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Editorial

It has been very pleasant to have more than a dozen original contributions submitted for this issue of the Magazine. Our only regret has been that we have received no contributions from the First and Second Forms. Nearly all of the work reached, or approached, the standard which justifies inclusion, and we hope that the unsuccessful authors will not be deterred from having another try. Literary composition is at least as worthy a spare time activity as any of the occupations represented in the Hobbies Exhibition: a piece of good writing is as much the product of artistry and craftsmanship as is a model aeroplane, a good photograph or a piece of marquetry. We hope that an increasing number of boys will try their hands at prose or verse, and experience the joy of achieving a finished and satisfying piece of writing. We regret that the very high cost of reproducing photographs and other illustrations makes it almost impossible for them to be accepted unless, like the marginal sketches for reports on School Societies, they can be used in a number of issues.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Azurian* and *The Magazine of the Woking Grammar School for Girls*.

School Chronicle

The School numbered 581 at the beginning of the Summer Term. Mr. R. G. Jones, B.A. (Chemistry), joined the permanent staff in January. Mr. Hardaker returned to School in February after his illness. Monsieur A. Tissot came in January as Assistant in French. We congratulate Mrs. A. Jones (formerly Fräulein Tiefenbach) on her recent marriage. Congratulations also to Mr. Bowles on his appointment as Headmaster of Southfield School, Oxford. His place as Senior History Master will be taken (next September) by Mr. L. C. B. Seaman, M.A. (at present Senior History Master of the Quintin School, St. John's Wood). Mrs. Wright also leaves at the end of the Summer Term, and will be succeeded by Mr. J. A. E. Langton.

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W. D. Joerg, J. S. Nicholas and R. S. Young were appointed School Prefects at the beginning of term.

We record with pleasure the following successes gained by present and former members of the School:

V. J. Cowley (1960), a place at St. John's College, Cambridge, awarded on his performance in the December Scholarship examinations.

P. H. Yeomans (1960), Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Southampton University, and awarded Surrey Grammar School Football Association Colours.

A. P. G. Landon represented Surrey Schools in the All-England Cross Country Championships at Liverpool, in which Surrey won the Intermediate Championship and Landon took 7th place.

M. Hall was champion, in his weight class, in the Surrey Schools' Boxing Championships.

Three boys have been awarded the Queen's Scout Badge:—
R. C. P. Cobley, W. G. Hodgson, C. J. P. Turner.

D. G. Nicholls (1954) was awarded one of the four Henry Fund Fellowships (£1250) for research at Yale.

D. O. N. James (1956) was awarded the £500 Vickers Group Scholarship for post-graduate research at Southampton, and has gained First Class Honours in Aeronautical Engineering.

E. B. Wiggan (1956) was awarded his half-blue for boxing at Oxford, and R. H. G. Mellers (1958), also at Oxford, has gained his half-blue for badminton (in addition to his tennis blue gained last year). He is also a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Tennis Team touring America in the summer vacation.

During Play Week (March 8th to 12th) the Dramatic Society gave six performances of "The Rivals," previously produced by the School in 1919. At the Dramatic Society's annual tea, attended by many former members of the Society, a presentation was made to Mr. Hardaker in appreciation of his long and distinguished services to the Dramatic Society.

Parties of boys have visited the Guildford and Richmond Theatres, to see performances of "Othello," "Hamlet" and "The Merchant of Venice."

On March 18th a large contingent of boys took part in the S.C.M. Vith Form Conference, held at Rydens County Secondary School, on the subject "Christianity and/or Science?"

In the Easter holidays a French exchange party again visited the Lycée Champollion, Grenoble. The Wayfarers Coach Tour visited San Felu on the Costa Brava, returning by air from Toulouse.

In addition to selling over 2,500 "World Refugee Year" pencils, the School, with the help of the Parents' Association, raised £45 for the World Refugee Year appeal.

The Annual Hobbies Exhibition was held on Friday and Saturday, May 6th-7th. The Senior Champion was N. H. Trewin and the Junior Champion P. R. Janson.

The School House and the Loop Road Pavilion have been redecorated inside and out.

Following discussion in the School Council, the School cap rule was relaxed as an experiment during the Summer Term for boys in the senior part of the School.

In the first week of June the School welcomed a visit from Oberstudien-director H. Gall, Headmaster of our German link-School, the Leibniz-Gymnasium, Dusseldorf. Herr Gall professed himself greatly impressed with all aspects of the School's life and work.

The Annual Sports will be on Wednesday, July 13th. The trophies will be presented by the Olympic athletes, Mr. John Disley.

The Swimming Gala will be held on Thursday, July 21st.

Summer Term ends on Friday, July 22nd. Autumn Term begins on Tuesday, September 6th, and ends on Wednesday, December 21st.

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The Rivals

By R. B. SHERIDAN. Produced March, 1960.

"Could you get me two tickets for the Thursday, please?"

"Well, I'll try, but..."

"Thank you, so much. They are always so well worth seeing, aren't they?"

So runs my annual conversation with my neighbour, a very experienced playgoer; and, of course, it's true, they are worth seeing every time. The standard set, from the printing of the programme to the final curtain, is a really high one, of which the School can be and is, I believe, justly proud. Congratulations on maintaining the grand tradition for another year!

In spite of the obvious fact that a comedy which our great-great-great-grandfathers found funny will not be so amusing to us, the general effect of the play was happily diverting, thanks to the combined skills and enthusiasms that entered into the production. But the most exciting and entertaining thing about a school play is to see Johnny Jones of Vx amazingly transformed into Lord, or even Lady. Somebody of Somewhere. For what metamorphoses was the magic of the producers responsible! Anthony Hall, by his animated "attack," elevated eyebrows, pregnant pauses and faultless timing, created a magnificent Mrs. Malaprop. To the part of young Captain Absolute, Douglas Cooper brought both courtesy and determination. It was not only those gold epaulettes and that scarlet coat that made one think how well he might take the part of General James Wolfe. To the part of old Sir Anthony Absolute, William Webb brought both poise and family pride: what a wealth of meaning he put into his "Oh, Jack!" It must have been a little easier for the former Conservative candidate, Andrew Crockett, to become Bob Acres, the country squire, than for the former Empire Loyalist candidate, Robert Kilby, to become the trouble-shooting Sir Lancelot O'Trigger, obviously an ancestor of I.R.A. gunmen. Both these newcomers to longer parts interpreted their rôles with discernment and vivacity. It was Sir Lancelot's line at the end of the play, "Come, now, I hope there is no dissatisfied person, but what is content," which not only summed up the dénouement of the play—and, perhaps, the feelings of any who had been put out by Play Week—but also showed that while Malapropisms may come and go, Irishisms go on for ever.

Faulkland, his doubts of Julia's love expressed in drooping shoulders and doleful visage, was ably played by Keith Rogers. In the 18th century, servants were, one supposes, self-effacing and diligent, and the seven servants in "The Rivals," Peter Hicks, Timothy Hulce, Jan Weddun, Nigel Trewin, Roger Cobley, Peter Ewen and Robert Thompson, were both self-effacing (even Lucy) and diligent (even Fawl). In the 18th century, young ladies were, one supposes, ladylike, and William van Duyn, as Julia, and Martin Cowlyn, in the long and difficult part of Lydia Languish, evinced becoming decorum even when dreaming of ladders and clove-sticks. Here, surely, were two of the "squares" of Bath.

Three great problems for a producer—casting, cutting and converting the printed into the spoken word—were solved, so well that no problem appeared to have existed, by Mr. Ian Alexander, once again, and his assistant, Mr. Irving Theaker, for the first time. It was not an easy year for them, because, as the Headmaster has already pointed out, our old Hands had left, and yet for several nights the unusually young cast drew capacity audiences. Mr. Hardaker, unfortunately unable to take his usual large part in the actual production, did manage with his customary skill to set every scene "just right." One great merit of a school play is that it is a collective accomplishment, but that makes it impossible to record, with fitting gratitude, the name of every person who contributed

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to the general success. However, with the assistance of Mrs. P. H. C. (Mrs. Webb), who, either individually or as "team leaders," readily assisted, with so many boys, big and small, to put on the play.

Perhaps I may be permitted an historical and a personal postscript. In 1775, when "The Rivals" was first performed, there began the war which lost Britain her American colonies; in 1926, when it was first produced at Woking County Grammar School, it was followed by the General Strike; and in 1959, when it was produced at Woking again, the World War ensued. Nothing of the same nature will happen, I trust, before I can come back to School during Play Week, 1961. In the meantime, I would say "thank you" for so many dramatic delights during my six years at Woking.

J. H. B.

The Hobbies Exhibition

The Hobbies Exhibition was held in the Hall on May 6th and 7th, once again giving parents and friends of the School an excellent opportunity to view the wide variety of interests of the boys. Although there were fewer entries this year, the Exhibition maintained its usual high standard.

Perhaps the most popular Section was the well-designed model railway lay-out, constructed by members of the Junior Forms with the assistance of Mr. Poulter. By way of complete contrast, the newly-introduced Tape-recording Section promoted some ingenious entries, the most significant being a selection of Scottish poetry recited to piano accompaniment in the best Burns tradition.

The Senior Champion was N. H. Trewin of Nelson; the Junior Champion was P. R. Janson of Raleigh. Hawkins retained the House Cup, Nelson and Raleigh tying for second place.

Finally, I should like to record our thanks to Mr. Poulter for his invaluable help in making the Exhibition the success that it was.

M. J. W.

The University Letter

Beaumont Hall,
Leicester.

DEAR SIR,

The University of Leicester is at present England's youngest university, for it did not receive its charter until March, 1957. Although there has been a university college in Leicester since 1924, students here are still very conscious of being part of a new enterprise in higher education. This feeling is enhanced by the fact that the university buildings are as yet incomplete. However, a vast new Chemistry block is due to receive its first students in October this year, and next year is expected to see the opening of the new Physics block and three new Halls of Residence, two of which are already nearing completion.

The Students' Union at Leicester, housed in its vast new building, is a particularly active one; there are facilities for practically every leisure-time pursuit imaginable, from tennis to tidily-winks, from philology to photography, and from old-time dancing to "rocking" in a jazz cellar. Sport is more than adequately catered for, and even the "hopeless ones" are encouraged to take part in at least one activity. University teams on the whole meet with considerable success. No doubt the great success of the University's social life is in some measure due to the fact that there are approximately equal numbers of male and female students here. Unfortunately, the city itself offers surprisingly little in the way of cultural

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A SCENE FROM "THE RIVALS"

Photograph by Sidney Francis, A.L.B.P., A.R.P.S.

Cowley and Preskett, Crompton and Lee, the right-wing pair, played intelligent football and produced many goals. The score-sheet reflects the devastating play of Wilson and Hurren at centre-forward. Cobley, Pike and Griffiths formed a useful left-wing which made, rather than scored, goals. The team was only twice outplayed, and earned its success by consistently trying to play good football.

We wish to thank Fairweather, who acted as linesman throughout the season.

D. O. G.

UNDER 15 XI
After losing their first three matches, the team improved under the captaincy of M. D. J. Phillips, and won most of their Spring Term matches.

A. M.

UNDER 14 XI
K. O. Sutton captained the side, which lost only two games during the season. What was lacking in weight and size was nearly always made up in spirit and skill.

G. J. T.

UNDER 13 XI
R. A. Warren proved to be a most successful Captain, having excellent support at all times. It is difficult to single out individual boys from what has always been a team effort, but special mention must be made of K. C. Webb's goal-keeping which, at times, was positively brilliant. It is also worth noting that although we had no boys in the Woking District XI, we defeated Monument Hill, who provided five District players and were unbeaten in both Cup and League, by the most convincing margin of 7-2.

C. D. S.

MATCH RESULTS

Jan. 9th. v. Camberley G.S.
1st XI: 6-3 (Caine 2, Yeomans 2, Arnold, Bennison).
Under 15 XI: Won 7-3 (Jones 2, Tollow 2, Burroughs, Phillips, Staines).
v. Rydens C.S.S. 1st XI.
2nd XI: Lost 3-5 (Crompton 2, Lee).
v. Sutton G.S.
Under 14 XI: Won 3-1 (Bussey, Elliott, Hammond).
Under 13 XI: Won 2-1 (Hurle 2).
Jan. 30th. v. Godalming G.S.
1st XI: Won 4-1 (Yeomans 2, Caine, O.G.).
2nd XI: Won 6-0 (Crompton 2, Lee 2, Pike 2).
Feb. 6th. v. Old Wokingians.
1st XI: Lost 4-1 (Caine 2, Yeomans 2).
2nd XI: Drew 1-1 (Hurren).
v. Godalming G.S.
Under 15 XI: Lost 4-5 (Reynolds 3, Jones).
Under 14 XI: Won 10-0 (Elliott 3, Hammond 2, Morgan 2, Sutton 2, Baigent).
Feb. 13th. v. Otterhaw School.
1st XI: Won 6-0 (Yeomans 2, Arnold, Munk, O.G. 2).
Under 15 XI: Won 9-1 (Staines 4, Tollow 2, Bennenworth, Jones, Reynolds).
Feb. 17th. v. Reading University "A" XI.
1st XI: Lost 1-6 (Yeomans).
Feb. 20th. v. Farnborough G.S.
1st XI: Lost 1-3 (Caine).
2nd XI: Won 5-0 (Hurren 3, Lee 2).
Under 15 XI: Won 4-2 (Reynolds 2, Tollow 2).
Under 14 XI: Lost 1-5 (Carter).

B. R. ARNOLD (wing half). An excellent attacking wing half. He is extremely fast, with a powerful shot in both feet. His supply of passes to the forwards brought many goals.

R. E. PURTOCK (wing half). A robust, hard-tackling player. His attacking and defensive play are both good, and he feeds the forwards well with long passes.

J. L. MUNK (outside right). A speedy, skilful winger. His deceiving ball-play enables him to beat the opposition with ease, and his centres are very accurate. He is tricky, and lights hard.

C. R. GIFFIN (inside right). An energetic inside forward, who has always proved a menace to the opposing defence. Although one of the smaller members of the team, he is a fearless tackler.

M. R. CAINE (centre forward). Leading goalscorer and opportunist, with a powerful shot in either foot. He invariably manages to elude his opposing defender and expose weaknesses in the defence.

P. H. YEOMANS (inside left). He is a mature, experienced, constructive inside forward, with the ability to score goals. His consistent high standard of play gained him a place in the County team. Awarded Colours.

M. J. BENNISON (outside left). A penetrating player, with speed and a surprisingly hard shot. He is constructive, and centres accurately. He positions himself well in the open spaces.

W. D. J.

W. D. JOERG (centre half). An energetic Captain, whose high standard of play gained him a County team place. His heading, tackling and distribution are extremely good, and he was a stalwart of the defence. Awarded Colours.

W. J. W.

Cross Country

The School team continued to meet with success during the Spring Term, despite the absence of Brook owing to injury. We hope that on his return to our ranks next season the senior team will be more successful than ever.

On January 30th, Farnborough G.S. were entertained, and convincingly beaten, over our own 3 1/2 mile course. Landon won comfortably from Middleton and James, who tied for second place. Usher was 4th, Orme 5th and Selwood 10th, the School beating Farnborough by 25 points to 53.

The District Schools' Championships were held at Chobham on February 17th. In the junior event, Burroughs was 2nd and the team was 3rd, only four points behind the winning team. The senior race was won by the School team, who took the first six places, the first three being Landon, James and Soan.

As a result of the District Championships, five seniors and two juniors were chosen to represent the District in the County Championships at Reigate on March 5th. In the junior race, Stott finished well up, but Burroughs was unfortunately injured at an early stage of the race. The five seniors all finished in the first thirty places, and Landon, who was 3rd, was chosen to run for Surrey in the National Schools' Championships. James was 13th, Middleton 26th, Usher 29th and Soan 30th.

In the National Schools' Championships at Liverpool on March 19th, Landon finished 7th in a field of 250. This is a remarkable achievement for one who will be in the same age group next year; it is, indeed, a considerable achievement for anyone.

The School Cross Country Championships were held on March 22nd. This year, the races started with a lap of the field, thereby increasing

Feb. 27th. v. Woking Youths.
1st XI: Won 5-1 (Lee 2, Griffiths, Wilson, Yeomans).

Mar. 5th. v. King Edward's, Witley.
1st XI: Drew 2-2 (Arnold, Yeomans).

Under 14 XI: Won 2-0 (Elliott, Hammond).

Under 14 XI: Won 2-0 (Elliott, Hammond).

2nd XI: Lost 3-6 (Wilson 2, Griffiths).

Under 15 XI: Won 4-0 (Reynolds 2, Staines, Tollow).

Under 13 XI: Lost 0-1.

Under 13 XI: Won 7-2 (Hurle 2, Cooper, Chamberlain, Neville, Webb, O.G.).

Mar. 19th. v. Farnham G.S.
1st XI: Drew 2-2 (Yeomans, O.G.).

2nd XI: Won 7-1 (Hurren 3, Lee 2, Cobley, Crompton).

Under 15 XI: Won 9-0 (Reynolds 5, Staines 2, Hill, Mundy).

Under 14 XI: Drew 1-1 (Hammond).

Mar. 26th. v. Stoneham C.S.
1st XI: Won 4-1 (Caine 2, Arnold, Munk).

2nd XI: Won 9-2 (Wilson 4, Cobley 2, Beaumont, Griffiths, Smith).

Under 15 XI: Lost 1-5 (Tollow).

Under 14 XI: Drew 3-3 (Elliott 2, Hammond).

Under 13 XI: Lost 0-1.

April 2nd. v. Farnborough G.S.
1st XI: Won 2-1 (Arnold 2).

2nd XI: Won 6-1 (Wilson 4, Griffiths, Lee).

Under 15 XI: Lost 1-3 (Staines).

Under 14 XI: Won 4-0 (Hammond 3, Elliott).

April 7th. v. The Staff.
1st XI: Won 4-3 (Caine, Joerg, Putoffock, Yeomans).

SUMMARIES FOR SEASON 1955-60

1st XI: Played 24, Won 14, Lost 8, Drew 2, Goals for 90, Goals against 69. Chief scorers: Caine 25, Yeomans 25.

2nd XI: Played 18, Won 13, Lost 3, Drew 2, Goals for 101, Goals against 36. Chief scorers: Hurren 23, Lee 20.

Under 15 XI: Played 17, Won 9, Lost 7, Drew 1, Goals for 61, Goals against 41. Chief scorers: Reynolds 21, Staines 14.

Under 14 XI: Played 13, Won 7, Lost 2, Drew 4, Goals for 44, Goals against 23. Chief scorers: Elliott 19, Hammond 14.

Under 13 XI: Played 9, Won 7, Lost 1, Drew 1, Goals for 37, Goals against 9. Chief scorer: Hurle 14.

1ST XI CHARACTERS

R. H. LIDINGTON (goalkeeper). A safe, competent goalkeeper, who has made many splendid saves. His confidence developed during the season and he is particularly safe in the air.

D. S. SMITHERS (right back). A good full-back, but shaky at times. His tackling is good, and he uses the long ball well.

W. J. WEBB (left back). A mature, experienced full-back. His hard tackling, positional play and football skill make him an outstanding defender. Awarded Colours.

C. W. JENKINS (wing half). A sound, safe wing half. His heading is excellent, and his passing is accurate.

the distances to 4 1/2 and 4 1/4 miles for juniors and seniors respectively. The junior race was won by Baigent (N) in 18 mins. 35 secs. Robinson (H) was 2nd and Hamlyn (H) was 3rd. The House scores were Drake 50, Hawkins 115, Nelson 192, Raleigh 53, Landon (H) won the senior race in 22 mins. 57 secs. Usher (N) was 2nd and James (H) 3rd. The House scores were Drake 55, Hawkins 86, Nelson 114, Raleigh 69. The combined results gave Nelson the House Steeplechase Cup with 306 points, Hawkins being runner-up with 199. Raleigh scored 122 and Drake 105.

The following Saturday the School had a match at Surbiton. The juniors were well beaten, Rawbone gaining the highest place in 4th position. The seniors, perhaps inspired by the running-vests which the Parents' Association had generously presented, made amends for this defeat by taking six of the first ten places for the fifth time in five matches. Landon and James tied for 1st place, having covered the rather easy 4 1/2 miles in a leisurely 22 mins. 27 secs. to win by sixty yards. Usher was 4th, a minute behind the leaders.

I should like to thank all those who have assisted and encouraged the team during the season, and also the Parents' Association for the gift of a set of running-vests.

Special praise is due to the Captain, K. G. James, whose inspiring leadership and tireless efforts have contributed so largely to the team's success. With such talent, I look forward to even greater successes next term.

J. LLOYD.

The Driving Test

I knew that my fate was sealed from the moment I first set eyes on the examiner. If I had seen him in the street I would have been able to guess his profession. He was about fifty, had a poker face, and a small scar on the temple, a result of testing a woman driver, I judged.

He introduced himself, and after a few stock questions, which I thought I answered rather well, we got under way. Well, not quite like that; you see, the car would not start. I was just about to jack it up and take the wheels off, when the examiner pointed out that I had been pressing the choke instead of the starter. Even when I did press the starter, nothing happened. Then the examiner told me I had to pull it, and did it himself so as not to lose more time.

The route he told me to take led out of town and, after a few gear-crunchings and wrong turnings, we arrived on the heath.

"Better give the old boy a bit of excitement," I thought. "Probably never goes more than forty."

With that intention in mind I applied my size ten to the throttle and, accompanied by a smell of burning rubber, speeded up to about sixty. Then I slowed down again because the steering is rather old and wobbles a bit, with the result that I was going from one side of the road to the other.

On the outskirts of the next town I reversed into side-streets and did three-point turns quite perfectly, except for that lamp-post, but it was only bent a little, anyway.

I had a somewhat uneasy moment when I tried to apply the footbrake. Instead of stopping, which was never very certain in our car, my seat slid backwards over the runners. After I had replaced the piece of paper it was all right, however.

Then a long flat thing roughly resembling a car—I think it was American—came up behind and wanted to overtake. He nearly caused an accident when I turned round to tell him what I thought of his hooting. Some people should not be allowed on the road, and the examiner obviously agreed, for he said the same thing as he ran off.

L. R. T. (IVA).

River Journey

The first thing you notice about a Mississippi steam-boat is her draught. She is so low that you think she's overloaded. Her bow will be very round, and she will look top-heavy, like a house with funnels; then there is another feature, the ship's most important mechanism, her paddles.

One afternoon, I was standing on the levee waiting for the steam-boat "Eastern Light." I waited, and I waited; then suddenly she came round the spit, her paddles thrashing the river, and her twin funnels belching black oily smoke. A bell clanged, and the paddles reversed; then a gangway was let out by the crew in what seemed seconds to me.

Then, with a hiss and thwack of wood against water, we were off. The banks glided past, but I was far too interested in the ship to notice any scenery. I walked back to the stern, and watched the water slip away like silk, in little waves, getting smaller as they got farther away, then smoothing into the dark slow water of the river. I spent some time trying to walk back along the deck keeping level with points on the bank.

Thwack! Thwack! Thwack! went the paddles, and I was so engrossed in trying to see the captain and his men in the tiny upper-deck wheel-house that I did not realise that we were coming in to dock. Like (or so I thought) an experienced traveller, I walked down the gangway as if I owned the ship, and then, with a lingering glance, walked away.

C. J. L. (IIIb).

Admass

"Admass" is a term coined by Ortega y Gasset, the doyen of Spanish philosophy, to describe the modern tendency of the common man not only to express his uniformity of opinion (which he has been doing in every free nation since he emerged from the Cave), but also to demand and achieve its implementation.

It has become increasingly the case, as power has shifted from the older bourgeoisie to the modern "middle" class, that any argument forwarded by those who have, by virtue of their education, some right to express their views, is subjected to the most severe and often derisive criticism, and sometimes even suppression, by the man in the street. This censorship is least upon the opinions of scientists (and those few individualists patronisingly called "characters"), simply because science is known to work. In an age when religion is valued least among our possessions, the Church has come under heavy fire for the pronouncements of the more forthright clergy, even in matters which have the most profound religious significance.

The time was when people were more or less content to accept the formulae of those men who had had a special training for the tasks which they dealt with. But this is no longer the case; and it is hardly surprising, for people who should know better are frequently guilty of the most elementary mistakes, owing to their lack of knowledge of other spheres of activity. These mistakes cannot be obviated by the criticism of the many unformed, but only by those who have specialised in a general education, and for whom intelligence, knowledge and humility are the most important qualities. It is because there are no such people in our present-day society that Admass has arisen. It is a response to a need that has not been effectively answered. Even the philosophers who used to be thought of as the least blinkered thinkers are, many of them, compelled to specialise in certain avenues of enquiry.

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pushed the more is beautifully decorated... allowed bands
playing with... drums and flutes... slow... at which... cry
was... the hooded penitents... walking... the mode... of
procession... the Roman soldiers... were... the...
their bare ankles, and the jingle of these chains on the cold cobble-
stones echoed round the stone houses and streets in the still night air.

Gradually the splendour of the procession faded away in the distance to
the steady beat of the drums, leaving behind it a trail of virtually un-
forgettable memories.

M. E. (IVa).

Easter

(A poem composed by Form IIIc in the Anglo-Saxon alliterative style.)

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| In the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas, the Jackal, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" (Judas, the Jew, He hanged himself.) Simon was sorrowful Of Christ, the carpenter, From the hard cross, He forgave His foes In silence He suffered While deep darkness (On their crosses crying | sent Jesus to death, came the cry saw that justice was done— at the sad sight carried to Calvary, hand-hewn and horrible, of His free-will, to save us from sin; draped all Jerusalem, were a couple of criminals.) |
| Mary had met Once dismal disciples They jumped with joy He, the Holy, showed them The scar in His side Faces lit with light He rose to rid the world | a man of mystery! danced with delight! when Jesus appeared, the holes in His hands, was a symbol of suffering. Their Lord lived again! of wrong. |
| Away into Galilee To meet their master "There Jesus joined them: To teach the people All power is given me I am with you always | went eleven disciples on a mountain. "Bring joy to the Gentiles! and tell them good tidings! in Heaven and earth, even to the end. Amen." |

Night over the Fiords

The shadows lengthen; the sky changes to an ever-darkening grey, until it finally reaches an impenetrable blackness as the fiery, golden fingers of the sun are withdrawn over the horizon, only to be flung out to form another dawn in some distant country. All is silent, but not! As the gloom deepens a whole new world is opened to the careful observer, a world which is unnoticed during the day. Even at night not all is silent, for nature never sleeps.

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It is clear, then, that we need men of unquestioned intellect and integrity to mediate agreement on the standards necessary for the maintenance of a healthy culture and to indicate any violation of these standards.

Now to turn to an examination of the characteristics of individuals supporting this imposing of Admass.

Mass men, as these people are called, are identified with the cause of social approval of their actions. They hate being conspicuous except when being approved by the majority. They pour scorn on anything which seems, to their limited minds, fantastic. They are always ready to speak their mind on subjects they know next to nothing about. And last, the most crushing indictment, they are almost incapable of constructive thought, and unable to follow, and too bored to follow, any argument which involves a certain amount of complexity.

What effect is Admass having on our society?

Its primary effect is to reduce practically everything to a self-satisfied, lethargic uniformity; a uniformity that is neither pleasing nor safe. Slowly but surely our culture is losing its vitality. As the determinism of science is misunderstood to mean that there is a purposelessness in nature, so a miserable chaos descends on most of our Art. While men spend more and more time in an endeavour to achieve splendid physical health, their minds rot and disintegrate in the morass of "pop" pleasures.

The remedy for all these troubles lies in education. Education must fulfil two conditions. Firstly, it must enable a man to stock his mind with the facts he needs to appreciate the manifold forms of existence, and, secondly, it must enable him to think more intelligently and profoundly on the nature of man and the meaning of God. Such education is usually found only in the Grammar School and the University (and, thank Heaven, we have this opportunity; how shameful that some reject it). It might be made available to all, whatever their ability, that our civilisation may regenerate, and destroy the curse of potted thinking that threatens to ruin and enslave that precious spirit that distinguishes man from the animals from which he has emerged.

R. W. P. (U.VI Science).

The Procession

Late in the evening of Good Friday, while we were staying in San Felu de Guixols, we went to the city of Gerona, about twenty miles away, to see a religious procession.

The Roman Catholic religion plays a very important part in Spanish life and, during Holy Week at Easter, processions telling the whole story of the events of Good Friday are held, and are a unique and fantastic sight, peculiar to Spain.

The city seemed deserted at first, but when we finally reached the procession route the streets were a scene of bustling activity. Weirdly dressed participants in the procession could be seen mingling with the crowd and making their way hurriedly to the appointed starting-place. Local inhabitants and sightseers alike were already lining the narrow pavements.

Suddenly a hush came over the crowd as the first glimpses of the procession were caught. Along the entire length, and along each side of the procession, people were walking slowly, holding lighted candles in their hands. They were all dressed in long cloaks, and wore pointed, hooded hats, and many of them were walking bare-foot. Others were

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Then the crisp, white, weightless flakes come drifting lazily, sweeping down gracefully, from the very heavens, on the northern breeze, until they come to rest, covering pine tree and grass alike with a crisp, white mantle. Snow!—the picture changes—crisp, white and brilliant; it seems to light the very moon with a luminous glow.

Crash! With a great rumble, an enormous avalanche goes crashing down from a lofty peak into a gloomy, almost lifeless, valley, which re-sounds and echoes the thunderous passage of snow, ice and rock. The monstrous, silvery, slippery snakes of shiny glaciers slide smoothly, easily, down clefts which they have ground out of the solid rock. Sometimes, it is said, even the Northern Lights have been seen from, and been reflected by, these very gigantic rivers of living ice.

R. L. (IIIb).

The Thief of Time

Television has been described in many ways. It has been called "that evil, loathsome, soul-killing box in the corner of the living-room," but, on the other hand, many hail it as "the scientific marvel of the age, bringing the wonderful world outside right into our very homes." To the reader of an average and unbiased opinion it is obviously both, but for many, many people it is a time-killing evil rather than an intellectual benefit. Surely the following scene must occur in many homes, many evenings of the week.

You have gone into the living-room with the firm intention of doing nothing else than fetching the evening paper. Ah! there it is, on the sofa. As you turn to pick it up, your eye catches the television.

You stop.

The veneered cabinet looks remarkably attractive in the evening sun. You find yourself being drawn slowly towards it, your fingers reaching for the switch. Surely there is no harm, you tell yourself, in just seeing what's on. You do not at first realise that you are being dragged into almost certain captivity. You never do.

Fate decides to give you one more chance of freedom in that the set takes an extremely long time to warm up. After waiting for about five minutes you turn to go, thinking the set to have broken down, but alas! 'Too late. The silence is shattered by a booming voice informing you that "the next 'Tonight' will be tomorrow night."

You turn round. You have crossed the Rubicon.

On the screen you see a bland, bald-headed, bespectacled gentleman smiling benignly at you.

You are trapped. With eyes never leaving the screen you grope for a chair and collapse. You sit, staring at a gentleman with wavy black hair and a large chin, proudly announcing "This is Your Life" to someone you have never heard of. Your eyes and senses are dulled, your mouth is wide open.

The sentence has been passed. For another four hours you are enslaved to a machine which, you would freely admit, has been, in and as far as you know always will be, the accursed time-waster of your life.

A. H. W. H. (IVa).

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The Launching of a Rocket

The glaring white light of the arc-lamps shone down on the shining, blue-white, steel nose of the missile. For the last two hours tankers had been pumping kerosene and liquid oxygen into the tall, slim monster, which was soon to lift into the heavens, balanced on a hundred tons of thundering rocket-fuel.

The klaxon blared, engineers scattered in all directions to hide behind blast-walls, and soon only the whistle of the wind could be heard surging through the launching tower. Inside the block-house scientists noted meters and carefully watched indicator lights as the count-down started. At zero minus twenty there was a whine inside the hull of the steel projectile as the turbo-pumps started and the rocket began to spray orange fire from the igniters. Soon it was zero minus one and, with a vivid orange flash and a tremendous, ear-splitting roar, the main jets fired. The rocket staggered as if stricken, and then slowly tore itself from the launching-pad.

The huge, orange-yellow flames from the rocket motors mushroomed and stabbed and turned blue-green in colour, as the metal ramp buckled and twisted under the volcanic fire flashing down from the nozzles. The roar decreased in volume as the eighty-ton steel giant arched into the dark heavens and then was lost to sight, vanishing like a celestial comet as yet another step was made into the conquest of space.

D. G. R. (IIIb).

Protest

Surely no other demonstration attracts so many different groups of people as one advocating unilateral nuclear disarmament. At Easter, representatives from several countries as different and as far apart as America, Nyassaland and China, together with members of professional bodies and towns all over Great Britain, and even a small contingent of boys from Woking Grammar School, joined the biggest demonstration to be held in England since the time of the Chartists.

They were protesting about the explosion at Hiroshima, when many thousands of people were unnecessarily slaughtered. They were protesting about the incredible sums that the Governments of the world are spending on obsolescent weapons of "defence." They were pointing out that the deterrent may soon fail to deter, as the organisation of Civil Defence, and the military leaders of America, suggest.

This was the third time that such a demonstration has taken place and, as the situation regarding nuclear weapons has worsened, the numbers, seriousness and impact of the March have grown in proportion. For this was, indeed, as one newspaper suggested, "the March of the Little Man in the Mac."

On Easter Monday the demonstrators gathered in Trafalgar Square, over seventy thousand strong. Some had walked a long way; they were tired, exhausted. At the close of the meeting they stood in silence, thinking of the agony of people yesterday, today and tomorrow. Perhaps the twelfth victim this year who was dying of a radiation disease resulting from Hiroshima felt that silence too.

J. W. A. F. (Va).

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getting such co-operation from everybody. I would appeal to all boys (and Old Boys) to search thoroughly at home to see if they have any of our missing books. Further, I would remind all boys that every book issued should be registered out, and urge them to ensure that the entry is cancelled when they return it. It is the duty of the Library Monitor to effect such a cancellation and to return the book to its correct place on the shelves.

At present only the Sixth Form is allowed to borrow more than one book at a time, and even they should limit themselves to one book of general interest. The object of this limitation is twofold. We are still short of books of popular appeal and so it is essential that what we have should be as readily available as possible; and secondly, the rule should reduce the chances of a boy retaining a book through forgetfulness. Often we find that boys take out books when they already have two or three in their possession. Periodic checks are made and reminders given, but tracing such omissions can be a lengthy business. In order to reduce the labour involved, a new charging system is to be introduced. Each boy will have an index card, and all issues will be recorded on this. The new system will facilitate checking and also provide a valuable record of individual reading. Our present system was introduced because it was economical in both time and cost. The new method will be more costly, but it is thought that the advantages will justify this. But no system can be satisfactory without the co-operation of its participants. We are anxious that the Library should play its full part in the life of the School. Let us all do our utmost to ensure that the best use is made of our resources.

The list of gifts is short this time, but we are no less grateful to those who have contributed to our stock. J. N. Bean gave us "Organic Chemistry," by F. Sherwood Taylor; C. D. Hawes "Science as History," by Heinz Gurtmann, and "The White Spider," by Heinrich Harrer; and D. R. May "The Story of the Atom," by J. A. Harrison, and "An Introduction to Vector Analysis," by B. Hague. Mr. W. T. Harrison gave us a copy of the Crowther Report of the Central Advisory Council for Education; Mr. G. J. Talbot two books in the new Gollancz series, "Common Sense About Africa" and "Common Sense About China," and a biography of Sir Christopher Hatton, by Eric St. John Brooks; and Mr. A. A. Pearson Bruce Marshall's escape story, "The White Rabbit." In addition, the Parents' Association have made us a grant of ten guineas, with which we propose to buy the Oxford Companions to English and French Literature, "A Short History of Scientific Ideas to 1904," by Charles Singer, the Oxford Atlas, and the first volume of the new Macdonald Illustrated Library, "Science," edited by Dr. J. Bronowski. The School is very grateful for all these gifts. D. J. BUTTERWORTH.

House Notes

DRAKE HOUSE

House Masters: MR. L. G. EVELIGH, MR. J. P. ALEXANDER, MR. H. L. SAVAGE, MR. C. E. LUCAS, MR. R. J. OTTER, MR. R. G. JONES.

House Captain: W. G. HODGSON. House Secretary: J. W. BRAGG.

Mr. Haines left us at Christmas, and we wish him every success in his new appointment. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Jones, who has recently joined us.

The House congratulates J. S. Nicholas and R. S. Young on their appointments as School Prefects, and V. J. Cowley on being awarded a place at St. John's College, Cambridge. Cowley has since left us, and our best wishes go with him.

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The Cat and Mouse Act

The art of catching a mouse is, to a cat, a delicate operation. She considers it necessary, before even attempting the opening moves, to beautify herself in a manner which makes the female member of the human species positively excite jealousy. She naturally takes her time over the performance, and one can imagine her husband hooting impatiently on the horn of his car in the street below.

At long last she is ready. The mouse, growing suddenly condescending, makes appropriate noise (like the "baddies" who tread on twigs in adventure comics). The cat cocks her ears (or whatever cats do) and slyly surreptitiously pokes her head round the leg of the chair. (Cowboys adopt the same tactics in Westerns.) A little pink nose appears from the Stygian depths of the hole in the skirting-board. The nose twitches, sniffs and sneezes. (Baby John's been at the pepper again.)

The nose is followed by eyes of almost "shocking" pinkness. Their owner cautiously looks this way and that, quivering with excitement. His eyes rest on two delectable Farex crumbs. His salivary glands work overtime as his teeth chatter in anticipation. Is it worth risking life, body and soul for two soggy morsels of baby-food?

The question remains unanswered as he creeps on all-fours across the Radio Times unique-offer carpet. Silently, stealthily, he makes his way towards the crumbs. There is a sudden noise—a click, a whirr and a hum: the vacuum-cleaner is started upstairs. The mouse leaps vertically three inches and returns to terra-firma, tensed, quivering, switching, but otherwise unabashed. He continues his ruthless attack on the unsuspecting crumbs.

The cat decides to act. She creeps on twelve paws across the carpet and takes up position in front of the hole. She tries again towards the mouse. The mouse suspects something, swings round and sees the cat. She raises her paw to strike: the mouse covers down on the carpet, stealing himself to receive the blow. A voice from the kitchen crashes into the tense silence: "Tiddles, breakfast!"

In a flash the cat is off through the door. The mouse resumes his sitting posture, preens himself contentiously, and finishes his meal.

T. H. (Va).

Library Notes

We have been increasingly concerned during recent months at the number of books which have become overdue and, more serious still, the number which have failed to be returned at all. Theoretically, all books borrowed from the Library are registered, and therefore it should be possible to trace them. But frequently, when I challenge a boy, I receive the excuse that either he has returned the book in question or that someone else took it over from him and promised to transfer it to his own name. Such a procedure is improper (all books should be returned by the person who borrows them) and there is no doubt who should be held responsible for the loss in such cases. In practice, however, this seems rather unfair, because other books which are missing have not been registered out at all. We are well do not conduct an inspection at the door, for example. We expect the co-operation of the School, and plan accordingly. Unfortunately, we are not

The following House officials were elected at the beginning of the Summer Term: Cricket Captain, A. G. Lee; Athletics Captain, J. W. Bragg; Swimming Captain, W. G. Hodgson.

At the end of the Spring Term our good positions in Work and Conduct had been maintained, but the results of other activities were somewhat disappointing.

The Football teams played enthusiastically but unsuccessfully, finishing third equal with Nelson. The Senior team (Cowley, Lidington, Preskett, Aylwin, Jenkins, Benson, Bragg, Randall, Munk, Crompton, Lee, Staines and Chesterman) had one win, one draw and one defeat. The Juniors (Fox, Webb, Wheeler, Carter, Atkins, Bowyer, Morgan, Hurle, Derby, Welton, Roberts, Coleman and Cross) lost all their matches.

Once again Drake took fourth place in the Cross Country Race. We thank P. S. L. Wallis for all the hard work he put into organising the practices, and Erskine, Lee, van den Broek, Rawbone and Theobald for their good performances in the race.

Despite the efforts of P. G. Grylls, we again finished a very poor fourth in the Hobbies Competition. It is regrettable that, with so many talented artists in the House, very few boys entered in this section. Our entries suffered chiefly from lack of quantity, not quality.

The Chess team was much more successful in finishing second in the championship. Our thanks are due to R. G. Lee, the Captain, and to Nicholas, Cooper, Gosden, Grylls, O'Keefe, Chessman, Cowley, Chesterman, Cowlyn and Young. We congratulate Bryant of III on becoming Junior Chess Champion.

If the House Cup is not to elude our grasp, our results in the Summer Term's activities must be outstanding. This is by no means impossible, provided that each boy considers it his duty to support to the utmost the officials he has helped to elect.

On behalf of the members of Drake House, I should like to thank the House Masters for their unfailing guidance and support.

J. W. BRAGG.

HAWKINS HOUSE

House Masters: MR. D. J. BUTTERWORTH, MR. F. H. POULTER, MR. A. B. MABERLY, MR. C. D. SKUSE, MR. K. J. FUDGE, MR. I. L. THEAKER.

House Captain: C. ALLEN. House Secretary: A. E. THORNDIKE.

Despite the efforts of the House Leaders, the House has not yet fully awakened from its stupor following our successes last year. However, the outlook is clearly brightening, as we have retained the Hobbies Cup, under the leadership of A. E. Thorncliffe, although by a very small margin, and it appears that the House in general is making an effort to stop the rot.

Last term we lost the Football, Chess and Cross Country Cups. This, however, is not to be regarded as too serious a setback. K. G. James led the House well in the Cross Country, despite the fact that he did not have enough support. W. D. Joerg, whom we congratulate on his appointment as a School Prefect, gave an inspiring lead in the Football, but again, despite his efforts, we failed to win the Cup this year, being runners-up. Similarly, D. O. Griffis did not enjoy the full support he needed in the Chess, and so, despite his personal attributes, both as a leader and a player, we came third. Also, the House is lying fourth in all three of the most important activities—Work, Conduct and Lateness. The whole House must pull itself out of this deep rut if we are to avoid being a bad fourth in the final House Championship.

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But the House can look forward to a useful term of sport, led by D. O. Griffiths and B. R. Arnold (Cricket), W. D. Joerg (Swimming) and K. G. James (Athletics), and the House congratulates them on their appointments.

Finally, on behalf of the House, I should like to thank Mr. Butterworth and his colleagues on the Staff, without whose help we could not hope to function.

A. E. THORNDIKE.

NELSON HOUSE

House Masters: MR. J. W. GRAY, MR. R. ROOT, MR. J. G. MOORE, MR. J. SCAMMELL, MR. A. MCGUGAN, MR. E. J. WELLS.

House Captain: C. HULSE. *House Secretary:* J. K. GODSLAND.

So far this year the House has met with rather mixed fortunes. We were unfortunately last in Chess, but the team played determinedly, and as many of them were considerably younger than their opponents we can look forward to a more successful season next year. Pophill, our Chess Captain, is to be thanked for his application to the task of leading the team, which was: Baker, Buxey, Cooke, Fairweather, W. Fry, P. Fry, Hulse, May, Pophill, M. Purser, J. Purser, Rapley and Scarisbrick. Our Football teams met with a little more success, and we finished third equal. Here, too, there is promise for the future, particularly among the Junior team, which was captained by Elliott. The Football Captain, Yeomans, gave the teams a fine lead, particularly by his own untiring endeavour on the field.

These reverses, however, were offset by our resounding victory in the Cross Country Championships, on which we all sincerely congratulate Brook, our Captain; by our position of second equal in the Hobbies Competition, for which much is owed to our Captain, Trewin, who, in addition to leading the House, became Senior Champion; and by our gaining second place in the Boxing Tournament, for which success our thanks are due to Orme.

As far as the other House Competitions are concerned, we were first in Work for the Easter Term—a fine result—but so far only third in Conduct, though an all-round improvement led by certain particular Forms would improve this far from hopeless position. At the time of writing we are second in Lates, and again a little extra care on the part of a special few could soon change this to first.

The following House officials have been elected for the present term: Athletics Captain, C. Hulse; Cricket Captain, C. Cooke; Swimming Captain, R. Orme. To all of them, and to their deputies, we offer our best wishes for a successful season.

Lastly, I should like to thank Mr. Gray and the other members of Staff for their continued interest and encouragement, help so much towards the successful running of the House.

J. K. GODSLAND.

RALEIGH HOUSE

House Masters: MR. G. H. K. MINNEY, MR. A. A. PEARSON, MR. G. J. TALBOT, MR. J. H. BOWLES, MR. J. G. L. RICHARDSON, MR. A. BEARDS.

House Captain: D. J. L. HESSE. *House Secretary:* J. LEEMING.

For the different range of activities which take place during the summer months, the House has several new officials, and we congratulate the following on their appointments: Hobbies Captain, M. J. WITTS; Senior

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Under 16 team beat Guildford 5-3, beat Godalming 4-3, and lost to Strode's 3-4. In addition, a mixed Senior and Under 16 team lost narrowly to Guildford 5-4.

In conclusion, we should like to thank those members of the Staff who have assisted in any way, especially Mr. Lucas, and also Mrs. Vezey and her staff for match refreshments.

W. J. F.

1ST TEAM CHARACTERS

J. S. NICHOLAS. An attacking player whose ability to raise his game earned him many creditable results.

J. A. KNOTT. His outstanding record this year reflects genuine ability.

R. W. POLHILL. His unique strategy led to several interesting positions, from which he sometimes salvaged a draw.

T. L. JANSON. An enthusiastic and modest member of the team, who remains unbeaten in School matches.

J. C. OODEN. A long player, very successful in School and tournament matches, despite his knowledge of chess theory.

R. A. COX. A very reliable player, who has obviously derived much benefit from competing in tournaments.

R. G. LEE. A sound player who would have been quite at home on the higher boards, but was invaluable on the lower ones.

B. R. PAYNE. Gained a regular place in the team when not required by the Under 16 team, and on occasions played very fine chess.

D. O. G.

D. O. GRIFFIS. He was not only an example to his team, but also an unambiguous Captain.

R. W. P.

CAMERA CLUB

Last year, Mr. Haines left us to take up his appointment at Ewell Technical College. The Club wishes him every success in his new post. Meanwhile we extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. R. G. Jones, who very kindly offered to take over the position of President-cum-Supervisor.

We congratulate one of our members—R. Wilcox—on his series of photographs entitled "Do You Know Woking?" published each week in the *Woking News and Mail*. Wilcox also addressed the first Club meeting of the year, when he gave a talk on Photomicrography, which he illustrated by a practical demonstration.

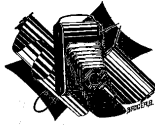
Continuing our series of meetings to introduce the novice to photography, we have had demonstrations of Enlarging, Dry-Mounting and Glazing.

The Spring Term concluded with a competition which attracted a gratifying number of entries of a high standard. The fruit of the help and advice always forthcoming at these regular competitions was shown at the Hobbies Exhibition, where the Photography Section was of a quality—and quantity—better than it has been for a long time.

The activities of the Club are not entirely confined to the darkroom. During the summer months it is hoped to arrange visits to local places of interest and beauty where, perchance, members will enhance their understanding of the pictorial aspect of photography.

J. LEEMING, Hon. Secretary.

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Cricket, P. F. Goodchild; Junior Cricket, G. R. Hammond; Athletics Captain, W. J. Webb; Swimming Captain, M. L. Jones.

We also warmly congratulate Mr. J. H. Bowles on his being appointed Headmaster of Southfield School, Oxford. The House will miss him very much, and we send with him every good wish for a happy and successful future.

By and large, the Spring Term was reasonably successful. The Chess team began by obtaining a very well-earned first place in the Championship, winning its matches by the most handsome margins, and the members of the team and the House in general express their heartfelt appreciation to the Captain, T. L. Janson, and to Mr. Bowles, whose expert advice and vivacious encouragement were always readily forthcoming.

Soon followed our Football victory, when we emerged champions by gaining eleven points out of a possible twelve, a really remarkable achievement. Congratulations to both the teams and to the Captains, W. J. Webb and G. R. Hammond. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Talbot, who supervised the training.

Once again we came third in the Cross Country Championship, but the Captain, R. H. Soan, assured us that there had been a definite improvement.

The Hobbies Championship gave us a tie with Nelson for second place, although we came closer to victory than we have done for many a year. This commendable result would not have been possible but for the toil and labours of our Captain, M. J. Wits.

The position in Lateness shows a satisfactory lead for Raleigh, but it is vital that the good record is maintained.

As far as Work and Conduct are concerned, at the end of the Spring Term our positions were third and second respectively. While these results are not as poor as has been known, it cannot be emphasised too frequently that it is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that you get the Woking Cup this term if we are to attain the position of Cock House. There is no excuse for the large number of points which have been lost lately.

Finally, the House would like to express a very big "thank you" to all its Staff members for their unflinching interest and support.

J. LEEMING.

Clubs and Societies

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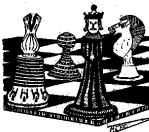
The season that has just ended will be remembered by all as a very successful one for the Club. Membership has been large and the financial position is sound. One of the reasons for this excellent state of affairs has been the interest taken by both School and House officials, to ensure that their respective teams have not been lacking in practice.

Although the Senior Championship is still undecided, the Junior Championship has long been concluded, and our congratulations go to Bryant on his success therein.

The School teams have met with moderate success. The results of matches played last

term are as follows: The Senior team lost to Surbiton 4-6, drew with Godalming 6-6, and won twice against Strode's 6-14 and 5-3. The

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CHRISTIAN UNION

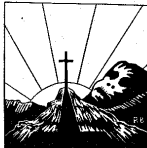
Our activities last term were conspicuous for their high quality and interest. They started with a very fine talk by the Rev. J. F. Perry, Curate of Christ Church. In our Bible Studies we have concluded the study of the First Letter of St. John. Our anthology of Christian literature, when certain members spoke about books they had read, was rendered even more rewarding by the vigorous discussion aroused. Mr. Welsh's talk on the Apocrypha, a subject new to most of us, proved most enlightening and helpful, as did the talks on Christian Fellowship After School, given by Mr. Daglish and Norman Smith, an Old Boy.

The prayer meetings have been restarted,

and are held on Fridays in Room 24 at 1.30 p.m.

Finally, I should like to thank the various members of Staff for their continued interest, particularly Mr. Bowles, to whom we must say a regretful farewell at the end of term.

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LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Another School Year has passed by, and with it another series of successful meetings. The first meeting held after Christmas was a film show, when two films dealing with under-water life and exploration were enjoyed by a large audience.

Following this was the long-awaited debate with the Woking Rotary Club on the motion that "This House considers that youth activities are too much dominated by those who are no longer young." After some very witty and amusing speeches, the motion was lost by a substantial majority.

Next came an "Any Questions" session, where "members of the team discussed spontaneously questions sent in by the audience." This meeting was an outstanding success, and it brought forth some very worthwhile discussion.

The year's activities were rounded off with the Annual Society Tea, very kindly concocted by Mrs. Vezey and her staff. This was followed by an hour's entertainment, including sketches, music and a "play."

In conclusion, we should like to express our gratitude for the time and effort that Mr. Alexander and his colleagues have expended to ensure the smooth running of the Society.

J. LEEMING, Hon. Secretary.

Parents' Association

The two-hundred or so parents who attended the Reunion on January 16th had a very enjoyable evening, well up to the standard maintained on these occasions over so many years. Bill Booth and his Band have already been engaged for the next Reunion, January 21st, 1961.

We are very grateful to the large number of parents who responded so promptly to our last-minute appeal for more support for the Guild of Help

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Whist Drive. As a result, we were again able to fill more than thirty tables, and Mrs. Hulse and Mrs. Miller, organising the Drive for the first time, have been able to report a profit of £47 8s. 6d. At the end of the evening a presentation was made to Mrs. Hutchins in recognition of her many years of valuable service to the Guild of Help. We should like to record our thanks to all parents and friends for their support of the Whist Drive, with a special word to Mr. Trotman—once again M.C.—to the donors of prizes, and to the parents of the First Form, who very kindly provided the materials for the refreshments.

The Staff-Parents Receptions on February 5th, March 18th and May 13th were all well attended and helpful to both sides. Membership this year has reached 437, a slight drop from last year's record total but still representing a very creditable percentage of parents. It is largely due to the increased membership of recent years that the Association's funds have permitted the Executive Committee to consider further gifts to the School, and in recent months a dozen running-vests have been provided for School athletics teams, cricket caps have been supplied for the 1st, 2nd and Under 15 XIs, and books to the value of ten guineas have been presented to the Library. Parents who attended Play Week may have noticed the loud-speakers of the new public address system installed as a result of last year's appeal to parents and boys.

The Parents' XI will play the Staff on July 5th at 6.30 p.m., and will meet the School 1st XI on July 16th at 2.30 p.m.

G. J. TALBOT, *Hon. Secretary.*

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