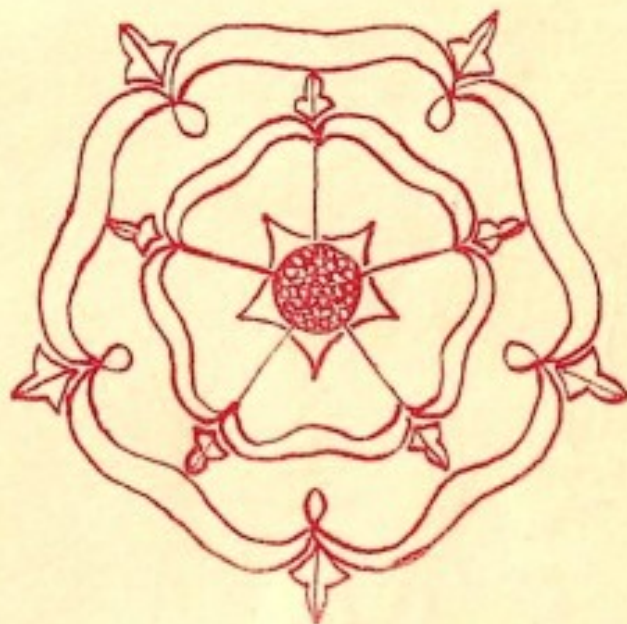


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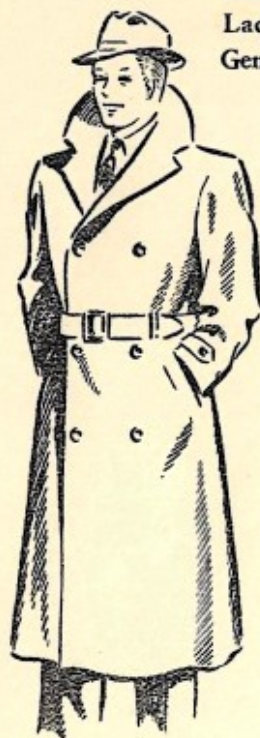
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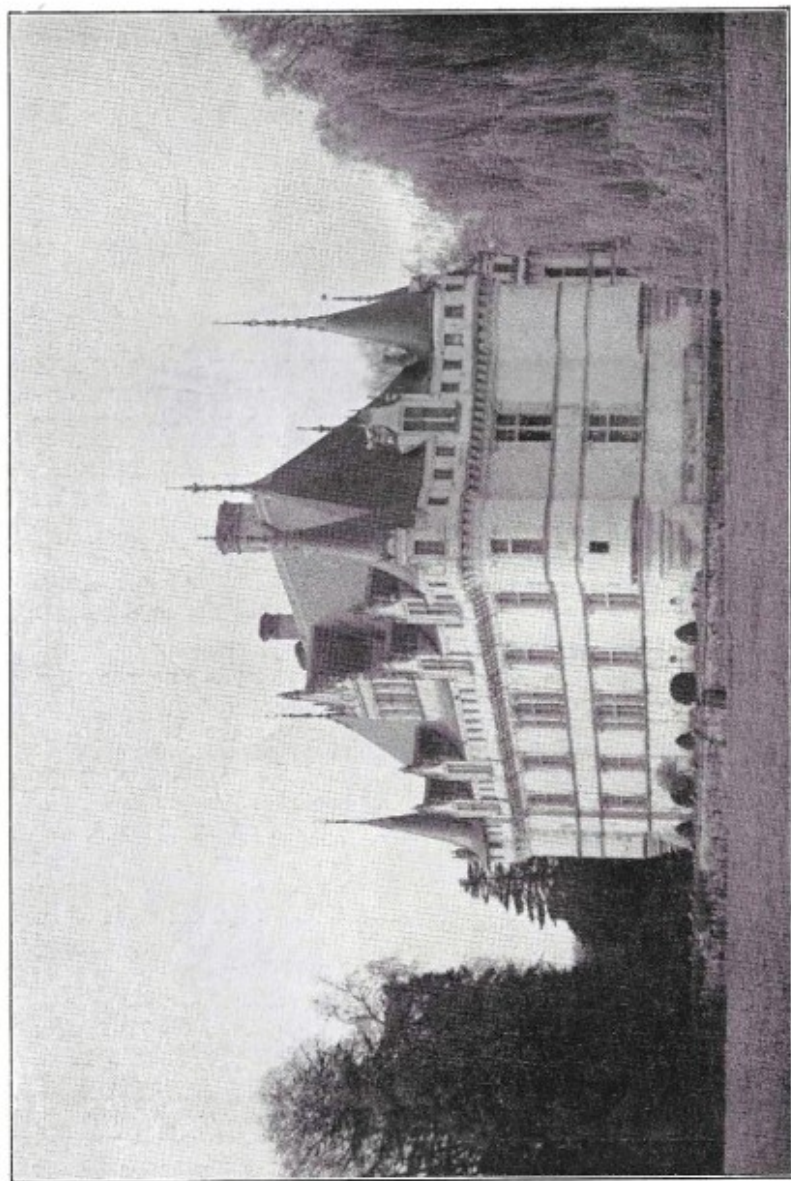
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THE SCHOOL PLAY—1956.
A Scene from "Henry VIII."

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The French Tour—Le Chateau D'Azay-Le-Rideau.

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EDITORIAL.

Once more the rotation of the earth upon its axis and its unhindered journey round the sun bring with it the inevitable last-minute rush for the Magazine. As the vernal equinox approaches, dazzling us with its egalitarian rays, we mentally resolve to arrange things better next time. Perhaps planning is the answer, we think ; get all the material in by January 15th, and sort it out in peace, we think. But January 15th comes unnoticed, and on the 25th we still find ourselves asking So-and-So about that report, politely but firmly requesting Mr. A. to supply us with a long-wanted document, sending for boy X. about that note, coaxing boy Y. to copy out for the fourth or fifth time some illegible or ungrammatical article, or imperiously demanding that boy Z. shall produce half a page by Friday. January 25th is insensibly lengthened into February 1st, and February 1st becomes February roth, and still some boys ask, "Is it too late for the Magazine, Sir ?" If we feel like slaying these, what shall we say to those other boys who, with simulated innocence, ask, "When is the Magazine coming out, Sir ?" Little did Caxton know when he set up his printing press !

Yet the Editor (trying, less successfully than Shakespeare, to give to airy nothings a local habitation and a name), wishes, in somehow producing yet another issue, to express his most sincere thanks to all those—boys, students, office-staff, masters, advertisers and printers—who have assisted in any way with the preparation of this volume.

We are beginning to work on the next issue **now** !

SCHOOL NOTES.

We welcomed last term Mr. D. H. Greenwood, B.A., who has come to us from Birmingham University to assist in the teaching of History and Geography.

Once again, owing to the generosity of the Management of the Savoy Theatre, Kettering, we have been able to hold our Annual Speech Day there, and to devote the fees normally charged for the hire of the theatre to additional prizes for boys in the school. We would like to record our grateful appreciation of this gesture.

Open Days were held at the new Science Laboratories on July 11th, 12th and 13th, 1956. A wide and interesting display of scientific apparatus was on view in each of the laboratories; many parents and friends of the school attended on these days; several thousand questions were asked and answered, and much useful information was passed on.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Perry on the birth of a daughter on March 17th, 1956; Mr. and Mrs. Brown on the birth of a son on April 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop on the birth of a son on October 11th; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the birth of a daughter on November 9th.

A party of boys from the fifth and sixth forms is to visit Coblenz in Germany this Easter, under the supervision of Mr. K. C. Horton.

A party of 80 members of the Upper School and Staff saw "Le Médecin Malgré Lui" (Molière) and "La Grammaire" (Labiche), performed by La Troupe Française on its annual visit to Wellingborough, which took place this year on Friday, 25th January.

J. Dartnell, B.Sc. (1943-50), now engaged upon atomic research, was amongst a number of students presented to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, at London University last year.

M. Cwynarski (6.Sc.A.) reached the semi-final of the East Midlands Men's Foil Fencing Championship last Autumn.

The Triangular Sports were held at Northampton on Friday, 13th July, 1956.

We congratulate A. J. Frost (6.Sc.A.) on being awarded the Leverhulme Scholarship by the Architectural Association, for study at the School of Architecture, London.

This school year, M. J. D. Bell (4.M.), has been pianist at morning Assembly in place of D. G. Bridge (formerly 6.Sc.A.).

The Youth Drama Festival was held in the Henry Gotch School on February 19th and 20th. The Grammar School presented two plays, the Third forms performing "The Pardoner's Tale", (based on Chaucer), and the Second forms "Noah" (from the Chester Miracle Plays).

We acknowledge with pleasure 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, The Magazine of Wellingborough Grammar School, The Magazine of the Methodist College, Belfast, The Magazine of King's School, Gloucester.

This term ends on Tuesday, April 9th. Next term begins on Tuesday, April 30th and ends on Thursday, July 25th, the half-term holiday being the week of Whitsun, Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14th (inclusive).

The Autumn term will begin on Tuesday, September 12th.

The G.C.E. (A) Level begins on Monday, June 24th, and the (O) Level on Wednesday, June 26th.

MR. C. W. GODFREY.

The retirement of Mr. C. W. Godfrey at the end of the summer term, after thirty-seven years' service, seemed to many to mark the end of an epoch in the history of the school. Coming to Kettering in 1919 as Geography master, Mr. Godfrey served under three Headmasters and saw the school more than double its numbers. He became senior master in 1950 and a year later was acting Headmaster for the term preceding the appointment of Mr. J. K. Dudley.

A gifted teacher—and to him his work was truly a vocation—he maintained the happiest relations with the many generations of

pupils who passed through his hands, and their regard for him was clearly shown when in July a large and representative gathering of Old Boys, ranging from grey-headed grandfathers to young men just called up for National Service, gave a dinner in Mr. Godfrey's honour and presented him with a cheque in appreciation of his services. Presentations were also made at the end of the term by the Headmaster on behalf of the Staff, by the senior prefect on behalf of the School and by the Chairman of the Governors.

Almost every School Society had in Mr. Godfrey an ardent and active supporter, but it was in dramatic work that his chief interest lay. For more than twenty years he was responsible for the School's annual Shakespearean production, and it was a fitting climax to his labours when in his last production, "King Henry IV", Part I, he played the part of Falstaff before large and appreciative audiences. He was also a founder-member of the Hygram Players and still produces or acts in their plays.

To all his colleagues he was most friendly and helpful. Few men can have had more interest in or given so unsparingly of their time towards furthering the interests of their profession. An active member of the Assistant Masters' Association and the National Union of Teachers, he was chairman of the local branches of both associations. For many years he has been a member of the Borough Council, the Divisional Executive and the Primary Schools' Management Committee, and treasurer of the Kettering and District Three Arts Club, and he has actively supported numerous charitable organisations in the town and district—a truly impressive record of service.

We thank him for all that he has done for the School, for his friendship and his help, always so readily given. We hope that he and Mrs. Godfrey may have many happy years of retirement.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS, 1956.

The total for the year again showed an increase—£113.8.4. compared with £107.10. in 1955. Moreover, two forms, II.R. and V.M., made special contributions to Hungarian Relief of £3.17s. and £2 respectively. A further allocation to the same fund brought the total to £12.

The remaining £107.10s. was then distributed as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Kettering Social Welfare League	...	20	0 0
Kettering T.B. Care Fund	...	17	0 0
St. Dunstan's	...	15	0 0
Dr. Barnardo's	...	15	0 0
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
Total		£107	10 0

G.F.P.

PARENTS' MEETINGS.

The careers open to boys nowadays are so many and varied that a special effort is made in the School to ensure that as much information about them as possible is available for both boys and their parents. There is a Careers department of the School Library, arranged and kept up to date by Mr. K. C. Horton, and a notice board in a prominent position in the main building is reserved for the display of appropriate details about careers. Mr. Horton is ready to supply both information and advice, and is also in touch with that very important person, the Youth Employment Officer of the District.

It is perhaps when their boys are in the middle section of the School that parents find the greatest need for such guidance as we are able to afford. Accordingly, towards the end of each Summer Term, the parents of boys in the Fourth Forms are invited to the School one evening to hear of the possibilities which lie ahead of their boys, and to discuss prospects with Form Masters and Subject Masters. A display of Careers literature is held in the School Library on such occasions.

A second meeting follows up this first one, and takes place in the Spring Term, when the boys have taken their trial certificate examinations in the Fifth Forms. Parents are then invited for a second time, and we are normally in a position to gauge with some accuracy a boy's capability of tackling the career he has in mind. From our experience in the last few years, these meetings serve a

valuable purpose, quite apart from providing a useful and welcome link between parents and members of the School Staff.

Careers :

Towards the end of the Summer Term, 1956, parties, consisting mainly of 5th formers, visited three well-known local firms—Wallis and Linnell Ltd., Charles Wicksteed and Co. Ltd., and British Timken Ltd.—and "The Evening Telegraph".

The conducted tours, followed by tea, gave a good insight into the work, organisation and problems of the concerns visited and provided a welcome personal contact with local industry.

K.C.H.

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS.

Easter, 1956.

- Gold, A. J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955. Royal Academy of Music, London.
 Marshall, J. P.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. State Scholarship. London University.
 Williams, D. B.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. Christ Church, Oxford.
 Winn, A.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955. Kettering Industrial Co-operative Society.

Summer Term, 1956.

- Ballin, P. E.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954. National Service.
 Baxter, C. R.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Prefect. State Scholarship. To London University.
 Boles, J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Bristol University.
 Bridge, D. G.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Bristol University.
 Clements, P. J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. To Bristol University.
 Crosier, F. E.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Monitor. National Service.
 Davies, P. G. K.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. To London University.
 Dey, D.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Monitor. National Service—then to Training College.
 Freestone, B. D.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954. Monitor. National Service—then to Training College.
 Frost, A. J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Leverhulme Scholarship at Architectural Association, School of Architecture, London.
 Handley, A. F.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Deputy Senior Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Birmingham University.
 Hawthorne, J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Monitor. Stewarts and Lloyds.
 Hornsby, J. F.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954. R.A.F. Cardington.
 James, David William—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. County Major Scholarship. Stewarts and Lloyds.

- James, Douglas William—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. State Scholarship 1955. To Bristol University.
 Jeffs, K. D.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. County Major Scholarship. To Manchester University.
 Lewin, M.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. National Service.
 Miller, A. R.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1955. Farming.
 Rawlinson, J. S.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Monitor. County Major Scholarship. To Sheffield University.
 Rice, A. L.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Liverpool University.
 Riches, B. E.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956 ; County Major Scholarship. National Service—then to University.
 Shrub, E. C.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. County Major Scholarship. To Birmingham University.
 Smith, D. H.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Prefect. Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.
 Thorpe, J.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1954 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1956. Deputy Senior Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Hatfield College, Durham University.
 Vendy, P. E.—G.C.E. 'O' Level 1953 ; G.C.E. 'A' Level 1955. Prefect. Senior Prefect. County Major Scholarship. To Hatfield College, Durham University.
 White, F.—County Major Scholarship. National Service—then to Nottingham University.

Xmas, 1956.

- Aldwinkle, D. J.—Office post with Messrs. Wm. Timpson Ltd.
 Bosworth, J. B.—To Kettering Technical College.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

State Scholarships.

- C. R. Baxter—University College, London.
 E. N. Chamberlain.
 J. W. Essam—King's College, London.
 K. W. Loveday.

County Major Scholarships.

- J. Boles—Bristol University.
 N. R. Carver—Birmingham University.
 P. J. Clements—Bristol University.
 A. F. Handley—Birmingham University.
 P. A. Higham.
 D. W. James—Manchester University.
 K. D. Jeffs—Manchester University.
 G. F. Laundon—Sheffield University.
 A. D. Morrison.
 J. S. Rawlinson—Sheffield University.
 A. L. Rice—Liverpool University.
 B. E. Riches.
 E. C. Shrub—Birmingham University.
 J. B. Smith.
 J. Thorpe—Hatfield College, Durham.
 J. Triggs.
 F. White—Nottingham University.

Other Successes.

- D. G. Bridge—Entrance to Bristol University.
 P. G. K. Davies—Entrance to University College, London.
 A. J. Frost—Leverhulme Scholarship, Architectural Association School of Architecture, London.
 D. W. James—Entrance to Bristol University.
 J. P. Marshall—Entrance to University College, London.
 D. H. Smith—Entrance to Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.
 P. E. Vendy—Entrance to Hatfield College, Durham.
 D. B. Williams—Entrance to Christ Church, Oxford.
- General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level, 1956.**
- C. R. Baxter—French (Distinction), German (Distinction), History (Distinction).
 D. Baxter—English, French, German.
 J. Boles—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics.
 N. R. Carver—English, History (Distinction), Geography.
 E. N. Chamberlain—Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics, Chemistry.
 P. J. Clements—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 F. E. Crosier—Latin, French, History.
 P. G. K. Davies—Latin, French (Distinction).
 D. Dey—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 J. W. Essam—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry (Distinction).
 B. D. Freestone—English.
 A. J. Frost—Art, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
 A. F. Handley—Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 J. Hawthorne—Botany, Zoology.
 P. A. Higham—Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry.
 D. W. James—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 K. D. Jeffs—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (Distinction).
 G. F. Laundon—Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 M. Lewin—English.
 K. W. Loveday—English, History (Distinction), Religious Knowledge (Distinction).
 N. McMaster—Latin, French.
 A. D. Morrison—Latin, French, German.
 J. S. Rawlinson—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 A. L. Rice—Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology (Distinction).
 B. E. Riches—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 E. C. Shrub—Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
 D. H. Smith—Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
 J. B. Smith—English, French, German.
 J. Thorpe—Religious Knowledge, Geography, Art.
 J. Triggs—Latin, French, German.
 P. E. Vendy—German.
 F. White—English, French, History.

Oxford General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level.

(The figures in brackets indicate the number of passes each boy has obtained).

- Form V.G.—G. L. Allen (4), D. G. Barratt (4), P. W. Beard (1), R. Brown (3), T. J. Byrne (1), P. J. Cawdell (2), D. F. Childs (3), D. R. Denton (5), R. V. Derry (6), C. J. Lynn (1), D. MacCallum (3), H. F. Madden (2), L. K. Marris (4), D. F. H. Martin (2), S. J. McGuinness (3), A. J. Meadows (3), M. A. Mitchell (3), R. R. Muggleton (2), D. R. Perkins (1), P. J. R. Sawfoot (7), J. Smith (3), A. F. Starmer (1), R. E. Varley (2), R. M. Watson (2), J. R. Wyke (1).
- Form V.M.—D. J. Aldwinckle (4), D. J. Allbury (8), J. B. Bosworth (5), S. M. Bowyer (5), N. D. Brew (2), P. J. Brown (7), W. B. Chambers (8), J. H. Chapman (7), R. J. Coles (9), C. Durkin (4), E. T. Flowers (9), J. H. B. Forrester (6), D. Garton (2), C. J. Groome (9), M. J. Guy (10), J. S. Hawkins (9), R. L. Hill (9), A. A. Jarrett (8), G. Leverett (3), R. D. McCreedy (4), J. Muxlow (10), J. F. Newing (9), G. C. Rich (10), P. Royles (4), N. C. Sharman (9), B. J. Slough (10), A. E. Thompson (6), I. J. Trotter (9), A. Walton (2), K. J. Wells (6), G. S. Wilson (7), J. Woolley (8), R. A. York (9).
- Form V.S.—M. J. Abrams (9), M. Allen (7), C. W. R. Atkins (5), R. H. Bennett (7), A. Brookes (11), J. F. Chambers (7), N. Chambers (8), J. Chatburn (3), P. R. Cooke (10), K. D. Cooper (10), L. F. Corvesor (8), P. Feakin (6), B. K. Freeborn (9), T. K. Gott (10), M. Haines (10), J. D. Isherwood (11), M. E. Jones (10), M. A. Kay (4), P. J. Kelly (8), P. G. King (7), W. Mann (6), J. V. Panter (11), S. H. Perry (10), M. G. N. Sarjeant (8), S. C. Stock (8), T. G. Tomlinson (4), R. N. Vandrill (9), G. W. Watson (6), T. J. Wayman (9), K. J. Woolmer (9).

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES.

- R. H. Bassett—Entrance to Reading University.
 P. D. Bellamy—Second Class Honours, Division 2, Theological Tripos, Part 1A. Downing College, Cambridge.
 G. S. Boulby—B.Sc. (Econ.), Second Class Honours, Division 1. London School of Economics.
 J. S. Butler—B.Sc. Second Class Honours, Electrical Engineering, London University.
 C. J. Cossey—B.A. Second Class Honours, Division 2, Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, Part II. Christ's College, Cambridge.
 D. W. Cross—B.A. Second Class Honours, Division I, English Tripos, Part II. Jesus College, Cambridge.
 Lecturer, Mount Alison University, New Brunswick, Canada.
 P. J. Cross—Higher National Certificate in Electrical Engineering.
 K. Foreman—B.A. Second Class Honours, Division 2, History, Hatfield College, Durham. Entrance to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
 A. J. Gold—Distinction in Grade VIII, Associated Board, Royal Schools of Music. County Major Award. Entrance to Royal Academy of Music.
 P. Hadden—M.B., Ch.B. Part I. Sheffield University.
 R. A. Holdsworth—Entrance to Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.
 D. F. Dale Jones—Second Class Honours, Division 1, English Tripos, Part I. Queens' College, Cambridge.

- R. M. Long—B.A. Second Class Honours, Division 2, General Studies. Leeds University.
- J. F. Lord—B.Sc. Agriculture. Leeds University.
- B. J. Loasby—Assistant Lecturer in Political Economy, Aberdeen University.
- T. G. Swales—R.I.B.A. Intermediate Examination, Royal West of England Academy of Architecture. Dame Janet Stancomb Wills' Travelling Studentship. Architectural Association Design Prize.
- I. G. W. Tailby—B.Sc. Division 2, Civil Engineering. Nottingham University.
- D. M. Watson—County Major Award, Physics. Hull University.
- A. R. Whitmarsh—B.Sc. Second Class Honours, Agriculture. Wye College, London. Research Fellowship, Guelph Agricultural College, Toronto University.

HOUSE POINTS SYSTEMS.

When the House system was completely re-organised just over a year ago, it was decided to review the Games-points scheme, and to introduce an entirely new system of House points for academic work.

Below are given in outline the main schemes adopted, together with the results for 1955-6.

(a) House Work Points System.

1. **Half-term Orders.**
For each A—1 point awarded.
For each C—1 point deducted.
For each D—2 points deducted.
2. **End-of-Term Order.** Points to be awarded on Final Form Positions as follows :—
Nos. 1—9 in Form Order—5 points each.
Nos. 10—19 in Form Order—3 points each.
No. 20 and below in Form Order—1 point each.
3. **The Lower Sixth.** Points to be awarded on internal examinations as follows :—
For estimated Distinction in any subject—7 points.
For estimated 'A' level pass in any subject—5 points.
For estimated 'O' level pass in any subject—2 points.
4. **External Examinations.** Points to be awarded as follows :—
For each pass at 'O' Level—2 points.
For each pass at 'A' or 'S' Level—5 points.
For each Distinction at 'A' or 'S' Level—7 points.
For a County Major Scholarship—10 points.
For a State Scholarship—15 points.
For any Open Award—20 points.

The results of the first full year's working of this system are given below :

House Work Championship 1955-56.

	North	South	East	West
Autumn Term	565	519	441	489
Spring Term	518	433	440	424
Autumn Term	596	499	490	470
G.C.E. VI.	317	110	228	157
G.C.E. 5M.	148	168	30	108
G.C.E. 5S.	174	64	104	132
G.C.E. 5G.	32	10	62	34
Totals	2350	1803	1795	1814

(b) House Games—Points System.

It was decided to institute a comprehensive House Championship to embrace all physical activities. In the three major departments of Rugby Football, Cricket and Athletics, the points were to be 20, 15, 10 and 5, and for all others 10, 7, 4 and 1.

Results, 1955-1956.

	North	South	East	West
Rugby Football—Senior	20	10	5	15
Rugby Football—Junior	20	5	15	10
Cross-country—Senior	7	1	4	10
Cross-country—Middle	10	4	1	7
Cross-country—Junior	4	1	7	10
Cricket—Senior	15	10	5	20
Cricket—Junior	20	5	10	15
Boxing—Senior	7	10	4	1
Boxing—Junior	1	10	7	4
Basket-ball—Combined	5½	5½	1	10
Tennis—Combined	17	17	5	5
Athletics—Combined	35	30	35	50
Swimming—Combined	10	1	7	4
Totals	171½	109½	106	161

RETROSPECT—III.

Our extract this year is taken from our issue of December, 1921, and is by L. Smith. At that time, Form V.B. used the Library as their form-room, and some consternation was apparently caused when it was decided to move this form to another room. The "touching appeal" of the last verse went unregarded.

AN ELEGY ON LEAVING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

My heart is filled with awful pain,
The tears roll down my cheek like rain,
When I reflect that ne'er again
Shall I swot in the Lib.

My soul is with the dear old place,
But lines of anguish mark my face,
For soon—sad thing!—there'll be no trace
Of V.B. in the Lib.

No more shall masters have to choke
Their tempers, when the coal or coke
Is shovelled down by some old bloke,
Who's just outside the Lib.

Never again shall lessons bare
Be cheered by lines of smiling fair
Cherubic damsels, as were there
Meand'ring past the Lib.

No more shall desk and boy go crash,
And on the floor no ink will splash,
We shall not have to save our cash
For paste to clean the Lib.!

O masters bold! O saints on high!
To thee my grieved soul doth cry,
Use all thy mighty powers and try
To keep us in the Lib.

HOWLERS.

Heredity means hearing from your relations.

Photosynthesis is what plants do at night.

Overheard at the Canteen.

"Please, sir, do I have to have a school dinner?"

Faute de Mieux.

(for cricketers only)

"I missed St. Valentine's Day: I'm waiting for Ramadhin's."

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

The University,
Birmingham, 15.

Birmingham contains all the differing attitudes of mind found in people in any city—and everything from motor-cars to buttons is manufactured here. Apparently, however, few persons know that there exists here a University, and that, during term time, 3,000 undergraduates, and numerous graduates, toil here along the paths of learning.

The University itself has departmental dispersions akin to those at K.G.S.; namely, the Arts department is situated in the centre of the city, while the Faculty of Science finds itself some distance (actually 3 miles) away in Edgbaston, approximately half-way between the Arts Faculty and Cadbury's factory at Bournville.

Due to the lack of building space, and the shortage of suitable residences, Birmingham University does not run on a collegiate system. There are a very few 'Halls of Residence'; but for the majority of undergraduates it is 'digs', which are also in relatively short supply and one has to accept what one is offered. Some are very good, others indifferent.

The K.G.S. contingent here has now risen to five, who are all located in Kings Heath. The "freshmen" this year were Carver, Shrub and myself, the former studying Geography, Shrub and I reading Medicine. We join R. Baker and P. Coe of two years experience, the latter working for final examinations in Chemistry, and Baker being a Medical student with three years still to do.

For any who may be considering coming to Birmingham (and the Medical School here is the best in the world) but have not lived in Corby, a few words are, I feel, necessary about the weather. Whenever anyone tells you that it is continually cloudy in Birmingham, do not believe them. They are not really clouds—only smoke, and that bright yellow "moon" is the sun.

A. F. Handley.

The University,
Bristol.

As yet, it is only possible for me to give my first impressions of University life, and the first thing to impress me on "going up" is the lack of compulsion to attend the University. Now we are not called upon to sign a register, although a certain minimum attendance is required. It also gives a comforting feeling when one is informed that it is not compulsory to hand in work, although it would be to one's advantage to do so on the few occasions when it is required.

Work, of course, is not the only pursuit at a University! The many and varied societies, clubs, and sports, can occupy quite a lot of time and energy. Although I missed the Pre-Sessional Conference at which "freshers" are introduced to the various activities of the Students' Union, it did not take long for me to discover most of the societies, since modesty in advertising is not their greatest virtue.

In spite of suffering severe war damage, Bristol is still a pleasant city, with some interesting and beautiful architecture, while some imaginative thought is being given to the new buildings rising out of the bombed ruins. Standing out above everything else is the largest and most beautiful Parish Church in England—St. Mary, Redcliffe, which pushes the Cathedral well into the shadows by its magnificence. Close behind this church in architectural merit is the tower of the University, standing on a steep hill overlooking the city. Not far away lie the lovely Downs and the indescribable Avon gorge spanned by the Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Close to the main block of the University stands the new Engineering building of very pleasing appearance. The design of this is certainly worthy to be the haunt of Engineers, and adds pleasure to any work done within its precincts.

The Faculty of Science is honoured by the presence of three other K.G.S. boys, although, in spite of the fact that they inhabit the Royal Fort, which is just over the wall from the Engineering building, I have rarely come across them. David Bridge is one of the privileged few living in a Hall of Residence, the majority of students living in lodgings. D. W. James finds his eight hours per week attendance at the Royal Fort very tiring, and indignantly claims he is hard-worked! I understand that B. E. Mason also came up last year to read Chemistry, although I have seen no sign of him. We expect P. J. Clements to come up this October to

read Aeronautical Engineering after finishing his year with the Bristol Aircraft Co.

In conclusion, I would point out the invaluable aid given by University life in developing any idiosyncracies you may have hidden in your character. I wish every success to those boys who will be applying to any University this year.

J. Boles.

St. Catharine's College,
Cambridge.

The river banks strewn with undergraduates idling in the hot, still, afternoon air, gazing into the Cam and watching the punts go slowly by—this is a common summer scene, and represents the essence of University life, a life of many privileges and few responsibilities.

But this is January, and the rain is here, and with it the sea of umbrellas (shades of the "testudo"!) passing beneath my windows each morning, on its way down Trumpington Street to the Mill Lane lectures. Above the umbrellas I can see, from my comfortable rooms, the pale stone of Corpus Christi to the right, and away to the left, King's. In comparison, the seventeenth and eighteenth century buildings of St. Catharine's are more modern and less striking: a modest kind of beauty. Founded in 1473 by Robert Wodelarke, Provost of King's, and named in honour of St. Catharine the Virgin and Martyr of Alexandria, the college has had a stormy history and defied several attempts at amalgamation with next-door King's. The Hall and Chapel are both extremely beautiful, and it was on the site of the latter that Hobson the Carrier used to perform his business. Any man who wanted to hire a horse had no choice in the matter, but was obliged to take the one nearest the stable door—hence "Hobson's Choice".

As a matter of interest, the Prime Minister of Malaya is a "Cats" man, as is Professor A. E. Richardson, who until recently was President of the Royal Academy. So is A. J. Herbert, the varsity rugby captain! St. Catharine's has rather a reputation for Full Blues. Prominent rugby players that the college has recently produced include internationals W. P. C. Davies, Ian Beer, Bob MacEwan and K. Dalgleish. Victor Leadbetter, who came from K.G.S., was also at St. Catharine's. Cricketer Insole and hockey international Gale were here too. My own rooms are

bounded on one side by a boxing blue and on the other by a Combined Services sprinter! The Master, who at 72 still swims in the Cam in the early morning, in summer, and who was recently seen climbing over a 9ft. locked gate, was himself four times a boxing blue! But the shrouded intellectuals still exist in great numbers and great intensity, as I recently found to my cost when I tried to sell a copy of the magazine "Light Blue" to a man who informed me, with a sullen glare, the "the physical cult is one of the most loathsome aspects of modern society". I simply wilted.

D. J. Higham (Peterhouse) is the most recent addition to the number of Old Boys at Cambridge. D. F. Dale-Jones is reading English at Queens', and M. E. Cotton, who is reading English at Peterhouse, is in the running for the Tennis Blue he so narrowly missed last year. J. G. H. Bates is in the same college as myself and has become a definite "character", distinguishing himself with a "first" in Law and a series of colourful bow-ties. Keith Foreman, complete with a degree from Durham University and a wife, is also at St. Catharine's for a year.

College life is well-rounded, with all sorts of societies and clubs for all kinds of people. The Shirley Society nourishes interest in the literae humaniores, and recent speakers have included Nikolaus Pevsner and Donald Wolfit. The John Ray Society is the scientific equivalent, and there are many others. The Revue Club (Midnight Howlers) annually wins the revue competition on the floor of the Dorothy, the tea-time rendezvous which serves the same social purpose as the favourite Espresso coffee-bars in the mornings and evenings.

My own time is fairly evenly divided between work, talk, athletics and eating out. A few other things creep in, such as theatre, dining club and Union, and I must say it is an existence I would wish that any sixth-former beginning to think of choosing his University could share.

R. J. Chapman.

Hatfield College,
Durham.

"Don't you find it cold up there?" is the usual question when you inform people that you attend Durham University. True, Durham may be 250 miles north of London, but any drop in temperature is combatted by the warm communal atmosphere of the Durham Colleges' division of the University. The friendly, neighbourly tone is helped by the close proximity of the various

colleges, University offices, lecture rooms and the over-ruling presence of the Cathedral. The Durham Colleges are a unit apart from the town, yet enjoying friendly relations with it. In the quietness of the Bailey and the broad expanse of Palace Green, it is easy to forget the phrase "the industrial North-East"; and a walk along the banks of the river Wear reminds one more of the dales than the bustling ship-yards of Sunderland.

Life in the Colleges is very informal, yet full of interest. At intervals something occurs to remind us that being in a University with strong religious associations, does not compel all to accept life passively. Perhaps some readers will recollect that a certain esteemed clergyman "lost" his hat when he came to speak to Durham students. Life in a residential College is always an experience, and is one of the more important aspects of life in Durham. The opportunity is also available to compare it with "digs", as most people in Hatfield have to spend a year living out of College.

The sporting world is well represented at Durham. In the major sports there are three levels, College, Durham Colleges, and University, the standard being quite high, especially at Rugby.

Two thirds of Durham University students are at Newcastle, which caters mainly for scientists, technologists and medical students, though there are arts students as well, just as Durham offers certain scientific courses. King's, Newcastle, unlike the Durham Colleges, is a non-residential section of the University, and thus the impersonal atmosphere of a "red-brick University" tends to creep into life there, but for people who seek after the gay life of a big city, it can be recommended. For those with quieter tastes and a desire for a residential University we can only echo the greeting which we ourselves received—Welcome to Durham.

P. E. Vendy, J. Thorpe.

Liverpool University.

Since, as far as I know, this is the first letter which the Cytringanian has ever received from Liverpool University, it would probably be as well to begin by saying a little about the origin of this institution.

Prior to 1881, the only element of a University was the Medical School which, however, even then was an old and distin-

guished school. In 1881 a group of citizens of Liverpool founded the new University College, the purpose of which was the "advancement of learning and the ennoblement of life", these words being inscribed on the outside of the Victoria Building which houses most of the Arts Theatres. In 1903, Liverpool was established as a University by Royal Charter.

Thus it can be seen that our University is not much more than 50 years old and is a mere stripling compared with such places as Oxford or Cambridge Universities. As a provincial University, Liverpool perhaps belongs to that much frowned-on class, the red-bricked Universities, and lives up to this name by having the large Victoria Buildings composed almost entirely of reddish rectangular blocks of stone. However, the other buildings of the University are anything but red-bricked, their colours ranging from the Cohen Library (once pure white but now a distinguished grey) to the Zoology buildings, which were once a dirty grey but are now much dirtier.

These transformations are the result of the smoke which is almost continually issuing from large holes surrounded by high walls which adorn almost every street corner in the vicinity of the University. These structures at first baffled me but I quickly realised that they lead into the main line leaving Lime Street Railway Station and I have since found that this line has been cleverly constructed to pass directly beneath almost every University building, not forgetting the Examination Halls.

This railway, together with a combination of bomb sites, post-war slums and the Royal Infirmary (which happens to be the most ugly building I have ever seen), lends to Liverpool University a charm of its own of which no other University can boast—or wants to.

But what really matters in a University is the people and not the buildings, and in this direction Liverpool is very fortunate in having three Old Cytringanians here at the same time as well as some very good lecturers and professors—so I am told. The Old Boys here are Michael Parkinson and Alan Bennett, both taking Physics and Maths and in their second year, and myself, one of this year's Zoology freshers. We have managed, between us, to represent the University in Cricket, Soccer and Fencing, but we are sadly in need of support and so we hope that next year's freshers will include some more Kettering men (or women) to help keep Liverpool University on top.

A. L. Rice.

University College, London.

St. Pancras station, the impoverished Cytringanian's gateway to London, is noisy and grimy, a fitting introduction indeed. But whilst it is convenient for University College, one's lodgings are probably in Tooting, convenient only for the pub, which is not, may I say, without value as an educational institution. Of the advantages of the collegiate system we hear much, but not enough of the valuable influence of the publican, or indeed of the landlady, as an antidote to the rather cloistered aspect of student life. The disadvantages of the dispersal of students have also I fear been overrated; there are many college dances, where D. A. Holmes may be seen demonstrating his skill on the guitar, where many friends, including Cytringanians too numerous to mention, may be met. And since London Transport is highly efficient, distance itself is only a minor nuisance, made light of by P. G. K. Davies and A. J. Frost, who are devoted to the literal pursuit of the campanological art.

Entrance requirements can be complicated, and have still to be completed by your contributor and N. J. Crocker, who has put in a lively appearance from Poole to study English; naturally we both applaud the forthcoming abolition of the offending requirement, Latin at Advanced Level, but we are puzzled by the similar abolition of English at Ordinary Level for some students. They say that Jeremy Bentham, who helped found the college, and is still to be seen with straw hat and waxen face in the South Cloisters, will never recover from the shock.

One pays for the advantages of University life by study, sporadic though it may be, with most of it done in the early hours of the morning. Apart from this, life is shaped completely by the individual student, who has the unique opportunity of acting on Rabelais' advice, "Fay que voudras". It should, however, be added that while you do what you wish, you will be judged, particularly in Finals, by the nature of your wish.

C. R. Baxter.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

SWORDS OF JAPAN.

There is no mistaking a Japanese sword. A cutting weapon, it is simple in outline and can be divided into three major parts : (1) The blade, which is normally sheathed in a lacquered wood scabbard ; (2) the guard, a flat plate of iron, copper, silver or other metal, can be of many shapes but is usually circular ; and (3) the hilt, long enough on the larger weapons to allow a two-handed grip. Swords containing these principal elements in their present-day form have existed in Japan with little fundamental change, since the days of the first recorded swordsmiths—Amakuni, who is known to have worked as early as 704 A.D., and Yasutsuna, born some fifty years later.

The blade shows the real differences which distinguish the swords of "Dai Nippon" from those of other nations. Each blade is easily detachable from its hilt fittings, to which it is secured by a peg running through the tang and hilt. To look at, the blade of a fine fighting sword has a sinister beauty all its own. Slightly curved, it has only one cutting edge, which is continued round in a tight curve to form the point, but this edge is often extremely sharp and between 24 and 30 inches in length, although one exceptional example is 44 inches long. One unique feature of these blades is a strip of misty steel along the edge. Here the metal is much harder than in the rest of the blade and it can take an unusually keen edge. The soft remainder is, however, resilient and does not shatter under a heavy blow, and it can be (and is) burnished to a finish like chromium plate. Other swords do not reconcile keenness of edge with toughness of body.

After Amakuni and Yasutsuna, sword manufacture stagnated until, in the 10th century, it received fresh impetus from the Emperor Ichijo. Incessant warfare in the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries made the sword supreme and much of the best work dates from these years. A peak of brilliance was reached during the century 1250-1350 A.D., when the best swordsmiths were active. Of these, the most famous are Yoshimitsu of Awataguchi, Masamune of Sagami (the greatest of all) and his pupils, Go Yoshihiro and Sadamune. Sadamune's blades were valued, in 1702, at about £630 each. Wars again in the 16th century brought about another development : blades were made shorter and stouter in response to the contemporary changes in tactics—from emphasis upon cavalry to stress on infantry. At the end of the century, peace was restored and the Tokugawa Shogunate established in Yedo (Tokyo). This peace remained unbroken for over

250 years, but, in spite of this, there were periods of intense activity among the swordsmiths, although no momentous advances in technique were made. Finally, after the Civil War of the 1860s, the Emperor abolished the samurai privilege of wearing swords (1876). Since then few swords have been made, but some recent examples of very fine workmanship were used by officers in World War II.

Next to the blade, the hilt is the most complicated part of a Japanese sword. The wooden handle upon which this is based is usually covered with ray skin and then bound with silk braid, leaving rhomboidal gaps through which the white underlying ray skin shows. Also under the silk, one on each side, are two small metal ornaments which serve to give a better grip. At the hilt's end, in place of a pomand, is the "kashira" or metal cap, often ornamented in the same manner as the "fuchi", a ferrule ringing the other end of the hilt (which may be from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length). These two keep the binding in place.

The guard is of simple basic form but may be embellished in almost any way metallurgically practicable (enamelling, gilding, inlaying, chiselling, etching) and has a hole through the middle for the passage of the tang. Between the guard ("tsuba") and hilt and the blade are two washers of gilt-copper known as "seppa". A metal band next to the seppa encircling the base of the blade helps to secure the sword in its scabbard.

All these metal fittings and the lacquered scabbard provided a basis for ornamentation and every kind of motif can be found. Subjects are derived mainly from nature, and the guard especially carries landscapes, floral patterns, animals, mythical or legendary happenings, family crests and battle scenes. The craftsmanship is usually superb, and by the skilful use of various alloys an astonishing variety of colour effects and subtle textures can be obtained. Such decoration of the hilt and the occasional chiselled figures found on blades are, however, a comparatively late development and occur for the most part on swords of the 15th century and after. Ornament on fighting weapons was not the only development of more peaceful years ; the long katana was always paired with a smaller weapon, similar in detail, a dirk or "tanto", or small sword ("wakizashi"), and, sheathed in the same scabbard, one often finds on these small weapons a small knife with a decorative rectangular handle and blade of some $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches length. Other types of ceremonial swords and daggers do occur, but they are rare.

The legends attached to the more famous swords add to their fascination and to some are attributed most incredible qualities.

One weapon had a name for cutting beans in half when still in mid air. Others had a more sinister reputation for cutting two men in half in the same stroke, or for decapitating a prisoner so that his beard was severed before his head touched the ground. It is not without reason that Japanese swords have gained a reputation as the finest in the world.

A. G. MacCormick, 6.M.A.

THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

The back-number files of any periodical are nostalgic, even at times tragic, things, and those of a School Magazine are far from being an exception, containing as they do the potted 'life histories' of so many in so short a time. There are of course exceptions—those who refuse to allow themselves to be forgotten after they have left—but they are few and far between. There are also those members of the staff without a reference to whom no magazine would be complete, but these too represent only a small percentage of the total staff at any one time. Of the former the classic example is H. E. Bates, perhaps Kettering's only "famous old boy". Football notes in a very early number describe him as "too keen to shoot from a difficult angle" which may have been partially responsible for altering his early ambition to turn professional. A year later his 'first published work' appeared (a poem which the Editor described for some reason as a sonnet) entitled "Armistice Day", which was reprinted in 1927 on the occasion of the general public acclaim of his first novel. Later still there was a photograph, in the uniform of a Squadron-Leader; then the opening the Bates collection of pictures; and his reminiscences before the Old Cyts of the school during the first world war. These, or something like them, have been published in Graham Greene's anthology, "The Old School".

Of the staff there are many—the cartoons representing the Rugby triumphs of Messrs. Wood and Hopkins, and of Mr. Kirby's car; Mr. Woodward in the early thirties warning the Debating Society of the "Dangers of prolonged listening-in", or being the butt in 1932 and 1952 of jokes about his pipe; to recall but a few examples. Cartoons were a feature of the early magazines; it is nice to be able to acclaim their re-appearance in the last issue, even if with a difference. "Having a go at the staff" was also a staple of the early days and was recalled in 1936 in response to an article in "The Times", but since then a sacrosanct atmosphere has crept in which is, to my mind, not altogether healthy.

Yet another hardy annual, the Debating Society report, has been a constant feature since 1917, and has achieved over the years a remarkable monotony. Both subjects and results have shown a immovable conservatism, which nothing has seemed able to change. "England," the society decided on no less than four occasions, "is still the best country for Duke or Dustman", Football pools were roundly condemned with but one dissenting voice (not, incidentally, your writer's) and though the advent of Independent Television and the discovery of America were recently acclaimed, thanks to Messrs. Laywood and Joline respectively, with abnormal majorities, the House has reaffirmed its faith in the status quo by reversing a decision made in the decadent thirties on the subject of capital punishment. Fortunately the Society's other activities have usually been less stereotyped. Few of those who were present will forget the Mock Trial of 1955, which provided a welcome break from tradition. At any rate, future officials can rejoice in their possession of the title "the School's Senior Society", built up over the years after the demise of the Rugby Club with its teas and concerts.

The arguments about the winter game in Corby G.S. remind one that Kettering started with the Association code, individual criticisms like the one on Bates aforementioned, and match reports taking up considerable space, until the unfortunate series of defeats culminating in a 19-0 thrashing by the Old Boys, after which it was announced simply that Rugby football will be started in the school next year. And once started, it stuck, though the first results, three games against Bedford Modern with an aggregate of 12-65, must have caused some discussion as to the lesser of two evils.

Comparisons with Corby G.S., incidentally, remind one that until after the last war Kettering used Corby's present somewhat unambitious system of House designation: A, B, C, etc.

Houses and Clubs have always held a leading place in the Magazine, from the two pages on the Cadet Corps in 1915, through the House Rugger Championships and the Rugger Club's concert and supper in 1927, and the Biblical and phonetic accounts of Staff v. School cricket matches spread over the twenties to the eight pages of club notes, and the first reorganized House comments in 1956, and no doubt they will keep on growing. As with the School play report, the mag. would be unthinkable without them. The school play has received various treatment from would-be Drama Critics—ranging from eulogistic to the sarcastic. Reports have been borrowed from the "Evening Telegraph," humorously penned by ex-members of staff, written with scant modesty by mem-

bers of the cast or the producer, and squeezed out of reluctant and bored sixth-formers. A lot of course has had to be missed out, the intrusion of "Trombonius" into "Julius Caesar" for instance, but the joy of the whole thing is usually indicated between the lines. Casting has often been difficult. A female member of staff provided the female lead in the first play, "Macbeth", in 1916, and since then High School staff and Old Girls have been pressed into service.

The High School's first active participation was in 1914, in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and their second in 1947 ("Midsummer Night" again). Can it be that the powers behind the stage believed that this alone of Shakespeare's plays was within the female grasp, or was it the magazine reference to "slim brown legs" after the first performance that did it? Contrary to popular belief Shakespeare is not the only playwright within the ken of the School producer, three others have figured in forty years, including Beaumont and Fletcher (twice).

One other magazine stand-by cannot be passed over—parody. Milton, Shakespeare, the Bible, Housman, Leigh Hunt, Damon Runyon, and the advertisement column of the daily press have all been amusingly imitated. Now it seems parody has gone and genuine advertisements have come to stay. A poor exchange but not a tragedy while the Editor at least retains a sense of humour.

Time, they say, marches on, and the Cytringanian marches with it. It has come a long way between 1915, when "R.S." wrote an account of his first attempt at Scaffell Pike and 1952 when a school party staggered to the top in a blinding snow storm; it has produced two highly successful (though short-lived) offspring, "Modern Times" and "Reveille" (founded by Old Boys during the war) and shows every sign of continuing for many years to come. Bless it.

D. Bryn Williams,
Christ Church, Oxford.

MY FIRST VISIT TO MARS.

It was 2193. I woke up one morning with a dull feeling: I was starting school on Mars. I quickly pressed button A and I was thrown out of bed into the dressing-machine.

Soon, I was at the Rocket Stop with my ticket in my hand. In a couple of minutes I was at Mars. I got in a Gyrocab and off I went to school. The large buildings were up to one thousand feet and over in height. Our school was a one hundred and sixty storey building made of glass.

Soon a booming noise was heard; the lessons were starting. I quickly went into a large playground and stood in a line some boys were making. Then a robot came out and took ten boys inside and then returned for another ten. After a time it was my turn with nine others. We were led into a large room with ten egg-shaped "desks" in it. The robot pressed the button and they opened. Then he ordered us to get in. We did so and he closed them by pressing another button. Inside, I felt a tingle run up my leg and then I knew no more. I must have been in there for about ten minutes before I woke up. The top opened and I got out. I was mumbling to myself. I tried to stop but I could not. I was saying things like, "to make a Gyrocab you take sixty feet of locominium and bend it in a germa press". Yes. In ten minutes I was as knowledgeable as my mother and father, and even as the Prime Robot.

It was not bad at school and not half as bad as the people had to put up with in the 1950-56 era. They went to school five days a week and over five hours a day from when they were five until they were seventeen. It must have been slaughter. (I learnt that in the desks at school, too).

After school I went round Mars for the rest of the day. Dad had given me fifty pounds to spend besides my hundred pounds pocket money. It was twelve o'clock. I took a tube out of my pocket and had my dinner—a pill one hundredth of an inch in diameter. Then I carried on and went to the Space-Ship Racing-Fight. 1950-56 Stock Car Racing was a very mild equivalent. You pick a space ship and crash head-on with any others in sight at about three thousand miles per hour. Then when two are left, they race round Mars ten times and the winner is rewarded with a space ship. At six o'clock I had my last chance, for I only had one five-pound note left. Full of determination, I set my teeth and tried my hardest and won by half an inch. So I went home in my own space-ship with the conclusion school on Mars was "super".

R. Griffin, 2.Q.

A TRIP IN A GAME PARK.

A few years ago, when we lived in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, we used to go for picnics in the Game park a few miles away. We packed lunch early in the morning and drove through Nairobi into the country. After driving for a few miles we came to the entrance marked by a small white-washed cottage having a gate with a thatched roof over it. As we paid we asked the

native, "Wapi Simba?", which means "Where are the lions?" He then gave us a number. We got out our map of the game park and found the number on it to find the area where the lions would be. After that we drove in.

The first thing we saw was an elephant's skull with two of his bones crossed underneath and a notice-board saying, "Do not get out of your car." As we drove on we saw a herd of wildebeeste which, as we drove close to them, scattered in all directions. Then a gazelle appeared in our path and gave us a straight stare and then rushed back into the scrubby bush. During the day time, animals wander about by themselves, but at night the small and timid animals and some of the larger animals go about in herds and in bunches of no less than a dozen because of the lions.

Then we came to the crocodile pool where we had our lunch. After lunch we got out of our car and went to see the crocodiles and the hippos. Then we went on our way to the lions. On the way we saw some ostriches feeding with their heads out of sight. When they heard us coming, they scattered very quickly. As we drove on, we frightened a flock of small birds and five small gazelle. Further on we saw a few giraffes which were running very fast. Then we saw a very beautiful bird fly up from a scrubby bush.

Darkness began to fall, so we made our way to the area where the lions would be that night. As we drew near to the area we saw the gamekeeper's van, so we followed that. Suddenly, there was a low growling from a bush and there stood a large lioness with four six-month-old cubs. I think the father lion must have been hunting for food for the cubs. The food would be some meat.

Then we went home because the Park closed at 7 o'clock.

J. E. Haylock, 1.Q.

THE SPEED-BOAT.

The boat came racing through the waves,
Its bows agleam with spray;
It cut the water like a knife
—Or like a shark at play.

Its graceful lines were plain to see
As it passed us swiftly by.
We stood and watched until it was
A speck against the sky.

P. Althorpe, 2.P.

A SEA SHANTY.

Today, the anchor is stuck in the sands;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.
Today, for the anchor we need all hands;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.

Up with the anchor, now all take the strain;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.
Up with the anchor and in with the chain;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.

Heave up the anchor, and don't let it slip;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.
Pull up the anchor alongside the ship;
Heave at the call, heave at the call.

The anchor is up and all is well;
Stop at the call, stop at the call.
The anchor is up, and ring the first bell;
Stop at the call, stop at the call.

R. S. Smith, 1.P.

THE MASTER.

(With apologies to Lord Tennyson).

He clasps the desk with wrinkled hands;
Close by the board, the class he scans;
Ringed with papers and books of knowledge
He stands—the product of his college.

The shrivelled class beneath him toils;
He watches from his desk of spoils;
And down he comes just like a hawk
On anyone who dares to talk.

M. E. Thompson, 2.P.

MY PLIGHT.

Six lines must I write
Before tonight;
But I know to my sorrow,
Though I wait till tomorrow
The inspiration to get cracking
Will still be lacking.

J. Neale, 2.P.

THE DIVER.

He dives ! The waters swirl around,
His body glides along.
The deep sea diver's downward bound ;
Now nothing must go wrong.

The fish awake to see this thing,
A monster in their eyes ;
And even over sharks he's King,
Despite their monstrous size.

He on his upward journey floats,
The fish regain their sleep.
They haul him up into the boats,
The "Conqu'ror of the deep."

B. G. Thompson, 3.R.

A FROSTY MORN.

I shake and shiver in my bed,
Then cautiously poke out my head ;
I see the roof-tops glistening white—
Jack Frost's been busy all the night.

I gingerly set out for school,
See children sliding on the pool ;
But how I wish that it was rain,
Because—I'm off my bike again !

D. Newell, 2.P.

A LETTER FROM RHODESIA.

Salisbury.

March, 1956.

At last I have found time to write as I promised before leaving K.G.S. A full year has now passed by and I would say that it has been one of the best in my life.

The two outstanding moments when I would cheerfully have returned to school took place, strangely enough, the first on my last day in England and the other on my first day in Rhodesia. The day the ship left Southampton was cold and miserable and for a few hours I experienced a fear of what was in store for me over the next few years, and a doubt as to whether I could face up to it. The second time was when I arrived at my lodgings some way out of Salisbury ; there, I was deposited in a state of utter exhaustion

and bewilderment, without any assistance from the world and completely ignorant of how to proceed.

After these two frightening episodes, life has taken on a happier aspect, and now I would not be elsewhere. The whole country has an atmosphere of calm confidence, coupled with a rate of development which is probably not equalled anywhere else in the world. The "Daily Express" once described it as, "the largest, richest, empty spot in the world,"—indeed, a more wild and natural country it is hard to imagine, yet it has enormous mineral wealth, a climate suited to intensive agriculture, and a people who are both industrious and friendly. If the figures are of interest—five million pounds worth of new buildings were under construction in Salisbury alone at the end of 1955 ; a hundred million pounds were available for irrigation schemes, and a further thousand million pounds are being sought over the next five years for industrial development.

Some people have doubts about the future of this country because of the difficulties in the native question—but that is a problem too vast and too complicated for me to forecast its outcome. General Smuts described it as "the question that will dominate politics."

I myself have no doubts for the future of the Central African Federation. It has provided me with an almost unequalled way of life. Salaries are good, conditions are first-class ; travel is easy and cheap, and here there is some point in travelling for a journey is not one endless succession of murky towns and cities, but an adventure through wild, natural bush-land. The country has a beauty of its own—there are no neat hedges and fields and telephone poles to give it the domestic symmetry of England, but there is a vast and rolling nakedness that can never be boring in spite of its continuity. There is variety, too—plains giving way to hills or to dense, high-veldt bush, or to a river-valley, green, cool and pleasant, or revealing a glimpse of some lofty and mysterious mountain-range in the distance. There are admirable facilities for shooting, mountain climbing and sightseeing, and there is a wonderful group of peaceful retreats hidden away in the Eastern highlands. The neighbouring countries add greatly to the variety and joy of life here—city-life in the Johannesburg metropolis, continental cuisine à la Portugaise in Beira and throughout Mozambique, the steamy equatorial jungle of Belgian Africa, and the barren wastes of Borotze Land.

Life, however, is not perpetually easy. There is much hard work to be done. The climate has its difficulties : in October one longs for a rain-storm or even a blizzard ; in January one longs for

elusive quality of Romance, absent, in their opinion, from their own age, but which they feel must have been present in "the good old days of the 1950's." Who knows, at the hands of some enterprising reformer, the steam locomotive may even invade the select precincts of the Christmas card, hitherto the undisputed domain of the stage-coach!

I. J. Trotter, VI.B.Mod.

THE INFLUENCE OF ROCK'N ROLL ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

The past year has brought many changes and surprises. No mean one has been the meteoric climb of rock'n roll to top place as music both for listening and for dancing to. The extreme popularity of this type of music has caused new meanings to be given to various common words, and one or two new phrases have come into use.

Take for instance the word "cat". Before the introduction of rock'n roll, this word had one of two meanings. Either it meant a peaceful enough animal quietly dozing in front of the fire (or making a hideous noise on the roof-tops at midnight to the annoyance of everyone within hearing distance), or it referred to some old lady who was in the habit of making spiteful remarks to the next-door neighbours or anyone else passing by.

Nowadays, however, it is commonly used to refer to a rock'n roll addict who spends his (or her) time on a dance-floor—I repeat "dance-floor", not cinema aisle—being sent into a frenzy when implored by a certain well-known singer (who will remain anonymous) to "go".

Talking of this word "go" brings me to another short word of seemingly the same meaning which used to imply hard work in the garden. However, in an old, well-known Scottish folk-song, converted to modern requirements, a pioneer in rock'n roll tells us to "DIG that crazy news." How we are to do this is not explained.

When a condition of rock'n roll frenzy is reached, the person is said to be "in the groove". Formerly, one might reasonably have thought that this meant the same as "in a rut," that is, resigned to a boring day-by-day existence. To the contrary, however, I can assure my readers that to be "in the groove" is an entirely different state of affairs.

However popular rock'n roll becomes, there will still be many people who dislike it, and they are referred to as "squares".

Thus rock'n roll has influenced the English language, but I do not think that anyone need fear that our language will suffer permanently as a result.

OLD CYTRINGANIANS' SECTION

This has been an unusually prolific year in book production. In "The Sleepless Moon", H. E. Bates has returned again to his native district, and many readers will be able to identify the places described. As usual, the novel received enthusiastic notices, and the author's local following is so strong that even now, many months after publication, there is a long waiting list at the public library. Contemporaries will be interested to know that he celebrated his silver wedding anniversary in August.

"Footplate and Signal-Cabin", by Norman Marlow, strikes a new and agreeable note in railway literature. (Foreshadowed long ago by his article in "The Cytringanian" called "The Truth about Train Speeds"). Partly autobiographical, partly technical, it traces the growth of his interest and experience, then proceeds to give an admirably lucid explanation of signalling devices. The general reader must be captured by the grace and charm of the prose—there must be something in a classical education after all—skillfully analysed by Canon Roger Lloyd in a long review (a 'middle', not an ordinary notice) in "The Spectator". It is a new thing for a university lecturer to act as relief signalman, and to spend his off-moments in the cabin reading philosophy, and the approach to the subject is 'romantic', as the reviewer suggests, why not? After all, we have good authority for believing that 'Romance brought up the nine-fifteen.'

Less attractive in theme, yet inspired by humanitarian principles, is "Daughters of Cain," written by Paul Berry in collaboration with Renée Huggett. This tells the story of eight women executed for murder since Edith Thompson in 1923, investigates the conditions in each case, and makes a strong appeal to the social conscience. 'This book is not the story of murder alone, but of the lives, emotions and difficulties of eight women who in the end all suffered the same death.'

M. J. Harker has done a useful piece of work in his "Abridged History of Geddington," a village richer than most in historical associations, and has set an example that might well be followed in every village in the county—for such records still remain the exception rather than the rule. The booklet bears the imprint of the 'Star Inn'—an unusual item of history in itself.

Among the tributes that marked Mr. Godfrey's retirement in July the Overstone dinner ranks high. Few men on the staff can have inspired more affection, for C.W.G. must be written down

as one who loves his fellow men, and this aspect was manifest both in the excellent speeches and the prolonged applause. Mr. Dudley outlined a long career—37 years; David Palmer stressed the liveliness of Mr. Godfrey's teaching, while C. S. Harvey, unwontedly serious, spoke of his remarkable work in wider spheres. The 'ultimate reward of the schoolmaster' of which C.W.G. spoke with deep emotion, was well illustrated by the wide representation present, both in space and time. Two familiar figures reappeared—H. C. Bird, head of the licence department at Northampton, who goes a long way back, and Bert Hodge, now holding a responsible position with the British Tabulating Machine Company of Coventry.

Last summer the Rev. J. L. C. Loake was appointed to the living of Ellon in Aberdeenshire. This is a town of some 3,000, with an Episcopalian element of 120. Though farther than ever removed from the Old Cytringanians, he managed to attend the Annual Dinner. He is working hard in his parish, where he has a large rectory, a fine church, and a salmon river hard by.

Dr. A. H. Halsey, who will be remembered especially by Corby boys, lecturer in economics at Birmingham University, has been granted a year's leave of absence to attend a course at the Centre of Advanced Study in the Behavioural Sciences in California. At a guess, this formidable title indicates a rough equivalent of the L.S.E., where he graduated.

Murray Monk (1928-38), B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., conspicuous for quiet ability in the Sixth Form, is a back-room boy in the B.T.H. Electronics Department. According to a recent scientific publication he was largely responsible for a complicated new 'Automatic co-ordinate setting equipment', with many uses in industry. The machine was first shown at the International Machine Tool Exhibition at Olympia in July.

John Garley has made several appearances at Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre this year. His performances of Rosenkrantz and Launcelot Gobbo earned high praise from dramatic critics.

Both the Tyldesleys of Rothwell were at the Overstone dinner. This provided an opportunity of congratulating 'J.A.' on his recent promotion to deputy engineer of the River Dove Water Board.

Your contributor's overseas Christmas cards included welcome messages from Donald Cross (Lecturer at Mount Allison

University, New Brunswick); Eric Sharpe (a 'pride of lions' from Umtali, where his legal responsibilities now include acting as Commissioner of Oaths); Michael Hillyer (a charming wood engraving of his Nigerian bungalow), and Clifford Ireson from Paris. Denis Lakin, District Officer in Kenya, is on leave at present, and contemplating matrimony. His M.B.E. seems to have escaped notice in "The Cytringanian," and warm, if belated, congratulations are now tendered.

L. J. Bartley, skilfully editing the Bexhill-on-Sea "Observer", seldom fails to contribute an item of interest. Though not strictly concerned with Old Boys, there is a certain relevance in this extract. "As speaker-finder for the Rotary Club here . . . I had the pleasure of getting Alethea Tynan to come and address our Ladies' Lunch on 'Sussex Diaries'. She was then an Extra-Mural Studies tutor at Hastings, but has since moved to Hertfordshire. (Lecturer at Ball's Park Training College. Ed.). She was very good. We had not seen her since we went to Isham to visit J.T., at a guess 18 years ago."

The performance of David Barlow's first symphony by the B.B.C. was mentioned both at Speech Day and at the Dinner. He has modestly concealed the fact that he was the subject of a most complimentary "Profile" in a Northern newspaper, in which full justice was done to his attractive personality and solid achievement.

Another prize-winning epigram from W. A. Payne, this time on the traffic problem:—

Oh tell them passer-by that here doth lie
A reckless don who tried to cross the High,
Who crossed it not, and yet who must abide
For evermore upon the OTHER SIDE.

No doubt the joint debate with the School will be reported elsewhere in this issue, hence only a note here. The attendance was frankly disappointing—a total of some twenty-five, of whom five were members of the staff, gave little encouragement either to promoters or speakers. Of the latter the School representatives, Coles and Slough, put up a good show against more mature opponents, while the Old Boys exemplified two widely different schools of oratory. Wray spoke with the ease acquired on many political platforms, and without marshalling many arguments, while David Palmer brought up heavier artillery in considering the ethical implications of the subject.

Congratulations to M. R. Walker and J. B. Hammond, both with Leslie Smith, who have recently passed the Finals of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

C. C. Hebron has now taken up his post as Education Officer in Nigeria. His department is concerned with publications, and one of his duties is the editing of a magazine for teachers—just the assignment for a former editor of "Modern Times".

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956.

A memorable occasion in the Association's current year has been the dinner and presentation held at the Overstone Country Club to mark the retirement of Mr. Godfrey. For many years Mr. Godfrey has been a staunch and active member of the Association and was its President in 1944. It was therefore with marked gratitude that we offered him our heartiest wishes for a long and happy retirement.

The three dances held throughout the year have again proved a social success. However, the committee has noticed with some anxiety that the number of guests attending has decreased slightly as compared with other years. It has therefore been decided, in order to encourage the younger members to attend, to reduce the price of all tickets sold to Old Boys of under 21 years of age. The success of this concession was shown by the large numbers of these present at the New Year's Eve dance. All members interested in future dances may obtain invitations upon request to the secretaries.

After considering suggestions for extending the activities of the Association, the committee has made arrangements to hold a debate with the school on January 15th. It is hoped that this function will become a regular event on the calendar.

A proposal by the Hygram Players to form a new class of associate membership has been approved by the committee, who welcomed this suggestion. Members of the Sixth Forms of both schools are now eligible.

This year the Senior and Junior Old Boys' Prizes have been awarded to P. E. Vendy and J. A. P. Larcombe respectively.

Membership figures this year show 20 life and 16 annual members, while 6 have paid a second subscription. The Secretaries.

HYGRAM PLAYERS, 1956.

The Hygram Players are able to report another very successful year. The society had its most successful ever entry in the British Drama League one act play festival when, for the first

time, the Area Final was reached. It was fitting that Mr. C. W. Godfrey, who has produced so many festival entries in the past should be the successful producer on this occasion. It was also fitting that B. A. E. Brading, a stalwart throughout the life of the society, should be one of the cast; and during his year of office as President of the Old Cytringanians. The play was "The Lovers of Madame Dulapin", by Yves Cabrol. It was initially played in the Northamptonshire one act play festival at Northampton in March and was placed first out of eighteen entries. It was then played in the Divisional Final at Abingdon on May 5th against four other winners from Oxfordshire and Middlesex and was again adjudged the winner. This was the fourth time the Hygrams had appeared in a Divisional Final, but the first time they had won there. The play thus appeared in the Eastern Area Final at the Scala Theatre, London, on Monday, May 28th. Whilst the team failed to win this round their achievement may be measured by the fact that they were one of the four teams out of over 220 entries to reach this stage. Mr. Godfrey, in July, received a presentation from the members to mark his retirement from the staff of the School, although this, happily, has in no way reduced his Hygram activities.

The society must also be most grateful to Evan Roberts, who worked tremendously during the year, producing three full length plays and a one act play. In February Congreve's Classic comedy "The Way of the World", was presented in the School Hall. This play has a reputation for being difficult to bring to life on the stage, but pace, attack and judicious "cuts" completely disarmed this fear. The one act play, which was also played in the festival at Northampton, was a piece of experimental theatre "The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden" by Thornton Wilder. As Evan Roberts was working with a "B" team, the final placing of 5th out of 18 could be regarded as creditable.

There was another open air Shakespeare production in the summer when "The Merry Wives of Windsor" was played for four nights in July in the grounds of St. Peter's School. Unfortunately the weather was not so kind as in the previous year and on the last night rain prevented an open air performance. However, it proved possible to play on that night in the hall of the Henry Gotch School and thus keep faith with ticket holders. Some senior boys of the school took part in this play, by invitation, and it is hoped that such invitations, extended from time to time, may eventually bring in new members.

The choice for the Autumn production, held in the School Hall in October, was "Misalliance" by G. B. Shaw. This play,

produced in Shaw's centenary year, is one of the author's earlier works and one which is seldom performed. It proved, however, to be lively and amusing and well worth doing. Throughout the year Evan Roberts' productions were all imaginative yet painstaking, and of a uniformly high standard.

During the year two other performances took place; the one act plays were presented at Rothwell during April, and "Misalliance" at Oundle in November. This latter performance was extremely well received. There was another summer visit to Stratford-on-Avon, when the play seen was "Othello".

The number of members remains roughly unaltered, but this is due more to the old hands keeping on rather than any great influx of new recruits. The Hygrams do most cordially invite all Old Cytringanians in any way interested in the theatre to join them, and share the very real satisfaction that comes from taking part in a worth while piece of drama. New members interested in backstage work would be especially welcome.

Derek Gray, Hon. Sec.,
292, Bath Rd., Kettering.

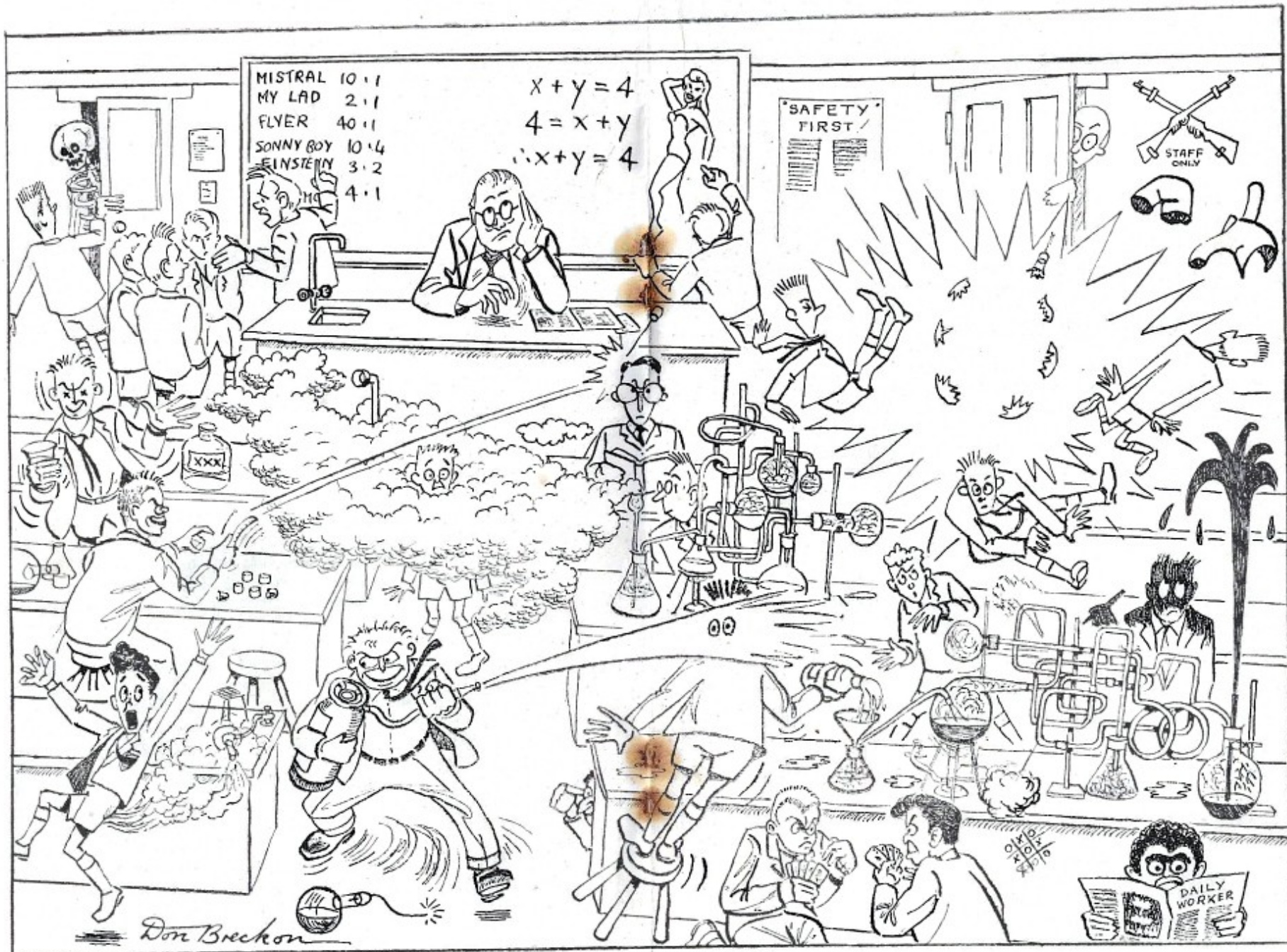
HYGRAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB, 1956.

The Hygram Table Tennis Club has enjoyed another year of normal activities. During the 1955-56 season a team was entered in the first division of the Desborough and District Table Tennis League which played 16 matches, of which 4 were won, 1 drawn and 11 lost. Club singles tournaments were again held, the winners being: Men's—J. D. R. Martin; Ladies—Miss G. Francis. This season a team is again competing in the league and to the end of the year 8 matches had been played, 2 won and 6 lost. Three friendlies had also been played, 2 won and 1 lost.

The club suffered a heavy loss in February when Ivor Freeman, captain and number one player for seven years, had to resign on taking up a new appointment in Lincolnshire. He had also given valuable service for several years as secretary of the Northamptonshire Table Tennis Association.

Meetings continue to be held in the School Hall, where playing conditions are very good, during the winter terms on most Monday and certain Wednesday evenings. The club needs more members and extends a most cordial invitation to all Old Cytringanians whatever their standard of play. The annual subscription remains at 5/- only, and the secretary will be pleased to forward the dates of meetings on request.

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THIS AGE OF SCIENCE.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

In spite of petrol rationing the 39th Annual Dinner showed little falling-off in attendance, though one notable, and regretted, casualty in this respect was 'Phip' Coles of Peterborough. On the other hand, J. L. C. Loake probably established a new record by travelling from Ellon in Aberdeenshire.

It is impossible to do justice to the speeches in a brief notice. The new President, H. J. Miller, replying to J. M. Harker, spoke with a quiet fluency and pleasant wit on topics ranging from the troubled waters of local professional football to the need for improved sanitation on the school playing field. Tony Ireson, county historian, entrusted with the toast of 'The School', made a first and memorable appearance. His theme fell into three parts—the amusing eccentricities of headmasters in the early days of the foundation, a skilful and affectionate evocation of his own school-days—in which every turn of phrase betrayed the practised writer and maintained a skilful balance between grave and gay—and finally a strong plea for a broad outlook in education. The Head Boy, D. Baxter, gave a capable and uncommonly well-delivered resumé of the year's activities, leaving the Headmaster to survey the varied distinctions of Old Boys.

Mr. Godfrey, in fine fettle as Toastmaster, would not have disgraced a Guildhall banquet, while Donald Hopkins entertained with some accomplished conjuring and an engaging self-deprecating flow of patter. Other highlights, in no particular order, were the Past President's gift of "The Oxford Companion to Music" to the school library; the presence of a Rucker international, and two unprecedented father-and-son pairs—President H. J. Miller and his father (of the old Grammar School), and the Rev. David Loake and his father, the Rev. J. L. C. Loake. There was also some talk about an odd uncle-nephew relationship between the two Harkers—but that needs a genealogical table.

E.E.K.

THE OLD CYTRINGANIANS' CRICKET CLUB.

The past season must surely rank as the most difficult and disappointing in the history of the Club. The primary cause was the bad weather. Also, the administration did not run as smoothly as in former years, although it must be remembered that it is twice as difficult to organize a cricket team in a wet summer as in

a dry one. Finally there was not the same keen response by playing members, and too often vital players were not available for selection. The difficulties encountered were brought to a head when a Special General Meeting was called just before the end of the season. The continuance of the club in its present form was at stake, and it is pleasant to record that everyone agreed that we should carry on.

In view of the lack of continuity in team selection, forced on us by the non-availability of so many players, it is not surprising that the club record is unimpressive. Only 13 half-day matches were played, of which 4 were won, 6 lost, and the remainder drawn. The club was beaten by Kettering Town in the first round of the K.O. Cup, and, although this was no disgrace, a good run in the competition might have revived some flagging interest. Later in the season, the club did have one notable triumph in winning the Kettering Carnival's Six-a-Side competition, and so became the first winners of a cup which is to be competed for annually. The Clacton match also very nearly became a famous victory, but the home side just managed to scrape a draw. So even in a poor season there were some very good days.

Since team selection was of necessity the overwhelming demand of getting eleven players together, it follows that a well-balance side was rarely available. As last year's captain I would say that the bowling was generally adequate and not a lot of runs were given away. This was just as well, since the batting was unreliable; although W. Kelland, H. Perkins and H. J. Miller all averaged about 20 runs an innings. D. R. Green took 17 wickets at 6.41, topped the bowling averages and so won the Holmes Cup for the third time. (In its nine-year history, no other player has won it more than once).

As far as the future is concerned the next season must prove the testing one—a challenge to see that last season's stresses and strains are not repeated. Petrol rationing is obviously going to bring another problem. In conclusion, I think it is clear that the club will need the practical help and goodwill of every member and friend to carry on efficiently and enjoyably.

D. W. Smith, Hon. General Secretary,
167, Station Road, Burton Latimer.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

THE CAMERA CLUB.

Now that we are firmly entrenched in the new laboratories, we are appreciating the numerous advantages possessed by the new darkroom over the sickroom in the old building. There are at the moment about fifteen members, new members being required especially from the lower and middle school. Meetings are held twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays.

It is hoped to start shortly a scheme whereby any boy of the school will be able to have his portrait taken at a fee very much less than that usually charged. Details will be announced in due course. In the summer term, if enough entries are submitted, it is hoped to hold an exhibition.

S. H. Perry, 6.Sc.B.; P. Higham, 6.Sc.A.
(Secretaries).

THE CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club continues to meet at 4 o'clock on Mondays in Room 3. The membership is steadily increasing, totalling at the moment twenty-five members, new members being always welcomed from the whole school.

The annual Knock-out Competition was won last year by Lamont, after a close game in the final with Smith. In the 'Ladder' Competition, the top half-dozen boys are continuously jostling for higher honours, producing at times a high standard of play. At the moment, Coles is leading the field, closely pursued by Chamberlain and Parker.

P. Higham, 6.Sc.A.

CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

The Society has had a very successful year, two quarter peals, both of Doubles, having been rung. The first quarter peal was achieved at Dingley and the other at Stanwick.

Those concerned in these two quarter peals were P. G. K. Davies, D. Baxter, D. W. James, R. J. Coles, F. E. Crosier, A. D. Sansom and B. Hendry.

Ringling meetings have been held at Great Addington, Isham, Woodford, Thrapston and Rushton. Two "tower grabs" were successfully arranged and nineteen towers were visited in all. Our "grab" arranged at the end of the Summer Term, although started in a heavy downpour, was eminently successful in the number of towers visited.

At the end of the Summer Term we were unfortunate in losing the services of our Secretary, P. G. K. Davies, and of our Ringing Master, D. James. We also lost A. J. Frost, C. R. Baxter and F. E. Crosier.

It is much to be regretted that at the present moment the Society is not able to undertake the teaching of the Art to would-be ringers. If those wishing to learn would make arrangements with their local team of ringers to teach them the elements of handling a bell, they will then be very welcome at meetings of the Society—we are in great need of new members to carry on the work.

M. York, 4.M. (Secretary).

FISHING CLUB.

The Club held three matches during the Autumn Term at Denford, Twywell Rudd Pond, and Woodford. The first was particularly well attended for eighteen members competed. We also had an outing to Wellingborough Gravel Pits when, in spite of a howling gale, nine members turned out. G. Butlin distinguished himself on this occasion by catching a 1½lb. pike by accident.

Catches have been fairly good in weight, though no large fish have been taken. G. N. Hickman's 1lb. 4 ozs. at Denford, mostly gudgeon, was top weight for the term during a match.

During the Spring Term we are planning to hold three fishing meetings; but we shall have to abandon the idea of weighing in at the end and of car rides home, because of Mr. Gladden's petrol ration.

Thanks are due to the Kettering and Wellingborough Fishing Clubs for allowing us the free use of their water.

Officers for the Autumn Term were: Secretary, B. J. Elvin; Treasurer, G. N. Hickman.

THE JAZZ CLUB.

This term has seen the resurrection of the School Jazz Club. A similar club was begun several years ago but faded out after a very short life. So far two meetings have been held with very encouraging results. Attendances have been high and it is hoped that this interest can be maintained. The intention of the Club is to cater for all tastes in the 'Jazz' field, and the success or failure of the project depends on the support given by members of the school, at all levels.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Junior Debating Society has, during the past year, held twelve meetings, of which six were in the Autumn Term and six in the Spring. Attendances have on the whole been good, and reached a maximum of twenty-seven on one occasion.

The committee wishes to thank Mr. Taylor for his very enjoyable film show which he gave on the twelfth of November last, the films being "Rhythm of the Rails" and "Our Rival World". This proved a huge success and we all hope he will come again.

Several new members have joined during the past year and we hope that many more will come forward to attend the debates which are held in the School Library on alternate Mondays.

J. Harker, 2.P. (Secretary).

THE LIBRARY.

The Library begins the new session without the services of two of last year's able officials, D. Bryn Williams and P. G. K. Davies, but new officials have been appointed and the service is functioning smoothly under the firm guidance of Mr. Bishop.

A notable acquisition to the Library shelves this year has been the new Dictionary of National Biography, whose volumes are now available for reference. Also worthy of note, is the gift of two books from the Old Cytringanians' Cricket Club—"Defending the Ashes" written by B. Harris, and "Cricket" by Trevor Bailey. These books were presented in acknowledgment of playing facilities accorded to the club at the School field during last season, and for this reciprocal gesture we in turn express our sincere thanks.

Any members of the senior school who are due to leave during this year, and who are still undecided as to their future career, are reminded that there is a comprehensive range of reference material, provided through the good offices of Mr. Horton.

On the whole, borrowers have kept faith with the Library rules during the present session, and books have usually been returned within the stipulated period. There have, however, been a few disturbing exceptions, and it is desirable that this tendency amongst a few individuals, to let the renewal of books lapse, should be corrected as the year goes on.

It has been pleasing to note that present members of the first and second forms have made greater use of the Library facilities than some of their predecessors, and it is to be hoped that this interest will extend to more members of the middle school.

K. W. Loveday,
Assistant Deputy Librarian.

LITERARY, DRAMATIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Society enjoyed on the whole a successful year, with a visit to the Discussion Group at Corby in November as its highlight. During the two terms—Spring and Autumn—in which the Society was active, the subjects debated ranged from the United Nations to the School Play; and there were, too, meetings to justify the full title of the Society, viz., a reading of André Obey's play "Noah", in March, and some Literary Readings in October.

One of the best evenings, however, was provided by a Brains Trust, because it drew a verbal response from almost every member present when questions were thrown open to the House, and this made a welcome change from the usual ritual (at least at meetings in the early part of the year), when silence was the golden rule from the floor of the House when the main speakers had had their say. The reason for this must have been shyness, for the situation has now improved considerably as the regular thirty or so attenders have become accustomed to each other, and the speeches are beginning to flow. There is every prospect that this progress will continue, since it is the Lower Sixth from whom most of the speakers have latterly been drawn, and there is some promise in the present fifth forms.

The debate at Corby, on the motion "That the modern girl is an improvement on her predecessors" (which was defeated by only two votes!) was one of the most enjoyable meetings between our two societies that has yet taken place.

A long-overdue innovation into the Society's programme was made at the beginning of this term, when a joint debate with the Old Boys was held at their suggestion. The main result of this meeting was to make us all wonder why it had never been thought of before. At all events, it is now hoped to make it a frequent occurrence, and it will surely do much to strengthen the ties between the School and the Old Boys' Society.

In conclusion must be mentioned the admirable way in which the new Chairman, A. D. Morrison, has filled his role, and once again the Society's best thanks are due to Mr. Woodward for his constant work both behind and in front of the scenes.

N. C. Sharman, 6.Mod.B. (Secretary).

THE MADRIGAL GROUP.

This society has so far not been a signal success. Funds restrict our repertoire at present, but we hope over the years to build up a useful library of music.

Our intention is to kindle an interest among the senior boys (and girls of the High School) for works of the Golden Age of English music, and we should like to see more enthusiasm from the fifth and sixth forms to make use of this opportunity.

THE MODEL AEROPLANE CLUB.

The meetings which have been held since the beginning of the Autumn Term, have consisted mainly of "Round the Pole" meetings and "Quizzes".

One certain boy brought a "jetex" powered model aircraft, but, very sadly, in the middle of its flight, it turned a somersault and broke into two pieces!

The enthusiasts still are mainly of the lower forms, but there are one or two of the 3rd and 4th forms.

The record time still remains at 59 seconds, but we hope somebody will produce an aeroplane to break it, before the end of 1957.

We still welcome new enthusiasts, those especially with planes.

A. W. Stanton, 2.Q. (Secretary).

MUSIC SOCIETY.

During the past year the attendances at our meetings have increased. The programmes have been of a varied nature, although record programmes predominated.

Three talks on famous composers were given in the course of the year. Mr. S. Thorne made a welcome return to give two talks. The first, in the spring, was on the Music of Bach, the other was on that great master, Beethoven. The third talk was given by Mr. G. Perry to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of Mozart's birth.

A joint meeting with the Literary and Debating Society was held in the Autumn Term. This brought the best attendance of the year. The motion discussed was "The Relative merits of Classical and Jazz music", and on this controversial subject many views were expressed. Also during this term, the new boys gave a concert which showed great promise of musical talent.

In October an orchestra was formed by members of both schools. Within six weeks of its formation, it took part in a very enjoyable concert to end the term's activities.

M. Haines, VI.Sc.B.

THE RAILWAY CLUB.

The Railway Club has been very active during the past year. At the beginning of the year, the membership was approximately twenty; we now have about forty members.

The meetings are held every fortnight with the exception of the Summer Term, when no meetings are held (to allow more time for spotting and "swotting" for the examinations).

The activities of the club in the Spring Term included some talks and a quiz. Of the talks, one was given by P. E. Vandy on the British Railways' modernization plans, and another was given by Mr. Barnes, the stationmaster at Kettering. At another meeting members related their experiences.

During the Summer Term we had our annual outing and this year we visited London. We travelled to London by coach and visited six locomotive sheds: Devons Road, Stratford, Plaistow, King's Cross, Nine Elms and Stewarts Lane—the same sheds which we visited in 1954, with the exception of King's Cross. We owe the success of this outing to our president, Mr. Woodward, who organised it so capably.

The meetings of the Autumn Term consisted of a talk given by Mr. Hope, a British Railways fireman, who spoke to us about the steam engine. The other meetings were a team quiz, a pictorial quiz, a brains trust, and, at the last meeting of term, two films on loan from the British Transport Commission were shown.

Altogether, the club is flourishing and there is every indication of a successful year ahead.

J. V. Stanley, 5.Sc.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP, 1956.

The Religious Discussion Group has again had a highly successful year. The average attendance has been 34 members, an excellent number considering meetings are only open to fifth and sixth formers.

Many varied and interesting speakers have addressed the Society (a tribute to the energetic work of Mr. Young). Among the speakers were Rev. Hayes from Desborough, Rev. F. B. Roberts, Rev. Hume from Corby, Mr. Bond from "The Student Christian Movement," Mr. Thompson and Rev. Duplock.

During the course of the year it was decided against joining "The Student Christian Movement".

We look forward to 1957 with the new speakers, new problems, new discussions, and new members it will no doubt bring.

B. J. Slough, 6.B.Mod.

SCHOOL SAVINGS GROUP.

Savings through the School National Savings Group now exceed £3,900.

I would urge more juniors to take advantage of the group facilities, and make good the losses due to school leavers.

R.S.

REPORTS

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.

12th December, 1956.

The babble of voices dies away as Mr. Wood signals the entry of the distinguished guests. Two stately processions move down the aisle to the red-carpeted stage with its twenty-four ticketed chairs and its book-piled table. This is perhaps the most dramatic moment in the proceedings. The two columns, headed the one by the Mayor and the Headmaster, the other by the Chairman of the Governors and the Bishop of Peterborough, safely mount the stairs and find their places. We resume our seats and the Chairman, Alderman Mrs. Clarke, bids us welcome.

She referred to the difficulties the school was undergoing by having to work in two parts, even foreseeing a day when the staff of each might be only on bowing acquaintance. She offered thanks to the Headmaster and staff for their work inside and outside school, and to the parents for their co-operation. The exceptional warmth of the day did not deter her from telling the following story prepared in anticipation of wintry December. A school-girl's essay read: "In winter it is very cold. Many old people die in winter. Many birds also go to a warmer climate."

The Headmaster began his Sixth Report by thanking the Savoy Theatre authorities for the free use of the building. The money saved was to be set aside for prizes for University students. The school had every reason to be proud of its academic successes. Twenty-one awards to University included four State Scholarships and seventeen County Major Grants. At Ordinary Level ninety candidates averaged almost six passes each. Woodwork was proving a popular addition to the curriculum. Open Day at the new laboratories was very successful. Reference was made to the pleasing Sports results, to School Societies, School outings, the play, and the retirement of Mr. Godfrey.

The Headmaster turned next to the achievements of Old Boys. He reported a steady growth of interest in the Old Boys' Society, whose President, Mr. Brading, was present on the platform. Old Boys were taking leading places in public life, in business, the professions, the Forces, and in Sport. He concluded by exhorting present scholars to follow their example.

The Prizes and Certificates were presented by the Bishop of Peterborough. A pleasant interlude of songs followed. Sixth Form voices provided a deep background to the high, fresh, voices

of the Second Year boys. The blending was admirable. M. J. D. Bell, of the Fourth Year, accompanied like an expert, while Mr. Smith compelled them onwards with lift of eyebrow, wide arm embrace, smile and frown.

The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Rev. R. W. Stopford, M.A., rose to address the assembly. He began by saying how much more interesting other people's books seemed than one's own. He would have enjoyed reading many of the prizes he had just presented.

His talk consisted of three topics each beginning with the letter I. The first was Industry. The older he grew the more reactionary he became in educational matters. Boys do not just grow in knowledge. They need pushing. Nothing in life can be "fine" all the time. In a recent visit to Moscow he had been impressed by the industry and efficiency of the students there. But he had been shocked to find that whereas they answered all his questions intelligently and freely, they themselves never asked a single question.

This led to the next topic, Inquiry. We must take nothing for granted. A spirit of independent judgment is necessary in a responsible citizen. This must be cultivated at school.

The final section of his talk concerned Integrity in speech and action. The world needs men and women who will think what they say and say the whole of what they think. In science "cooked" results are useless. In History, truth must be pursued till firm ground reached. In Woodwork, a joint fits or it does not fit. The next generation must surpass the present in this quality of integrity.

The Bishop closed with an appeal to parents not to divert their sons from going out after adventure. Do not discourage them if the jobs they choose lack security and contain danger. Let them be themselves. There is a desperate need for the best brains to go and help the undeveloped parts of the world.

It was a good speech, audible, interesting, and apt. We will hear few better.

The usual votes of thanks completed the proceedings. That of David Baxter, Head Boy, addressed to the Headmaster and Staff, deserves comment. It was choicely phrased and delivered with confidence.

There but remained to sing the National Anthem and make our way home.

KING HENRY VIII.
Nov. 27th—Dec. 1st, 1956.

For the traditional Shakespearean production in 1956, Mr. Bishop chose what is perhaps the most difficult of all the historical plays. "King Henry VIII" is offered to its audiences by the Prologue almost apologetically. Incidentally the printed programme on this occasion made no mention of the author; perhaps the producer shares the doubts of many scholars as to whether the play can be rightly or exclusively attributed to Shakespeare. To the present writer at least it seems uneven and untidy, with defects of construction and characterisation which the most skilful production is powerless to conceal.

An essential feature of such a chronicle is its background of pageantry, and clearly on a restricted stage the producer's difficulty in getting this across to his audience is greatly increased. In what is inevitably to a considerable extent a spectacle for the eye, much must depend on setting, costumes, movement and grouping. With the assistance of Mr. Mandale and a group of boys who worked hard for many weeks, Mr. Ward provided a skilful set of his own design which served admirably the special needs of the production. The hiring of costumes tends to be something of a gamble, but in this case they turned out to be most pleasing. And to complete the stage-picture, the large cast was handled by Mr. Bishop and his assistant producer, Mr. Roberts, in a way that was always effective and on occasions extremely striking, particularly good use being made of the centre aisle of the hall for two dramatic exits and for the entrance of the procession in Act V.

Of the three tragic figures of the play, Wolsey provides much the most complex character-study, with its blend of shrewd cunning, worldiness, and piety. Skillman gave a most creditable performance of this exacting part, speaking the verse well and conveying with special success the Cardinal's malice. If he was less convincing in his fall from grace, one feels the responsibility lies partly with the author, for the pathos of Act III seems to receive insufficient preparation to make it ring true. As Katharine, Anita McGlone showed well the mingled pride and humility of this "queen of earthly queens". She was at her best at her trial and in the short scene with the two cardinals, her pleasing voice catching the rhythm and harmony of some of the play's most noble verse. In this same vein of nobility the character of Buckingham provided Coles with an opportunity which he was quick to seize.

Clearly the dramatic unity of the piece is dependent on the King. Slough looked the part remarkably well and had some

good moments, notably in his final scene with Wolsey, though he found understandable difficulty at times in commanding the proper air of royal authority in his speech. As Cranmer, Chambers did not miss the chance afforded to him by the famous prophecy of Act V, which he delivered with becoming eloquence. Pentlow gave a convincing little character-study of Cardinal Campeius. Among the Gentlemen, Lamont appeared to relish most the atmosphere of court intrigue, and Abbott seemed very much at home in the part of Norfolk. As the Lord Chamberlain, Cooke was well made-up and caught well the spirit of fussy authority, while others who gave good support were Lamb, Sharman, Collins, Johnson and Addis.

One notable contribution from the High School has already been mentioned: two others remain to be recorded. As Anne Bullen, Margaret Grindrod struck the right note of shy humility, while Janet Styles gave the play a good send-off with her clearly-spoken Prologue and also made two brief appearances as the Old Lady. In spite of the Prologue's injunction to her audience to "be sad", the producer was obviously at pains to emphasize such light relief as could be found in a somewhat sombre chronicle. In this connection Groome, as Wolsey's secretary, and the three somnolent prelates (Austin, Marshall and Patrick) all had their parts to play, while the maskers' scene in Act I, with its dancing and merriment, was impressively light-hearted and gay.

As always, Mr. Ashby and his assistants (this time Arden and Howlett) worked tirelessly to produce lighting effects that were often excellent, though one wonders if the producer's sepulchral gloom in certain scenes was really necessary. Of his choice of background music one has no criticism, and indeed it was a happy inspiration to include, amongst passages from the works of William Walton and Malcolm Arnold, part of a special recording of David Barlow's symphony. It seemed a pity that the song "Orpheus with his lute" had to be cut, but by way of compensation we had in Act V some impressive singing from a small choir of boys, to a recorded organ accompaniment by Mr. Wilson, who was responsible for their training. One unexpected addition to the cast was a real live Princess Elizabeth, "richly habited", in the person of Master Piers Bishop, making a first appearance at a very tender age.

An unsatisfactory play, perhaps, but looking back on the performance one cannot but admire the tremendous zest with which all who contributed to an ambitious production worked for its success. Some have perforce not been named in this record, but their share in the final outcome, whether as actors and actresses,

or as members of that indefatigable back-stage army, is none the less worthy. And that the final outcome was indeed success, the box-office figures (for four performances instead of the usual three) and the attentive and appreciative audiences plainly showed.

THE FRENCH TOUR—EASTER, 1956.

Monday, the 9th of April, was an eagerly-awaited day for 20 boys of the school who were going to France under the leadership of Messrs. Young and Lindley. The day before had been rather stormy—in fact gale warnings had been given out over the radio for some sea areas—so we had every possibility of a rough channel crossing. However, on Monday morning the anxieties of the poorer travellers were quickly dispelled for, on arrival at Newhaven we found the sea as calm as it possibly could be. The actual crossing took just over 3 hours and we were soon speeding on our way between Dieppe and Paris on a somewhat noisy French train.

On arrival in Paris, we were driven in an ancient bus straight to our hotel and from there we walked to the Cité-Club Universitaire, where we were to take all our meals except breakfast.

Tuesday morning was spent in Montmartre under the guidance of a French student. There we visited first a wax-works in which scenes representing the political and historical life of France were depicted, and then the famous church of Sacré-Cœur, which stands at the top of the hill of Montmartre. On Tuesday afternoon we were free to do what we liked, so the majority of us walked to the Eiffel Tower, but on finding it cost 8/- to get to the top by lift, most of us walked either to the first or to the second stage. Those who did go to the top said the view was magnificent—perhaps even worth 8/-.

On Wednesday morning we went to various points of interest by coach and we were astonished—and pleased—to find that we were accompanied by 14 girls from a Liverpool College. We visited the Arc de Triomphe and the Tomb of Napoleon. Wednesday afternoon was wholly taken up by a visit to the Louvre, where we were shown round by an extremely loquacious French guide, who told us, speaking in perfect English, the history of the more notable pictures and artists. In the evening we had our first experiences of a French theatre at the Comédie Française, where we saw Molière's "Tartuffe". Our only criticism of this otherwise excellent production was that the theatre was uncomfortably hot.

The weather of these three days had been perfect, but on Thursday morning we awoke to a rather cloudy and showery day. After an early lunch we left Paris from the Gare d'Austerlitz and travelled to Tours—a town in the Loire Valley about 140 miles from Paris—where we were to spend the next few days of our stay in France.

On Friday morning we were shown round the older parts of Tours, including the Cathedral and the Prefecture; in the afternoon we went on a coach tour of the surrounding district and visited three of the local châteaux—Langeais, Azay le Rideau and Villandry. Villandry is one of the few châteaux which is still lived in and so we were allowed to see only the gardens, which were beautifully laid out.

The whole of Saturday was spent in taking another coach trip. Before lunch we visited the châteaux of Chaumont and Blois and after lunch the châteaux of Chambord and Cheverny. At Chambord we were surprised to learn that the bare patches on the lawns had been caused by boar, which apparently still roam wild in some parts of France. Cheverny was another of the inhabited châteaux and it proved to be the most richly furnished and the most richly decorated. This 100-mile trip had taken us through some of the most beautiful scenery in France. The river Loire and its enchanting châteaux are sights we shall always remember.

Our last day, Sunday, saw us back in Paris again. We visited the famous cathedral of Notre-Dame, which stands on L'île de la Cité in the centre of the River Seine. We also looked round the former prison La Conciergerie, and the famous church of Saint Chapelle, with its beautiful stained-glass windows.

The following day we returned home, arriving in Kettering at about 9 o'clock, after a memorable holiday. We are all greatly indebted to Mr. Lindley and to Mr. Young, who put in so much work arranging this trip.

Robert C. King, 6.M.A.

CARILLONS, CANALS AND COBBLES !

Towards seven in the evening of Monday, 21st May, 1956, a party of twelve sixth-formers under the leadership of Mr. Perry, arrived in a rather foot-weary condition on the station at Bruges, after having made a pleasant, if rather tiring, journey from Kettering, via Dover and Ostend. On reaching the Belgian coast, we had spent a short time looking at the sights of the port, and getting our first introduction to the hard cobbles of which we were to see so much during the next six days.

Now, in Bruges, the first task was to find the Youth Hostel (The "Jan Breydel"), at which we were to spend the first two nights of our holiday. Although this was really not a great distance from the station, the streets along which we had to go seemed endless. When we finally arrived there, we made ourselves at home and prepared to attack a hearty Belgian evening meal. Our hopes were not disappointed! Although not elaborate, it by no means lacked quantity, and gave us ample energy with which to spend the evening exploring the town. The following morning, after breakfast and chores, the sight-seeing began in earnest.

We soon found our first port of call, the Van Eyck Plaats, or rather we were drawn to it by the powerful odour of the stagnant waters in the nearby canals. After hastily viewing the statue of Van Eyck (the painter), and taking photographs of the reflections in the canal, we beat a hurried retreat to the more pleasantly scented parts of the town (after having passed the Fish Market on the way!). As a result of this we were soon gratefully inhaling the clean fresh air at the top of the Belfry dominating the centre of the town. At hourly intervals a carillon of bells plays the "Marche Militaire", and we were extremely interested to watch the intricate mechanism controlling the 47 bells, as it carried out its allotted task. To gain the height of the Belfry we had been obliged to climb our first set of spiral steps, and these, like the cobbles, were to become increasingly familiar to us as the days went by. In this case there were only 402 steps and although we began the ascent in a sprightly manner we soon learned to treat them with respect, and accordingly we tackled all other belfries with the dogged persistence which they required. The effort was however, always worthwhile, for we were usually rewarded with a fine panoramic view of the surrounding city.

After we had descended to "terra firma" we made our way to the 'Chapel of the Holy Blood', where the "blood of Christ" is kept. The atmosphere was one of deep reverence and dignity, and, very impressed, we proceeded to the Chapel museum, which contains several renowned paintings by the Flemish artist Rubens. From here we walked to the 'Ghent Gate', a relic of the medieval city, and then we strolled along the ancient ramparts until we came to the 'Minnewater,' ("Lake of Love") where, according to legend, two lovers drowned themselves.

Moving on from here we came to one of the most beautiful spots of the city—the Beguinage, with its grassy banks, leafy trees and snow-white swans (the pride of the town), gliding through the cool waters, bordered by picturesque medieval buildings. We each spent the afternoon according to our individual tastes, and

then we passed the evening exploring the town again and admiring the really effective illuminations which added a further air of magic to the already enchanting scene.

Next morning we caught a fast train to Ghent, where we were to spend one night in the comparatively luxurious Hostel which was formerly a monastery. Visiting St. Bavo's Cathedral later in the day, we were able to see the wonderful masterpiece of the Van Eyck brothers—"Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" (1432). Outside the cathedral could be seen the magnificent statue raised to the memory of these two great artists. After taking photographs of the members of the party in and around a huge cannon (17ft. long), known as 'Mad Meg', we visited the Castle of the Counts of Flanders, where many ingenious instruments of torture were displayed. We then left the gloomy atmosphere of the stronghold and walked along the 'Graslei'—a road at the side of one of the numerous canals—gazing at the interesting late Gothic houses built around 1531, which line the opposite bank. Having crossed the canal by St. Michael's Bridge (known for its statue of St. Michael fighting the dragon) we visited the Belfry which stands in the main square and faces the Cathedral of St. Bavo. Within the tower we saw an extremely interesting example of one of the earliest pendulum clocks ever constructed. Having completed our sight-seeing for the day, we spent the night at the Hostel, and were awakened the following morning by the incessant tolling of the monastery bell (or, as one newly awakened member of the party so graphically described it, a monk "on jankers"!).

We continued our travels and proceeded to Brussels, arriving at the Gare du Midi at noon. The first place we visited was the Cathedral of St. Gudule, which is renowned for its beautiful stained-glass windows and contains many paintings by well-known artists. Then, after leaving the noise of the sultry streets we entered the peace and cool of the 'Parc de Bruxelles', and peered through railings at the Royal Palace.

Next, after seeing the world-famous statue of 'Manneken-Pis', we proceeded to the Town Hall. Unfortunately, there had been a small fire in the base of the slender spire, which crowns the building, and so we had to return the following day before we were able to climb to the top, but we were allowed to visit the rest of the building with its many finely-decorated state-rooms. In the square in which the Hall stands are several very good examples of medieval Guild houses, all with intricately carved façades on which attempts have been made to depict the particular trade for

which each house stood. For instance, the house belonging to the ship-builders' guild was carved in the shape of a ship's stern.

After the evening meal at the Hostel, we passed our time wandering around the city, and the next morning we caught a train to Antwerp, where one of the main points of interest was a visit to the topmost floor of a modern skyscraper. In contrast to this, we next saw a very finely sculptured fountain in the older part of the city, representing a legendary giant who once lived near the River Scheldt. In further contrast we walked beneath the river in a tunnel over a $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile long. A visit to the cathedral completed this short but interesting excursion, and we returned by an evening train to spend the last night of our holiday back in Brussels.

So, the next morning, loaded down with souvenirs, we sadly bade 'farewell' to the 'land of cobbles and canals' (as we came to call it), and began the long homeward journey. Even now, however, we found added interest, for the sea was quite rough, and instead of crossing the Channel by the shortest route, the ship went past Dunkirk to Cap Gris Nez, keeping, all the time, within sight of the French coast, before proceeding to Dover.

And so right to the end the trip was interesting and full of enjoyment to all concerned, with the result that we were all extremely grateful to Mr. Perry for his efficient organisation which had produced such a pleasing and successful trip.

Finally, we would like to wish every success to his trip to the Netherlands which is to take place at Easter, 1957, and those of us who hope to accompany him again are sure that we shall find it very worthwhile.

D. R. Arden, J. R. Kemp, J. R. Kilborn, 6.Mod.A.

THE OPENING OF THE PITSFORD RESERVOIR.

It was a cold, windy morning late in October, 1956, when ten members of the school were picked up by a coach, to be taken with other schoolchildren from the town to an historic occasion in the County: the opening of the Pitsford Reservoir by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

The coach approached its destination along the Market Harborough—Northampton main road, and, looking down to our left, we could see the great expanse of water, with a dam at each end, lying in the valley. We turned off the main road and drew up in the coach park.

It was 11 o'clock when we were shown to our seats, which were wet bales of straw in the open, but we had to make the best

of them. We had our backs to the water and the dam; facing us was the stand reserved for V.I.P.s, and to our right was another stand. Gaily coloured yachts were sailing on the water which, because of the wind, was quite rough.

At last, Her Majesty arrived, driving by car over the dam. She was greeted by Alderman Ewart Marlow, who made a speech of welcome. Her Majesty replied and then formally opened the reservoir. Immediately, a spray of water shot up from a tower on dam and continued flowing for some time. When Her Majesty was shown to the Pump House, we were given a packed lunch, and then, at 1 o'clock, we returned to Kettering—to a school dinner in the Henry Gotch Canteen.

B. Thompson, 5.M.

THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH.

When the mace bearer solemnly entered the Council Chamber at noon on December 6th, 1956, the small group of students present was about to witness a unique historical occasion in the history of the Borough of Kettering. For the first time since the charter was granted to the town in 1938, its people were conferring their highest honour, the freedom of the Borough, on a fellow citizen—Alderman Walter Dyson.

The freedom was to be conferred, said the Town Clerk, in recognition and appreciation of his long and distinguished service to Local Government over a period of 31 years, in appreciation of the many years of voluntary service given to the Social and Welfare Services of the Borough, and also in recognition of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow members of the council.

These sentiments were expressed by Councillor H. J. Potter, C.C., who proposed the motion and by Alderman R. W. Tailby and Councillor A. E. Munn, C.C., who seconded and supported him. Having the full support of all the political parties on the Council, the resolution was passed unanimously and Alderman Dyson took the Freeman's Oath—to be true to the Queen and the Mayor and to contribute all in his power to the safety and good government of the town and its inhabitants. The scroll certifying Alderman Dyson's admission to the Hon. Freedom of the Borough was read, placed in a silver casket and presented to the newly admitted Freeman.

After a short speech in which Alderman Dyson declared that it was with both pride and humility that he received the honour, the historic ceremony was brought to a close by the Mayor, and we all departed, feeling privileged to have been present on this memorable occasion.

J. Triggs, 6.Mod.A.

SPORT

CRICKET SEASON, 1956.

1st XI.

The School Cricket 1st XI had an excellent summer, remaining unbeaten for the third successive season. The team's chief asset was once again its all-round strength and it was a pleasant situation when recognised batsmen were as low as Nos. 8 and 9 in the order. Slough was outstanding in a strong batting side, which never once failed, and was well supported by Coles, Lewin, Hill and Newing.

Among the bowlers, McMaster was again the most successful, taking almost forty wickets; he had some fine support, particularly towards the end of the season from Crosier, with whom he opened the attack. Hawthorne and Slough, when called upon, formed an impressive spin attack. The bowlers had admirable support from the fielding, which was of the usual high standard, and Triggs, who, besides captaining a happy team extremely well, was a very capable wicket-keeper.

The season closed in a blaze of glory, when the Staff was overcome in no uncertain manner, thanks once again to some fine batting. Hopes for the future are indeed bright, as several of the most successful members of last year's side are still available.

1st XI AVERAGES.

Batting :

	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Ave.
Slough	10	5	268	53.60
Coles	10	4	150	25.00
Lewin	10	3	123	17.57
Hill	5	2	41	13.67
Triggs	7	3	46	11.50

Bowling :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
Slough	64.4	18	127	21	6.05
McMaster	132.4	41	248	39	6.36
Hawthorne	58.5	16	150	20	7.50
Crosier	97.2	33	159	20	7.95

RESULTS.

- April 28th.—v. Kettering Ramblers. For 148 for 2, Against 63. Won.
 May 2nd.—v. Wyggeston G.S. 2nd XI. For 45 for 5, Against 41. Won.
 May 5th.—v. East Carlton. For 52 for 1, Against 51. Won.

- May 12th.—v. Market Harborough G.S. For 105 for 5 (dec.), Against 61 for 8. Drawn.
 May 30th.—v. Northampton G.S. For 96, Against 93 for 9. Drawn.
 June 20th.—v. Kibworth G.S. For 74 for 7. Against 70. Won.
 June 27th.—v. Market Harborough G.S. For 77 for 7, Against 85. Drawn.
 July 4th.—v. Kibworth G.S. For 53 for 4, Against 52. Won.
 July 7th.—v. Wellingborough G.S. For 73 for 1, Against 71. Won.
 July 11th.—v. Bedford Modern G.S. For 61 for 2, Against 60. Won.
 July 14th.—v. Wellingborough G.S. For 17 for 0 (rain stopped play), Against 96. Drawn.
 July 18th.—v. Wyggeston G.S. 2nd XI. For 73 for 2, Against 84 for 9 (dec.). Drawn.
 July 25th.—v. Staff. For 73 for 3, Against 72 for 7. Won.

The following boys represented the School:—Triggs, J. (Capt.), Slough, B. J. (Vice-Capt.), McMaster, N., Lewin, M., Newing, J. F., Coles, R. J., Hill, C. A., Crosier, F. E., Garton, D., Hawthorne J., Bell, D. H., Guy, M. J.

Colours were awarded to Coles, R. J., and Crosier, F. E.

R. J. Coles, VI.Mod.

2nd XI.

Although troubled to some extent by the needs of other teams, the 2nd XI gave a very good account of itself, being unbeaten throughout the season. The main strength was to be found in the opening bowlers, who consistently broke the back of the opposition batting. The fielding was keen and special mention must be made of Sharman's wicket-keeping. The batting was never strong and it was often left to the later batsmen to save the day. Altogether, some excellent cricket was enjoyed and exciting finishes often resulted.

The following boys played for the 2nd XI during the 1956 season:—Baxter, D. (Capt.), Carver, N. R., Freestone, B. D., Larcombe, J. A. P., Watts, R. M., Woolmer, K. J., Lack, J., Hornsby, J., Guy, M. J., Sharman, C. J., Roberts, A., Campbell, G. J., Miller, J. B., Lamont, P.

Colours were awarded to Woolmer K. J., Lack, J., and Sharman, C. J.

D. Baxter, VI.Mod.

Under 15 XI.

Despite the bad weather we have had a successful season, winning 8 matches, drawing 3, and losing 2.

The Clarke Cup for the Kettering and District League was won, thanks mainly to the good bowling.

Larcombe, P., Watts, R., Buckby, K., Roberts, A., Campbell, G., and Ferris, P., all played for the Kettering and District XI, and Larcombe, P., and Watts, R., played for the County Boys' XI.

Colours awarded to Larcombe, P. (1955), Watts, R. (1955), Buckby, K., and Thompson, J.

The following boys represented the School:—Larcombe, P. (Capt.), Watts, R. (Vice-Capt.), Bell, M., Buckby, K., Campbell, G., Eady, L., Ferris, P., Goodliffe, D., Griffin, D., Handley, I., Kerr, L., Moore, S., Roberts, A., Thompson, J., Thompson, R., Wright, B.

J. A. P. Larcombe, 5.M.

Under 14 XI.

The main fact to be stated concerning the record of the team is that with a little luck the matches could easily have been won instead of lost.

The matches at Wellingborough and Northampton were both cancelled owing to bad weather.

The most praiseworthy performance came from Buckby, who topped the batting averages with 62 runs in 4 completed innings. He also was the most successful bowler.

Results were as follows:—

- v. Market Harborough G.S. For 41, Against 42 for 8.
- v. Bedford Modern School. For 43, Against 73.
- v. Northampton G.S. For 71, Against 69 for 9.
- v. Corby G.S. For 55, Against 57 for 6.
- v. Bedford Modern School. For 49, Against 51 for 8 (Buckby 6 for 10).
- v. Wellingborough G.S. For 33, Against 65.

The Under 14 Team: York, M. A. (Capt.), Buckby, A. K., Coe, M. R., Curtis, P. S., Davies, M. E., Foster, A., Goodliffe, D. K., Haddon, R. F., Holden, J. A., Long, A., Porch, D., Smith, J. G., Sykes, J. F., Yeomans, N.

Colours were awarded to York, M. A., and Sykes, J. F.

M. A. York, 4.Mod.

1st and 2nd Years' XI.

The team played very well, being successful in all three matches to win the Knock-out Competition for the fourth year running. Davies, M. E., and Coe, M. R., were the opening batsmen and each put up a splendid performance. The most praiseworthy performance was given by Buckby, A. K., and Sykes, J.

F., both of whom put up a formidable and very successful bowling attack.

The team was chosen from the following:—Buckby, A. K. (Capt.), Bristow, D. W., Coe, M. R., Daniel, P. J., Davies, M. E., Dawkins, J. E., Long, A., Mellor, N. W. W., Moses, G. R., Pitts, R., Roworth, J., Sykes, J. F., Yeomans, N. F.

Results:—

- v. Henry Gotch S.M. For 28 for no wicket, Against 25.
- v. Central School. For 52 for 3, Against 37 for 9.
- v. Stamford Road. For 30 for 6, Against 29.

A. K. Buckby, 3.P.

HOUSE RESULTS.

Senior Houses—1, North; 2, West; 3, East; 4, South.
Junior Houses—1, West; 2, North; 3, South; 4, East.

RUGBY—SEASON, 1956-57.

1st XV.

Although the results this year have been considerably better than was originally expected—Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3—the season has been one of mixed fortunes for the 1st XV. The departure of many of the more experienced players, including almost the whole back division, made much experimentation necessary and selection extremely difficult.

At first the play of the backs was negative and uninspired, lacking the necessary determination both in attack and defence, but after a reshuffle involving the half backs and centres, a marked improvement became apparent—Slough, at scrum half, linked up far better with Mellor than he had with Walton; whereas Walton, now in the centre, lent strength to the defence there, which had hitherto been the weakest feature of the side.

This improvement appeared to inspire the whole team for the pack, which even at first was the mainstay, began to play better than ever. Aply led by the two County players, Russell and Newing, they have been the driving force behind many of the victories—particularly the fine win over Luton. Though often outweighed and outpushed in the tight, they have dominated the loose and also, due mainly to some commendable work by Russell, the line-outs. The most pleasing feature of their play was their willingness to open up the game with short interpassing, linking up with the three-quarters. One main fault however still remains—a reluctance to bind and heel in the ruck, occasioned by a neglect to look for the ball.

On the whole the 1st XV is progressing well and, if they continue the improvement shown in recent games, there is no reason why they should not avenge the defeats suffered early on in the season.

The following have regularly represented the 1st XV this season: Chapman, J. H., Hill, R. L., Madden, H. F., McMaster, N., Mellor, C. P., Miller, J. B., Newing, J. F., Panter, J. V., Russell, W. B. (captain), Slough, B. J., Smith, J. B., Triggs, J. (vice-captain), Walton, A., Wood, G. M., Woolmer, K. J.

McMaster, M., Parker, R., Spence, P. C., Vandrill, R. N., have also played.

Results (to date):—

- Sept. 22.—v. Daventry G.S. Won 14—6.
 Oct. 6.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 3—19.
 Oct. 13.—v. Alderman Newton's G.S. Won 19—0.
 Oct. 17.—v. Stowe School III. Won 17—6.
 Oct. 20.—v. Wyggeston G.S. Lost 3—17.
 Oct. 24.—v. County Police. Won 28—6.
 Oct. 31.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Lost 5—6.
 Nov. 10.—v. Deacon's School. Won 26—9.
 Dec. 5.—v. Luton G.S. Won 14—12.
 Jan. 12.—v. Alderman Newton's G.S. Draw 6—6.
 Jan. 23.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Draw 0—0.
 Jan. 26.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 8—45.

J. Triggs, 6.Mod.

2nd XV.

Although the record to date is disappointing, confidence and co-ordination have improved since the beginning of the season and the side can look forward to more successful rugby, especially if more team spirit is shown. There are no outstanding players in the team but Lack, J., the scrum-half, deserves special mention. Greater proficiency is needed in passing and low-tackling, and faster play is essential.

Results (to date):—

- Sept. 29.—v. Northampton Tech. School. Lost 6—12.
 Oct. 20.—v. Wyggeston G.S. Lost 0—17.
 Oct. 31.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Draw 9—9.
 Nov. 10.—v. Deacon's School. Lost 3—11.
 Dec. 1.—v. Bedford Modern. Lost 0—13.
 Dec. 8.—v. Daventry G.S. Won 14—3.
 Dec. 15.—v. Corby Boys' Club. Won 16—10.
 Jan. 19.—v. Corby Boys' Club. Lost 0—11.
 Jan. 23.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Won 19—9.

The following have represented the School: R. Parker (Capt.), D. Baxter (Vice-Capt.), Abbott, R. J., Allen, A., Brookes, A., Coles, R. J., Collins, R. N., Cooke, P. R., Cooper, K. D., Corvesor, L. F., Cwynarski, M. T., Derry, R. V., Downing, R. J., Edwards, M., Ferris, R. P., Goode, J. J., Guy, M. J., Hill, T. M., Holmes, F. J., Lack, J., McMaster, M., Morrison, A. D., Oram, M. W., Quincey, P. H. J., Ridgway, M. W., Roberts, A., Smedley, P., Spence, P. C., Tomlinson, T. G., Vandrill, R. N.

R. Parker, 6.Mod.

Under 15 XV.

The results do not seem impressive but the team has produced some good rugby at times. Five of our team had trials for the County, Berridge, L., and Newbold, R. I., gaining their County Caps. In the Under 15 team itself there are some good individualists but the team must learn to combine as a team should. The faults which need to be remedied are failure to use the backs, reluctance to drop on the ball, and failure to back up the player with the ball. Also, apart from a few exceptions the tackling is relatively poor. Boys who have represented the School are: Cochrane, J. (Capt.), Berridge, L. (Vice-Capt.), Abbott, I. V., Breakspeare, C. T., Campbell, G. F., Coles, D. W., Davenport, B., Dellet, S., Dunkley, P. G., Elliott, R. B., Ghaut, G. A., Hughes, P. A., Jordan, C. A., Newbold, R. I., Newman, D., Porch, D., Reader, A. J., Thompson, J. W., Timpson, P. W., York, M. A.

Results :

- Oct. 6.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 6—33.
 Oct. 13.—v. Alderman Newton's. Draw 9—9.
 Oct. 31.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Lost 0—9.
 Dec. 5.—v. Luton G.S. Lost 8—28.
 Jan. 12.—v. Alderman Newton's. Lost 3—6.
 Jan. 23.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Won 5—3.
 Jan. 26.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 3—30.

J. Cochrane, 4.S.

Under 14 XV.

So far this season the team has lost only two games. The team's weakest points are tacking and dropping on the ball. The forwards should endeavour to improve their line-out play and loose scrummages. At times the team has played some good football and this is in no small measure due to the good-spirited play which has prevailed.

The team has been chosen from :—Newbold, R. I. (Capt.), Buckby, A. K. (Vice-Capt.), Berridge, M. J., Cannon, E. J. P., Chapman, M. H., Clow, B., Coe, M. R., Cross, D. W., Daniel, P. J., Dawkins, J. E., Earle, R. W., Foster, A. R., Jenkinson, M., Kilborn, R. W., Murison, A. R., Murphy, M. J., Shortland, R. J., Thomas, J. J., Tite, W. R., Tortoishell, M. W., Willey, M. B. B., Yeomans, N. F., York, M. A.

Results (to date):—

- Oct. 6.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 0—4I.
 Oct. 13.—v. Alderman Newton's. Won 19—9.
 Oct. 31.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Won 24—14.
 Nov. 10.—v. Deacon's School. Won 22—13.
 Nov. 17.—v. Rothwell Sec. Mod. Won 56—0.
 Dec. 8.—v. Tennyson Rd. School. Won 22—9.
 Dec. 15.—v. Deacon's School. Won 31—6.
 Jan. 12.—v. Alderman Newton's. Won 17—11.
 Jan. 23.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Draw 11—11.
 Jan. 26.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 8—24.

R. I. Newbold, 3.Q.

Under 13 XV.

The Under 13 team has had a fair amount of success, especially during the latter part of the term. A better knowledge and use of the offside rule and faster gathering round in the loose scrums would have led to much better results in the earlier part of the season.

The Under 13 team, strengthened by three of the Under 14 XV, played a team from Rothwell Sec. Mod. Although inexperienced, the Rothwell team was bigger and heavier and the Under 13's did well to hold them to a 3—3 draw.

The following have represented the school :—Burt, J. R. (Capt.), Roworth, J. (Vice-Captain), Terry, R. J., Goss, M. G., Heeley, B. E., Andrew, J. C., Bristow, D. W., Tilley, J. E., Chisholm, D. D., Mole, B. F., Crouch, R. J., Braines, P. A., Taylor, P. A. M., Mellor, N. W., Moses, G. R., Handley, P. F., Myrick, M., Rowland, B.

Results (to date):—

- Oct. 6.—v. Northampton G.S. Lost 0—11.
 Oct. 20.—v. Wellingborough G.S. Lost 0—15.
 Nov. 10.—v. Deacon's School. Draw 6—6.
 Dec. 1.—v. Bedford Modern. Won 8—0.
 Dec. 15.—v. Deacon's School. Won 22—0.
 Jan. 26.—v. Northampton G.S. Won 6—3.

J. R. Burt, 2.P.

Under 13 XV v. 1st Form XV.

This very interesting game was held towards the end of the Autumn Term and, although the Under 13 team won 26—0, the play was by no means one-sided and the Under 13 team had to play hard to score tries. Both teams gave a fairly good display of rucker and during the play many fine features of the game were apparent, the most noteworthy being the demon-like tackling of Althorpe, T., of 1.R.

The following boys played for the 1st Form team :—Page, S. A., Hoffman, R. J. M., Rigby, T. D., Rogers, M., Granger, N. W., Ellis, J. R., Miller, R. C., Osborne, N. I., Warren, N. B., Tilley, R. J., Cook, M., Hunt, J., Shelton, J. R., Althorpe, T., Wealthall, R. W.

House Championship Results.

Senior Houses.—1, North ; 2, West and South ; 3, East.
 Junior Houses.—1, East ; 2, West ; 3, North ; 4, South.

Touch Judges.

Some mention must be made of this season's very efficient and smartly turned-out touch judges, who have given excellent and unstinting service in this important branch of school rucker.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

House Championships.

- Senior—1, West, 45 pts.; 2, North, 79 pts.; 3, East, 89½ pts.; 4, South, 98½ pts.
 Senior—1, Denton (W), 17 mins. 44 secs.; 2, Clements (W), 18 mins. 27 secs.; 3, Lamont (E), 18 mins. 41 secs.; 4, Mc-Master (E), 19 mins. 8 secs.
 Middle—1, North, 49½ pts.; 2, West, 65½ pts.; 3, South, 71 pts.; 4, East, 130 pts.
 Middle—1, Eady (S), 19 mins. 11 secs.; 2, Hall (N), 19 mins. 25 secs.; 3, Elliott (S), 19 mins. 53 secs.; 4, Moore (N) and Thompson (W), 20 mins. 5 secs.
 Junior—1, West, 40 pts.; 2, East, 74 pts.; 3, North, 78 pts.; 4, South, 147 pts.
 Junior—1, Williams (W), 12 mins. 25 secs.; 2, Cannon (N), 12 mins. 26 secs.; 3, Sykes (W), 12 mins. 27 secs.; 4, Shortland (W), 12 mins. 45 secs.

Kettering Town and District Cross-Country Championships.

The Town and District Cross-Country Championships were held at the Wicksteed Park in April, 1956. Four teams, two Senior and two Junior, represented the Grammar School. While there were some very good individual performances, the teams as a whole were not successful.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(Thursday, May 18th, 1956).

The School was fortunate in having a fine day for this event, but there was a strong wind which aided and abetted the athletes at will.

Events decided before Sports Day :—

Senior (Over 17).

Long Jump—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Hornsby, J. (W); 3, Dey, D. (E); 4, James, D. W. (S). Distance : 16ft.8½ins.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Dey, D. (E); 3, Boles, J. (S); 4, Rice, A. L. (N). Distance : 35ft.5½ins.

High Jump—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Dey, D. (E); 3, Collins, R. N. (N). Height : 4ft.9ins.

Mile Cycle—1, Collins, R. N. (N); 2, Vendy, P. E. (N); 3, Morrison, A. D. (E); 4, Carver, N. (N) and Triggs, J. (N). Time : 2 mins. 51 secs.

Javelin—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Rice, A. L. (N); 3, James, D. W. (S); 4, Dey, D. (E). Distance : 153ft.7ins.

Hammer—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Morrison, A. D. (E); 3, Hornsby, J. (W); 4, Carver, N. (N) and Clements, P. J. (W). Distance : 70ft.6ins.

440 Yards—1, Carver, N. (N); 2, Clements, P. J. (W); 3, Hornsby, J. (W); 4, Vendy, P. E. (N). Time : 61 secs.

1 Mile—1, Baxter, C. (W); 2, Clements, P. J. (W); 3, James, D. W. (S); 4, Vendy, P. E. (W). Time : 5 mins. 15 secs.

Middle (15—17).

Mile Cycle—1, Cooper, K. D. (S); 2, Wilson, G. (S). Time : 2 mins. 36.4 secs.

High Jump—1, Gardner, W. B. (W); 2, Watson, R. M. (N); 3, Lamont, P. (E); 4, Miller, J. B. (S). Height : 4ft.11ins.

880 Yards—1, Lamont, P. (E); 2, Derry, R. V. (E) and Denton, D. R. (W); 4, Allen, G. W. (W). Time : 2 mins. 18.3 secs.

Junior (13—15).

Mile Cycle—1, Perry, A. (W); 2, Handley, I. (E); 3, Bridge, M. J. (N); 4, Newman, D. (S). Time : 2 mins. 50.2 secs.

Hammer—1, Roberts, A. (S); 2, Yorston, S. (E); 3, Downing, R. J. (S); 4, Timpson, P. W. (W). Distance : 100ft.9ins. (New Record).

880 Yards—1, Griffin, D. B. (S); 2, Jordan, I. (S); 3, Newbold, R. I. (E); 4, York, M. A. (W). Time : 2 mins. 31.2 secs.

Colts (Under 13).

Mile Cycle—1, Palmer, M. G. (N); 2, Mann, S. (N); 3, Brown, R. W. (W); 4, Tortoishell, M. W. (W). Time : 3 mins. 15 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, Roworth, J. (N); 2, Thompson, R. (S); 3, Tite, W. R. (E); 4, Braines, P. A. (S). Distance : 25ft. 8ins.

Javelin—1, Hornsby, R. L. (W); 2, Foster, A. R. (W); 3, Myrick, M. J. (W); 4, Baker, N. (E). Distance : 67ft.5ins.

Events decided on Sports Day :—

440 Yards (15-17)—1, Derry, R. V. (E); 2, Lamont, P. (E); 3, Gardner, B. W. (W); 4, King, P. G. (S). Time : 57.5 secs.

High Jump (13-15)—1, Campbell, G. (N); 2, Scarratt, A. A. (N); 3, Newbold, R. (E); 4, Ridgway, M. W. (S). Distance : 4ft.7ins.

Long Jump (under 13)—1, Brown, R. W. (W); 2, Roworth, J. (N); 3, Tortoishell, M. W. (W); 3, Long, A. (S). Distance : 12ft.1in.

Shot (over 17)—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Carver, N. (N); 3, Morrison, A. D. (E); 4, James, D. W. (S). Distance : 33ft. 6ins.

Javelin (13-15)—1, Roberts, A. (S); 2, Buckby, A. (N); 3, Scarratt, A. A. (N); 4, Timpson, P. (W). Distance : 117ft. 9ins.

Discus (15-17)—1, Cwynarski, M. T. (S); 2, Panter, J. V. (N); 3, Gardner, W. B. (W); 4, Barratt, D. G. (N). Distance : 132ft.5ins.

100 Yards (over 17)—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Morrison, A. D. (E); 3, Triggs, J. (N). Time : 10.4 secs. (Equals record).

100 Yards (13-15)—1, Newbould, R. I. (E); 2, Ridgway, M. W. (S); 3, Brooks, N. (W); 4, Jordan, I. (S). Time : 11.0 secs. (Equals record).

100 Yards (under 13)—1, Wells, J. (N); 2, Heeley, B. E. (W); 3, Goss, M. J. (S); 4, Bratby, W. (E). Time : 13.0 secs.

- 110 Yards Hurdles (over 17)—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Morrison, A. D. (E); 3, Hill, C. (W); 4, Triggs, J. (W). Time : 14.8 secs.
- 110 Yards Hurdles (15-17)—1, Watson, R. M. (N); 2, Quincey, P. (E); 3, Gardner, W. B. (W). Time : 14.6 secs. (New Record).
- Shot (13-15)—1, Roberts, A. (S); 2, Downing, R. S. (S); 3, Campbell, G. F. (N); 4, Reader, A. S. (N). Distance : 33ft. 6ins.
- Long Jump (15-17)—1, Quincey, P. H. (E); 2, Panter, J. V. (W); 3, Royles, P. (N) and Gardner, W. B. (N). Distance : 18ft. 8ins.
- Discus (over 17)—1, Clements, P. S. (W); 2, Thorpe, J. (W); 3, Morrison, A. D. (E). Distance : 78ft. 0ins.
- Javelin (15-17)—1, Lamont, P. (E); 2, Cwynarski, M. T. (S); 3, Miller, J. B. (S); 4, Althorpe, J. (N). Distance : 127ft. 8ins.
- 80 Yards Hurdles (13-15)—1, Bradshaw, K. (E); 2, Ridgway, M. W. (S); 3, Scarratt, A. A. (N); 4, Griffin, D. B. (S). Time : 12.7 secs.
- High Jump (under 13)—1, Hurst, J. (S); 2, Thompson, R. H. (S) and Roworth, J. (N); 4, Tite, W. R. (E). Height : 3ft. 10ins.
- 880 Yards (over 17)—1, Carver, N. (N); 2, Clements, P. J. (W); 3, McMaster, N. (E); 4, Hornsby, J. M. (W). Time : 2 mins. 16.4 secs.
- Hammer (15-17)—1, Cwynarski, M. T. (S); 2, Panter, J. V. (W); 3, Althorpe, J. (N); 4, Gardner, W. B. (W). Distance : 112ft. 4½ins.
- 100 Yards (15-17)—1, Panter, J. V. (W); 2, Watson, R. M. (N); 3, Derry, R. V. (E); 4, Wood, G. (N). Time : 10.4 secs. (Equals record).
- Hop, Step and Jump (15-17)—1, Panter, J. V. (W); 2, Quincey, P. H. (E); 3, Royles, P. (N); 4, Cwynarski, M. T. (S). Distance : 35ft. 3ins.
- Shot (under 13)—1, Braines, P. A. (S); 2, Fotser, A. (N); 3, Roworth, J. (N); 4, Brown, R. W. (W). Distance : 31ft. 7ins.
- 220 Yards (under 13)—1, Tortoishell, M. W. (W); 2, Towns, P. S. (N); 3, Roworth, J. (N); 4, Thomas, J. J. (E). Time : 32.4 secs.
- 220 Yards (15-17)—1, Panter, J. V. (W); 2, Barratt, D. G. (N); 3, Quincey, P. H. S. (E); 4, Derry, R. V. (E). Time : 25.8 secs.

- Discus (13-15)—1, Roberts, A. (S); 2, Gredzuick, M. (N); 3, Elvin, B. (S); 4, Chapman, M. (E). Distance : 93ft. 11ins.
- 220 Yards (13-15)—1, Newbold, R. I. (E); 2, Ridgway, M. W. (S); 3, Griffin, D. B. (S); 4, Elvin, B. J. (S). Time : 25.8 secs.
- 220 Yards (over 17)—1, Thorpe, J. (W); 2, Carver, N. (N); 3, Morrison, A. D. (E); 4, Vendy, P. E. (N). Time : 24.2 secs.
- Long Jump (13-15)—1, Newbold, R. (E); 2, Ridgway, M. W. (S); 3, Daniel, R. I. (W); 4, Cannon, E. J. P. (N). Distance : 14ft. 7½ins.
- 1 Mile (15-17)—1, Lamont, P. (E); 2, Denton, D. R. (N); 3, Newing, J. (S); 4, Miller, J. B. (S). Time : 5 mins. 5.5 secs.
- Shot (15-17)—1, Royles, P. (N); 2, Cwynarski, M. T. and Harris, V. (N); 4, Lack, J. (S). Distance : 36ft. 4ins.
- Discus (under 13)—1, Foster, A. (W); 2, Braines, P. A. (S); 3, Roworth, J. (N); 4, Clarke, R. (E). Distance : 65ft. 9ins.
- Hop, Step and Jump (13-15)—1, Dellett, S. (E); 2, Jordan, J. (S); 3, Ridgway, M. W. (S); 4, Daniel, P. J. (W). Distance : 32ft. 9ins.
- Senior Relay—1, West ; 2, East ; 3, North ; 4, South. Time : 50.0 secs. (New Record).
- Colts Relay—1, West ; 2, South ; 3, East ; 4, North. Time : 60.6 secs.
- Middle Relay—1, North ; 2, West ; 3, East ; 4, South. Time : 50.0 secs.
- Junior Relay—1, West ; 2, South ; 3, East ; 4, North. Time : 56.4 secs.
- Victor Ludorum :
- Senior—1, Thorpe, J. (W), 48 pts.; 2, Carver, N. (N) and Morrison, A. D. (S), 17 pts.
- Middle—1, Panter, J. V. (W), 24 pts.; 2, Cwynarski, M. T. (S), 16 pts.
- Junior—1, Roberts, A. (S), 20 pts.; 2, Newbold, R. (E), 19 pts.
- Colts—1, Roworth, J. (N), 16½ pts.; 2, Foster, A. (W), 11 pts.
- House Championship :
- Senior—1, West, 109½ pts.; 2, North, 43½ pts.
- Middle—1, East, 95½ pts.; 2, West, 92½ pts.
- Junior—1, South, 162 pts.; 2, West, 110½ pts.

OTHER ATHLETICS.

L.A.C. SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE CUPS MEETING.
(Held at the White City Stadium, 20th-21st April, 1956).

The following represented the School :—

100 Yards and Javelin (Senior)—J. Thorpe.
100 Yards (Junior)—J. V. Panter.
440 Yards (Junior)—R. V. Derry, P. Lamont.
110 Yards Hurdles (Junior)—P. H. J. Quincey.

FIVE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC MEETING.
(Wednesday, 30th May, 1956).

The School Team took part in a five-sided match with Watford G.S., Dunstable G.S., Cedars School and Luton G.S. at Luton. The team took third place.

100 Yards—2, Thorpe, J.
220 Yards—2, Thorpe, J.
880 Yards—Carver, N.
1 Mile—3, Lamont, P.
High Jump—3, Gardner, W. B.
Long Jump—2, Quincey, P.
Hop, Step and Jump—4, Thorpe, J.
Discus—2, Cwynarski, M. T.
Javelin—1, Thorpe, J.
Hammer—4, Cwynarski, M. T.
Shot—4, Thorpe, J.
Relay—2, K.G.S.

There were several good performances by members of the School at the Northants County A.A.A. Championships, held at Duston on June 2nd, 1956.

A Team also represented the School at the Kettering and District Schools' Athletic Meeting on June 14th, 1956.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

(Duston, Saturday, June 23rd, 1956).

The following recorded a 1st :—

Dellet, S.—Hop, Step and Jump—32ft.9ins.
Cwynarski, M. T.—Discus—130ft.0ins.
Roberts, A.—Shot—36ft.5ins.
Thorpe, J.—100 Yards—10.4 secs. (Equals School Record).
Watson, G. W.—100 Yards—(1st in age group).
Derry, R. V.—440 Yards—56.0 secs.

The following recorded a 2nd :—

Royles, P.—Shot.
Panter, J. V.—100 Yards—(2nd in Age Group).

The following recorded a 3rd :—

Newbold, R. I.—100 Yards.
Quincey, P. H. J.—Long Jump.
Gardner, W., came fourth in the High Jump.
Lamont, P., came fifth in the 880 Yards.

As a result Thorpe, J. and Watson, G. W., were chosen to represent the County Schools' A.A. in the All England Schools' Championships at Plymouth in July.

TRIANGULAR SPORTS AT NORTHAMPTON.

Friday, 13th July, 1956.

In the final placings Kettering were placed third. In the Field Events K.G.S. gained a narrow victory over N.G.S.

880 Yards (Senior)—1, Lamont, 2 mins. 7.6 secs.; 3, Carver.
Long Jump (Senior)—3, Quincey.
High Jump (Middle)—3, Campbell.
High Jump (Junior)—5, Hurst.
100 Yards (Senior)—5, Panter.
100 Yards (Middle)—2, Newbold.
100 Yards (Junior)—5, Wells.
440 Yards (Middle)—4, Moore.
220 Yards (Senior)—4, Panter.
High Jump (Senior)—4, Gardner.
Long Jump (Middle)—5, Ridgway.
220 Yards (Middle)—1, Newbold, 25.4 secs.
220 Yards (Junior)—5, Towns.
440 Yards (Senior)—4, Derry.
Long Jump (Junior)—5, Roworth.
880 Yards (Middle)—5, Coles.
1 Mile (Senior)—5, Denton.
Relay (Junior)—2nd.
Relay (Senior)—2nd.
Relay (Middle)—2nd.
Discus (Senior)—1, Cwynarski, M. T. 103ft.8½ins.
Shot (Middle)—1, Roberts, 34ft.4ins.; 2, Downing.
Hurdles (Senior)—3, Quincey.
Javelin (Senior)—1, Lamont, 127ft.2ins.; 3, Miller.
Discus (Middle)—1, Roberts, 102ft.5ins.
Shot (Senior)—1, Royles, 32ft.7ins.; 3, Cwynarski, M. T.

Javeline (Middle)—1, Roberts, 119ft. 5½ins.; 3, Buckby.
Hurdles (Junior)—3, Bradshaw.

In a new fixture with the Parish Church S.M. the K.G.S. Under 15 Team won by 67 pts. to 49 pts., on Tuesday, 17th July, 1956.

This fixture is to be renewed next year. The following boys represented the School :—

100 Yards—Newbold, R., Brook, N.

220 Yards—Ridgway, M., Elvin, B.

880 Yards—Griffin, D., Jordan, I.

High Jump—Campbell, G., Scarratt, A.

Long Jump—Newbold, R., Ridgway, M.

Hop, Step and Jump—*Dellet, S., Jordan, I.

Shot—Roberts, A., Downing, R.

Discus—Elvin, B., Chapman, M.

Javelin—Buckby, A., Timpson, P.

80 Yards Hurdles—Bradshaw, K., Scarratt, A.

Relay Team—Newbold, Ridgway, Brooks, Jordan.

* Dellet set up a new School Record of 33ft. 10½ins.

Our thanks are due to Mr. G. S. Brown for giving up so much of his time to coach us in the numerous periods during the week.

Colours were awarded to :—Derry, R. V., Lamont, P., Roberts, A., Quincey, P. H. J., Dellett, S., Newbold, R. I.

M. T. Cwynarski, 6th Science.

BOXING CLUB.

The Boxing Club has not flourished this year as well as in previous years. Although the attendances have not been good, mainly from the First and Second forms, the enthusiasm and general standing of these younger boys has been very encouraging.

The House Championships were held in March, 1956, and we had a very good entry from all the forms.

The result of the Junior House Championships was :—1, South ; 2, East ; 3, West ; 4, North.

The result of the Senior House Championships was :—1, South ; 2, North ; 3, East ; 4, West.

The result of the Junior and Senior House Championships combined was :—1, South ; 2, East ; 3, a tie between North and West.

BASKETBALL.

"A" Team.

Being almost unchanged from last year, the School "A" team has enjoyed a fairly successful season so far. We have won four league matches and lost three. Only one friendly match was played last term : that against Northampton G.S. The Luton match was cancelled at the last moment as Luton failed to produce a team. Of last year's team, Dey, D., Russell, W. B., and Coles, R. J., represented the County at Derby.

The following gained their School Colours : Dey, D., Russell, W. B., Smith, J., Chapman, J. H., Woolmer, K. J.

The following have represented the "A" team this season : Russell, W. B. (Capt.), Chapman, J. H., Coles, R. J., Hill, R. L., Triggs, J., Woolmer, K. J. and Mr. G. S. Brown.

Results (to date) :—

v. Corby Old Boys' "A". Lost 24—29.

v. Kettering "B". Won 36—34.

v. Uppingham (new team). Lost 33—40.

v. Uppingham-Corby Boys' Club. Won 59—26.

v. Kettering "C". Won 29—13.

v. Northampton G.S. (Friendly) Won 70—24.

v. Corby Old Boys "B". Won 16—12.

Last season's results :—County Team (now the "A" Team): Played 12, Won 8, Lost 4, Drawn 0. Points For 355, Against 294.

W. B. Russell, 6.Mod.

"B" Team.

So far this season the team has played nine games, unfortunately losing all of them, mainly due to lack of experience.

However, despite the results the team has played enthusiastically and is improving steadily.

No one has been outstanding in the team, but each game has been played with good spirit and a keen sense of enjoyment.

Boys who have played :—Miller, J. B. (Capt.), Hill, T. M., Lack, J., McMaster, M., Roberts, A., Sharman, C. J., Slough, B. J., Smith, J. B.

Results (to date) :—

v. Corby Old Boys "B". Lost 13—20.

v. Kettering "A". Lost 7—31.

v. Uppingham-Corby Boys' Club. Lost 25—38.

v. Corby Old Boys' "B". Lost 11—23.

v. Corby Old Boys "A". Lost 23—52.

v. Uppingham. Lost 33—40.

v. Kettering "C". Lost 22—28.

The Under 16 team has played Corby Grammar School, home and away, the results being as follows :—

- v. Corby Grammar School. Home. Lost 17—19.
- v. Corby Grammar School. Away. Lost 30—34.

Last season's results :—Town Team (now the "B" Team): Played 12, Won 3, Lost 9, Drawn 0. Points for 261, Against 415.

J. B. Miller, 5.G.

The Inter-House Basketball Competition was held during the Summer Term, and resulted as follows :—

- Senior Houses—1, West ; 2, North ; 3, South ; 4, East.
- Middle Houses—1, South ; 2, East ; 3, West ; 4, North.
- Junior Houses—1, West ; 2, North ; 3, East ; 4, South.

BADMINTON CLUB.

With four members of last year's team still at school, the standard of this year's badminton has been high. Unfortunately, through the hall not being available, only three matches were arranged, of which two, against the Staff and Deacon's School, Peterborough, were won, while our only defeat was inflicted by Rockingham B.C. For the future, matches have been arranged with Corby Methodist B.C., and Geddington B.C., as well as return games with the above teams.

Interest during club nights is keen and has been accentuated by the organisation of a knock-out competition, which it is hoped to complete this term.

The following boys have represented the School :—Baxter, D. (Capt.), Greasley, B. M., Lamb, J. M., Russell, W. B., Spence, P., Walton, A., Wood, G.

D. Baxter, 6.Mod.

TENNIS.

The 1956 season was quite a successful one considering the comparative youth of the members of the team.

We again reached the Area Final of the Public Schools' Glanvil Cup Competition, having first defeated our old rivals, Northampton G.S. and King Edward's School, Birmingham. Unfortunately the other two schools in the final, Leys and Aldenham, were a little too experienced for us, but next year we hope to improve on this result.

For the first time we had a fixture with Wyggeston G.S., Leicester, which we lost 5—4. We hope in the future to have more fixtures with other schools in this area.

The team also played a number of friendly matches with Kettering Park Club, Kettering Borough Club and S. and L. Corby, and in all we were victorious.

Tennis as a school game seems to be gaining popularity and many boys now play on games afternoons.

In order to increase the enthusiasm of the boys, Mr. Young organised a Junior and a Senior Singles Tournament. The Junior Competition was won by South House while the individual winner was Brading and the runner-up was Taylor. North House won the Senior Competition, G. M. Wood winning the final and A. Walton being runner-up. Altogether there were about sixty entries, thirty in each age group. The tournament went off very smoothly, although when the finals were being played the rain came down quite heavily. We look forward to the day when play can go on in all weather on the hard courts of the proposed new K.G.S. buildings in Windmill Avenue.

The prospects for next season seem very bright indeed as we still have five of last year's team with us and many promising youngsters are coming on. What we may lack in skill and experience we intend to make up by our enthusiasm and Mr. Young's continued encouragement.

Mr. Young is now a qualified L.T.A. coach and is only too willing to help those boys who are interested in taking up the game.

The following boys have represented the School : G. M. Wood (Capt.), N. Brew, P. Ferris, B. Greasley, R. L. Hill, A. Meadows, N. Sharman and A. Walton.

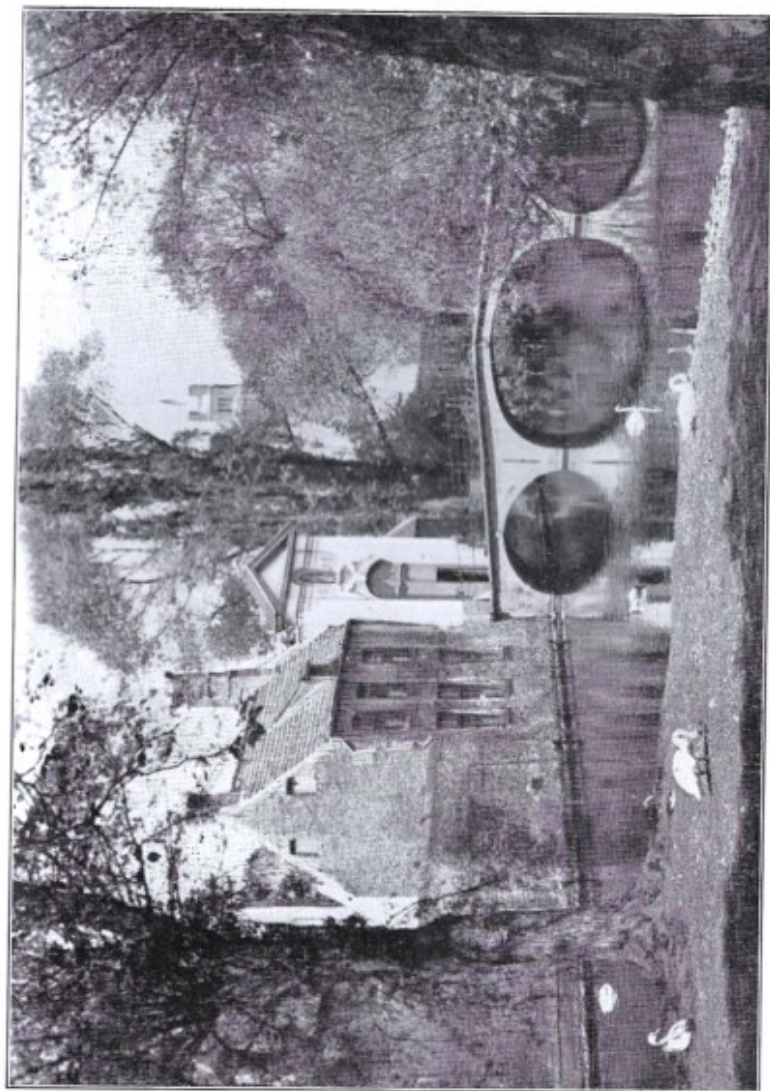
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SWIMMING SPORTS, 1956.

For the first year the Sports were held in the indoor swimming bath, an innovation which limited the number of spectators, but greatly enhanced the comfort of the competitors. There was some good swimming and diving and North House, who usually run away with the Championship, had to fight hard to hold off the challenge by East House.

RESULTS.

- Neat Dive (Under 14)—1, Long, A. (S); 2, Brown, R. W. (W).
 Neat Dive (Over 14)—1, Spence, P. C. (E); 2, Bryne, T. J. (N),
 Kelly, P. J. (N).
 Life Saving (Open)—1, Spence and Dellett (E); 2, Kelly and
 Cannon (N).
 25 Yds. Breast (Under 13)—1, Althorpe, A. P. (N); 2, Baker, J.
 E. (S).
 25 Yds. Breast (Under 14)—1, Brown, R. W. (W); 2, Earle, R.
 W. (N).
 50 Yds. Breast (Under 15)—1, Bridge, M. J. (E); 2, Brooks, N.
 (W).
 50 Yds. Breast (Under 16)—1, Roberts, A. (S); 2, Bailey, T. J.
 W. (N).
 50 Yds. Breast (Over 16)—1, Spence, P. C. (E); 2, Vendy, P.
 E. (N).
 25 Yds. Free Style (Under 13)—1, Taylor, P. A. M. (S); 2, Clark,
 R. (E).
 50 Yds. Free Style (Under 14)—1, Brown, R. W. (W); 2, Kil-
 born, R. W. (W).
 50 Yds. Free Style (Under 15)—1, Larcombe, J. A. P. (E); 2,
 Brooks, N. (W).
 50 Yds. Free Style (Under 16)—1, Holmes, F. J. (S); 2, Al-
 thorpe, J. P. (N).
 50 Yds. Free Style (Over 16)—1, Spence, P. C. (E); 2, Vendy,
 P. E. (N).
 25 Yds. Back Stroke (Under 14)—1, Brown, R. W. (W); 2,
 Litchfield, K. R. (N).
 50 Yds. Back Stroke (Over 14)—1, Rice, A. L. (N); 2, Spence,
 P. C. (E).
 Breast Style (Under 14)—1, Brown, R. W. (W); 2, Long, A. (S).
 Breast Style (Over 14)—1, Kelly, P. J. (N); 2, Roberts, A. (S).
 Long Plunge (Under 14)—1, Althorpe, A. P. (N); 2, Braines, P.
 A. (S). 40ft. 3ins.
 Long Plunge (Over 14)—1, Rice, A. L. (N); 2, Spence, P. C. (E).
 47ft. 10ins.
 Junior Relay—1, West; 2, East; 3, South.
 Senior Relay—1, North; 2, East; 3, South.
 House Championship—1, North, 95½ pts.; 2, East, 92½ pts.; 3,
 West, 64 pts.; 4, South, 52 pts.



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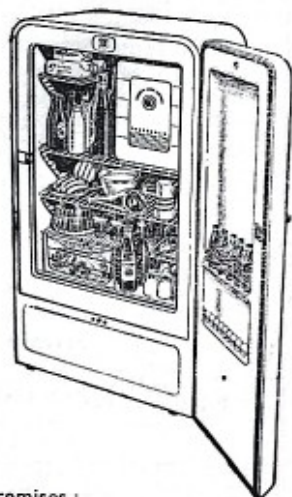
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