then we were ushered into a lounge-cum-briefing room, where we were told of any emergencies that might occur during the flight. Straight after, we were taken to our plane. When I say "our plane" I mean myself and another boy I met named Peter Sutch. It was the first time I had been near a plane, and I must say I was enthralled at the immense size of it. Inside, it was comfortably furnished with a carpet and seats adjustable for sleeping. But, just then the doors closed, the engines started one by one, and noise increased to a powerful roar, as the "throttle" was opened out.

With a throb, the aeroplane moved to the end of the runway and turned round. Taxi-ing to the end, the plane took off, and I was just able to see my mother waving, as I sat back in my seat. Peter and I busied ourselves in comics, but could not be without a look out of the window every now and then. Every so often, a flight bulletin was passed round among the passengers from the First Pilot. A cold lunch was served, and everything was uneventful until we landed at Malta. Here a dinner was served at Luqa Airport, and we were unfortunately unable to take off at the proposed time because of a slight defect in the radio transmitter. However, we were soon on our way once more, for the last stage of our journey. We arrived at Nicosia Airport at 5.30 in the morning.

I shall never forget my first sight of Cyprus. The sun was blazing down on the hot tarmac as a man came into the plane to spray us with some evil-smelling fly spray. I was soon out standing on terra firma, but I could see no sign of my uncle. Anyway, I went on through customs and passport offices, until I came to the door. I then saw my uncle waiting for me, and a porter took my luggage to the car. Already I was perspiring freely and I was told to change into some suitable clothes as soon as I got to my uncle's house.

My holiday in Cyprus provided me with many entertainments, such as visiting places of historical interest, viewing the sea's fish, rocks, and rock fungus, and giving me the chance to see how the inhabitants of other countries live.

V. W. Brumby, 2R.

"THE ELIZABETHAN."

In spite of the passing of time, I can recall the scene quite well—a warm summer evening, with the sun going down in a golden-red ball, throwing its golden rays over the glittering rails which shimmer in the distance.

The station is quiet after a busy day and it has taken on a drowsy air. One or two small engines dart hither and thither, but otherwise all is still.

Suddenly a signal rises: an air of expectancy falls over the people who remain on the platform. A small pilot tank engine draws into the bay platform beside me. The friendly driver grins and looks toward the junction at the southern end of the station. A bell clangs loudly; a few porters come out of the drab grey station buildings. All eyes are now turned towards the junction. Yes, here she comes! A thin line of grey smoke appears against the bridge, a chime-whistle screams out as a dark shape comes into view.

A soft drumming is heard, swelling in a thunderous crescendo. With a rhythmic roar, a gleaming green engine looms up in front of an endless row of carriages. The engine hurtles forward with ever-increasing speed until she fills the eye completely. A tremendous tattoo as she hits the junction and she is abreast of us, white-tinted smoke spurting from her chimney, her driver intently staring at the road ahead! We do not have time to take in her smooth sweeping lines as she flashes past us. The chocolate-and-cream Pullman coaches stream past us in a blur and the exhaust of the engine gradually lowers. Upon turning we see two tail lights winking through the lifting smoke, getting gradually smaller as they recede into the distance.

"The Elizabethan" is going home. The hum of the engine gradually fades out and the porters turn away. The main signals jerk down with a clang and the little tank engine trundles off. The climax of the day has been reached, and is over for yet another evening. There is not much else to do but follow the example of the little tank engine and trundle off too.

Anon.

FOREIGN FILMS.

To the inhabitant of a provincial town like Kettering two things characterise the great majority of foreign films—they have an "X" certificate and he has to travel a good forty miles to see them. This does not mean that no foreign film ever comes to Kettering. The Savoy once produced "Rashomon" and two versions of novels by Simenon, "L'homme qui regardait passer les

trains", and "La verité sur Bébé Donge"; the Russian commentary "Life in the Arctic" eclipsed the rest of the programme when it appeared at the Gaumont; and the Swedish, amateur-produced "The Great Adventure", at the Odeon, was among the half dozen leading films shown in Kettering in the last two years. The Granada's contribution, "M. Hulot's Holiday," was certainly one of the best comedies made recently, and even the Empire went down with all flags flying on "La Citta si Defende". Three of these films were very good indeed and worthy of especial mention in that they demonstrated schools of cinema art not familiar to the provincial film-goer.

Disney might have learned much from the rigid naturalism of "Life in the Arctic". Here was none of the striving for effect which Disney's nature commentaries employ so readily, no musical accompaniment designed to turn animals into something less than individuals oblivious of intruding cameras, but a plain and simple statement of fact.

The same virtue distinguished "The Great Adventure". A film shot by an enthusiastic amateur using his own family, his neighbours, and the animals of forest and field, to tell a simple story of two children and a pet otter, would be unthinkable in England. Fortunately, the Swedish film industry is younger, more adventurous and less cursed with the twin evils of the almighty dollar and the Hollywood influence. "M. Hulot's Holiday" was Kettering's second example of the art of Jacques Tati, whose supreme individuality has led to repeated comparisons with Chaplin. His humour is more subtle, but just as constantly present, and this film undoubtedly deserved as much attention as the revival of "Modern Times", though it suffered from the lamentable practice of using an English sound-track instead of the more usual sub-titles. One other film demonstrated a new technique, the charming American "Marty", and that was awarded the Cannes Grand Prix for being the most un-American film for years.

It is this feeling of a new sense of values that is responsible for the popularity of a great number of foreign films; it is therefore a pity that the rest should depend on the doubtful support of an "X" Certificate. There seems to be no set rules as to the bestowal of this distinction, bar the fact that the majority of foreign films seem to get one as a matter of course.

"The Seven Samurai" in particular was generally acclaimed as a superb film. It carried the audience irresistibly along with the same simplicity as the much earlier "Battleship Potemkin", which made the name Eisenstein famous. There was no parallel in the Japanese film to the historic individual hero of

the Russian, because unlike the latter it had no propaganda value; but there was the same insistence on the glories of a country's past, helped by whole-hearted enthusiasm of inexperienced actors who benefitted considerably from not having made film acting a career. The same absence of big names and of complication in a plot which yet held the attention riveted to its single strand marked "O'Cangaceiro", just as it marked "Marty" and "Life in the Arctic".

The keynote of the successful foreign film is undoubtedly simplicity and reality without an unbalanced emphasis. When American, and to a lesser extent British, producers can learn to leave moral judgements to their audiences and content themselves with presenting the facts in a clear light; when, above all, they can learn to lean far less on the sound-track and far more on the visual impact, then British and American films will be in a position to reclaim their early, and lost, supremacy.

D. Bryn Williams, Up.6.Mod.

EUROPEAN JOURNEY.

I left Kettering, by bicycle one Friday morning in August, and arrived in Paris at 2 p.m. on the Sunday, having stopped overnight near Le Touquet airport. After finding accommodation in Paris, I had time in the evening to revisit Notre Dame and the Boulevard St. Michel. The traffic was not heavy but just as fast. The Metro, too, still retained its smell of garlic, and from my glimpse of Paris nothing seemed to have changed.

From Paris I followed the Seine Valley and eventually arrived in Dijon. The next day took me into the Jura mountains, with thickly-wooded, steep valleys and the harmonious melody of cow-bells. Spending the night in the quiet market-town of Pontarlier, I passed into Switzerland the next morning. The first town I reached was Neuchâtel, situated on the lake of the same name. The ride there was strenuous at times, the road climbing and descending the steep sides of a pretty valley, ending with a view over the lake to the far shores shrouded in haze. The afternoon was occupied with the journey to Berne, through villages with typically Swiss chalets and German names. The wide use of hydro-electricity was emphasised by the complete lack of dirt and smoke.

The town of Berne, capital of the country, is ancient and almost medieval in appearance. Undamaged by the ravages of modern warfare, it offers numerous interests to tourists—clean and

expensive shops, brightly painted statues and fountains, the famous clock-tower, many fine churches, narrow streets, and beautiful gardens overlooking the swift flowing Aare.

The next stage of my journey followed the Aare valley past Lake Thun and Lake Brienz, through small villages nestling under the steep hills bordering the lakes. In the distance, I had views of the Alps competing with the clouds. From Interlaken I had a view of the Jungfrau, its perpetual snow clearly visible. From the end of Lake Brienz, all the routes lead to high passes. I took the Susten pass, 7,231 feet high at the summit. This masterpiece of Swiss engineering mounts incessantly for 15 miles, winding round hairpin bends, through tunnels, clinging to the side of the gorge-like valley, over numerous ice-cold streams, and very close to a glacier. The amount of traffic on a gloriously fine day was really surprising. After a gruelling climb, the descent at a breath-taking speed, past cars descending carefully, was really worth-while. At the foot of the pass, I joined the S. Gotthard route from Italy, and made my way northwards towards Lake Lucerne, passing through the William Tell country, and along the Axenstrasse, a road cut out of cliffs which drop almost vertically into the lake. After following the winding lake-side road through many small villages situated beside the placid waters, I arrived in Lucerne. The city is a mixture of old buildings and modern hotels. From Lucerne I travelled north to Zurich, the industrial centre of Switzerland, but an attractive city with beautiful promenades by the broad expanse of the lake. Here again the old and new blend together. The last town I visited in Switzerland was Schaffhausen, noted for the thundering and impressive Rheinfall nearby. The town is quite ancient, and is dominated by a castle which overlooks the river.

That night was passed in my first German youth hostel, well-equipped, pleasantly situated, and with a merry throng of hostellers. On my travels I met many people, from Norwegians to Australians, always sociable and fine company. The hostels themselves were always comfortable, the German ones being the biggest and most pleasant.

The journey over the Black Forest was very enjoyable, and easy cycling. The forest lived up to its name, as a thunderstorm broke in the afternoon as I was descending the thickly wooded Hollental to Freiburg. The next three days were spent idling along the Rhine valley towards the Rhine-gorge and were of little interest, except when comparing the bomb-damage suffered by the cities with that of England, and concluding that we suffered only lightly.

The Rhine gorge has much of interest. The river with a road and railway on each bank, winds its way through the fault in the

mountains and hills terraced with vineyards. Small villages snuggle into occasional recesses in the steep slopes, crowned usually by a castle. I climbed to the lofty Niederwaldendenkmal, a monument dedicated to the "watchers" over the Rhine and to the guardians of Germany. Later I passed the Lorelei—a famous rock dropping sheer into the river. Always of interest were the tugs dragging three or four heavily-laden barges at walking pace against the current of the deep, swift-flowing, yet wide river.

Continuing towards Bonn, I passed through Königswinter, the haunt of the Grammar School party earlier in the year. The morning mist dispelled any hopes of a view from the summit of the Drachenfels. Bonn itself, for a casual visitor, is a disappointing capital. Not far from Bonn, Cologne still preserves its magnificent, vast cathedral which rears up amid modern shops and offices surrounding the main square.

I left the Rhine valley at Cologne, and made for the border at Aachen. The monotony of the landscape was relieved by some shocking road surfaces, caused by irregular cobble-stones, with which the Germans pave the roads in all towns. Elsewhere on this trip, I met good tarmac surfaces and fairly evenly cobbled streets, though some in Belgium were rather bone-shaking.

Leaving Germany at Aachen, I crossed the southernmost tip of Holland, a distance of about 20 miles, and, passing through the market town of Maastricht, soon arrived in Belgium. That evening, after an uneventful ride, I stopped in Brussels.

Clean, compact, and busy is the capital's description in brief. The various interesting buildings ranging from the Palais de Justice to the small but notorious Mannekin Pis statue, can be seen in a day. The illuminations at night were excellent, especially of La Grande Place with the lights making the imposing old buildings take on a fairy-like appearance.

From Brussels I followed a good main road through Bruges and Ghent, to Ostend, a typical seaside resort and an important port. The next morning I flew back to England, leaving Belgium at 10.00 a.m., and after cycling and travelling by train through typically wet English weather, I arrived home at 7.00 p.m.

The 25-day holiday had been free from trouble; I had thoroughly enjoyed myself, had experienced no difficulties as regards currency, passports, or even language. With a little German, and an adequate amount of French, a lot of pointing and sign language, I managed very easily. The last two and reliance on other people's English are enough to take even the meanest intellect for a continental holiday.

P. E. Vandy, Up.VI.Mod.

HOWLERS.

A mendicant is someone who can't mend anything.—2.Q.
It is on hard work that the scholar's future environment is suspended.—5.M.

Politics is what people over twenty-one believe in.—2.R.

Politics helps this country to keep on its feet.—2.R.

Poetry is written in various forms, but the two main types are verse and prose.—5.M.

Most people who write poetry are dead.—1.R.

A cereal is something which ends at an exciting part and then starts again when you have forgotten it.—2.S.

Advice is one of a carpenter's tools.—2.S.

A mercenary is a flying doctor in Australia.—2.R.

Mercenary is a fund for sailors.—2.R.

Mercenary is the art of stone-cutting.—2.Q.

Suspecting that he had been murdered, the Doctor carried out a post-mortem.

In the seventeenth century people were ambidextrous because they allowed M.P.s to bribe them into voting for them.

He was so carnivorous that he bought the butcher right out.

The bathos came in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland.

Urban means united, i.e. Urban District Council.—2.R.

The Amazon is surrounded on all sides by dense vegetation.—

2.P.

The simple cell was discovered by Volga.—3.P.

Translations of "Omnem spem salutis in te pono" :

(1) Some men salute while swimming.—2.S.

(2) How do you salute when on horseback ?—2.S.

In the Elizabethan period, men wore doublets and hoses.—3.R.

Artemidores said that he was giving a suit to Caesar.—4.M.

In this school, you have to do a lot of experiments with the Science masters.—1.Q.

He wore a limpid mackintosh over his head.—3.R.

A WALK IN THE RAIN.

Not many people like walking in the rain. Sometimes, however, we are forced to do so, and this generally happens when we have an appointment to keep. We start walking happily along the road—more often than not without a raincoat—and then, when we have no more than a hundred yards to go, it begins to rain ! As if a cloud had burst for the express purpose of drenching us, the rain rapidly increases to a torrential downpour, and in a few seconds we are soaked to the skin.

But sometimes we set out with the definite intention of walking in the rain, we don our raincoats and galoshes and walk out of the house into the rain outside. At this moment, it is only drizzling, and we decide to walk through the town and then into the country beyond it.

As we walk through the neat, residential area, we notice how clean the pavements look. Just then, the dog from next door races past us and leaves a trail of muddy paw-prints all over the pavement ! We see a cat hurriedly being taken indoors. In fact, everyone wants to be indoors—except us !

At the centre of the town, the first thing we see is a very wet policeman standing at the cross-roads. He has obviously not brought his cape with him and so he has nothing to protect his uniform. Shop-keepers have been caught unawares, for they had their sun-blinds out earlier in the morning and now these are too wet to be put back. The water in the gutters starts as a trickle, and swells soon into a torrent, carrying paper, matchsticks, cigarette-ends, etc., on the first stage of the long journey down to the sea. Children stand in this water, watching it swirl and eddy round their feet ; they are then snatched from this fascinating position by irate mothers who shout, "You'll get your shoes and stockings wet through, you silly child !" Women hurry about their shopping, eager to be home. Cars speed up and down the wet streets and we have to jump aside to avoid being splashed. Cyclists come past us, looking as if they were saying to themselves, "I wish I hadn't come on it now !"

Having walked right across the town, we go now into the country. Here, everything is different. There are large puddles in the holes and ruts of the road—much bigger than the puddles in the town. A passing car would throw up a sheet of water that would drench us. The hedges have little water droplets upon every twig, and, when a bird alights on a branch, these droplets are sent cascading down to the ground. In the garden of a cottage, a bedraggled cockerel paces mournfully up and down in the hen-run. Cows look sombrely at us over the hedge, and sheep keep on steadily grazing with their fleeces all matted by the rain.

But now we must turn and make our way home again, where we can go in, dry ourselves by the fire and have tea. We feel all the better for our walk in the rain and say with the poet :

When beeches drip in browns and duns
And thresh and ply ;
When hill-hid tides throb throe on throe,
And meadow rivulets overflow,
And drops on gate-bars hang in a row
And rooks in families homeward go ;

And so do I.

R. Parish, formerly 5.M.

CYTRING : HISTORIA VILLAE MERCATURIAE

(Third and Final Part).

Since 1700 (the Churches, Architecture, Press).

Much could be written of the religious life and history of Kettering in this period. We find that Puritanism was present, if not strong, in the town in the sixteenth century. In 1662, John Maidwell was ejected from the incumbency of the Parish Church as a dissenter, and became pastor of the local independents—then a religious, not political, group. According to figures compiled in 1676, one fifth of the population were dissenters, and in 1715 part of what is now known as Toller Chapel was erected. Twenty years later, premises were set aside in the town for Quaker worship; the Baptist, Fuller, and the Toller brothers ministered in the town later in the century; William Knibb, whose work towards the abolition of the slave trade is commemorated in the town's Arms, was born here in 1803; the Baptist Missionary Society had its inception in Kettering at this time. It is not surprising that by 1828 over half the inhabitants of Kettering were non-conformist.

The nineteenth century, however, saw the revival of the Anglican Church. The erection of six Anglican places of worship in the town from 1870 to 1900 emphasises that the Church in Kettering was not dead. At the time of this revival, the controversy between those who wished to restore the Church to her pre-Reformation brightness and those who preferred the status quo raged heatedly in the local press. Irate correspondents castigated "pantomimic absurdities" and the frequent celebrations of Holy Communion at the newly-built S. Andrew's Church—which was then regarded as the ultimate of "Romish" extremism. The building of S. Mary's in 1896 was again marked by controversy, led by the Bishop who consecrated the Church, and who marked the occasion by a sermon against the new ecclesiastical fashions.

The student of architecture is unlikely to be enraptured by Kettering's post-seventeenth century buildings, religious or secular. The pseudo-Gothicism of the churches of SS. Mary and Andrew, and the imitation pseudo-Gothicism of the non-conformist chapels serve only to underline that they ordered these things better in the times of "superstition and ignorance", when the Parish Church, and many of the delightful village churches which surround the town, were built. The Roman Catholic Church of S. Edward is a pleasant change, and a good example of modern ecclesiastical architecture. The Library and Art Gallery in Sheep Street stand as monuments to a secure and prosperous, if not imaginative and artistically gifted respectability.



H. D. MOORE.



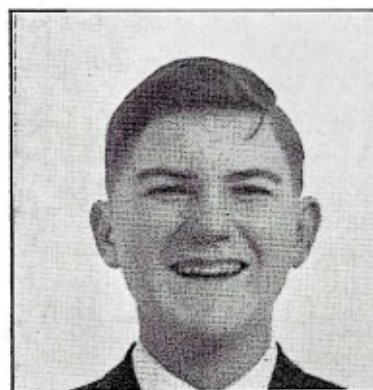
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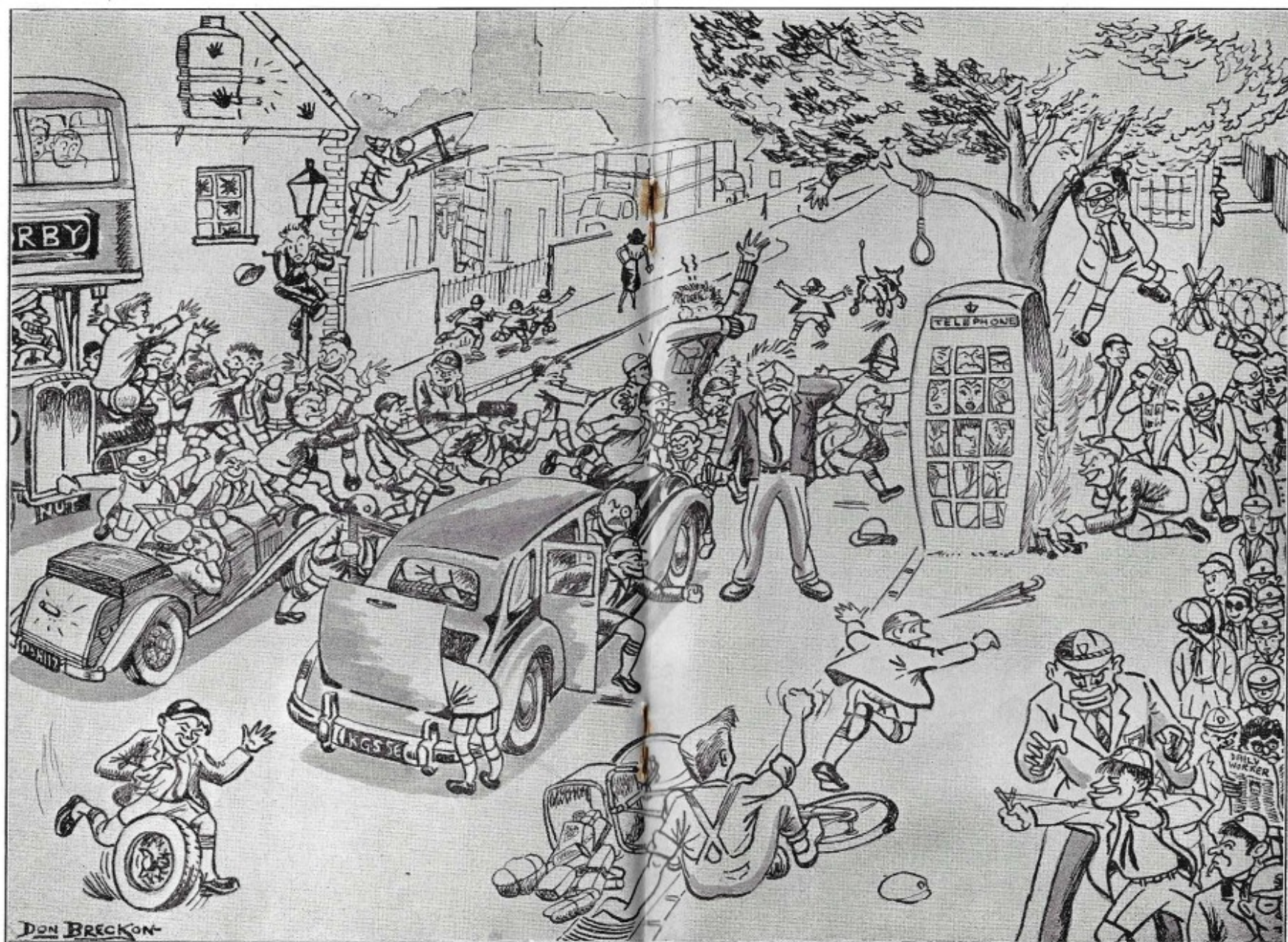


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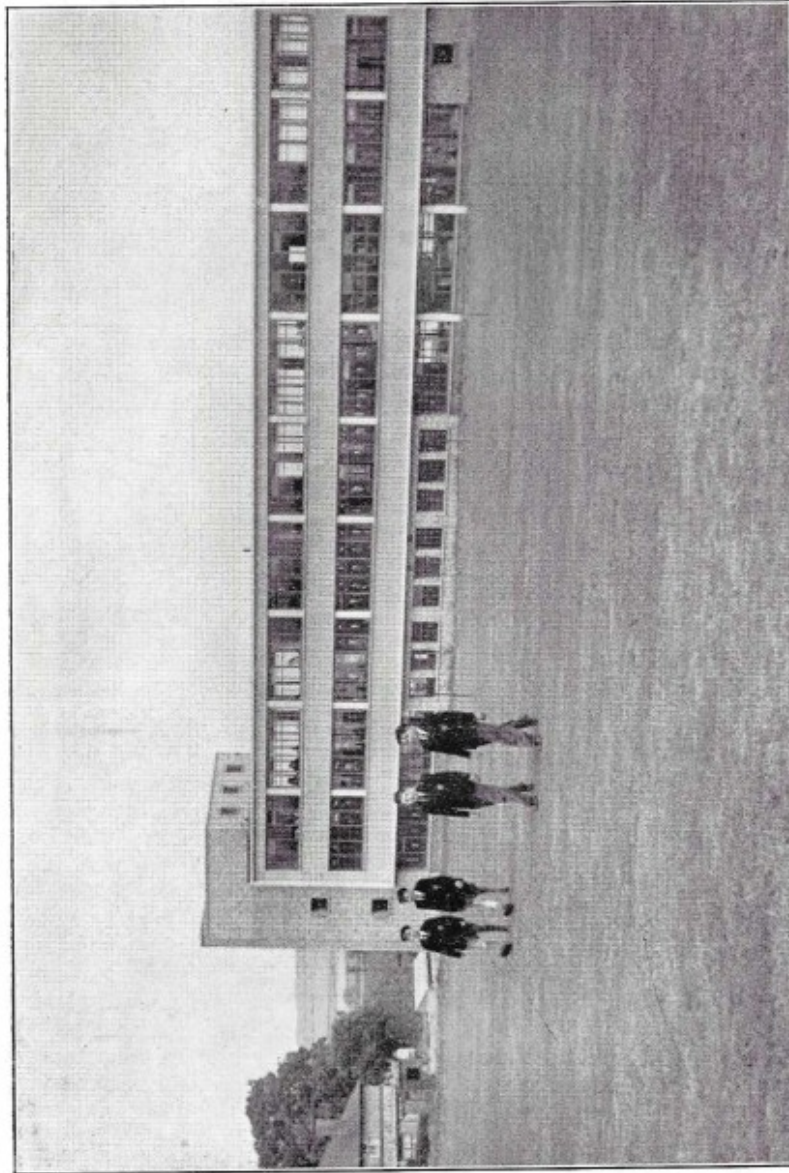


J. P. MARSHALL.

STATE SCHOLARS, 1955.



THE DINNER PARADE.



THE NEW SCIENCE BLOCK IN WINDMILL AVENUE.
[Photo.: "Northants Evening Telegraph"]

The plan of Kettering's centre has changed little since 1700. Yet, around this nucleus, buildings have arisen with surprising rapidity during the last century, displacing the fields and woods of former days. Today, Kettering is spreading in all directions, threatening to envelope smaller communities in its housing estates. Fields, spared, or finished with by the iron ore miners, are overcome by regiments of identical dwellings, and in one place have fallen victim to a rash of "prefabs." Trees are replaced by the television aerials, and "subtopia" continues on its way unchecked. The town itself is relieved from the drabness of its buildings to some extent by the few small gardens, kept by the Council. Wicksteed Park, a gift to the town by one of its worthies, Charles Wicksteed, has become over the past few decades a hallowed spot for people and vehicles from miles around.

Kettering has always been enthusiastic for music of a kind; there are cinemas enough, and though the "Empire" has closed and the "Normandie" changed hands, we shall not die of boredom.

The local evening and weekly newspapers are reminders of the unusual number of journals published in the town in the past. Kettering has indeed been fertile ground for enterprise in this connection in the past, and the history of the various periodicals published at some time in the town would constitute a long article in itself. Suffice it to say that today, when almost everything is pricing itself out of existence, the "Evening Telegraph" remains at twopence.

D. Bryn Williams, Mod.6.A.

Hugh D. Moore, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

OLD CYTRINGANIANS' SECTION

IN MEMORIAM.

Alan Russell, M.A. (Cantab.).

K.G.S. 1929—1931.

Died at Kettering, March 8th, 1956.

At the Reunion, it was pleasant to meet once again Paul ('Polly') Robinson, back in England after several years in Australia. As an assistant principal (shortly to be principal) in the Civil Service, he is now engaged in planning work on the new trunk roads, with Peter Gardner of Isham, now a principal, using his legal training on the same job. In Australia, Robinson came across another Old Boy, Bennett, but in the absence of further details the united efforts of masters present at the Royal failed to identify the particular Bennett concerned.

Another unusual meeting was between Sydney Rimmington and Peter Wilson. They found themselves on the same plane at Christmas, bound for winter sports in Switzerland.

Two items of news supplied by Pat Thornton deserve recording. The first is that Sidney Smith (always known as 'Big Dump' to distinguish him from his brother 'Little Dump'), has returned to Kettering as manager of the British United. The second is that Charles Cooper has retired from the Royal Navy and taken up a position with a shipping firm in London.

"The Daffodil Sky" by H. E. Bates, received the enthusiastic notices one has learned to expect. One critic coupled this collection of stories with another by Walter de la Mare, while a distinguished writer-critic chose it as his book of the year, with the warm tribute, 'These stories are masterpieces; exquisite, poetically sensuous, fierce yet tender. Fifteen of them, and not an ounce of padding.' At the "Sunday Times" book exhibition, Bates, speaking on 'The Storyteller', drew a larger audience than Gilbert Harding.

W. A. Payne continues to win prizes in a wide variety of literary competitions. He has allowed us to reproduce this 'Epigram on Modern Philosophies'—honed to an extremely sharp satirical edge.

When Dr. Probe, Behaviourist,
Announced that thought did not exist.
Admirers called this wordy sage
The greatest thinker of his age!

L. J. Bartley remains a loyal correspondent from Bexhill, where visits from Tony Ireson and Jimmy Scott have kept him in touch with the School. His son John is nearing the end of his

course at the London School of Printing and has finished—as his father used to do at K.G.S.—at the top.

Contemporaries of Captain W. G. Reid will have heard with deep regret of his death as the result of a road accident near Shrewsbury. He served during the last war as a Major in the Royal Marines and returned to the army in 1953.

Lieutenant-Commander G. R. Woolston, now operations officer on the Ark Royal, served also in the first carrier of that name until she was sunk by the enemy.

A welcome visitor was Dr. Donald Barritt—once a political firebrand of the Sixth—now ending his research on cardiac diseases at Bristol. He hopes to establish himself shortly as a consultant. His family now numbers five, including twins.

Last April, your contributor was invited to visit a local history exhibition at Woodford-cum-Membris. The theme was "Woodford—Then and Now"—and an admirably arranged show it proved to be. This is not surprising when the prime mover was revealed as Jimmy Ward, headmaster of the village school and already making his influence felt in such enlightened ways as this.

John Clegg's pianoforte recital at the Wigmore Hall on January 14th, included a first performance of 'Metamorphoses on a sequence of fourths' by David Barlow (whose speech at the Dinner was a most engaging blend of modesty and humour). The music critic of "The Times", while remarking that the composer had made no concessions to his audience, considered that the theme had been treated 'with a skilful and economical sense of direction.'

B. J. Loasby, having completed his thesis on Kettering history, has been appointed assistant lecturer in Political Economy at Aberdeen University. Farther south, Norman Marlow, lecturer in Classics at Manchester, visited Leeds University to deliver a scholarly and exhaustive lecture on Housman as a critic. This has been printed in the proceedings of the Leeds Philosophical Society.

Congratulations to J. E. Stanger on his well-earned appointment to the headship of Geddington school; to M. J. Harker on joining R. W. Tailby as the second Old Boy on the governing body of K.G.S., and to J.P.T. Eady on the presentation made to him at the end of his year of office as county chairman of the N.F.U.

Overseas Christmas cards this year came from Robin Scott (due home on February 5th) in Singapore, Dennis Lakin in Kenya, Eric Sharpe (now covering his district in a Volkswagen, of which he speaks highly) in S. Rhodesia, and Michael Hillyer, returning for leave in February. News also came from one who is certainly

not an Old Boy, though known to many of them. Daphne Nicholson Bennett (née Nicholson), who taught English for a time during Mr. J. I. Scott's last illness, has recently taken her Doctorate in the United States and hopes to revisit England this summer.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On 6th January, over 80 Old Boys made their way through the fog to be present at the 38th Dinner, at the Royal Hotel. Inside, the only fog was of the gradually thickening tobacco smoke and toasts were proposed in a warm, friendly atmosphere, with, inevitably, a savour of gentle contention in the speeches. The new President, Mr. B. A. E. Brading—"athlete, actor, scholar, banker" as he was introduced—threw down the gauntlet on behalf of alumni of 1917-1921. He combined a witty evocation of this period, which included his histrionic initiation as Ariel's sprite, with subtle publicity for the Hygrams. Rightly he saw part of the Society's strength in enduring family links, and was able to welcome Mr. Philip Knight, son of a past president, as a new joint secretary with Mr. Michael Ashby. Mr. Kirby, far too canny to violate his impartiality, took cognizance of the "useful, happy and successful lives" founded in the microcosm of the School at all times, and one of his longest serving pupils, Mr. David Barlow, left his lecturer's dais at Durham to propose the School, welcoming an opportunity to indulge his confessed habit of nostalgia.

Memory having held the door for so long, the Head Boy, P. E. Vendy, and the Head Master had the last word on behalf of the present school. Mr. Dudley added his own to various tributes to Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Hopkins, who will retire from teaching this year. Change and transience are inevitably before our eyes at the Reunion, but that the School's character remains permanent and enduring, impressing itself on successive generations, is largely a result of unstinted service such as theirs.

D.C.

THE OLD CYTRINGANIANS.

Secretary's Report for 1955.

The Association has continued to hold dances during the year but unfortunately, although they were successful socially, losses were incurred in two of them. However, the New Year's dance was very well attended and a profit has resulted on the season, as the treasurer's statement shows.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the replies received in respect of extension of activities decided that arrangements

should be made to hold a tennis match (Old Cytringanians v. The School) on the day of the usual cricket match, and also decided that two teams of Old Boys should be picked for a cricket match on a suitable Sunday afternoon. The tennis match had to be cancelled owing to bad weather, but the cricket match met with success. It will be repeated this year on Midsummer Day, June 24th.

New ties have been available for some months at Messrs. Webbs and the views of members on the new designs would be appreciated.

In December, 1948, it was decided to ask all life members either to release the association from the obligation to supply magazines or to make a second donation after the receipt of the seventh copy. The result of this appeal may be seen in the treasurer's report. All new members joining after that date were informed that magazines could be supplied only for seven years. As the first of these members will shortly be receiving their last copy the committee have decided to supply further magazines for a **minimum** of ten years on receipt of an extra guinea. This minimum period is fixed because costs cannot be forecast but it is hoped to supply copies for much longer.

Membership continues to increase, the number of life members joining during the year was 19, with 29 annual members. In addition 8 members have paid a second subscription.

The senior Old Boys' Prize was presented to R. J. Chapman and the junior to J. B. Miller at the annual Speech Day.

G. H. Bradbury,
Joint Honorary Secretary.

HYGRAM PLAYERS, 1955.

The Hygram Players are able to report a very successful year. In addition to the two normal full-length productions in the spring and autumn, there was a third major production in the summer. This took the form of an open-air presentation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which was played for four performances in July, two in the grounds of St. Peter's School and two on the lawn of St. Andrew's Vicarage. On each evening the audiences were large and the weather perfect. Much hard work went into this production and all credit must be accorded to the producer Evan Roberts,

who indeed appeared to instil much of his own enthusiasm into the large cast. The two excellent sites greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the performances, and the Players have expressed their thanks to Miss Rutherford and the Rev. P. M. Duplock.

The other two main productions provided a contrast both with Shakespeare's comedy and with each other. In January Charles Morgan's thought-provoking play 'The River Line' was played in the school hall, while in November 'Someone Waiting', a thriller by Emlyn Williams, followed. Both plays were produced by Mr. C. W. Godfrey in the thorough and polished manner now expected of him, and were appreciated by their audiences.

Two teams were entered for the British Drama League one-act play festival. The Northamptonshire festival lasted a full week and 23 teams entered from all parts of the county. The Hygrams stood up very well to this competition and both teams were among the five obtaining 'A' marks. We provided one of the two teams to go forward to the Divisional Final to compete against winners from Oxfordshire and Middlesex. This production was by Evan Roberts of 'Lord Byron's Loveletter', an unusual play by Tennessee Williams. The other team played a French farce, 'The Neighbours', by Yves Cabrol, produced by Mr. C. W. Godfrey.

There was another successful summer excursion to Stratford-on-Avon when the play was 'Twelfth Night'.

With the retirement of Miss Wilkinson the Society lost one of its most valued members. For many years her imaginative and thoughtful productions delighted audiences, and her 1948 production of 'The School for Scandal', which attained third place in the National Final of the British Drama League full-length play competition, still represents the highest achievement yet attained by the Hygrams. Her work will long be remembered by all associated with it.

A large number of members attended the recent schools production of 'Henry IV, Part I', and were greatly impressed by the standard attained.

The numerical strength of the society remains roughly the same, new members taking the place of those who drop out. The society would, however, welcome further new members and extends a cordial invitation to all Old Cytringanians interested in the theatre.

Derek Gray, Honorary Secretary.

HYGRAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB, 1955.

The club has to report a further year of normal activities. During the 1954-55 season teams were entered in both divisions of the Desborough and District table tennis league. The 'A' team finished 6th out of 10 teams, playing 16 matches, of which 11 were won, 2 drawn and 3 lost. The two captains, I. T. Freeman and K. R. Driver, deserve much of the credit gained by maintaining previous positions. Freeman continues actively in the post of honorary secretary to the Northamptonshire Table Tennis Association and does much good work for the game throughout the county.

Club singles tournaments were again held, the winners being: Men: J. Groome. Ladies: Miss P. Hay. This season the club has entered the 'A' division of the league only, but a number of friendly matches have been arranged. The club now meets in the school hall, and playing conditions are probably the best in the district. More members would be very welcome, and a cordial invitation is extended to all Old Cytringanians whatever their standard of play. Meetings are held during the winter terms on most Mondays and certain Wednesday evenings.

Once again the club expresses its thanks to the President, Mr. Dudley, and to Miss Woodrow, for the continued use of the school.

Derek Gray, Honorary Secretary.

THE OLD CYTRINGANIANS CRICKET CLUB, 1955.

During the past summer the weather was much kinder to cricketers than in 1954, and it follows that clubs in general had a much more satisfactory season. Our own club was no exception and the season's sunshine did much to efface the watery memories of the previous year. We played 27 matches, won 8, lost 6 and drew 13. It is true that the number of drawn games seems excessive, but the hard pitches of a dry summer must be held partly to blame. Also the fixtures were well graded, which meant that there were no easy victories to be had.

In the Kettering K.O. Cup we were eliminated in the third round. After lapsing a season, the day match at Clacton was reinstated with great success and an especially enjoyable new fixture was the match against the R.N.A.S., Bramcote, near Nuneaton. A special feature was the match sponsored by our parent association and played on the Town ground on Sunday, June 26th. This game, between two teams of Old Cytringanians, was the occasion of a summer re-union and proved a most popular innovation.

From the personal point of view most of our players had a highly satisfactory season. Inevitably one or two were disappointed, but on the whole the averages showed a better balance than for some years. Both batting and bowling honours were shared; though pride of place must be given to Walter Kelland, who topped the batting with 617 runs at an average of 30.85 and so won the Holmes Cup. Top bowler was Ronald Smith with 27 wickets at 7.55, and three other bowlers took well over 30 wickets apiece at reasonable cost.

The club was again deeply indebted to the Headmaster for the use of the school ground for our home matches during August and for practice facilities throughout the summer. As a mark of appreciation the club presented the school with a scoreboard and some additional books for the new cricket section of the library.

In conclusion may I make my customary plea for new members. Please contact me or any committee member. We have no recruiting slogan, but if we had I feel it would go like this, 'Join the Old Cytringanians Cricket Club and find out for yourself how many good excuses there are for (a) being bowled first ball, (b) dropping a dolly, (c) buying the umpire a drink.'

D. W. Smith, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

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HOUSE NOTES

NORTH HOUSE.

With the reformation of the House system, North House has become smaller in size but not in standing. Having lost such noteworthy people as the morning pianist, and two swimmers to East, we were pleased to welcome half of Country's rugby players, some boxers, and two leading tennis players.

It is fairly safe to assume that of the senior competitions North will win the cricket, basketball, and swimming, and in all others will provide very stiff competition. The junior prospects are equally bright.

P. E. Vandy, Up.6.Mod. (Secretary).

SOUTH HOUSE.

South is the Cinderella of the Houses. In the past eight years South has succeeded in winning only nine trophies and this year she shows little sign of increasing the total.

But South just isn't sports minded. We're still fond of her, and since she achieved second place in the House points table at Christmas, she may become a home for the academic.

The main thing is that we are not lacking in House spirit, especially in the lower school.

D. B. Williams, Up.6.Mod. (Secretary).

EAST HOUSE.

At the reorganisation of the School Houses, Country House was split up, and its place taken by East House. This means that East House is the newest member of the four Houses, and consequently has not the tradition of the others. However, if all its members pull their weight, there is no reason why East House should not provide some very stiff competition for the other Houses.

D. G. Bridge, Up.6.Sc. (Secretary).

WEST HOUSE.

The number of boys in West House has been increased, so that we are now on a par with the other Houses.

The table of points awarded for school work during the Autumn Term, showed West House to be in third place.

The House rugby games show that West House has had varied success; in the Senior matches, a most interesting situation has arisen; West won both its two games in the Autumn Term, and North House also won its two matches, so that we look forward to a tremendous tussle with our rivals.

Prospects for Basketball, Cross-Country and Athletics seem bright.

J. Thorpe, Up.6.Mod. (Captain).

D. Baxter, Up.6.Mod. (Secretary).

CLUB NOTES

THE CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club, which meets each Monday evening during the Autumn and Spring terms in Room 3, has about a dozen regular members. Games generally reach a high standard of play on the 'Ladder' Competition, where at the moment Chamberlain holds the top rung, followed by Jeffs and Coles. The annual Knock-Out Competition, held during the Spring Term last year, was won by Jeffs after a close battle with Barson.

The membership of the Club is not as high as it should be, and anyone interested in the game, whether he can play or not, is invited to attend a meeting of the club, junior members being especially welcome.

P. A. Higham, Up.6.Sc. (Secretary).

CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

Last May a new School Society came into being, and this was the Society of Church Bell Ringers. Since then the activities of the group have been vigorous, audible and extensive. No sooner had Mr. Whitehead accepted the Vice-Presidency than he left the school, and many thanks are due to him for his help in forming the Society. We are able to welcome Mr. Perrett in his place.

Two meetings were held in the Summer Term, both at Weekley, and perhaps not so well attended. However, our activities this year have been particularly successful. The first was at Pytchley where a company unusually large for a five-bell tower gathered; the next at Great Addington, one of the finest sixes in the county; and finally at Isham. At each, attendance and standard of method ringing and striking were excellent. I would but tire the layman with a list of methods, but one of the hardest Surprise methods—London—has been rung at a Grammar School practice.

To organise the ringing at the meetings a ringing master, David W. James, was elected, and the Committee consists of the officers with F. E. Crosier, and A. J. Frost.

Two quarter peals have at last been performed, the first at Dingley, the second at Stanwick. Participants were: D. Baxter, R. J. Coles, F. E. Crosier, P. G. K. Davies, B. Hendry, D. W. James and A. D. Sansom.

The number of those in the school who ring is now about thirty, and it is hoped that a few of those who have not yet shown their skill at the Society's meetings will do so in the future.

P. G. K. Davies, VI.A.Mod. (Secretary).

THE FISHING CLUB.

We have landmarked the first complete term of the Fishing Club, founded in June, by running a competition, which, owing to the number of entrants, had to consist of two semi-finals, the winning five of each taking part in the final—prizes for which were a pike-rod and a reel. It was won by Butlin, 3P., and although the weights of fish caught were rather light, most entrants enjoyed the outings, while the final was enlivened at the expense of Thompson, who fell in.

Members of the staff of the 'Angling Times' paid us a visit in the School Library in November, and impressed us all with a display of fly-casting and an extensive array of fishing tackle.

A specimen-fish contest is now in progress, and quizzes are included in our future programme.

All our thanks are due to Mr. Gladden, who has taken the chair at our meetings held in the evenings after school, given up his time on Saturday afternoons to be present at our outings, and brought along his scales to weigh the catches.

A. F. Handley, Up.6.Sc. (Secretary).

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

During the past year, the Junior Debating Society has held 11 meetings, 5 in the Spring Term and 6 in the Autumn Term. One of the best attended of these meetings was the Mock Trial, held in the Spring. The best attendance was the Balloon Debate, in the Autumn, largely due to the (imagined) presence of "Sabrina" amongst the balloon's passengers.

The standard of speaking has risen considerably in the last year. This is largely due to the fine example set by our chairman, Mr. Phillips.

The committee wishes to extend thanks to Mr. Phillips, who gives up so much of his time for us; to Mr. Bishop for his help in the Novelty Evening and to Mr. Laywood for officiating in the highly successful Mock Trial.

Attendances have been pleasing but more 1st, 2nd and 3rd formers are always welcome.

M. A. York, 3.P. (Secretary).

THE LIBRARY.

The most noticeable alteration in the Library since the last edition of these notes is in its colour. Whatever one may think of red and green and cream as a combination, at least it has made the library a good deal fresher and cleaner. The arrangement of the books has been altered, too, and we are indebted to two of the artists on the library staff, A. J. Gold and A. Winn, for new shelf-plans.

Another change, though less noticeable on the surface, has been the return of Mr. Bishop as Librarian in place of Mr. Ward, who deputised very capably last year and who was largely responsible for the efficiency with which the library stock was packed away during the restoration period.

New books have been added to every section, notably in Classics and Modern Languages, and the last batch ranged from Tillyard on Shakespeare to a beautifully illustrated book on stamp collecting. The increase of the County's grant will mean that the annual number of new books can be raised considerably and members of the school are reminded that a "Suggestions Book" exists to which entries are invited. The Library rules have been revised and the decision to exhibit a copy in every form room should have been implemented by the time this magazine goes to press.

D. Bryn Williams, Up.6.Mod.
(Senior Deputy Librarian).

LITERARY, DRAMATIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Although meetings of the last Spring Term are not usually included in this report, I think that the Mock Trial held in April deserves mention. A great deal of work was put into this trial (of Napoleon Bonaparte), especially by Mr. Woodward, and the highly entertaining evening that was the result well merited an attendance of some 200 members of both schools (High and Grammar), and their staffs.

It was expected that the attendance at last term's meetings would be a little lower than that record 200, but the actual figures for the first three meetings—the Annual General Meeting, a debate on the motion "That this country is on the brink of disaster", and a Literary Readings evening—were disappointing. The debate saw the maiden speeches of three of the main speakers, C. R. Baxter, W. B. Chambers and R. A. York. Amongst the literary

readings was an account of the sinking of the 'Titanic' read by Mr. Woodward, and an amusing, unpublished and anonymous piece read by D. B. Williams, who this year is again the Chairman.

The next meeting was a balloon debate, with representatives of various School societies in the balloon, and this had much greater support, largely due to P. E. Vendy, who had brought along with him various members of the Railway Spotters' Club, and to the fact that members of the science side of the school came to support three scientist speakers, one of whom, A. R. Rice, won the debate for the Photographic Society.

Mr. Bishop, on November 18th, gave an interesting talk illustrated by recordings on 'Contemporary Arts in America', which was enjoyed by all. This meeting was a joint one with the High School and the Music Society, and attracted a good attendance.

The term ended with a joint debate with the High School on the motion "That the birth of television is the death of literacy". There were very few speakers from the House, which was disappointing as there was another large attendance.

One customary meeting was missing last term, that with the Corby Discussion Group, but this has not, as was at first feared, been cancelled, and is something to look forward to in the coming term.

N. C. Sharman, 5M. (Secretary).

MODEL AERO CLUB.

Although most support is derived from the lower forms, the club still continues to function satisfactorily. 'Round-the-Pole' meetings are the most common, and subsequently the 'pole' is a little worse for wear. To prevent accidents in this field, it has now become quite common to see a small boy lying on the floor in the most awkward position imaginable, holding the 'pole'. 'Prangs' are inevitable, but the owners of the unfortunate aircraft take it all in their stride.

Only one control-line meeting has been held, and only one control-line aircraft turned up. The owner (who shall be unnamed) tried desperately and courageously to start it, and when, at last, it spluttered into life, the vibrations of the engine loosened the empennage. The industrious owner, not to be outdone, remodelled it to its former beauty with the aid of a queer-shaped nail which he found at the bottom of his "renervating" tin! When, at last, it became airborne, it stalled viciously and bored itself into the ground.

Many quizzes have been held recently, and the knowledge of some of the younger boys is quite astounding.

We would welcome new members especially from the older forms. The subscription per term is very low and this, coupled with the satisfaction of the successful designer on a completion of a model which flies well, and the condolences of his fellow-members if he is unlucky, makes the club very worth while for Model Aircraft enthusiasts.

J. A. Skillman, 4.S. (Secretary).

THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Looking back over another successful year of the Music Society, I find that the highlight of the year was a concert given by members of the staff in the Spring Term. At this concert we not only had some brilliant piano playing and a tin whistle solo, but also some amusing vocal items such as "Three Little Maids" sung by Messrs. Godfrey, Wilson and Whitehead. This concert, arranged by Mr. Wilson, was the first given by the staff. One meeting was held in the Summer Term, and this followed our usual tradition of playing records chosen by those leaving school at the end of the term.

Three concerts were held in the Autumn Term. The first was given by Junior members of the High School, at which the large attendance was due to the presence of many young High School girls. In answer to this, the Grammar School Juniors gave a concert which included solos on the piano and recorder, and also some playing by our promising young violinist, A. R. Foster. Members of both Schools took part in the End-of-Term Concert, which included piano and clarinet solos; and four young brass instrumentalists added the Christmas touch with the playing of carols.

For the first time in its history, the Music Society held a joint meeting with the Debating Society at which Mr. Bishop gave a very interesting talk on "Contemporary Art in America," with illustrations on the gramophone and tape-recorder.

In October a party visited the Central Hall to hear a section of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and all agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening.

D. G. Bridge, Up.6.Sc. (Secretary).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Society did quite a lot of work during the spring and summer terms and produced a good many group photographs, the proceeds from which appreciably increased the club's finances. On moving to the new laboratory block, however, we were obliged to suspend for a time our activities since the dark-room there was not finished and we had nowhere to work. The Society is very grateful to Mr. Perry for allowing us to use the new dark-room for our photographic activities and now that it is completed we hope to get into full swing once more, and to buy some new equipment to increase the society's efficiency.

A. L. Rice, Up.6.Sc. (Secretary).

THE RAILWAY SPOTTERS' CLUB.

The club has again had a successful year and attendances at our meetings have been very good. We are much indebted to Mr. Woodward for his willing help and guidance in running the club, and also to our two sixth-form members, Frost and Vandy, for their work in organising the club's meetings. Our members continue to be drawn mainly from the lower school, but there are always a few seniors who attend regularly.

Our first meeting of the Spring term consisted of a talk by Mr. Brown on engine-driving (of which he has first-hand experience), in which he reduced the bliss of the schoolboy's dream to a less attractive reality. Later in the term we moved to the other end of the train, when we were visited by Mr. Smith, a railway guard. The second meeting of the term is worthy of note in that it consisted of a novel competition arranged by Mr. Woodward. The questions ranged from one concerning the misdeeds of a fireman's daughter to an unfinished limerick and the possible presence of livestock at Melton Mowbray.

Other meetings of the term included an evening of railway readings and the showing of two films, "This is York," and "Train Time". The school projector must be complimented on its excellent behaviour on this occasion. We finished the term with a short meeting to decide upon the destination of our summer outing. The club was practically unanimous in its choice of Manchester, and arrangements were made accordingly.

The outing took place on July 20th and proved, on the whole, to be fairly successful. We left Kettering at 6.24 in bright morning sunlight on a day which promised to be extremely fine and warm. One very interesting part of our journey northwards was

An educated man, whatever his subject, needed above all things to be able to perceive truth, and to reject untruth even if accompanied by the most persuasive verbiage. Orwell had indeed opened our eyes to the dangers of "double-think".

Finally, Mr. Hallwood said that every educated man had to make up his mind whether he would live his life on material or on spiritual values. A narrow specialization would not help us to achieve this.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Stebbings, proposed the vote of thanks to the speaker, and then the School Captain, J. G. H. Bates, expressed the gratitude of the School to the Headmaster and the Staff for their persistent and conscientious efforts to enlighten darkness. Then Mrs. E. C. Peck proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Governors.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

SPEECH DAY.—II.

The Speech Day for the academic year 1954-5 was held in the Savoy Theatre on Wednesday, December 14th, 1955.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mrs. Clarke, referred in her opening address to recent developments in the school—in particular to the opening of the new Science Block in Windmill Avenue, with its consequent lessening of the overcrowding under which the school had for so long laboured.

Mr. Dudley in his annual report, began by explaining why there were two Speech Days in one year. The date had been advanced as it seemed advisable to bring Speech Day nearer to the academic year to which it referred. He described the successes of the School during the past year; in the academic field there were no less than twenty distinctions at advanced level, six State Scholarships and thirteen County Major Scholarships, while on the games field the record of victories was no less impressive. He continued his report by criticising those "passengers" who appear in every school—boys who receive everything that they can possibly get from the state, community and their elders, and give nothing in return. We must all realise that from those to whom much was given, much was expected. Finally, he referred to the forthcoming retirements of Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Hopkins—two men who had served the school for many years—and mentioned that the former was particularly well-known for his work in local government.

The prizes were then distributed by the Rev. J. C. Vaughan Wilkes, M.A., former Warden of Radley College.

The choir, which for the first time included senior boys, sang three songs, "Flocks in pastures green," "O who will o'er the downs so free?" and "Creation's Hymn".

Mr. Wilkes' amusing references to the twin difficulties of making public speeches on the one hand, and keeping awake during them on the other, aroused the attention of the audience. He then went on to discuss the purpose of education. Was it vocational, was it education for leisure, education for citizenship? Was it even, as Prof. Housman said, an organised way of keeping alive the spirit of curiosity, the desire to know which burned so strongly sometimes in the human breast?

Mr. Wilkes went on to say that in his view the purpose of education was to train us to give our full attention to something outside ourselves. Happiness could only be obtained by forgetting ourselves and becoming wholly absorbed in something external—and especially if that something external was God—and if education did this, then it certainly had some value. But a nobler justification of this view was that we could help anyone else only if we gave our whole attention to him or to her, and put ourselves as it were in his shoes. If we could learn how to do this, then we were educated in the truest sense.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mr. G. E. Churchill (Chief Education Officer), who complimented Mr. Wilkes on his address and stated that the Education Committee would not rest until the remainder of the Grammar School was built on Windmill Avenue.

A vote of thanks to the Headmaster and the Staff was proposed by the Head Boy, P. E. Vendy, who congratulated the Staff on their mastery of the three P's (patience, practice and perseverance) as well as of the three R's.

Mr. G. H. Stainforth concluded the proceedings by proposing the vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Governors.

HENRY IV, PART I.

When a monk in his monastery finished one of his illuminated capital letters, it was a day of happiness for all concerned. Thence, certain days on the calendar were marked with a red capital letter, indicating that they were occasions of great importance and rejoicing. And we can confidently say that the recent production (Nov. 28th—Dec. 3rd, 1955) of "Henry IV," Part I, was a red-letter occasion in the calendar of Kettering Grammar School plays.

A feature which contributed to this importance and also emphasised it was the presence of four members of the staff in the cast. This production was the twenty-third for which Mr. Godfrey the Americans. The American Falls are 167 feet high and 1000 has been responsible since his coming to the school, and, as it was to be his last, he wished to celebrate this fact by playing the part of Falstaff himself, assisted by members of the English Department

of the local Seven Mountains, but on reaching the top we were rewarded for our labours. From the highest point, one can see for miles along the Rhine valley—a most beautiful sight.

With cameras still "warm" with their incessant use, we walked down into Rhöndorf to see Dr. Adenauer's residence; lunch of three rolls and an orange was taken on the river-island of Grafenwerth. In the afternoon we visited Rolandsbogen and later the town of Bad Godesberg where in 1938 Hitler and Chamberlain had their famous conference. We returned to the hotel and eagerly awaited our evening meal.

Friday was a very interesting and 'leg-saving' day, for at one o'clock we departed in a hired coach for the Ahr valley. The journey took us through some of the most beautiful scenery in Germany. There were loud cheers from the boys when a convoy of British trucks passed us. A stop was made at a pottery and later at the largest wine cellar in Europe (at Ahrweiler). The biggest vat there holds 13,300 litres of wine. We eagerly waited for our free sample which when produced was quite up to expectation. We returned to Königswinter after a very interesting day.

Saturday morning brought with it our first rain, but it did not dampen our enthusiasm. Our destination was Bonn. In the morning we visited the birthplace of Beethoven and later we were taken on a conducted tour of Bonn University; some witty member remarked that this was the closest some of us would ever get to a University. In the afternoon we visited the German Government Buildings. From the public gallery we saw where Dr. Adenauer and the President sit when the government is in session. We returned to Königswinter after a rather chilly day.

The brilliant sunshine of Sunday morning brought hundreds of visitors to Königswinter. In the afternoon a dozen members of the party, led by Mr. Horton, went by steamer down to Linz, while the other energetic members of the party, led by Mr. Dudley and Mr. Cowell, decided to climb the Drachenfels once more. The trip on the Rhine was very interesting, and we passed the remains of the bridge at Remagen where the Americans first crossed the Rhine in the last war. Linz itself is a beautiful old town with narrow cobbled streets and gaily decorated, half-timbered, Tudor-style houses. Our stay in Linz was very brief and we were soon back in Königswinter again.

Our last day, Monday, was one we shall always remember. In the morning, we went by coach to Cologne. On arrival we first visited the Cathedral. After doing a little shopping with our last Marks we had our lunch of . . . three rolls and an orange. In the afternoon we visited the N.W. German Broadcasting House. We visited the concert theatre from which all the symphony concerts

are broadcast. Then we visited various studios; each studio had its particular function—discussions, dance music, plays, and even one for early morning exercises.

That evening was a very important one, for a team of our boys was to play football against a local team. Finding the cinder pitch rather unusual, our boys were beaten 5—2, but they were by no means as disgraced as the score might suggest. The day closed with songs and a celebration party at the hotel. The following day we returned home, arriving at Kettering at midnight.

So ended a very enjoyable first visit to Germany, and a very successful one, too.

Bryan Ward, formerly 5.M.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

After the snows of winter had disappeared in the false summer of April and the wintry blasts of wayward May had surrendered to the warmth of the lengthening days, midsummer took possession of Kettering with an authority that rivalled the claims of sunny California. And the Hygram Players' decision to produce Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the open air proved to be well-timed.

As the sun dipped behind a light haze in the north-west on Wednesday, July 13th, a colourful array of summer-clad playgoers entered the enchanted garden of St. Peter's School, Headlands, and Theseus and his queen, B. A. E. Brading and Doreen Salisbury, proceeded regally to their throne just in time to receive the disturbed complaint of frustrated father Egeus, C. W. Godfrey, about his daughter's irresponsible choice of Lysander, E. J. Ward, as a prospective husband in preference to papa's own choice, Demetrius, Noel Henson, who was sulking majestically in the background, while Lysander basked complacently in the lovelight from Hermia's eyes. From then on, through the machinations of a clever Puck and a gloriously simple group of "mechanicals", to the final reconciliation of all but outraged Egeus, the Players entertained the audience nobly, and the garden indeed became the enchanted wood of Shakespeare's Athens.

The shrubbery, trees, and hedges in the garden provided a natural stimulus to belief in the fantasy, and the director and actors made good use of this advantage, at the same time overcoming very well the difficulties always involved in making plausible, well-timed entrances and exits in the comparative vastness of the stage area. That the audience thoroughly enjoyed the play without a break for the customary interval indicates the success in the pace of the production, a quality that is perhaps most frequently missed in amateur theatre.

Although they did not always exploit fully the potential effect of the verse in the play, the actors generally lived their parts quite convincingly. Particularly effective was Myra Gross, a truly roguish, spirited Puck, with a gleam of mischief in her eyes and a long-suffering air of ennui when forced to listen to the oratory of her king, Oberon, well played by C. F. Dickerson. Hazel Jones as Titania was completely successful in her queenly opposition to the autocratic demands of Oberon, and understandably a little less so in her infatuation for Bottom's romantic ears. The rivalry of the young Athenian gentlemen was played well, with a neat contrast between the scowling determination of Demetrius and the finger-snapping bravado of Lysander. Barbara Shorley as Hermia was a fitting cause for the gentlemen's feud; and Pat Metcalfe in the exacting role of the eager pursuer becoming the reluctant pursued balanced the comic and pathetic aspects of her part.

And finally the 'mechanicals'! Their dress and antics were perfectly clownish and complemented ideally the fairyland romance and more sophisticated comedy of the other characters. Derek Whitehead's cultured Cambridge tones were well disguised as he (as Peter Quince) shepherded his brilliantly clumsy cohorts, and Ken Collins was an uproarious Bottom, reminiscent of Anthony Quayle at Stratford the previous summer.

The tone of the whole production was delightful, the result of a happy blend of several kinds of comedy consistently acted and well-supported by all involved in the production. Costumes and make-up, important in keeping fairies and human being distinct and yet part of the same play, were effective; and the only disappointment was that the enthusiastic applause of the audience at the end had not the appropriate acoustics to register fully the approval that director Evan Roberts fully deserved for this fitting climax to a very entertaining Hygram season.

J. F. Joline.

NEW HORIZONS.

At 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th, 1955, I sat in Brompton Air Station, London, together with many other scouts, ready to leave for the 8th World Scout Jamboree in Canada. At 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30th, I sat in the same seat and although it seemed as if I had scarcely moved, I realised that in those three weeks I had experienced something which I shall never forget.

On August 9th at 9 p.m., sixty-five scouts and scouters left London Airport in a Skymaster belonging to Transocean Airways, of the U.S.A. This was the fourth of fourteen aircraft which took

a thousand British scouts to Toronto for the first World Jamboree to be held outside Europe.

The flight from London to Toronto, with stops at the Azores and Gander, took 27½ hours, 24 of which were spent in the air. The original route scheduled was London—Shannon—Gander—Toronto, but due to a hurricane in the North Atlantic, the flight was altered. We had supper on the 'plane, breakfast at the Azores and lunch at Gander. We landed at Toronto at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10th, which was 12.15 a.m. on Thursday in Britain. After formalities at the airport and travelling 20 miles, we arrived at Toronto, where I spent the night.

On Thursday morning I travelled by train 160 miles east to Kingston, which is situated on the northern bank of Lake Ontario where the St. Lawrence River begins. I spent five days there with relatives. At Kingston is the Royal Military College, which is the equivalent of Sandhurst, England. Also there is a British fort, which is a relic of the war between Canada and the United States, 1812-14. This fort has recently been restored, and in the summer months it is manned by University students, who wear the same uniform and perform the same drill as the British in the early 19th Century.

Friday afternoon was spent on a boat trip around the 'Thousand Islands', where Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence River, and where stands a magnificent International Bridge. On this boat trip I crossed the border and had my first opportunity of entering the U.S.A. I was there for 45 minutes!

On Saturday I went by coach to Ottawa, which is 125 miles north-east of Kingston. Ottawa is the Federal Capital and while there I toured the Houses of Parliament and saw the important Government buildings. I also crossed the Ottawa River into Quebec Province.

After spending two less eventful days in Kingston, I returned to Toronto by train. On Wednesday morning I went to the top of the Canadian Bank of Commerce Building (in the centre of Toronto), which is the tallest building in the British Commonwealth. It stands 476 feet, 34 floors above street level. The top storey commands a wonderful view of Toronto. On Wednesday afternoon I travelled by rail to Niagara and saw the world-famous Falls. There are two cataracts, one belongs to the U.S.A. and one to Canada. They are separated by Goat Island which belongs to feet wide, and the Canadian Horseshoe Falls are 162 feet high and 2,600 feet wide. Ninety per cent. of the water flows over the Horseshoe Falls at the rate of 114 million gallons per minute. The rate over the American Falls is six million gallons per minute. The potential horsepower is estimated at 5 million. The word

Niagara is said to come from the Iroquois meaning "Thunderer of the Water".

On Wednesday evening I was taken to see some of the locks which form the Welland Ship Canal joining Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

Thursday, August 18th, was the day for assembling at the camp. The camp site was at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where the Niagara River flows into Lake Ontario, twenty miles north of Niagara Falls.

The camp of 11,000 scouts was divided into 10 sub-camps, each of which had its own gateway and headquarters. In the centre of the whole camp was an arena with tiered seats for 10,000 people, and in front of the arena was a stage. Behind the arena was a plaza with a floral design of the scout badge, encircled by staffs with flags of the different nations in camp. There were 70 countries represented.

The official opening day was Saturday, August 20th. With the temperature at about 115 degrees F., all the scouts stood in the arena, during the opening ceremony, which was performed by the Governor-General of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, who is also the Chief Scout of Canada. The tiered seats were packed with visitors.

The proceedings were described in the local press. Here are some extracts from the report.

"The pageantry was not of pomp and circumstance. There was no breath of martial magnificence designed to produce mass hysteria. It was but an air of simpleness; an air of brotherhood demonstrating more than anything else the way in which Scouting has paved a bond of nationalities, races and creeds in the common good."

After the arena ceremony, the march past began.

"Among the thousands marching in this hour-long display there were those who brought a ripple of applause from the packed route. There were those who produced a cheer. There were a few which brought a tingle up the spine and a mistiness to the eyes. This was no ordinary parade." After describing boys from Nationalist China and other countries, it continues: "... but it was two lines of blind French scouts, their little fingers hooked together and a guide to keep them on the route, which hit home hardest. Indeed this was no ordinary parade."

The British scouts were described too.

"But it remained for the British scouts to bring a touch of class and precision to the march... the boys from the United Kingdom provided almost Guards-like swing in passing the

Governor-General. Their long lines of maroon berets brought to mind the legion of the British infantry swinging down the Mall."

After this parade, the week passed quickly.

On Sunday there were numerous religious services, and I had time to visit foreign scouts, which included Japanese, Dutch, Greek and several others. I also took part in the British display on Tuesday evening.

On Thursday we were taken on a tour of the district, which included a visit to Niagara Falls. I crossed the international Rainbow Bridge into the U.S.A. About an hour before we were due to leave the Falls were floodlit. We arrived back at camp at 12.30 a.m. on Friday, and had to get up again at 3.30 a.m. to go by train to Toronto for the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition, the largest annual exhibition in the world. Seven special trains and three boat trips were necessary to take the 9,000 scouts to the exhibition. At 11 a.m. the parade through the Exhibition began. Lord Rowallan took the salute in the arena. The Exhibition was opened in the afternoon by Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Empire.

Saturday, August 27th, was the official closing day of the Jamboree.

In the afternoon we all went to the arena and mingled with scouts from other nations. After various speeches, all the scouts reaffirmed in their own language the scout promise, and the Jamboree of "New Horizons" was officially closed. Everyone left the arena in groups with arms linked, singing "Auld Lang Syne".

We learnt that day that our plane had been delayed 24 hours, and therefore we would be flying from Toronto on Monday morning.

Sunday morning was spent in packing. We sailed across Lake Ontario to Toronto in the afternoon and stayed the night there. The return flight was as scheduled and we arrived at London Airport at 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30th. We were then taken to Brompton Air Station and the three weeks were completed.

In the Canadian local paper on Monday, August 29th, there was this paragraph.

"The scouts got inspiration and fellowship from their ten days of living together. They will return home with restored faith, with a new awareness of the meaning of brotherhood, and with eyes which have seen many new parts of the world. But they were not alone in deriving inspiration. Those who were close enough to visit the jamboree were thrilled and moved by the sight, and they too gained in tolerance and brotherhood."

A. D. Morrison, Up.6.Mod.

SPORT

CRICKET—SUMMER, 1955.

1st XI.

The School 1st XI has enjoyed an even more successful season than its last, in that, not only did it maintain the unbeaten record of that season but also brought more of its matches to a definite conclusion. This throws light on to the spirit in which the games were played—the school always adopting the principles of brighter cricket.

A great part of the success must be attributed to the bowlers, indeed, so well did they bowl that only twice was it necessary to bat lower than No. 6. In this department, N. McMaster, a newcomer, and J. Hawthorne were by far the most successful, their total tally of wickets being 53, of which McMaster took 34. The best individual performance was Hawthorne's remarkable 9 for 6 against Bedford Modern II.

In recent years the batting has been the outstanding feature and this year proved no exception. B. J. Slough and G. Willson, the openers, batted consistently well, often giving the team a fine start. Admirable support came from I. G. Runciman, M. Lewin and P. B. G. Brading. Runciman, the captain, lead the side astutely, setting a fine example in the field. The fielding on the whole was of a good standard, and numerous opposing batsmen paid the penalty for their indiscretion in attempting short singles.

As in previous years, the school entered the Kettering K.O. Cup Competition. It was only after a fine display that they were finally beaten by the eventual winners, the Town C.C. We felt the power of pride fall when the 1st XI overwhelmed the Staff in the Annual match, and with a nucleus of last year's team still available, we are looking forward with quiet confidence to the next encounter.

The following played for the 1st XI during the 1955 Season :—

I. G. Runciman (Capt.), M. J. Parkinson (Vice-Capt.), J. G. H. Bates, P. B. G. Brading, R. J. Chapman, A. Griffin, J. Hawthorne, C. A. Hill, M. Lewin, J. P. Marshall, N. McMaster, B. J. Slough, J. Triggs, B. Ward, G. Willson.

1st XI Colours awarded to B. J. Slough, P. B. G. Brading, N. McMaster, C. A. Hill.

1st XI AVERAGES.

Batting :

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Ave.
Runciman	6	2	77	19.25
Slough	10	2	154	19.25
Willson	10	2	151	18.87
Brading	6	3	40	13.33

Bowling :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
McMaster	136.5	44	204	34	6.00
Hawthorne	70.4	23	128	19	6.07
Parkinson	90.1	27	144	14	10.28
Slough	41.1	6	119	11	10.81

J. Triggs, 6A.Mod.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

- 7th May v. Market Harborough G.S. For 64—3, Against 60. Won by 7 wickets.
 11th May v. Northampton G.S. For 106—4, Against 136—4 (dec.) Drawn.
 25th May v. Bedford Modern II. For 53—2, Against 50. Won by 8 wickets.
 11 June v. East Carlton C.C. For 60—6, Against 58. Won by 4 wickets.
 18th June v. East Carlton C.C. For 48—2, Against 40. Won by 8 wickets.
 22nd June v. Market Harborough G.S. For 88—8 (dec.), Against 70. Won by 18 runs.
 25th June v. Wellingborough G.S. For 71—5, Against 70. Won by 5 wickets.
 6th July v. Kibworth G.S. For 36—3, Against 34. Won by 7 wickets.
 13th July v. Kibworth G.S. For 109—4, Against 107—7 (dec.). Won by 6 wickets.
 16th July v. Wellingborough G.S. For 92—6, Against 128—9. Drawn.

2nd XI.

The 2nd XI last season suffered the fate of all 2nd XI's from time immemorial—lack of fixtures. In all it was possible for only five matches to be played, of which 2 were won, 2 drawn and 1 lost. The team never became constant as its composition was governed by the dictates of the 1st XI. However, some good performances found their authors in D. G. Whitehead and J. G. H. Bates.

2nd XI Colours were awarded to D. Baxter, F. E. Crosier, A. Griffin, B. Ward and D. G. Whitehead.

The following represented the 2nd XI :—B. Ward (Capt.), J. G. H. Bates, D. Baxter, D. H. Bell, N. R. Carver, R. J. Coles, M. E. Cotton, F. E. Crosier, D. B. Freestone, R. I. Garner, R. Godson, A. J. Gold, A. J. Griffin, R. L. Hill, J. P. Marshall, D. G. Whitehead, G. M. Wood, K. J. Woolmer.

Under 15 Cricket.

A very successful season, winning 10 matches and drawing 2. The Clarke Cup for the Kettering and District League was won, all matches except the last being won. The bowling was usually the mainstay of the team, but the slack fielding provided an unwanted feature. Of the younger members, Larcombe was an outstanding batsman and Sharman proved a reliable wicket-keeper. Lack bowled consistently well. Three boys, J. Lack, R. J. Coles and K. J. Woolmer played for Kettering and District Schools and in addition Lack and Coles played for the County Under 15 XI. Colours were awarded to Lack, Coles, Woolmer, Miller, Larcombe, Sarjeant and Sharman.

Under 14 Cricket, 1955.

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 3. Captain : R. Watts.

Colours : R. Watts (1954), P. Larcombe, J. Ball, P. Ferris, A. K. Buckby.

A reasonably successful season was noteworthy for the fast bowling of Ferris and Buckby, each of whom took over 20 wickets at an average cost of 3 runs per wicket. Watts and Larcombe played several innings of high promise, and Watts' wicket-keeping was sound, if unspectacular.

J.V.S.

Senior House Matches—1st, Country, Won 3 ; 2nd, North, Won 2, Lost 1.

Junior House Matches—1st, Country, Won 3 ; 2nd West, Won 2, Lost 1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—SEASON, 1955-6.

1st XV.

The record of the 1st XV so far this season is—Won 7 matches, Lost 4, Points for 146, against 140. Possibly owing to the departure of many of last year's stalwarts, the 1st XV has not enjoyed the success which has come to be expected of it. However, in fairness to the members of the side, it must be said that there has

not been, especially in the forwards, any lack of ability, though on occasions perhaps not quite the right spirit has shown itself.

At first, half-back trouble and injuries occasioned changes and in consequence the side suffered a heavy defeat at Northampton. It was soon to settle down however and a vast improvement became apparent, particularly among the forwards, who displayed much more fire in the loose where Rice, Boles and Carver were prominent.

Although the scrum was usually outweighed in the tight and the packing left much to be desired, the constantly good hooking of McMaster gave the ball to the backs time and time again. Once again, the combination of Hill's thrustfulness at centre and Thorpe's speed on the wing, produced the majority of the tries. The tackling of the backs has not altogether been satisfactory, indeed, a greater proficiency here would considerably improve the standard of play.

Dey, the captain, has capped a fine performance in the unaccustomed position of outside-half, by some excellent place-kicking. Indeed, the School has been in the unusual though pleasing position of being able to take the field with no fewer than four capable place-kickers.

The following have represented the 1st.:—D. Dey (Capt.), D. G. Barratt, J. Boles, N. R. Carver, A. F. Handley, J. Hawthorne, C. A. Hill, R. L. Hill, N. McMaster, A. L. Rice, P. Royles, W. B. Russell, G. J. Sawford, J. B. Smith, J. Thorpe, J. Triggs, A. Walton, G. M. Wood, and K. J. Woolmer.

1st XV Results—

Sept. 28.—County Police. Away. Won 27—6.
Oct. 1.—Northampton G.S. Away. Lost 14—45.
Oct. 8.—Alderman Newton's. Away. Won 8—6.
Oct. 12.—Stowe School 3rd. Away. Won 14—6.
Oct. 19.—Wellingborough G.S. Away. Lost 9—11.
Oct. 22.—Towcester G.S. Away. Won 14—0.
Oct. 26.—Wyggeston G.S. Home. Lost 11—23.
Nov. 5.—Deacon's School. Home. Won 23—8.
Nov. 23.—Luton G.S. Away. Lost 6—32.
Jan. 14.—Alderman Newton's. Home. Won 12—0.
Jan. 18.—Wellingborough G.S. Home. Won 8—3.

J. Triggs, 6A.Mod.

2nd XV.

The Second XV has had a very successful season and so far remains unbeaten. There are no real stars in the side; team spirit and morale are very high and on occasions have resulted in unexpected wins. Tackling and fast play in the loose by the forwards

are the main assets, although the three-quarters have played consistently well. Fortunately few changes in the team have been necessary. Improvements could, however, be made, especially in handling and passing, both in the forwards and the backs.

Results :—

Sept. 17.—v. Daventry G.S. Home. Won 24—3.
Oct. 19.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Away. Won 11—0.
Oct. 26.—v. Wyggeston G.S. Home. Won 9—0.
Nov. 5.—v. Deacon's School. Home. Won 25—6.
Nov. 12.—v. Bedford Modern II. Home. Won 8—6.
Nov. 19.—v. Daventry G.S. Away. Won 3—0.
Dec. 17.—v. Uppingham Corby B.C. Away. Won 9—0.
Jan. 18.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Home. Won 20—3.

P. E. Vendy, 6A.Mod.

Under 15 XV.

A very disappointing season so far, mainly due to lack of team spirit. Many fundamental skills have still to be mastered by most of the team, such as low and determined tackling, falling on the ball and binding tight in the loose. However, five boys had a trial for the County Under 15 team. Lack and J. B. Miller have been chosen for all the County matches so far.

J. B. Miller was selected to play for the E. Midlands Under 15 Team and also for the North of England Under 15 Team in a representative match against the South, at Kendal, in February.

Team chosen from the following :—Miller, J. B. (Capt.), Lack (Vice-Capt.), MacLaren, Lamont, Denton, Ferris, McMaster, Roberts, Bailey, Ridgeway, Holmes, Downing, Kerfoot, Hill, T., Althorpe, Sharman, Cochrane and Quincey.

Played 5, Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 5. For 22 pts., Against 134 pts.

Sept. 24.—Wellingborough G.S. Home. Lost 3—38.
Oct. 1.—Northampton G.S. Away. Lost 3—8.
Oct. 8.—Alderman Newton's. Home. Lost 11—39.
Nov. 23.—Luton G.S. Away. Lost 5—41.
Jan. 14.—Alderman Newton's. Away. Lost 0—18.

J. B. Miller, 4G.

Under 14 XV.

The results do not seem very impressive, but two or three of these games were against older and more experienced sides. It is now that we feel the loss of the Corby boys, and our match against them in February should be an interesting one. It is hoped that an improvement will be made in the standard of the playing in the

next half of the season, and with more tackling and handling practice we should be able to form a fairly solid team.

Boys who have represented the team are :—Cochrane (Capt.), Abbott, Austin, Breakspeare, Berridge (Vice-Capt.), Cross, Davenport, Dellett, Dunkley, Elvin, Ghaut, Griffin, Harris, Mac-Millan, Moore, Murphy, Newbold, Porch, Smith, J., Thompson and York.

Played 9, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 8, For 28 pts., Against 151 pts.

Results :—

Sept. 17.—Tennyson Rd., Rushden. Away. Lost 3—30.
Sept. 24.—Wellingborough G.S. Home. Lost 5—8.
Oct. 1.—Northampton. Home. Lost 0—30.
Oct. 8.—Alderman Newton's. Home. Won 8—0.
Oct. 22.—Towcester G.S. Away. Lost 0—17.
Nov. 5.—Deacon's School. Away. Lost 0—11.
Nov. 12.—Bedford Modern. Home. Lost 6—12.
Nov. 19.—Tennyson Rd., Rushden. Home. Lost 3—19.
Jan. 14.—Alderman Newton's. Away. Lost 3—14.

J. Cochrane, 3P.

Under 13 XV.

So far this season the standard of play leaves room for improvement particularly with regard to increased co-ordination and backing-up. The forwards would increase their effectiveness if they would learn to keep together as a pack. The backs have played hard but need further practice in tackling low to improve their defensive play.

The team has been chosen from the following :—Newbold (Capt.), Buckby (Vice-Capt.), York, Chapman, Foster, Kilborn, Sanders, Yeomans, Taylor, Thomas, Willey, Cannon, Cross, Dawkins, Earle, Jenkinson, Brown, Coe.

Results :—

Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2. Points For 19, Against 41.
Oct. 1.—Northampton G.S. Home. Lost 3—16.
Oct. 22.—Wellingborough G.S. Home. Won 8—6.
Nov. 5.—Deacon's School. Away. Lost 8—19.

Senior House Matches—

North and West won two each
South and East lost two each.

Junior—

1st, North, won three ; 2nd, East, won two, lost 1 ; 3rd, West, won one, lost two ; 4th, South, lost three.

CROSS-COUNTRY, 1955.

- Senior—1, G. Davis (N), 18 mins. 22 secs.; 2, R. E. Fullilove (W), 19 mins. 3 secs.; 3, M. Lewin (C), 19 mins. 25 secs.
- House Championship—1, West, 66 pts.; 2, Country, 72 pts.; 3, North, 76 pts.; 4, South, 90 pts.
- Middle—1, D. Denton (N), 17 mins. 56 secs.; 2, R. Vandrill (C), 19 mins. 29 secs.; 3, M. Sarjeant (W), 19 mins. 31 secs.
- House Championship—1, North, 44 pts.; 2, Country 63 pts.; 3, South, 102 pts.; 4, West, 128 pts.
- Junior—1, S. Moore (N), 14 mins. 15 secs.; 2, D. Kilkerr (C), 14 mins. 16 secs.; 3, J. Thompson (W), 14 mins. 30 secs.
- House Championship—1, North, 43 pts.; 2, Country and West tied, 71 pts.; 4, South, 155 pts.

ATHLETICS—SEASON, 1955.

The standard of athletics last season was higher than ever before, especially among the Junior members of the team, and generally, the performances on the track were in advance of those in the field events. Special mention must be made of the fine efforts by all three Relay Teams (who improved the records every time they competed), the Discus, Hammer and Javelin throwers of the 15-17 group and the Schools' two half-milers. All five members of the team who were chosen to represent the County at Manchester, are to be congratulated on their fine achievement. Many thanks are due to Mr. Adkins for his coaching and his hard work which are very much appreciated.

The following boys have been awarded Colours for 1955 :—

Full Senior Colours—R. J. Chapman (Capt) and I. G. Runciman (both re-awards), G. Davis, R. E. Fullilove, J. Thorpe.

Middle School—M. T. Cwynarski, D. G. Whitehead.

Junior School—D. G. Barratt, R. V. Derry, J. V. Panter, P. H. J. Quincey.

Under 13 Colours—B. Miles.

J. Thorpe, 6A.Mod.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Thursday, May 19th, 1955.

For the first time in six years, the weather was very much against the competitors and only three records were broken, but, in spite of these disadvantages, competition was keen.

Results :—

1. Mile Cycle (Under 13)—1, Shortland (W); 2, Cross (S).
2. Mile Cycle (13-15)—1, Bailey (N); 2, Wilson (S).
3. Mile Cycle (15-17)—1, Cooper (S); 2, Allen (C).
4. Mile Cycle (Over 17)—1, Gomm (C); 2, Ballin (C).
5. Long Jump (Over 17)—1, Parkinson (S); 2, Chapman (W).
6. High Jump (15-17)—1, Gardner (W); 2, Thorpe (C).
7. High Jump (Over 17)—1, Dey (C); 2, Parkinson (S).
8. Hop, Step and Jump (Under 13)—1, Crossan (C); 2, Sanders (W). Distance : 29ft. 2ins. (New Record).
9. Hop, Step and Jump (Over 17)—1, Dey (C); 2, Chapman (W).
10. Javelin (Under 13)—1, Smith, A. (C); 2, Buckby (N).
11. Javelin (Over 17)—1, Hanks (C); 2, Chapman (W).
12. Hammer (13-15)—1, Panter (W); 2, Royles (C).
13. Hammer (Over 17)—1, Chapman (W); 2, Dey (C).
14. 440 Yards (Over 17)—1, Chapman (W); 2, Parkinson (S).
15. 880 Yards (13-15)—1, Derry (S); 2, Denton (N).
16. 880 Yards (15-17)—1, Carver (N); 2, Clements (W).
17. Mile (Over 17)—1, Davis (W); 2, Chapman (W).
18. 110 Yards Hurdles (Over 17)—1, Chapman (W); 2, Runciman (C). Time : 14.2 secs. (Equals Record).
19. Long Jump (Under 13)—1, Miles (N); 2, Smith (C).
20. High Jump (13-15)—1, Selfridge (C); 2, Woolmer (W).
21. Shot (Over 17)—1, Chapman (W); 2, Boles (C).
22. Discus (15-17)—Cwynarski (S); 2, Whitehead (S).
23. Javelin (13-15)—1, Bosworth (W); 2, Roberts (S).
24. 440 Yards (15-17)—1, Fullilove (W); 2, Carver (N).
25. 100 Yards (13-15)—1, Panter (W); 2, Derry (S).
26. 100 Yards (Over 17)—1, Runciman (C); 2, Parkinson (S). Time : 10.4 secs. (Equals Record).
27. 100 Yards (Under 13)—1, Miles (N); 2, Elvin (W). Time : 12.0 secs. (New Record).
28. Hurdles (15-17)—1, Thorpe (C); 2, Plenderleith (C) and Watson (C). Time : 15.2 secs. (Equals Record).
29. Shot (13-15)—1, Royles (C); 2, Woolmer (W).
30. Long Jump (15-17)—1, Thorpe (C); 2, Wood (C).
31. Hurdles (13-15)—1, Quincey (N); 2, Panter (W). Time : 11.6 secs. (New Record).

32. Discus (Over 17)—1, Dey (C); 2, Hill (C).
33. Javelin (15-17)—1, Gorman (N); 2, Thorpe (C).
34. 880 Yards (Over 17)—1, Chapman (W); 2, Davis (N).
35. Hop, Step and Jump (15-17)—1, Thorpe (C); 2, Gardner (W).
36. 220 Yards (Under 13)—1, Elvin (W); 2, Kilkerr (C).
37. Shot (15-17)—1, Cwynarski (S); 2, Thorpe (C).
38. High Jump (Under 13)—1, Thurland (S); 2, Pringle (S).
39. 220 Yards (13-15)—1, Panter (W); 2, Derry (S).
40. Discus (13-15)—1, Roberts (S); 2, Barratt (N).
41. 220 Yards (15-17)—1, Carver (N); 2, Thorpe (C).
42. 220 Yards (Over 17)—1, Runciman (C); 2, Parkinson (S).
Time : 24.2 secs. (Equals Record).
43. 100 Yards (15-17)—1, Thorpe (C); 2, Fullilove (W) and Plenderleith (C).
44. Shot (Under 13)—1, Smith (C); 2, Buckby (N). Distance: 33ft.8ins. (New Record).
45. Long Jump (13-15)—1, Panter (W); 2, Barratt (N).
46. Mile (15-17)—1, Gorman (N); 2, Baxter (W).
47. Hammer (15-17)—1, Whitehead (S); 2, Fullilove (W). Distance : 120ft.1in. (new Record).
48. 200 Yards Hurdles (Over 17)—1, Runciman (C); 2, Chapman (W).
49. Discus (Under 13)—1, Crossan (C); 2, Smith (C).
50. Hop, Step and Jump (13-15)—1, Derry (S); 2, Bosworth (W).
51. Middle Relay—1, Country ; 2, West.
52. Senior Relay—1, South ; 2, Country. Time : 50.4 secs. (New Record).
53. Colts Relay—1, West ; 2, Country.
54. Junior Relay—1, North ; 2, West.

House Championships :

- Senior—1, Country, 88 pts.; 2, West, 50 pts.
Middle—1, Country, 109 pts.; 2, North, 54 pts.
Junior—1, West, 136 pts.; 2, Country, 116 pts.

Victor Ludorum :

- Senior—1, R. J. Chapman (W), 42 pts.; 2, D. Dey (C), 24 pts.
Middle—1, J. Thorpe (C), 34 pts.; 2, N. R. Carver (N), M. T. Cwynarski (S), P. E. Gorman (W), 13 pts.
Junior—1, J. V. Panter (W), 24 pts.; 2, R. V. Derry (S), 19 pts.
Colts—1, A. P. Smith (C), 16 pts.; 2, A. Crossan (C), 12 pts.

OTHER ATHLETICS.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(Held at Duston on Saturday, May 14th, 1955).

Under wet and unfavourable conditions several successes were achieved, the following being noteworthy :

Juniors (17-19)—

880 Yards—1st, R. J. Chapman, 2m.3.8secs.

1 Mile—2nd, G. Davis.

Youths (15-17)—

880 Yards—1st, R. E. Fullilove, 2m.10.8secs.

Discus—2nd, D. G. Whitehead, 131ft.9ins. (a new School Record); 3rd, M. T. Cwynarski.

Javelin—1st, J. Thorpe, 164ft.9ins. (a new County and School Record); 3rd, P. E. Gorman.

FIVE SCHOOLS MEETING AT LUTON.

(Tuesday, May 24th, 1955).

A team of eight Senior boys put up a very fine performance in winning this meeting against keen competition, the running of R. J. Chapman being especially noteworthy. The most important results are as follows :—

440 Yards—1st, Chapman, 53.0 secs. A new School Record.

880 Yards—1st, Chapman, 2mins.0.8secs. A new School Record.

Javelin—1st, Thorpe, 160ft.0ins. A new School Record.

Hammer (8lb.13ozs.)—2nd, Whitehead, 125ft.5ins. A new School Record.

Relay—2nd (Parkinson, Runciman, Thorpe, Chapman) 47.0 secs. A new School Best.

Result—1st, Kettering G.S. 70 pts.; 2nd, Watford 64 pts.; 3rd, Luton 58 pts.; 4th, Dunstable 24 pts.; 5th, Cedars 9 pts.

On Thursday, May 26th, 1955, a postal match took place against Country Day School, St. Louis (U.S.A.). The School gained a narrow victory by 56 pts. to 53 pts. Two new School Records were set up.

220 Yards—1st, Runciman, 23.6 secs.

440 Yards Relay—1st (Parkinson, Runciman, Thorpe, Chapman), 46.8 secs.

KETTERING AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC MEETING.

(Held on the School Field, Monday, June 13th, 1955.)

Boys (Under 15).

100 Yards—1, Panter ; 2, Quincey. 11.0 secs. New District and equals School Record.

220 Yards—1, Barratt.

440 Yards—1, Derry. 57.2 secs. New District and School Record.
 880 Yards—1, Denton.
 High Jump—1, Woolmer; 2, Selfridge.
 Long Jump—1, Panter; 2, Barratt. 16ft.9½ins. New School Record.
 80 Yards Hurdles—1, Quincey; 2, Derry. 11.0 secs. New District and School Record.
 Shot—1, Royles.
 Discus—1, Barratt; 2, Roberts.
 Javelin—2nd, Roberts.
 Relay (4 x 110 Yds.)—1 (Barratt, Derry, Panter, Quincey). 50.4 secs. New District Record and School Best.

Youths (15-17).

100 Yards—1, Thorpe; 2, Wood. 10.6 secs. New District Record.
 220 Yards—1, Carver; 2, Sawford. 24.7 secs. New District Record.
 440 Yards—1, Fullilove; 2, Carver.
 880 Yards—1, Fullilove; 2, Baxter. 2m.6s. New District Record.
 110 Yards Hurdles—1, Thorpe; 2, Watson.
 Long Jump—1, Thorpe; 2, Wood.
 High Jump—1, Watson.
 Shot—1, Cwynarski; 2, Whitehead.
 Discus—1, Whitehead; 2, Cooper. 127ft.11ins. New District Record.
 Javelin—1, Thorpe; 2, Gorman. 154ft.4½ins. New District Record.
 Relay (4 x 110 Yds.)—1 (Thorpe, Carver, Sawford, Wood). 48.8 secs. Equals District Record.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY SCHOOLS' A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(Held at Duston on Saturday, June 18th, 1955).

No less than nineteen boys from the Grammar School, in a team of twenty-two, represented Kettering and district in these Championships. A number of successes were achieved, of which the following are noteworthy:

Discus (15-17)—M. T. Cwynarski, 2nd place.
 Javelin (15-17)—J. Thorpe, 1st place. 157ft.9ins.
 220 Yards (15-17)—N. R. Carver, 2nd place.
 440 Yards (Under 15)—R. Derry, 1st place. 57.0 secs. (New Record K.G.S.).
 880 Yards (15-19)—R. J. Chapman, 1st place, 2 min. 4.8 secs.; R. Fullilove, 2nd place.
 1 Mile (15-19)—G. Davis, 2nd place.
 440 Yards Relay (Under 15)—K.G.S. Team (D. Barratt, R. V. Derry, J. V. Panter, P. Quincey), 1st place, 50.1 secs. (49.7 in heat). (New Record K.G.S.).

440 Yards Relay (15-17)—K.G.S. Team (N. R. Carver, R. E. Fullilove, G. J. Sawford, J. Thorpe), 1st place, 47.7 secs. (New Record, K.G.S.).

As a result of these performances the following boys were chosen to represent the County Team in the All-England Schools' Athletic Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester: R. J. Chapman (17-19 880 Yards), J. Thorpe (15-17, Javelin and Relay), R. E. Fullilove (15-17 880 Yards), R. V. Derry (Under 15 440 Yards), and I. G. Runciman (17-19 100 Yards and Relay), who was unfortunately unable to compete because of injury.

ALL-ENGLAND SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

(Belle Vue, Manchester, 15th, 16th July, 1955).

Javelin (15-17)—J. Thorpe, 6th place. 164ft.4ins. Awarded a Standard Medal.

TRIANGULAR SPORTS AT KETTERING.

Tuesday, 12th July, 1955.

1, Wellingborough; 2, Kettering; 3, Northampton.
 Senior 880 Yards—1, Fullilove, 2 mins. 2.6 secs. (new 15-17 record); 2, Chapman.
 Senior 100 Yards—1, Thorpe, 10.6 secs.
 Senior Long Jump—2, Parkinson.
 Junior High Jump—2, Pringle.
 Middle 100 Yards—2, Panter.
 Junior 100 Yards—2, Miles.
 Middle 440 Yards—2, Derry.
 Middle Long Jump—1, Panter, 16ft.7ins.
 Middle 220 Yards—2, Barratt.
 Senior 1 Mile—1, Davis, 4 mins. 38.4 secs.; 2, Gorman, 4 min. 47.2 secs. (New 15-17 record).
 Senior Shot—1, Cwynarski; 2, Thorpe. 32ft.1in.
 Middle Discus—1, Barratt; 2, Roberts. 99ft.9½ins.
 Senior Javelin—1, Thorpe, 161ft.9ins. (new Open Record); 2, Gorman.
 Middle Shot—1, Royles; 2, Woolmer. 39ft.6ins.
 Senior Discus—1, Whitehead. 98ft.8½ins.
 Middle Javelin—1, Roberts. 108ft.3ins.
 Senior Hammer—1, Whitehead; 2, Fullilove. 98ft.10ins.
 Middle Hammer—1, Panter, 98ft. (new Under 15 record); 2, Roberts.
 Junior Relay—2nd.
 Middle Relay—1st, 49.2 (new School Record).
 Senior Relay—1st, 46.6 secs. (new School Record).

BOXING CLUB.

There have not been any matches this term, but we hope to arrange some in the near future. The membership of the club is good and, although it is made up mainly of Juniors, there are some promising boxers, who have been coached by Mr. P. S. J. Adkins.

The Club meets every Thursday at 4 o'clock in the School Hall and new members are welcome.

House Competitions will be held as usual towards the end of the Spring Term.

M. Lewin, 6A.Mod.

BASKETBALL.

Town Team—Owing to the loss of Mr. Joline and R. J. Chapman, the "Town Team" has not enjoyed the success of previous seasons. The team plays enthusiastically, and this, in part, compensates for the erratic ball-control.

However, there are high hopes for the future, for the team is young.

J. Hawthorne, 6A.Sci.

County Team:—This year has been the most successful to date for the "County Team". With only two changes from the previous year, the team has combined well.

Outstanding has been the shooting of W. B. Russell, but the success is mainly due to the strong team spirit shown by all concerned.

D. Dey, 6A.Sci.

Boys who have played are :—

(Town Team)—Hawthorne (Capt.), Barratt, Coles, Lewin, J. B. Miller, Slough, J. B. Smith, Triggs, Mr. Mandale.

(County Team)—Dey (Capt.), Chapman, Ferris, R. Hill, Russell, J. Smith, Woolmer, Mr. Adkins and Mr. Brown.

Results—

U.C.B.C. Away. Won 27—15.
Luton G.S. Away. Lost 30—35.
Town v. Corby O.B. Lost 23—38.
Town v. County. 20—51.
Town v. Kettering. Won 37—14.
County v. Kettering. Lost 15—52.

The Under 15 Team of J. B. Miller (Capt.), Ferris, Holmes, Kerfoot, Lack, McMaster and Quincey, has only played one match and lost to Luton G.S. by 22 pts. to 40 pts.

BADMINTON.

The results so far this year are Played 4, Won 1, Lost 3. This is not surprising as the team was moulded almost from scratch, only two members of last year's team remaining.

Nevertheless, valuable experience has been gained and better results are to be expected in the future.

The following boys have represented the School :—J. P. Marshall (Capt.), D. Baxter, N. R. Carver, B. D. Freestone, B. M. Greasley, J. Thorpe, A. Walton and G. M. Wood.

Results—

v. Staff. Home. Lost 3—6.
v. Geddington. Away. Lost 3—6.
v. Fuller. Away. Won 7—2.
v. Rockingham. Away. Lost 3—6.

J. P. Marshall, 6A.Sci.

TENNIS.

The 1955 season, although not quite as successful as the previous one, provided much enjoyment. Unfortunately our hopes of winning the Glanvil Cup were soon dashed after defeat by Nottingham H.S. in the second round after we had beaten our old rivals Northampton G.S. Some consolation may be gained from the facts that the team has reached the final of the East Midlands Knock-Out Competition (still to be played), and also that a combined team with the High School defeated a Mixed Staff Team.

The team played a number of friendly matches and was undefeated. We avenged last year's defeat by Kettering Park Club, winning 5—4, and also had comfortable wins over S. and L. (Corby) and Kettering Borough Clubs. The County Under 16 Singles, Under 18 Singles and Doubles Championships were won by K.G.S. boys, five of whom competed in the finals.

Even without match-winning first pair, Brading and Cotton, prospects are bright, four of last year's team remaining, and promising young players as well. We may lack skill and experience, but this is compensated by our enthusiasm and Mr. Young's continued encouragement.

The following boys have represented the School : Brading, Cotton, Greasley, R. Hill, Meadows, Walton and Wood.

G. M. Wood, 6B.Sci.

SWIMMING.

Although Swimming is not a major sport in the School, certain boys have done exceptionally well. The School 'A' Team won the Fineshade Cup for Schools, Under 15, and the 'B' Team were unlucky not to reach the Final. Five boys have represented the county team and of these, P. C. Spence, P. J. Kelly and I. R. Thompson have won County Championships. The School Sports were again a success; the Dress Race providing the finale to a series of exciting races. North House again emerged easy victors, but the new House system may alter this in the future.

P. E. Vendy, 6A.Mod.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

(Held on July 22nd, 1955).

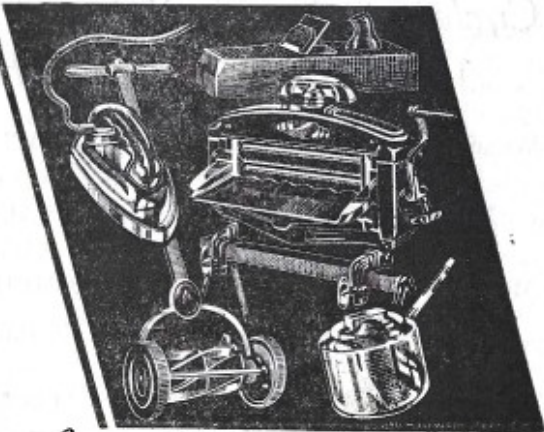
- 1 Width Beginners—1, Cannon (N); 2, Coe (W).
- 2 Widths Breast, Under 13—1, Brown (W); 2, Wright (S).
- 2 Widths Breast, Under 14—1, Bridge (N); 2, Clarke (N).
- 1 Length Breast, Under 15—1, Bailey (N); 2, Hart (N).
- 1 Length Breast, Over 16—1, Vendy (N) and Kelly (N), tied.
- 2 Widths Free Style, Under 13—1, Brown (W); 2, Coe (W).
- 2 Widths Free Style, Under 14—1, Clarke (N); 2, Bridge (N).
- 1 Length Free Style, Under 15—1, Hart (N); 2, Althorpe (N).
- 1 Length Free Style, Under 16—1, Kelly (N); 2, Forrester (C).
- 1 Length Free Style, Over 16—1, Earl (N); 2, Spence (N).
- Neat Dive, Under 14—1, Long (S); 2, Clarke (N).
- Neat Dive, Over 14—1, Kelly (N); 2, Spence (N).
- 2 Widths Back, Under 14—1, Clarke (N); 2, Patrick (N).
- 1 Length Back, Over 14—1, Spence (N); 2, Vendy (N).
- Long Plunge, Under 14—1, Patrick (N); 2, Brown (W).
- Long Plunge, Over 14—1, Rice (N); 2, Vendy (N).
- Breast Stroke, Style, Under 14—1, Bridge (N); 2, Brown (W).
- Breast Stroke, Style, Over 14—1, Spence (N); 2, Earl (N).
- Life Saving Race—1, Spence and Clarke (N); 2, Rice and Smith (N).
- Junior Relay—1, North; 2, West; 3, South.
- Senior Relay—1, North; 2, Country; 3, South.
- House Final Results—1, North, 180 pts.; 2, West, 46 pts.; 3, South, 24 pts.



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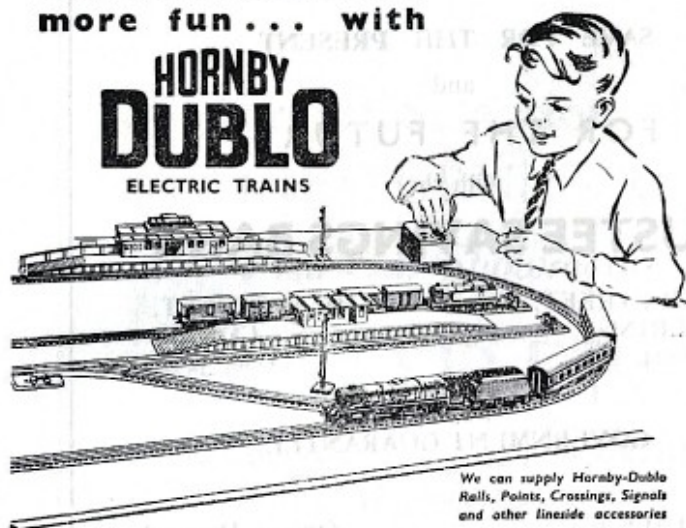
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