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THE HENRY MELLISH G.S. 1st XI, 1962

Back Row: Mr. J. G. Dutton, A. D. Kingstone, R. J. Morris, P. Wiser, J. G. Stimpson,
M. J. Peck, J. Dale.

Front Row: D. J. Higgins, C. A. Garstang, D. Green (Capt.), The Headmaster, J. Bush,
C. G. McGibbon, R. Stocks.

EDITORIAL

Cowering timorously between the photograph of the First XI and the School Notes, page three of the *Centaur* has for generations sulked untouched by human hand and scarce scanned by human eye. We need a revolution, gentlemen! Politely and decently, in the true tradition of the Mellish, we must break with tradition and produce an Editorial which is intelligible.

Those of you who have resisted the initial temptation to skim hurriedly through the Original Contributions, then reject the magazine as the apologetic product of a non-vintage year and toss it across the tea-table to father, have before you a wealth of stimulating and informative reading. Consider first the School Notes on the following page—crystalized gems of pure English style, perfected only after incalculable hours of devoted research and frenzied head-scratching on the part of the magazine committee; then the scintillating wit and whimsicality of the *Valete* and *Avete*, providing entertainment value second only to that derived from a perusal of the G.P.O. telephone directory (Nottingham Area). The Sports Reports and Society Columns provide adequate scope for the scandal-mongers to take a big mouthful and masticate hungrily; and for those who like to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest we have the inspired Original Contributions aforesaid—not to mention the shrewd, well-seasoned titbits from our theatre correspondents.

In conclusion, gentlemen, to prove that this year's Editorial is essentially practical and instructive, we offer the following authorised translation of those irritating Latinisms which have for so long perturbed the minds of the lower school and the scientific department of the senior school: *Avete* = Hail! *Valete* = Farewell! *Tenax Propositi* = Tenacious of Purpose—or in Editorial English: "The Persistent Pursuit of Purposeful Preoccupations".

R.J.B.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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K. R. Mills, R. J. Morris, B. J. Pallett, R. Reed,
D. J. Taylor, P. J. Taylor, I. Wilson, P. S. Wiser.

SCHOOL NOTES

The School Year, 1962-63, began on September 17th with 570 boys, 93 of whom were new boys.

Four new Staff joined us—Messrs. R. C. Crabtree, A. R. Latchford, I. W. Newsome and R. O. Whitworth—and we extend to them our good wishes. They replaced Messrs. A. P. R. Brook (now Senior Mathematics Master at Huish's Grammar School, Taunton); H. W. Jones (Senior Chemistry Master, Carlton-le-Willows Technical School); J. G. Morris (Senior History Master, Dunstable Grammar School) and D. B. Sparrow (Senior Physics Master, Apsley Grammar School, Hemel Hempstead). To these we would express our gratitude for their many services, not only teaching but Hockey, Camping, Rugby tours, the Tuck Shop, etc., and hope that their changes will bring them added happiness.

As a result of his G.C.E. success in July last we have to congratulate N. P. B. Sharpe on the award of a State Scholarship which he is to take up at King's College, London University.

The Endowment Prize for the best G.C.E. Certificate at "Ordinary" Level went to D. J. Taylor.

Again we are grateful to the following firms, etc. for entertaining parties of boys after their G.C.E. Examinations and introducing them to their manufacturing and other processes and activities: Boots Pure Drug Co., John Player & Son, Raleigh Cycles, Ericsson Telephones, Nottingham Gas Works, Power Station, Council House and Police Headquarters and Notts. County Cricket Club.

Three parties of boys, mainly from Forms Vb, Va and IIa, visited Nottingham Playhouse in the Autumn Term and have recorded, in later pages, their impressions of "Twelfth Night", "The Empty Chair" and "The Three Musketeers" which they, respectively, saw there.

Other parties, mainly from the Sixth Form, visited York—the Minster, the Castle, the Museum, Nottingham University—a one-day History School, Nottingham (Midlands) Design Centre—to see an exhibition of Pilkington's glass ware, to Leicester—for the Faraday Lecture, to Totnes, Devonshire—for a Geography Field Course, and to Liverpool at half-term—on a Rugby Football Tour. Some of these visits are described in more detail later.

The School Dramatic Society gave its usual annual play in the last week of the Autumn Term. This year R. C. Sherriff's "The Long Sunset" was chosen and was presented before disappointingly and unaccountably small but appreciative audiences.

The Magazine Committee for this issue consists of Messrs. E. W. Adams, R. J. Bishop, B. J. Pallett (Editorial), R. McCandless (Parent-Staff Assoc.), S. Marshall (Advertisements), H. Drabble (O.B.A.).

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following magazines and apologise for possible omissions: *The Berkeley Magazine*

(Australia), *The Bilborough Magazine*, *The Brunts Magazine*, *The Cestrefeldian*, *Carlton-le-Willows Magazine*, *The Granthamian*, *The Mitre*, *Mundella Magazine*, *The Newtonian*, *The Pavior*, *The West Bridgfordian*, *The Magazine of the Royal College, Ceylon*.

VALETE

- VI U.A. Bush, J.; Chambers, M. R.; Clay, J. F.; Douglass, H. J. E.; Higgins, D. J.; Hunt, T.; Jarratt, A. H.; Lowe, T. P.; Shelton, B.
 VI U.M. Bell, J. L.; Charlton, J. P.; Cole, T. D.; Green, C. F.; Green, D. F.; Herbert, P. J.; Kingstone, S. F.; Sharp, N. P. B.; Swain, J.; Tebbs, J. M.; Turner, L. P.; Ward, R. G.; Wheat, J. M.; Whitby, S. E.
 VI U.C. Bell, A.; Braithwaite, E. A.; Charsley, A. M.; Chastney, P. R.; Cooper, M. R.; Garstang, C. A. H.; Glasby, J.; Hickling, R. E.; Hughes, M. K.; Love, C.; Mayfield, P. J.; Peaker, M.; Reddish, S. B.; Swallow, N. J.; Taylor, D. R.; Wilkinson, A. R.; Woodcock, J. W.
 VI L.A. Varnham, J.
 VI L.S. Porter, N.; Wragg, P. M.
 Vc Barnett, J. W.; Craven, F. A.; Fretwell, A.; Goodburn, A. R.; Goodburn, D. I.; Hallam, R. J.; Hearson, M. K.; Hufton, W.; Talks, I.; Telford, J. R.; Wharmby, P.
 Vb Bramley, T. W.; Bush, R. F.; Cartwright, B. L.; Clarke, A. R.; Elkington, R.; Handley, B. W.; Hollingsworth, J. R.; Read, R.; Sturtivant, M. J.; Wheeler, M. N.; Williams, A. L.
 Va Garstang, D. M.; Hudson, P.; Mills, C.; Oliver, P.; Robinson, G. A.; Rose, J. H.; Thomas, B. P.; Williams, L. R.; Wiser, N. R.
 IIc Oliver, S. R.
 IIb Barber, S. J.
 Ic Locke, F. M.

AVETE

- Ia Adam, M. J.; Barnes, R.; Beardsley, A. C.; Caunt, A. C.; Coleman, J. A.; Conway, J.; Cooke, I.; Crossland, J. M.; Davidson, A. C.; Dennis, J. D.; Dowham, B.; Field, R. J.; Harris, N. C.; Harrison, C.; Hart, B.; Hemsley, A. D.; Hodgkinson, M. A.; Kirk, D. J.; McMillan, N. S.; Marshall, R. C.; Rayment, I.; Rayment, T.; Robinson, P.; Severn, K.; Taylor, R. C.; White, M.; Wilkinson, P. A.; Wilson, M. P.; Wood, M. D.
 Ib Andrew, P. J.; Ashmore, D.; Bamford, D.; Bamkin, J.; Birkett, P. L.; Brougham, J. H.; Broughton, M.; Clark, C. C.; Cooper, A. M.; Cowan, D.; Cullingworth, R.; Donovan, P. A.; Ellis, S.; Eyre, N. A.; Eyley, M.; Hewitt, R. A.; Hitchcock, D. H.; Howe, T. E.; Jackson, D. C.; Kirkpatrick, J. A. W.; Law, M. N.; Leivers, M. T.; McPhillips, S.; Mace, D. S.; Matthewson, K. I.; May, G.; Smith, A.; Wright, D. T.
 Ic Carlin, D. J.; Clifford, C. R.; Coleman, J.; Conway, I.; Critchley, P.; Curtis, I.; Dall, M.; Dewitt, D. B.; Emberton, S. A.; Faulkner, B. S.; Flower, G.; Fowler, S. E.; Goldsbury, C. P.; Grant, M. D. J.; Hayes, S.; Helmy, K. L.; Lyons, R. S.; Marshall, R. J.; Parry, A.; Paszkowski, E. M.; Sanders, T. A.; Snodin, P. R.; Stapleton, R.; Teece, J.; Vincent, A.; Whitehead, C. M.; Wightman, P. J.
 IIb Heard, N. A.
 IIc Warin, T. W.
 IIIc Drozda, F. S.; King, R.; Wiser, V.
 IIIa Aldenton, J. S. P.; Swindon, S. L.
 VI L.A. Marshall, G. C.
 VI L.S. Newbury, D. M.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1962

In the Oxford General Certificate of Education Examination held in the summer term, 1962, the following pupils passed in the subjects shown, initials of subjects denoting passes in Applied Mathematics, Art, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Engineering Drawing, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Physics, Pure Mathematics, Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Zoology.

Capital letters denote passes at Advanced Level, small letters passes at Ordinary Level on Advanced Level papers, an asterisk Distinction at Advanced Level.

Austin, B. M. (p, C, Bi.); Bell, A. (PAM, P, C*); Bell, J. L. (PM, AM, P*); Braithwaite, E. A. (P, C, Bi.); Burnett, A. J. S. (F, a); Bush, J. (el, g); Chambers, M. R. (h, G); Charlton, J. P. (pm, P); Charsley, A. M. (p, c); Chastney, P. R. (PM, P); Clay, J. F. (EL, H, G*); Cole, T. D. (PM, AM, P, ED); Cooper, M. R. (P, C, Z); Deane, C. R. (EL, H, G); Douglass, H. J. E. (EL, H, G); Evans, J. W. (PM, AM, P); Garstang, C. A. H. (PAM, P, C); Glasby, J. (C, Bi.); Green, D. F. (pm, AM, P); Green, F. B. (EL, H, G*); Hallam, P. (EL, H*, G); Herbert, P. J. (PM, AM, P*); Hickling, R. E. (P, C, Bi.); Higgins, D. J. (EL, H, G); Hill, J. S. (PM, AM, P, ED); Hughes, M. K. (P, C, Bi.*); Hunt, T. (EL, F); Jarratt, A. H. (EL); Kingstone, S. F. (pam, p); Knight, J. C. (el, H, G); Lawson, A. (EL, H, G); Love, C. (Bo., Z); Lowe, T. P. (EL, H, G); Mayfield, P. J. (p, c, Bi.); McNab, D. G. (EL, f, H); Peaker, M. (Bo, Z*); Reddish, S. B. (C, Bo, Z); Sharp, N. P. B. (PM*, AM*, P*, ed); Shelton, B. (H, G); Stocks, R. (EL, f, H); Swain, J. (PM, AM, p, ed); Swallow, N. J. (p, Bi); Taylor, D. R. (Bo, z); Tebbs, J. M. (PM, AM, P); Turner, L. P. (PM, AM, P, ed); Ward, R. G. (PM, AM, P); Wheat, J. M. (PM, AM, P); Whitby, S. E. (PM, AM, P); Wilkinson, A. R. (P, C, Bi.); Woodcock, J. W. (PAM, P, C).

The following pupils passed at the Ordinary Level in the numbers of subjects shown:-

Allen, R. G. (6); Barker, T. (5); Barrett, M. J. (1); Bassford, D. (4); Bassford, R. (1); Bell, J. L. (1); Biggs, A. G. (8); Braithwaite, E. A. (1); Bramley, T. W. (3); Brice, M. J. (3); Bridge, R. (2); Burrows, A. W. (7); Burrows, C. S. (3); Bush, R. F. (4); Butchart, J. A. (5); Carrier, J. A. (1); Cartwright, B. L. (4); Clarke, A. R. (1); Clarke, E. J. (2); Cowley, I. C. (2); Craven, F. A. (1); Crooks, R. C. (2); Dale, A. T. (2); Dawson, R. (2); Dewar, A. (1); Elkington, R. (5); Elton, C. J. (8); Fisher, A. L. (7); Foster, K. R. (2); Fountain, S. C. (1); Fretwell, A. (2); Garstang, D. M. (5); Gibson, J. S. (4); Goodburn, A. R. (1); Goulding, R. W. (7); Green, C. F. (1); Hallam, P. (1); Hallam, R. J. (5); Handley, B. W. (3); Harryman, A. D. (8); Herbert, P. J. (1); Hearson, M. K. (1); Hobson, D. M. (1); Hollingsworth, J. R. (4); Hudson, P. (6); Hufton, W. (2); Humphreys, G. P. (3); Johnson, R. D. (5); Lawson, A. (1); Lawson, R. W. (8); Lawton, P. E. (7); Lee, G. B. (1); Marquand, R. G. (8); Marriott, M. B. R. (1); McGrath, R. (6); Mills, C. (6); Mills, K. R. (8); Minion, D. (5); Morris, R. J. (2); Muir, B. R. (2); Newton, R. J. (7); Oldershaw, C. J. (9); Oliver, P. (7); Otter, J. D. (3); Payne, D. R. (5); Peberdy, D. A. (3); Peck, M. G. (2); Pinnock, C. (3); Porter, N. (3); Rayment, A. (8); Raynor, D. F. (1); Reed, Robin (1); Reed, Rodney. (2); Renshaw, P. S. (8); Richards, G. (8); Robinson, G. A. (7); Robinson, M. J. (4); Rose, J. H. (8); Ross, P. W. (2); Shephard, H. V. (5); Sibley, D. J. (4); Simons, D. A. (4); Slack, R. S. (2); Smith, D. P. (5); Spalton, R. M. (8); Stenson, R. (5); Stokes, I. (4); Sturtivant, M. J. (1); Talks, I. (2); Taylor, D. J. (8); Taylor, J. V. (1); Telford, J. R. (1); Thomas, B. P. (8); Waldron, R. G. (4); Wharmby, P. (1); Wheat, J. M. (1); Wheeler, M. N. (1); Whitby, S. E. (1); Whittamore, H. (7); Wilkinson, A. R. (1); Williams, A. L. (5); Williams, C. P. (3); Williams, L. R. (5); Wiser, N. R. (5); Woodhouse, P. R. (2); Wortley, R. J. (4); Young, R. A. (7).

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Hull, J. M., *Ia*.
P.E. and Games: Cooper, R., *Ib*.

Forms II

- Form Prizes: Austin, S. F., *Ila*; Watson, B., *Ila*; Tindall, L. J., *Ila*;
Hallam, I., *Ila*.
P.E. and Games: Hares, P., *Ilc*.

Forms III

- Form Prizes: Cale, D. C., *IIla*; Ould, M. A., *IIla*; Davies, E. W., *IIla*;
Effort Prizes: Butler, J., *IIlb*; Wheatley, D., *IIlc*.
P.E. and Games: Smith, G. A., *IIlb*.

Forms IV

- Form Prizes: Lane, R. J., *IVa*; Rayner, M. E., *IVa*; Coxon, R., *IVa*.
Effort Prize: Prescott, J. R., *IVb*.
P.E. and Games: Tatham, K., *IVb*.
Wharmby Cup: Hutchings, T. R., *IVb*.
(Swimming)

Forms V

- Form Prizes: Taylor, D. J., *Va*; Mills, K. R., *Va*; Elton, C. J., *Va*;
Oldershaw, C. J., *Va*; Richards, G., *Va*; Goulding, R. W.,
Va; Harryman, A. D., *Va*; Lawson, R. W., *Va*.

Forms VI Lower

- Form Prizes: Science Barrett, M. J., *VII.s.*; Carrier, J. A., *VII.s.*; Cowlin, R. L.,
VII.s.; Snodin, D. J., *VII.s.*; Titman, R. B., *VII.s.*
Arts Bullock, W. F., *VII.a.*; Fowkes, D. V., *VII.a.*; Pallett, B. J.,
VII.a.; Turner, D. T., *VII.a.*

Parent-Staff Association

Prize for Dramatics: Bassford, R., *VII.s.*

- Service Prize: Stimpson, J. G., *VII.a.*

Forms VI Upper

- Form Prizes: Sharp, N. P. B., *Vlu.m.*; Bell, J. L., *Vlu.m.*; Peaker, M.,
Vlu.c.; Herbert, P. J., *Vlu.m.*; Ward, R. G., *Vlu.m.*;
Cole, T. D., *Vlu.m.*; Hughes, M. K., *Vlu.c.*; Bell, A., *Vlu.c.*;
Hallam, P., *Vlu.a.*; Green, F. B., *Vlu.a.*; Deane, C. R.,
Vlu.a.; Lowe, T. P., *Vlu.a.*; Lawson, A., *Vlu.a.*

Brook Cup:

(Hockey)

Nicholson Cup:

Green, D. F., *Vlu.m.*

Stanfield Cup:

Garstang, C. A. H., *Vlu.c.*

(Rugby Football)

- Head Prefect's Prize: Taylor, D. R., *Vlu.c.*

Balk Cup and

Chairman's Prize: Taylor, D. R., *Vlu.c.*

HOUSE TROPHIES

Kayser Cup (Senior Rugby Football)	Bulkeley
Orchard Cup (Junior Rugby Football)	McEwen
Old Boys' Cup (Senior Cricket)	Bulkeley
Haines Cup (Junior Cricket)	Bulkeley
Clifton Cup (Senior Athletics)	Bulkeley
Norman Cup (Junior Athletics)	Balk
Leaming Cup (Senior Swimming)	Barber
Prefects' Cup (Junior Swimming)	Balk
Memorial Cup (Junior House Championship)	McEwen
Houston Cup (Senior House Championship)	Bulkeley
Hurt Cup (House Championship)	Bulkeley

CRICKET, 1962

The weather was against brighter cricket during the latter part of the term and several of the fixtures had to be curtailed or cancelled. In general, the School sides enjoyed a successful season. The 1st XI were unbeaten, though too often games were drawn which, with keener and more aggressive fielding, should have been won. The bowling was never hostile enough and in these circumstances fielding needed to be good. Unfortunately, the catching was frequently poor. Batting was, as expected, our main strength. Bush played some delightful innings and he was ably supported by the rest of the team, in particular Peck and Green. Peck's century against the Staff crowned a very successful season. Stocks continued to bowl well—though not always with the best of luck. He was certainly the most effective of our bowlers though both Dale and Garstang did well on occasions.

The success of the 2nd XI was most encouraging. They were unbeaten during the season and provided excellent reserve strength for the 1st—a fact which augurs well for next year.

The Junior cricket was played with great enthusiasm and there is much promising material in this part of the School. Here again, however, there is insufficient toughness in the fielding—and at times in the batting. Nevertheless, the keenness is evident and the general standard is certainly improving.

RESULTS

30th June v Nottingham High School (<i>Home</i>)	Drawn
<i>School: 158 for 6 dec. (Stimpson 59 n.o., Peck 47).</i>	
<i>Nottingham High School: 146 for 9.</i>	
7th July v King's School, Grantham (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 58 runs
<i>School 141 for 4 dec. (Peck 61, Wiser 40 n.o.),</i>	
<i>King's School: 83. (Stocks 5 for 19).</i>	
11th July v Alderman Newton's G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Drawn
<i>Alderman Newton's: 125 for 3 dec.</i>	
<i>School: 70 for 2. (Green 39 n.o.).</i>	
18th July 'A' Team v Forest Fields G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Drawn
<i>Forest Fields: 164.</i>	
<i>School: 98 for 5.</i>	
21st July v Mundella G.S. (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 5 wks.
<i>Mundella: 135. (Stocks 5 for 38).</i>	
<i>School: 136 for 5. (McGibbon 58).</i>	
24th July v The Staff (<i>Home</i>)	Drawn
<i>School: 203 for 5 dec. (Peck 101, Bush 48).</i>	
<i>Staff: 156 for 8. (Mr. Hurst 53).</i>	

2ND XI

7th July v King's School, Grantham (<i>Away</i>)	Won by 7 wks.
<i>King's School: 51. (Johnson 5 for 20).</i>	
<i>School: 55 for 3.</i>	
11th July v Alderman Newton's G.S. (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 65 runs
<i>School: 127 for 4 dec. (Bell 37, Tatham 30 n.o.).</i>	
<i>Alderman Newton's: 62. (Austin 5 for 34).</i>	

U.15 XI

- 23rd June v Carlton-le-Willows G.S. (*Home*) Lost by 9 runs
Carlton: 89. (*Lewis* 4 for 27).
School: 80. (*Morley* 41).
- 30th June v Nottingham High School (*Away*) Lost by 7 wkts.
School: 75.
Nottingham High School: 76 for 3.
- 7th July v King's School, Grantham (*Home*) Won by 34 runs
School: 127. (*Weselby* 42 n.o.).
King's School: 93. (*Varnam* 8 for 29).
- 18th July v West Bridgford G.S. (*Home*) Drawn
School: 132 for 5 dec. (*Cale* 33, *Morley* 31).
West Bridgford: 89 for 8. (*Varnam* 3 for 15, *Morley* 3 for 13).
- 21st July v Mundella G.S. (*Home*) Lost by 36 runs
Mundella: 81. (*Varnam* 5 for 18).
School: 45.

U.14 XI

- 30th June v West Bridgford G.S. (*Home*) Drawn
West Bridgford: 113. (*Brown* 5 for 27).
School: 83 for 8. (*Brown* 27).
- 7th July v King's School, Grantham (*Away*) Won by 6 wkts.
King's School: 141. (*Morley* 4 for 17).
School: 142 for 4. (*Morley* 62 n.o., *Cale* 48).

U.13 XI

- 9th July v Nottingham High School (*Away*) Lost by 63 runs
Nottingham High School: 110.
School: 47.

U.12 XI

- 6th July v High Pavement G.S. (*Home*) Lost by 4 wkts.
School: 81. (*Dawn* 20).
High Pavement: 82 for 6.
- 19th July v Nottingham High School (*Home*) Won by 65 runs
School: 121. (*Dawn* 33, *Hull* 41).
Nottingham High School: 56. (*Cooper* 3 for 12).
- 21st July v Fairham Comprehensive School (*Home*) Lost by 97 runs
Fairham: 142 for 9 dec.
School: 45.

HOUSE MATCHES

<i>Senior:</i>	McEwen	102	<i>Junior:</i>	McEwen	78
	Balk	44		Balk	76

Barber	71	Bulkeley	115
Bulkeley	75	Barber	17

<i>Final:</i>	McEwen	103	<i>Final:</i>	McEwen	46
	Bulkeley	129		Bulkeley	47

Cricket Colours were awarded to: J. Bush, D. Green (Re-awards) M. Peck, C. G. McGibbon, C. Garstang, R. Stocks, J. G. Stimpson. D. Green, J. Bush, R. Stocks, M. Peck were selected to play for the Notts. Grammar Schools Cricket XI.

Green, Bush and Stocks played against the Notts. Club and Ground.

Bush, Stocks and Peck played against Derbyshire Grammar Schools XI.

Bush and Stocks went on tour with the Notts. Youth Cricket Council playing against seven County Youth sides.

M. Peck was awarded a cricket bat for his century against the Staff.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Captain: H. Whittamore

Vice-Captain: R. Foster

At the beginning of the season the cross-country teams were almost non-existent, the previous captain, vice-captain and many other members of their teams having left. Only a small nucleus remained, with Thompson as captain. Many new members were soon recruited for the teams and these boys have since shown surprising talent.

The only two serious defeats suffered were against the strong Nottingham University III team and the well-trained High Pavement G.S. team. In the other matches the School has had varying degrees of success. Unfortunately, bad weather caused the cancellation of the matches against Loughborough G.S. and Sutton Bonington Agricultural College.

H.W.

RESULTS

1st TEAM

Oct. 10th v Carlton-le-Willows G.S. (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 10 pts.
1, Whittamore.	
Oct. 24th v Nottingham Training College (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 9 pts.
1, Whittamore. 2, Thompson.	
Nov. 14th v Nottingham University III (<i>Away</i>)	Lost by 42 pts.
8, Whittamore. 9, Scotton. 10, Bower and Foster.	
Nov. 21st v High Pavement G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Lost by 45 pts.
8, Whittamore. 9, Foster. 10, Clay.	
Dec. 1st v Lady Manners G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Won by 5 pts.
2, Scotton. 5, Foster. 6, Thompson.	

2ND TEAM

Nov. 21st v High Pavement G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Lost by 53 pts.
9, Prescott. 11, Evans. 12, Corbett.	

UNDER 17 TEAM

Oct. 6th v Bilborough G.S. (<i>Home</i>)	Lost by 8 pts.
1, Whittamore. 5, Foster. 6, Thompson.	
Nov. 17th v Bilborough G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Lost by 10 pts.
2, Whittamore. 6, Foster. 7, Clay.	

UNDER 15 TEAM

Oct. 6th v Bilborough G.S. (<i>Home</i>)	Won by 10 pts.
1, G. A. Smith. 2, Scotton.	
Nov. 17th v Bilborough G.S. (<i>Away</i>)	Lost by 10 pts.
3, Evans.	

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: J. G. Stimpson

Vice-Captain: F. B. Green

Last season many of the stalwarts of the 1st XV left school so that the new season presented its usual problems of team selection. This fact, together with the numerous injuries which have occurred, has necessitated different teams taking the field for consecutive matches. The consequent weakness has been very apparent, especially amongst the threequarters, and play has been confined to relatively unattractive forward movements.

In spite of this, however, the team has achieved moderate success, due mainly to the fine team spirit which has prevailed.

Results

Played 15, Won 8, Drawn 4, Lost 3; For 124, Against 74

Sept. 22nd v Old Boys (*Home*) Won 5-3

In a hard-fought game the School played magnificently to hold a very powerful Old Boys team. The play was confined mainly to the forwards where the School countered their opponents' weight by mobility. It was from a loose maul that Marquand scored near the post; Stimpson added the points.

Sept. 29th v Nottingham High School (*Home*) Lost 6-17

In fine, dry conditions, lack of cover by the forwards and the inexperience of the backs allowed the High School threequarters to roam at will. The game was extremely hard-fought, both sides ending the game with reduced numbers. The High School undoubtedly deserved their win.

Scorers: Evans, Stimpson (tries).

Oct. 6th v Forest Fields (*Away*) Lost 5-6

In an early morning game the School played lethargically and deserved to be beaten. They lacked the fire of previous matches and Forest Fields constantly gained possession.

Scorers: Bridge (try), Stimpson (conversion).

Oct. 10th v Cripps Hall (*Away*) Won 5-3

In miserable conditions, the School, although playing poor Rugby, managed to gain their second victory of the season.

Scorers: Hobson (try), Wortley (conversion).

Oct. 13th v King's School, Grantham (*Home*) Won 22-0

The School standard of Rugby improved considerably and we were able to build up a good total of points.

Scorers: Evans (two tries), Marriott, Marquand, Green (tries), Wortley (two conversions), Stimpson (dropped goal).

Oct. 17th v Old Boys (*Home*) Lost 5-16

Even with the inclusion of Mr. Impey the School were no match for an extremely powerful Old Boys XV.

Scorers: Mr. Impey (try), Wortley (conversion).

Oct. 20th v Alderman Newton's G.S. (*Home*) Won 11-6

The School played well to register a hard-fought victory against a good Leicester side.

Scorers: Stimpson (try), Marriott (try), Wortley (goal).

Nov. 7th v Hugh Stewart Hall (*Home*) Won 18-0

The School played very well to record an easy victory over a moderate University side. One pleasing feature was the improvement in the threequarter play.

Scorers: Green (two tries), Deane (try), Wortley (try, three conversions).

Nov. 10th v West Bridgford G.S. (Home)

Drew 3-3

In very muddy conditions the game developed into a forward maul between two evenly matched packs. It was left to a dropped goal by Stimpson to secure the equaliser.

Nov. 14th v High Pavement G.S. (Home)

Won 18-0

The standard of School play rose to new heights in the sound defeat of their rivals, High Pavement.

Scorers: Green (two tries), Wortley (two penalties), Stimpson (try, dropped goal).

Nov. 17th v Loughborough G.S. (Home)

Lost 8-9

In an extremely exciting and hard-fought game the School were unfortunate to lose when a draw would have been a fair result. Undoubtedly this match the finest game of the season so far.

Scorers: Marriott (try), Bridge (try), Austin (conversion).

Dec. 1st v Lady Manners G.S. (Home)

Drew 0-0

The game was played in a lethargic manner, probably the result of the School's rest from matches. In a dismal game neither side ever looked like scoring.

2ND XV

Sept.	22nd	v Old Boys III	Home	Drawn	9-9
	29th	v High School, Nottingham	Away	Lost	3-6
Oct.	3rd	v Southwell G.S. I	Home	Lost	5-17
	13th	v King's School, Grantham	Away	Won	34-3
	20th	v Fairham Comp. School	Home	Won	27-3
Nov.	3rd	v Bilborough G.S.	Away	Won	15-3
	14th	v High Pavement G.S.	Away	Won	6-0
	17th	v Loughborough G.S.	Home	Drawn	6-6
	24th	v Ecclesbourne G.S.	Home	Won	11-3
Dec.	1st	v Lady Manners G.S.	Away	Won	8-0

3RD XV

Oct.	6th	v Nottingham High School	Home	Lost	3-12
	17th	v High Pavement G.S.	Away	Won	6-0
Nov.	14th	v High Pavement G.S.	Home	Won	22-3
	24th	v Arnold High School	Home	Drawn	0-0

U.15 XV

Oct.	6th	v High Pavement G.S.	Away	Won	21-3
	13th	v King's School, Grantham	Home	Won	16-0
Nov.	6th	v Fairham Comp. School	Home	Won	33-3
	10th	v West Bridgford G.S.	Home	Won	6-0
	17th	v Loughborough G.S.	Away	Won	19-3
	24th	v Arnold High School	Away	Won	8-3
Dec.	1st	v Lady Manners G.S.	Home	Won	14-0

U.14 XV

Oct.	3rd	v Southwell G.S.	Home	Won	34-0
	6th	v Nottingham High School	Home	Lost	6-18
	13th	v King's School, Grantham	Home	Won	16-5
	20th	v Alderman Newton's G.S.	Home	Lost	5-14
Nov.	12th	v High Pavement G.S.	Away	Lost	3-20
	17th	v Loughborough G.S.	Away	Lost	3-45
	24th	v Ecclesbourne School	Home	Won	24-14

U.13 XV

Oct.	13th	v Glen Bott Sec. School	Away	Won	15-0
	18th	v High Pavement G.S.	Home	Won	6-0
	20th	v Fairham School	Away	Drawn	0-0
	25th	v Nottingham High School	Home	Won	18-0
Nov.	24th	v High Pavement G.S.	Home	Lost	3-9

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Dec.	1st	v Lady Manners G.S.	Away	Won	6-3
	13th	v West Bridgford High School	Home	Won	34-0
	15th	v Arnold High School	Home	Won	44-0
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	(Cancelled) For Against
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U.13 "B" XV

Oct.	18th	v High Pavement G.S.	Home	Lost	6-36
	25th	v Nottingham High School	Home	Won	9-6

HALF-TERM RUGBY TOUR

On Friday, 26th October, a party of four Masters and thirty-four boys, the 1st and 2nd XVs, left School to play against teams in Lancashire and Cheshire. After a short stop at Warrington we arrived at the Y.M.C.A., Liverpool which was to be our base for the week-end. We were made very welcome and were comfortably housed—some in dormitories, others in single rooms, and it was not long before the party had settled in and was making good use of the excellent facilities provided.

On the Saturday morning we made our way to the Liverpool Collegiate ground where we were to play our first games. The 1st XV had a hard match against a tough, skilled team. The School established an early lead and did well to hold their vigorous opponents. Result: Won 8-6; Tries, Wortley and Stimpson; Wortley, conversion. The 2nd XV had an easier game but played very good Rugby to win 28-0.

After lunch, some of the party determined to further their knowledge by watching a Rugby League match—Wigan v. St. Helen's—but the majority preferred a change of scene and made their way to watch Everton play Ipswich.

In the evening we found our own amusements. Some, encouraged perhaps by advertisement, went to a revue starring Jon Pertwee—a sad choice. They are still wondering what it was about! There is some comfort in the fact that the rest of the audience seemed equally bemused.

Sunday we spent at Blackpool. We arrived to find the town windswept and very cold with rain dimming the lustre of the "Golden Mile". For some, this was the least of the troubles and it became a trial to find some means of passing time. There seemed to be little other than an endless procession of Bingo Halls and Amusement Arcades. However, an evening tour of the illuminations compensated for the bleak day and the party returned to Liverpool in a cheerful mood.

Monday afternoon we went through the Tunnel to Birkenhead where we were to play the Park School on the Birkenhead Park Club ground. Here the 1st XV did well to defeat a powerful side 5-0. After establishing an early lead through a try by Wortley which he converted, the School had to fight hard to maintain their advantage. Both packs played hard and the School defended well.

The 2nd XV found the opposition tough and experienced and it was not until the second half that they were able to establish any real superiority. Result: Won 5-3.

On Tuesday morning we set out for home, making a brief stop at Chester before arriving at Sandbach School where we were to play our final games. For the 1st XV this proved the hardest struggle of all. Not unnaturally the team was rather tired and the game was played on a sloping pitch—the sun and a strong wind adding to this advantage. Fortunately the School won the toss and were able to pen their opponents in their half. Even so we managed to score only twice and this lead was slender in the circumstances. After half-time it was a case of determined, often desperate, defence, and we were pleased to be able to share the honours after an extremely hard game. Result: 6-6; Wortley (try); Stimpson (dropped goal).

The 2nd XV won a rather scrappy game, 13-0. The wind made good Rugby difficult and the team was, perhaps, feeling too much the effects of previous games to press home any advantage.

A very tired party arrived home in Nottingham after what had been a most enjoyable week-end. Our sincere thanks must be extended to those who made this tour possible. Everywhere we went we were made most welcome and always hospitably entertained.

J.G.S.

HOCKEY

This season the Hockey team has developed into a powerful unit; the half-back line of Lee, Lawson and Payne has been perhaps the greatest factor in its success, while the incisive thrusts of Morris and Stocks in the forward line have been a constant threat to opposition defences. The team spirit of the side is high, and we look forward to future matches.

RESULTS

Oct. 4th v Carlton-le-Willows G.S. (Away) Won 7-1

The School, after a fairly even first half, took control after the interval to overrun their opponents with some irresistible hockey. (Goalscorers: Morris 3, Stocks, Lawson, Bassford, Lee).

Nov. 14th v Mundella G.S. (Away) Won 5-1

The School opened aggressively and were 3-0 ahead at half-time. Mundella could find no answer to the dangerous School attack, and though they improved in the second half, we emerged convincing winners. (Stocks 3, Morris, Peck).

Nov. 28th v West Bridgford G.S. (Away) Lost 1-3

As in previous matches, the School opened strongly and deservedly went ahead through Teed. The robust West Bridgford side, however, equalized before half-time, and in the second half, hesitancy in defence and missed chances, meant the School's first defeat.

Dec. 1st v Sherwood Hall (Home) Won 4-0

The first-ever home hockey match proved to be an enjoyable occasion, for on a fine Saturday morning, the School slowly overcame their opponents (who had not been beaten for two years) to lead 1-0 at half-time. Quick second-half goals demoralized the opposition. (Stocks, Morris 2, Bassford).

R.S.

TENNIS

At the end of the Summer Term last year the School held its first annual senior Tennis Tournament when members of the Staff were invited to compete. After several exciting rounds, Mr. A. P. R. Brook and A. Lawson reached the final, where Mr. Brook was defeated 4 : 6, 6 : 2, 2 : 6; the match being, however, much closer than the score suggests. Next year the School hopes to form a tennis team and House Championships are to be instituted.

A.L.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

<i>C.S.M.:</i>	Cadet W.O. II J. C. Knight
<i>R.N. Section:</i>	Cadet Petty Officer G. C. McGibbon
<i>Army Section:</i>	Cadet Sergeant M. J. Barrett
<i>R.A.F. Section:</i>	Cadet Sergeant D. J. Snodin
<i>Basic Section:</i>	Cadet Sergeant A. D. Kingstone
<i>Captain of Shooting:</i>	Cadet Sergeant R. J. Morris

Once again there was a good response to recruiting at the beginning of term and the Basic Section strength of 45 Cadets maintains the Contingent number at 127 Cadets.

The Summer Camps for all Sections were a great success, in some cases in spite of the inclement weather, which was particularly bad at Dartmouth. This rather cut down the river-work for the R.N. Section Cadets at the Royal Naval College, as well as preventing their seeing the start of the Tall Ships Race, although they were able to visit and inspect some of the largest of the ships tied up in the River Dart. At Devonport a few of the seniors were guests of the Dartmouth Training Squadron but unfortunately did not go on the hoped-for cruise.

Northern Command's Central Camp held at Warcop, provided an excellent training as well as holiday for 45 Cadets of the Army and Basic Sections. They were more fortunate with the weather than most holiday-makers last summer and the training was a great success and most enjoyable. The R.A.F. Section at R.A.F. Wattisham in Suffolk were made most welcome and with more flying-time per Cadet than the Section has had for many years, including a 'jet' flight, the isolation of the station was forgotten and a useful week's training enjoyed.

Whilst the R.A.F. Section were at Camp, Corporals Dewar, Snodin and Tompkin were successful in obtaining Gliding Licences at R.A.F. Kirtlington-in-Lindsey. It is a great pity that the R.A.F. Gliding Schools are so few in number that only a limited number of selected Cadets are able to undertake this worthwhile training and achieve solo status in the air, a not inconsiderable accomplishment.

At half-term the usual weekend training for Leading Cadets was carried out using 12 W.E.T.C. Proteus Camp as the centre. This

was one of the most successful of these weekends and once again included a 24-hour exercise. Also, in spite of a little "stretching" of the rules, the Officers managed to beat the N.C.O.s in a short shooting competition.

This term the R.A.F. Section has been most fortunate in having visits by instructors from R.A.F. Syerston to teach Navigation and Principles of Flight. These experienced Officers have been of great help to the Section and created great interest in their subjects. The benefit gained is seen in the excellent results, particularly in the Advanced Examination in which all except two gained Distinctions or Credits.

After much delay, the arrival of the band instruments is expected in January and tuition under the guidance of Mr. Cocking will bring another interest to the Contingent and, it is hoped, will attract boys who are keen on learning wind instruments. The initial ensemble is to be brass but, if it develops well, wood-wind will be added later.

Future activities are already growing in interest. Arduous training will again take place on Dartmoor; the R.N. Section will be doing Annual Training during Easter at sea in a frigate and at the end of July on the Dartmouth Training Squadron cruise; and the Army and Basic Sections will camp at Bamley near Aldershot where there are excellent facilities.

The long-heralded changes in the organisation of the C.C.F. have not yet materialised but as membership of the Contingent has always been voluntary, the main changes are expected to be in types of training. Any new type of training will be welcomed especially if it helps to develop self-discipline, self-reliance and initiative.

THE FARADAY LECTURE, 1962

Several hundred senior pupils attended the De Montfort Hall, Leicester, to hear the Faraday Lecture for 1962.

The subject was "Electronics in Air Safety Control and Navigation" and the speaker, Dr. Eastwood, developed the theme with the aid of several magnificent models of radar, of computer apparatus and of flight plan controllers.

His *pièce de résistance* was a scale model of a hovercraft on a rail, designed to demonstrate the Doppler technique for direction-finding.

The speaker had such a wide range of material that we students had little chance to grasp with full understanding these modern scientific developments.

J.C.K.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE

This course, from 12th to 18th July, was centred on Morley Farm, near Totnes, Devon, having for its object the study of granite

rock formations and the salient geographical features of Dartmoor and the Dart Valley. Time was also found for visits to Torbay, Paignton, Torquay, the caverns of Brixham and the limestone pavement with its peculiar igneous intrusion at Shoalstone Point.

Some time was spent on a town study of Totnes, historical, economic and domestic, and some on a study of the coastal features of Torcross, where erosion was very pronounced; Slapton, which possessed a perfect example of a sand spit; and Blackpool where the minute folds in the strata were of great interest.

Our last day passed agreeably in a survey of the camp site and the land utilisation of the surrounding farmland.

It proved to be a most informative and enjoyable week and full details of our activities were entered in the Field Course Notebook; we are now looking forward to a similar study to be made of the Dorset area at the end of the Summer Term.

A.L., J.G.S.



Stratified Rock at Beacon Cove, Torquay.

THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

Friday, 26th October, saw the fourth Annual Commemoration Service, again held in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Souls, Bulwell, to commemorate the life and work of Henry Mellish, particularly in his responsibility for the establishment of our School.

Those officiating were Rev. Canon G. Sprittles, Rector of Bulwell; Rev. C. H. Hind of Bulwell Parish Church and the following Old

Boys—Rev. F. E. Newton, Congregational Minister from Clifton; Rev. E. P. Bailey of All Hallows, Ordsall; Rev. E. W. Sheeran, Vicar of Edwalton and Mr. F. D. Wilson, L.R.A.M. who played the organ.

The Headmaster and the Head Boy read the lessons and the Choir sang the anthem, "Praise God! the One Thrice Holy We Adore".

Rev. E. W. Sheeran preached the sermon—on the necessity for an aim in life and a standard to which we can aspire. He suggested that we could have no better aim than to try to live up to the life of Jesus Christ. Henry Mellish had known this and we, also knowing this, should act upon it, obeying Jesus Christ's two Commandments—to love God and love your neighbour.

During the closing hymn, the offering was taken; it totalled £26 9s. 5d., of which £12 was given to the Church and the rest was given to the Old Boys War Memorial Fund.

J.M.T.

THE SCHOOL PLAY

The Dramatic Society, in presenting "The Long Sunset" by R. C. Sherriff, attempted what was perhaps the most difficult play the School's Dramatic Societies have ever attempted, but they were amply rewarded not only by a very creditable, and on the final night a very moving result, but they had enjoyed some eight weeks' preparation without a dull moment watching the play come alive.

The "Sunset" of the title refers to the return of the British-born Romans to Rome to defend the Empire fast crumbling under its attacks by the Goths and Huns, so leaving Britain to the mercy of the Celtic, Scottish and Saxon invaders. One family refuses to leave Britain, and it is of this family and its slender connection with the future King Arthur and his Knights that the play treats.

The head of the family is Julian; he takes a prominent part in every scene of the play; he is the leader and the chief spokesman for the whole Roman community and, in turn, accuser, defender, sympathiser, comforter and above all idealist. R. D. Johnson undertook this difficult role and nobly endeavoured to interpret its many-sidedness. He cut a most imposing figure and declaimed the glorious speeches Sherriff had given him most convincingly.

His two Roman friends, a farmer and a shipbuilder, were less prominent but equally important to the plot, and these were well portrayed by A. G. Biggs and P. E. Lawton.

The downfall of Britain had been foretold in the first scene by Marcus, a Roman officer, and his mixture of classical restraint and genuine interest in the welfare of Julian and his family was well suggested by D. R. Bassford.

Julian's wife and family were played by A. D. Harryman, R. G. Waldron and R. F. Hole; they brought to the play a feeling of unity and mutual concern that easily evoked our sympathies for the little community.



The School Play.

Arthur and Gawaine, by their love of fighting and barbaric splendour, provided a strong contrast to the cultured Romans, but Sherriff had introduced into their speeches moving moments when we glimpsed the beginning of that romantic and chivalrous brotherhood of the Knights of the Round Table. D. R. Payne and A. Rayment well interpreted this to us, as the congratulatory applause of the audiences testified.

C. J. Oldershaw had the small part of Lugar, a Scottish slave, bought for six silver pennies in Canterbury, long before the play began. His ambition to buy his freedom eventually and his final success in achieving that ambition were touchingly presented to us in a few short but dramatic scenes.

Perhaps the most difficult part to play—for a boy—was that of Serena, Julian's wife. However, A. D. Harryman was most convincing in the part and had obviously worked hard to interpret something very remote from his real self.

We must add that the final result was made most realistic by the stage becoming, in the hands of the Art Department, a perfect replica of a Roman living-room of A.D. 410, looking out over the Kent countryside to the fortress on the cliffs, and by the very colourful Roman and native costumes worn so naturally by the cast.

It was a production we shall long remember.

Characters

Marcus, a Roman officer	..	..	..	D. R. Bassford
Lugar, a servant	..	..	..	C. J. Oldershaw
Serena, Julian's wife	..	..	..	A. D. Harryman

Paula, their daughter	..	..	..	R. F. Hole
Julian, a Roman living in Britain	..	..	..	R. D. Johnson
Otho, their son	..	..	..	R. G. Waldron
Portius	} wealthy landowners, friends of Julian	{		P. E. Lawton
Lucian				A. G. Biggs
Arthur, a soldier of fortune	..	..	..	D. R. Payne
Gawaine, his nephew	..	..	..	A. Rayment

NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE VISITS

"Twelfth Night"

Whoever designs the sets at the Playhouse should take a bow sometime. For this idyllic fantasy they produced a skeletal, rickety affair which was sufficiently adaptable to serve for both interior and exterior scenes, complete with a natty little oh!-so-symbolic, tree-cum-hatstand which never looked out of place. This, the brightly coloured costumes of all and the boyish faces of the gentlemen, irresistibly recalling Gilbert and Sullivan, made suspension of disbelief willing, easy and rewarding.

The Playhouse team were wise enough to leave the "sub" out of the sub-plot; their Malvolio, a walking caricature who never failed to amuse, was supported by the spirited clowning of his antagonists. The most cynical schoolboy must have been convinced that Shakespeare can be good theatre.

G.H.C. (VI U.A.)

"The Empty Chair"

Form Va went to see this play for one reason, because its action is contemporaneous with that of Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities" and it might, therefore, provide us with some knowledge of life during the French Revolution and the subsequent "Reign of Terror".

As the title of the play suggests, the plot revolves around a golden chair of great magnificence, reported as having been carried away after the looting of the Tuileries. A rumour was started by the charwomen that whosoever sat in the chair would go to the guillotine.

The whole populace was depicted as taking sides with one politician or another, and the politicians as competing with each other for power. Those who lost the struggle were guillotined.

Mouche, the spy, was one of the most interesting characters, I thought. He seemed to be the only one who kept his head and yet he never revealed his true colours. He almost induced Barras to sit in the chair in his mocking proclamation of him as Emperor. But all in turn fell and were guillotined—Barras, Danton, Robespierre. Mouche was the only one to survive, and he was imprisoned.

The cruelty of the times and the ruthlessness of the leaders were well portrayed by the actors and by the effects used—the costumes were obviously authentic, and the setting was made the more realistic by the harrowing sound effects of the mob and of the

guillotine. Moreover, the historical accuracy of the story provided us with an intimate picture of those times of which Dickens wrote in his novel. We should now appreciate his "Tale of Two Cities" all the more.

J.A.C. (Va)

"The Three Musketeers"

A disappointing play perhaps, but certainly not one lacking in vitality! The lively approach, coupled with a never-flagging continuity of action and an ingenious setting—a scaffold-like contrivance, ensured our unswerving attention. The clamour of the Musketeers as they charged down the centre gangway and the clash as the swords of the Musketeers and the Cardinal's guard made contact were electrifying.

Its obvious failure as a play was due to its multitude of scenes and consequent limited characterisation made necessary by the large cast. Even D'Artagnan received nothing like a full cameo, and it was almost impossible to distinguish between the 'Three Musketeers'—Athos, Porthos, Aramis, although John Neville was unmistakable as the valiant protagonist. Other characters drawn in a bolder hand were the roguish Planchet (Job Stewart), who supplied the slapstick humour; the obsequious Monsieur Bonacieux (Ronald Magill) and his spirited wife (Marielaine Douglas).

A.J.G. (VI U.A.)

TWO FRENCH PLAYS

French students in the Sixth Form were recently able to watch productions of two plays in their G.C.E. syllabus, both performed by a visiting French company, La Troupe Française.

On October 18th, at the People's College, they saw "Le Barbier de Séville", a comedy by the eighteenth century dramatist, Pierre de Beaumarchais. Spirited acting enabled the play to progress in an entertaining manner; the part of Figaro was played particularly well.

Still more satisfying was the visit made by members of the Upper Sixth to the Deincourt Secondary School, near Chesterfield, on November 28th. Here the same company performed "Andromaque", by the seventeenth century classical tragedian, Jean Racine. Essentially psychological in approach, this is a difficult play to perform, but the company gave an inspired performance which was most rewarding to watch.

D.G.McN. (VI U.A.)

SCHOOL SOCIETIES THE CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union recommenced its activities this year with the customary Annual General Meeting on September 24th when officers were elected.

We have heard a variety of speakers, including Rev. M. J. Walker (Stapleford) on "Judas Iscariot", Rev. A. R. Chastney (Hucknall) on "Methodism", Canon George Sprittles (Bulwell) on "Rural Deans", and Rev. D. H. Williams (Bilborough) told us "How to fill a Church". The term concluded with a visit from Rev. Mark Way, Assistant Bishop of Southwell, who spoke about "The Church in East Africa" where he was in charge of a diocese for many years. (At this meeting we had Mr. R. Brunswick with us.)

We now look forward to an equally successful Spring Term, and hope to see an increase in the already good attendances, especially by members of the lower and middle schools.

G.P.H.

THE DANCING SOCIETY

Chairman: J. G. Stimpson

Secretary: J. C. Knight

This year has been a landmark in the history of the Dancing Society. New records and a record-player have been purchased from donations made by the members. And their enthusiasm has been reflected again in their willingness to learn the first, seemingly awkward, steps of the Waltz and Quickstep.

As a result, good progress has been made and the old-time dances mastered; the Moonlight Saunter is now a firm favourite, particularly with the prefectorial body.

This most enjoyable and successful Autumn Term concluded with a social, during which presentations were made to Mrs. Borton and Messrs. Hurst and Sutherland in gratitude for their excellent tuition.

J.C.K.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: R. J. Bishop

Secretary: A. R. Hill

Despite the efforts of certain members to promote interest in the Society, and despite several provocative debates such as whether the Sixth-Formers of this School are under-privileged, whether co-education leads to immorality in youth, and whether the vulgar enjoy life more than the refined, attendances have been disappointingly poor. However the last debate, at which two members of the Staff were speakers on "That the Vulgar enjoy life more than the Refined", aroused more interest than usual and was carried by a large majority.

A.R.H.

THE GYMNASTICS CLUB

Captain: C. R. Deane

The activities of the Gymnastics Club have continued with such ever-increasing support that in the Autumn Term group work was necessary for some time to enable the newcomers to attain some of



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the more advanced skills; there is now a large body of fairly competent gymnasts. Newcomers will always be welcomed.

Although there are, as yet, no definite plans for the formation of a display team, this is being considered and it is hoped that this year's members will attain the high standard achieved in previous years.

C.R.D.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Chairman: W. F. Bullock

Secretary: C. R. Deane

This year's Society is proving very successful, having already, within one term, outnumbered the activities of last year. Three plays have been read and studied, of which two, "Look Back In Anger", and "Roots" were modern, the other one being Ben Jonson's "Every Man in His Humour". There have also been two visits to the Playhouse to see "The Sponge Room" and John Osborne's "A Subject of Scandal and Concern", and the Society hopes to visit the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in the New Year. All this has been possible because of the enthusiasm and regularity of attendance of the members.

C.R.D.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

At its Annual General Meeting the Society decided to continue meetings although with some apprehension (due mainly to disappointing results last School year). However, attendances have been surprisingly good, and on a par with other, more established Societies, and members have enjoyed a variety of music from Beethoven to Stravinsky. There have also been three talks: two by G. P. Humphreys ("The Orchestra" and "The Planets") and one by Norman Silcock, B.Mus., F.R.C.O. on the "Evolution of Keyboard Music". Mr. Silcock's virtuosity and good humour helped to make this the most successful meeting of the Autumn Term.

The joint secretaries had the honour of meeting Sir Adrian C. Boult in September and as a result of this, he consented to be the Society's President.

Next term, among other things, we hope to have a visit from Mr. Noel Cox, the local conductor, and we heartily extend an invitation to all boys to attend meetings (which are held weekly).

G.P.H., D.J.S.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: R. J. Bishop

Secretary: D. K. Walker

The Society was re-formed once again early this term when new officers were elected. Owing to the fact that First- and Second-

Formers are now allowed to join, so large a number attended the first few meetings, that membership has now had to be restricted to thirty-five.

An interesting and well illustrated talk on "Stick Insects" was given by Dickinson of IIIb just before mid-term and there have been numerous very well attended film-shows. We are now awaiting finer weather so that some time can be spent out-of-doors.

D.K.W.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: R. J. Morris

Secretary: R. Reed

Replying to a demand by members of the Sixth Form for a Society which would promote free thought and expression on philosophical, political and religious views, the initiative was taken by certain members of the Upper Sixth who introduced a Philosophical Society into our 'School activities'. Applications for membership were invited, and fifteen were accepted.

The subject of the first meeting was "The Decline of Religion during the Twentieth Century". A lively discussion ensued allowing the Scientific Agnostics to exchange repartee with the conservative Classical Scholars, who were determined to defend their principles to the bitter end.

It may be confidently predicted that with such a diversity of opinion among the members, the life of the Society is assured for some time.

R.J.M.

HOUSE NOTES

BALK HOUSE

Balk House would like to extend their congratulations to Bulkeley House on winning the Hurt Cup for the year, 1961-62.

There have been no House Competitions since the last issue of *The Centaur* and therefore no scores of any description to report. Regarding the future, in the light of the results of the past year, the prospects of Balk House are infinitely better than they have been for some time, but a concerted effort will be needed by all members of the House so that our natural talent will secure us a higher position in the House table.

F.B.G.

BARBER HOUSE

We first congratulate Bulkeley House on retaining the title of "Cock House" for a second year.

The only House activities that have taken place since the last number of the *Centaur* are the Senior and Junior Cricket Championships. Despite a fine innings by Whitby, the Senior team was narrowly defeated by a strong Bulkeley House team which went on

to win the Old Boys' Cup. In the Juniors we were also defeated by Bulkeley House.

Although some of our best players left in July, we still look forward to a good "run" in the Senior Rugby Championship.

D.J.S.

BULKELEY HOUSE

Since the last number of *The Centaur*, the Inter-House Cricket Championship has taken place, and, having won the Rugby and Cross-Country Championships in the previous term, the House made sure of its place as "Cock House" for the second year in succession by winning also the Cricket title. Congratulations must be given to all concerned for a fine effort; let us hope that our success will continue in the coming years.

There is much real talent among the Junior members, so we are confident that our fine House tradition will be maintained.

G.McG.

McEWEN HOUSE

Congratulations to Bulkeley House on retaining the title of "Cock House" for the School year, 1961-62 !

There is little to report except that our Cricket XI, having reached the final of the House Championship by defeating Balk House, were unfortunately defeated in that final by Bulkeley House.

With a greatly strengthened Senior House Rugby team this year, we look forward to much greater success in this field than we have had for the past few years.

R.B.T.

THE PARENT-STAFF ASSOCIATION

The attendances at meetings this term have been very good, and they reflect the interest of parents in the School and in the welfare of their boys. The meeting of First Form Parents was again very popular, and almost all the boys were represented by at least one parent.

A highlight of the term was the visit on Thursday, 18th October, of the Secretary of the Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations, Mr. J. R. Cummings, B.Litt., M.A. With one of his assistants, Miss E. M. Carlton, M.A., he arrived at School at lunch time, and in the afternoon masters were able to consult them on matters relating to the G.C.E. Examinations in their own subjects. More than four hundred parents attended the evening's meeting, and after a talk by Mr. Cummings in which he outlined some of the problems of an Examining Board and the ways in which they attempt to solve them, some very interesting questions were asked by an audience which quite evidently appreciated the difficulties involved and were agreeably surprised and gratified by the very great pains taken by the Delegacy in fulfilling their very important

responsibility. We are indebted to Mr. Cummings and Miss Carlton for the courtesy of this visit.

On Wednesday, 7th November, we departed from normal procedure by holding a meeting at the University of Nottingham. We were allowed to use the Lecture Hall in the Social Sciences and Education Building for an illustrated lecture by Professor J. D. Chambers on the "Local History of Nottingham". This talk proved to be of enormous interest and about two hundred parents and members of staff attended. It was refreshing to hear for once firm expressions of opinion on matters of Civic Planning that were disinterested and not solely concerned with how to gain the greatest advantage for this or that group within the community. We would like to record our thanks to Professor Chambers (who also serves the School as a member of the Governing Body) for a most interesting evening.

Next term we are planning a Careers Forum to be held on 21st February. Careers in Agriculture, Industrial and Commercial Management, the Civil Service, as well as Careers for University Graduates, will be dealt with, if we obtain the services of the specialists we are seeking.

R. McC.

THE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Yet another important event has occurred within the Association and we are now proud of the fact that Doctor S. Holgate, Master of Grey College, Durham, has become, in 1962, the first Old Boy to be President of the Association. Doctor Holgate has long been a faithful member of this Association and his unanimous election to, and his acceptance of, the office were warmly welcomed by all.

All Old Boys who have passed through Durham University will remember Doctor Holgate very well for he formed a close link between the University and the School, and as Secretary of Durham Colleges introduced many to their new seat of learning. For all his work on behalf of Old Boys and the School we are most grateful.

Doctor Holgate belongs to the era, 1929-37, which produced a number of Old Boys who have remained faithful to the Association and without whose support and encouragement the Association would have faded away. It is, therefore, appropriate to record our appreciation of the loyalty and hard work given, and still being given, to various activities by these stalwarts. They are an inspiration to all Old Boys; it is a great pity that more are not following in their footsteps.

Support for the Association's activities seems to be decreasing. 1962 has not been a successful year socially; only the Rugby Football Club really continues to prosper.

This regrettable lack of support, which we hope this plea will rectify, has put the Association in an uncomfortable financial

position, and this, coupled with a similar position in the War Memorial Ground Fund, prompted the promotion of a Derby Prize Draw at the beginning of the year. A great deal of hard work went into this Draw and it first seemed as though it would be an outstanding success, but when the Draw was held at a social evening at the Bell Inn on 1st June, 1962, previous hopes began to diminish. The social evening attracted only the usual faithful members and when eventually the promotion was completed we were able to add approximately £27 and £13 to the War Memorial Ground and our own fund respectively. However, the Association would like to extend to all supporters of this Derby Prize Draw its grateful thanks.

One attraction during the Association's year is the annual cricket match between the Association and the School; unfortunately, this year, it had to be cancelled owing to the Association's being unable to raise a team in time. Naturally this was very disappointing and already arrangements have been put in hand with the Centaur Cricket Club to arrange the 1963 match and, as the members of the Centaur team play together regularly, it is hoped that they will win, and so regain some prestige for the Association.

Mention has already been made of the thriving Rugby Football Club and of the Centaur Cricket Club and reports from their respective Secretaries are given below.

Attempts have been made to recommence another form of sport, Badminton; this was very popular some years ago and, as the Headmaster has given us permission to use the School's gymnasium, it was hoped that it would soon be flourishing again. Mr. Keith Overton is working hard to re-form the Club and hopes that many people will respond; those interested will find him at 6 Hayden Lane, Linby, Notts.

News of Old Boys

G. R. Goodall (1929-1934). During this year G. R. Goodall was over on leave from Malaya and paid a visit to the School. He also wrote to the Secretary to convey to his contemporaries of 1929-34 his kind regards. Should anyone like to contact G. R. G., they will find him at P.O. Box 1003, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

A. R. Measham (1944-1950). We are also represented in Nova Scotia. Tony wrote to us recently to say how much he enjoys reading *The Centaur*. We are printing his full address—6339 York Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia—as Tony wishes to receive correspondence from old friends. He is at present studying Medicine and hopes to graduate in this subject, then doing Post-Graduate work in psychiatry which will probably bring him back to Europe.

P. D. Daykin (1941-1946). After experience in Corporation transport, undertakings in Nottingham, Bournemouth, Middlesbrough, Preston and Eastbourne, Peter has been appointed Traffic Superintendent to Leicester City Transport.

F. G. Green (1952-1959) writes from Jerusalem where he is

finding teaching in St. George's Boarding School a full-time occupation, on "duty days" lasting from 5.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Rugby Football Club

The present season 1962/63, after an unfortunate start, now promises to be a most excellent one for the Club. The record at present is as follows:-

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XV	12	9	1	2	107	59
2nd XV	12	11	—	1	225	42
3rd XV	9	6	1	2	176	33
4th XV	3	2	—	1	28	32

The most pleasing occurrence so far is these three matches by our 4th XV; our Thirds only started playing in the season 1958/59, after a period of over 10 years getting a regular 2nd XV REALLY going, so that it is a major achievement for the Club to turn out a fourth string this season. It may take a few seasons to get really established and turn out 15 players every week, but we are now once again in the happy position of being able to give every playing member a game of Rugby on a Saturday afternoon.

A brief resumé of each XV's season so far goes as follows:-

1st XV—*Skipper* Jim Taylor; *Vice-Captain* John Hall

After a weakened side was defeated 0-20 by Loughborough in the first match of the season, and a drawn game with local rivals, O.W.B.s (6-6) it was not until November 3rd that we went down again; this time 0-8 against Nottingham Corsairs at Mapperley—Corsairs fielding a side containing our old colleagues Don Smart and Andy Beadsworth.

2nd XV—*Skipper* Eric Price; *Vice-Captain* Billy Barnes

An excellent season so far, only marred by the 3-5 defeat inflicted by the School 1st XV.

The best performance has been the 8-5 defeat of Notts. "A", a very solid XV who the next week were playing one of our 1st normal opponents; but on this occasion they met what is one of the strongest if not the strongest, Junior Rugby 2nd XVs in this area. Runaway victories of 63-0 against Boots "A", 32-3 against Moat O.B. 2nd and 25-0 against Oadby 2nd have helped to swell the "points for" total to 225.

3rd XV—*Skipper* "Pip" Wood; *Vice-Captain* Mick Oldham

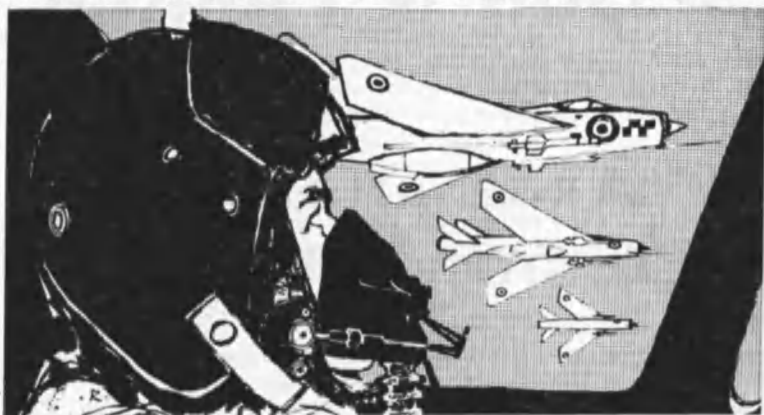
After an initial drawn game with the School 2nd, 9-9, the 3rd too have been amongst the points putting in 28-0 against Hugh Stewart Hall, and 66-0 against Aylestonians 3rd. These victories have been tempered, however, by defeats of 3-8 by Old Bailleans 3rd and 11-16 by University Hall.

Nevertheless, they remain too strong for most of our local opposition; indeed they could take over several of the 2nd's matches and still be on the winning side.

4th XV

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last time, we cannot say a great deal apart from our earlier remarks. However, the victory over Southwell 3rd XV MUST have been at least partly due to the fact that County second row, Tom Butcher—a player who has been away from us for a season or two while in the Police Force and playing for Nottingham City Police—and Barry Fisher—home from University—both wanted a run out. Tom, no doubt, will soon be back again with the first XV eight, as will Barry when the term ends.

Meanwhile, Stalwarts Bob Houghton, Jim Taylor, Ron Gee, Frank Duffin, Geoff Swain and George Allan are still playing as fine a game as ever and combining their experience and craft with the youth and vigour of young players like Mick Fisher, Tony Smith, Charlie Garstang, Dave Green, Barry Fisher, Paul Richardson and Geoff Walker, all to the Club's advantage.

Besides the above-named regulars, the names of Mick Buxton, Carl Barnes, Graham Williams, Keith Whiting and Graham Haywood may also ring a bell with people now at School.

This season, Glyn Roberts, Frank Earnshaw, John Saxton, John Hall and Peter Nuttall all had trials for Notts. R.F.U., whilst Charlie Garstang and Paul Bostock have been recommended for the County Colts XV.

Season 1961/62

The previous season ended on a regrettable note when the proposed tour to Neath with O.W.B.s was cancelled owing to the Smallpox epidemic.

Apart from this we had a most successful season, excepting the two defeats at the hands of Old Paviers. January saw us beating Lyons 1st and 2nd XV at Sudbury before visiting Twickenham for the England v. Ireland International.

The grand finale of the season was undoubtedly the Club 7 reaching the semi-finals of the Notts. 7s; losing to Nottm. Teachers' Training College, the losing Finalists. Considering that we concentrate upon fifteen-a-side Rugby and not "sevens" this was an excellent effort.

The Club results for 1961/62 were as follows:-

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
1st XV	31	23	2	6	355	136
2nd XV	29	20	4	5	482	122
3rd XV	24	19	1	4	428	132

This season, 1961/62, also saw the reappearance of Don Smart on the Rugby field, a heartening sight after he thought his career was finished owing to a severe back injury in that season in which he Captained both Notts. R.F.C. and Three Counties R.F.U. Now he is returning to his rightful position in local Rugby; after playing with Nottm. "A" and the Corsairs he reappeared with the Notts. pack, which he once led so well, against Sale. Apart from those occasions when he plays against us, we wish him the best of luck for the future!

The Old Boys' Rugby Club is confident of retaining its position of being one of the best three Junior Rugby Clubs in the area, if not one of the more fashionable; the coming clashes with Old Paviers and Old West Bridgfordians will show our position in that triumvirate; we hope to be at the peak. This supremacy however, can only be maintained if we have a regular supply of Rugby players joining us as they leave School; if they are good enough they need not fear that they will be wasting their time. Nottingham R.F.C. knows from the past that when they have a player recommended them from H.M.O.B. he will make the grade.

Walter and Dan Nuttall in the past, Don Smart, Mick Brownhill, Brian Poxon, Andy Beadsworth in the present together with Peter Nuttall and John Hall—all have played with us, have been recommended to Nottingham and done well with them.

But it is not only this top class of schoolboy Rugby player we want to join us; it is every person who wants a game of Rugby, whether he played in the School 1st, 2nd or 3rd, or not at all; the star player will get on, the others will keep us in our present position, at the top of local Rugby.

D. A. Foreman, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

O.B.A. Notes

Three addresses may induce interested readers to write to these residences:

T. O. Balk (Headmaster, H.M.G.S., 1929-35), 49 Evelyn Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex.

A. D. Smith (1935-40), Hillstone, 42 Wyche Road, Gt. Malvern, Worcestershire.

R. L. Brown (1954-61), 42 Kenilworth Road, Beeston.

P. A. Morley (1933-'41)

His many friends and former associates will greatly regret to hear of the rather sudden death of Phillip A. Morley (invariably referred to as PAM) on 12th January, 1963, at St. Helens, Lancs. He was School Captain in 1940-'41 and a very good one too. Those were difficult days in schools, as elsewhere, and Pam proved a tower of strength—modest, unostentatious, thoroughly loyal, reliable and competent; he was incapable of acting unfairly and he earned everyone's good will and admiration for his sterling qualities. When the Association was revived after the 1939-'45 war, he became an active Committee member and magazine representative. He was also largely responsible for compiling and editing the "War Record" which gave accounts of the activities of Old Boys on service. It was a great loss to the Association when in 1948 he joined the staff of Cowley School, St. Helens—a school which has had a fine reputation, especially for its Rugby Football. Old Boys and colleagues from Cowley have made it clear that his reputation there was similar to the one which he enjoyed here; he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. We offer our warmest sympathy to his mother.

Cricket

Under the name of the Centaurs Cricket Club some Old Boys arranged occasional Sunday matches last year. As it turned out the only four played were lost, but the games were very enjoyable and a good spirit was evident.

It was hoped that once the Club was founded both Old Boys and boys from the School would join us to enable us eventually to be as respected in our own sphere as the Old Boys R.F.C. is on the Rugby field. Our publicity, however, has brought no response, and on only one occasion last season were we able to field a full team, in spite of the facilities available at the Memorial Ground. A decision must very shortly be taken on the Club's future and it is evident that without considerably more support we shall not be able to continue. It seems a pity that this should happen and we would like anyone interested in playing to contact R. W. Seedhouse at 1 Heard Crescent, Beeston, Nottingham as soon as possible.

R. W. Seedhouse

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS**SPAIN**

For our annual summer holiday last year we went to Spain. Three days hard travelling took us to the Spanish frontier to join a queue many miles long up a very steep gradient where the car and bus engines were either stalling or overheating.

Then we slowly made our way over the potholes of the extremely twisted roads to the renowned town of Tossa de Mar on the famous Costa Brava.

The sun (to enjoy which is why everyone travels there) is worse than a furnace. Everybody needs the artificial tans in order even to combat the sun. The sea is very very clear and even fifty yards out the seabed can be visibly seen from the surface. But there is no sand, just hot grit which is very painful to the feet. There are no currents but the gritty beach slopes down very quickly so that with just a mask and snorkle the small fish can easily be caught.

Poverty was visible in all parts. Water was piped to a communal tap in the towns and in the villages the women fetched it in large earthenware jars from the streams.

Wine is cheaper there than their undrinkable, sweet, black coffee. The food is very good and cheap also, even expensive delicacies. On discovering this, we often had luxurious meals at very little cost.

We thoroughly enjoyed our holiday there but I do not think we shall return for another.

R. S. W. (Va)

THE HILL CLIMB

Every year the cycling club, of which I am a member, holds a hill climb in which the objective is to climb the hill in the fastest time. This year this "anti-gravity fight" was held on a hill near

Bakewell and feeling that I was at the peak of whatever fitness a summer's cycling brings one, I decided to compete.

Our club met at nine o'clock on the allocated Sunday and with a slight tailwind we soon arrived at the course. The competitors stripped their machines of mudguards and other touring equipment and several of them, including myself, set off for a trial run. After climbing the hill once I decided that it would be advisable to commence my attack of the hill in my bottom gear as the steep section of it was just after the start. Before I knew what was happening I was called up to the starting line. I strapped my feet hard into the toeclips and checked that I was in bottom gear. I had one hand on a bridge parapet and the other on the handlebars as the starter began to count.

"... 5—4—3—2—1 Off!" he yelled.

Taking a deep breath, I flung myself forward at the one-in-five fiend. What a climb! You gain speed and then fight to keep it going; reaching a steep corner, a sweeping right-hander, you are soon gasping for breath. Now the road is not so steep, a one-in-seven drag, and your legs begin to hurt, you change colour, your heart is thumping, chest hurting, your shoulders and arms aching. Up! Up! Past some cross-roads, where you vaguely hear shouts and jeers from the clubmen, who are gloating at your discomfort. You fight, wrestle, feel like giving up, but grit your teeth and will yourself on, eyes half-closed, mouth sagging, legs feeling like jelly. Up! Up even more! Another steep section, another corner rounded and you can see the finish. Something bangs inside your head, you manage to raise a sprint, sway past the timekeeper, slow down and flop on the grass verge—to die!

After replacing my mudguards I rode into Matlock for lunch, with the rest of the club, tired, but extremely satisfied with fifth position at my first attempt.

S.H. (*Va*)

A (MODEST) APPRAISAL OF SIXTH-FORMERS

Celibate through economic circumstances, though not averse to associating with the opposite . . . gender, we are the modern equivalent of the mediaeval monk, keeping alive, in this thoroughly barbaric age the feeble flame of learning. Dedicated, like the scholars of old, to our ideals, we shun the temptations of an affluent economy from which we have to remain aloof. Unsullied by lust for monetary gain, we may regard ourselves as the true sons of Apollo. Through academic achievement and developed character we justifiably claim to be worthy of higher stations in life; not that we are boastful but we do not believe in hiding our light under a bushel.

We have been told that, since we ourselves elected to undergo this course, we must endure the irksome trivialities of school life; although, if the country needs such fine leaders as ourselves, should it not be prepared to afford us greater luxuries than we now enjoy?

However, quoting scripture in our own behalf, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory".

W.F.B. (VI U.A.)

WINTER AT BRID.

At last we heard the roaring of the bus as it appeared round the corner. It came to a halt and the doors opened with a swish. My cousin and I climbed the stairs, to find only a couple of passengers occupying the upper deck. The windows were steamed up with condensation.

When later I peered out of the window, I found we were entering Bridlington and at last we jolted to a stop. We stepped off the bus, and strolled along the street, to the promenade. The souvenir shops were dead. The beach balls, spades, post cards and lucky-charms were nowhere to be seen. The amusement arcades were all struck dumb instead of their usual pandemonium. The crazy-golf courses were frozen over, and the telescopes lined alongside the wall of the promenade were standing solitary in the wind.

We walked down to the harbour, past an idle roundabout, and on to the quay. The steamers that had been running through the summer, taking holidaymakers round the bay, were also missing. The harbour was deserted.

The only thing that had not changed was the sea; still it came tearing in and crashed at the sea-wall at high tide. We were fascinated by the scene below us. Every few seconds we could hear a tremendous thud, as the sea hit the wall, and then a fizzing noise, like a bicycle tyre being let down, whenever the waves turned to make a mighty splash.

Walking along the front again, we noticed a number of those people, peculiar to the seaside in winter, beachcombers. It is surprising what treasure can be unearthed by experts in this profession. Every now and again, we would see one of them bend over and after a short interval, straighten up, rubbing off the sand from some small object. Articles found in this way range from things as small as a sixpence to anything as large as a necklace, and can be a very profitable source of income in the off-season at the seaside resorts.

The beachcombers and the sea were the only signs of life.

M.M. (IIa)

THE PRESENT

It came one Monday morning, wrapped in plain red paper; it had that smell that all new things have, but this was different, this green Riley model car; this was really very different from all my other toys. It may have been because it was from my grandmother, it may have been because I had a passion for model cars; but I don't think so. This car was different, very different, from all my others in the toy cupboard. I played with it all day long and when

at last I had to go to bed I put it under my bed. In the morning I took it with me while we went through Woolworth's, Ford's, the Co-operative store, and at the shoe-shop I played with it while my mother tried on a new pair of shoes; I was madly in love with this little model Riley. But now all is changed; eight years later, it lies at the very bottom of a very deep toy-cupboard, just an old, old thing from the past.

T.R. (IIa)

TO A PIANOFORTE

Silent, you stand with no cares in the world,
Dumb as in thought, with no sweet notes encurled,
Yet, at the touch of a masterly hand,
Pour forth sweet music, the best in the land !

Then you are living, no longer dead wood—
Like to a rose bursting forth from the bud,
Agent of Fancy, creating a world
Mellow and sweet, like 'a hillside dew-pearled'

Music ! What blessings you pour down on me !
Means of escape from dull routine. Ah, me !
You have the power my soul to redeem;
Blackness will banish; life's colours re-gleam !

R.F. (VI U.A.)

PLEASURE

He writh'd as in great agony
Contorted with the strain,
His arms he rais'd so wearily;
Was his effort all in vain ?
But then, he heard the music gay
And shook triumphant fist,
Great joy spread o'er his countenance,
At last he'd learn'd the Twist.

A.D. (Va)

ODE TO JEZEBEL

Old Jezebel, an Austin Seven
Lay rotting on waste ground,
But children in the holidays
A use for her soon found.

They filled her tank with "petrol",
"They revved her engine round",
They changed the gear lever,
And let the clutch rebound.

But when a young mechanic
Came by and saw her plight,
"To drive this car's a must," he said
—Her lamps shone with delight !

Now she's a brand-new engine;
Her wheels and body gleam.
She speeds along the country lanes;
She's treated with esteem.

P.A. (11b)

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