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*A gentleman's first characteristic is that fineness of structure in the body, which renders it capable of the most delicate sensation; and of structure in the mind which renders it capable of the most delicate sympathies—one may say, simply, "fineness of nature".*

*And, though rightness of moral conduct is ultimately the great purifier of race, the sign of nobleness is not in this rightness of moral conduct, but in sensitiveness.*

*Hence it will follow that one of the probable signs of high-breeding in men generally, will be their kindness and mercifulness; these always indicating more or less fineness of make in the mind; and miserliness and cruelty the contrary.*

*Self-command is often thought a characteristic of high-breeding; and to a certain extent it is so; at least it is one of the means of forming and strengthening character; but it is rather a way of imitating a gentleman than a characteristic of him; a true gentleman has no need of self-command; he simply feels rightly on all occasions; and desiring to express only so much of his feeling as it is right to express, does not need to command himself. Hence perfect ease is indeed characteristic of him; but perfect ease is inconsistent with self-restraint. Nevertheless gentlemen, so far as they fail of their own ideal, need to command themselves, and do so.*

"The qualities of a Gentleman" from "Modern Painters".

JOHN RUSKIN.

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## EDITORIAL

Academically, this issue places on record the School's most successful year to date when we had a record number of six State Scholarships. Full details can be found in our Speech Day report and list of prize-winners on page 6.

School Societies continue to flourish and, although occasionally some disintegrate, new ones are born. In this issue we welcome the first report of the Film Society which has proved to be widely popular, as might be expected, throughout the School.

Another feature is the report of the School play "Julius Caesar", together with photographs.

Of original writing we are pleased to note a predominance of verse—and we should like to give a special mention to Donaldson and Weaver, both of them for two very commendable compositions. But we were under supplied with prose of sufficient merit, and we drew a blank from the Art Room. Since the leaving of last year's co-editor, A. M. Davis, our artists seem to have gone into retirement. Perhaps inspiration will come to them in time for the next edition.



*The School, looking North*

# NEWS MISCELLANY

"It was the longest winter ever known in our parts, never having ceased to freeze for a single night and scarcely for a single day from the middle of December to the second week in March. But when the ides of March came (of which I do remember something dim from school) lo, there were increasing signals of a change of weather." Not since 1947 has the weather made news in our magazine, but it commands a mention now and some approaching comparison with the Great Winter of 1685 as described above in "Lorna Doone". It is the first time that our grounds have been out of action for so long, enforcing confinement to classrooms for the whole of January and February. Early March, however, saw the Juniors if not others, emerging like young two-year-olds suddenly put out to graze. And, at least, we did not have to close school. Oil supplies held and the indoor temperature was kept at a constantly comfortable level, thanks largely to the efforts of our Chief Stoker/Engineer, Mr. Eagleton.

The School was completely redecorated during the Autumn Term with remarkably little disturbance to the daily routine. Credit here is due to the Maintenance Department and the Foreman Painter for their considerate organisation.

Our Founders' Day Service was held in the School Hall on Friday, January 11th, when the address was given by the Rev. E. Neville Phair, M.A., Vicar of St. Mildred's, Addiscombe.

Numbers in the Sixth Form continue to rise. They reached the 150 mark one week this year, which is exactly one-quarter of our School roll of 600. Our anticipation that we should have a record University entry last September proved to be well-founded. Twenty-five boys were accepted at universities, two at colleges of Advanced Technology, three at training colleges, and three at colleges of art or architecture. We anticipate another good entry this year.

The Sixth Form held a very successful Dance at the end of the Autumn Term. Once again the School Captain and a nucleus of prefects (particularly R. V. Wenn) are to be congratulated on their excellent organisation. Their efforts, in fact, were so successful that numbers will have to be more strictly limited next time. That will be in July.

Although his success is reported more fully elsewhere, I. D. MacDonald of 5f deserves a mention here for becoming the leading Cadet shot in all England. He won this high honour at Bisley in September.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Burtenshaw on being chosen to represent the Royal Academy of Music in the Dimitri Mitropoulor International Conductors' Competition held in New York at the end of March.

Congratulations also to M. J. Payne of UVISc, who won his Surrey Athletic Badge for inter-schools cross-country and who took part in the England Championships at Coventry on March 16th.

One of the special evenings of the recent term—too late to be reported in the Society notes—was the visit of Sir Richard Thompson, our local Member of Parliament, to the Fifteen Society. His subject “The Common Market Reconsidered” attracted a large audience and we should like to record our thanks to Sir Richard for giving us his time both on this occasion and on an earlier one this term when he conducted a party of our boys over the Houses of Parliament. He has arranged this visit now for several years.

As we go to press three parties are preparing for Easter excursions—two abroad and one at home. One party is going to Austria, including Vienna with Mr. Woodard and Mr. Crowe, and another to Davos with Mr. Smith and Mr. Graham. This latter group are hoping for some ski-ing—something better, no doubt, than they had at home during our own snow. Incidentally, one of the odder sights of the term was to glance from an upper window and see a bobble-capped ski-er gliding quite professionally down our lower nursery slopes past the Windmill. It made one look twice.

The third party, under Mr. Peacock, is going up North—to Yorkshire, on what, we understand, is more strictly geographical business.

## A V E A T Q U E V A L E

At the end of the Autumn Term we lost the services of Mr. P. Robertshaw, B.A., Second Modern Languages Master on his appointment to a Departmental Headship at Marple Hall Grammar School, Cheshire. One of the ablest and most popular members of Staff, Mr. Robertshaw was essentially and splendidly a “team man”—one who saw the needs of the School as a whole, and sought to serve in many fields. He was always ready to undertake the unspectacular duties — the business management of plays, catering and running the Tuck Shop; but he was also to the forefront in wider fields such as sport and foreign travel. His excellent teaching and form management, his blend of Northern dourness with unstinted kindness, his ability both to make and take a joke—all endeared him to his colleagues, and, doubtless, to those who came under his control. We wish him great happiness in his new appointment.

Four new members of Staff joined us at the beginning of the year—Mr. I. D. Kay, B.Sc. (Biology), Mr. A. L. Heather, B.A. (Modern Languages), Mr. L. J. Burtenshaw, F.T.C.L., D.S.C.M. (Music), and Mr. F. Busuttill, L.R.A.M., L.R.S.M. (Music). Mr. Heather’s appointment was only for one Term, but we look forward to meeting him again at our Musical Evening when, as a B.B.C. singer, he returns in the role of Guest Artist. As a Languages teacher, he has been succeeded by Mr. M. Scarratt, B.A.

Mr. C. G. Beebe, B.A., joined us after Christmas, and we congratulate him on his appointment as Second Modern Languages Master.

J.C.L.

## S P E E C H   D A Y

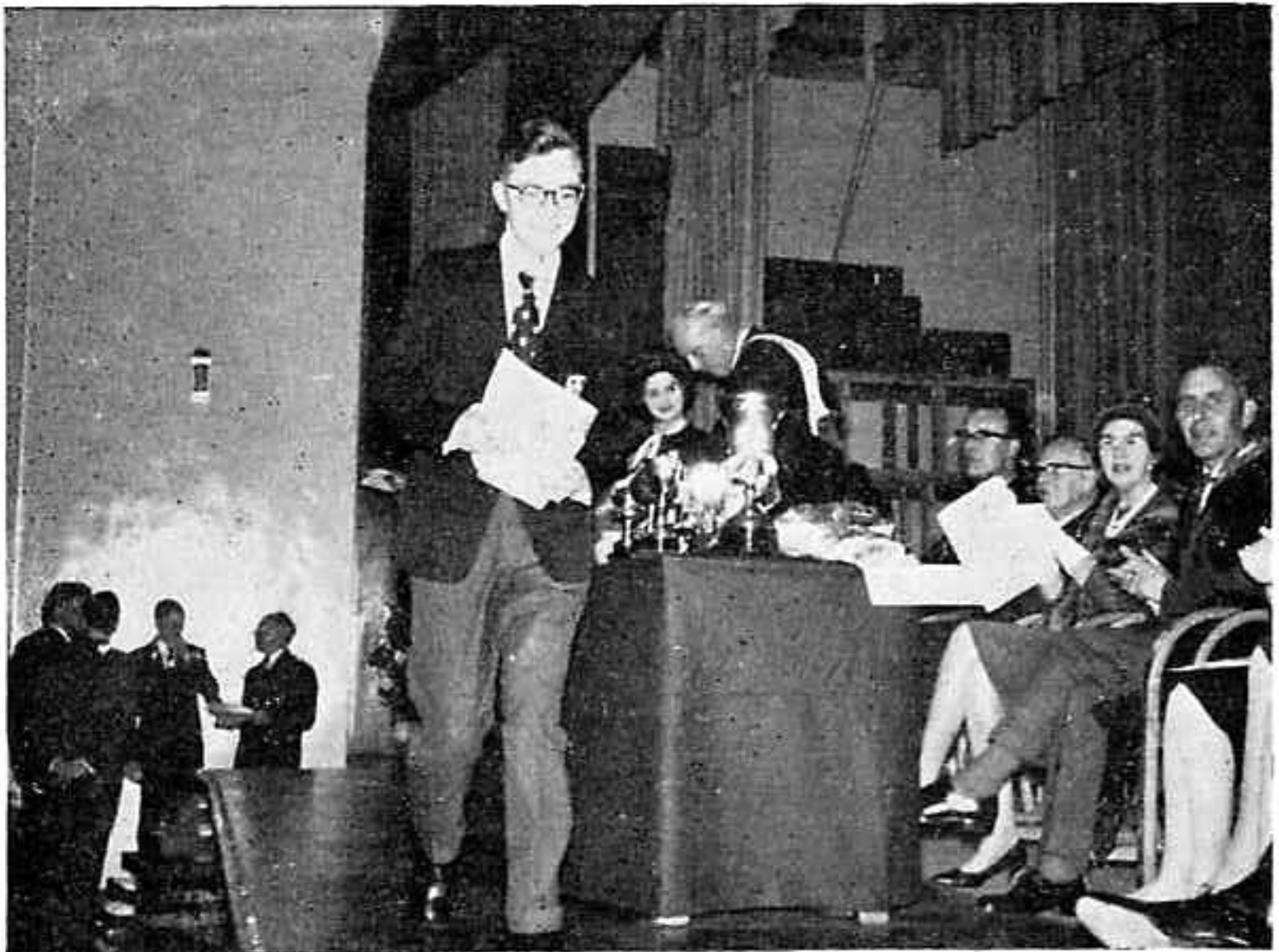
Speech Day, deferred this year until the Spring Term, was held in the School Hall on Tuesday, March 5th, when our Guest of Honour was Mr. M. J. Hugill, M.A., Head Master of Whitgift School. We were also honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. L. Aston, J.P.) and Mrs. Aston who presented the prizes. Our Chairman of Governors (Alderman G. J. Cole) presided and also present on the platform were Councillor and Mrs. Sparrowe, Canon and Mrs. Greenaway, Alderman and Mrs. Balme, Mr. and Mrs. Garratt, Mr. and Mrs. Scobie-Smith, Councillor Laffin, Mr. Evernden and many other friends of the School.

In their opening remarks both the Chairman and the Mayor congratulated the School on its achievements over the past year and thanked the Head Master and Staff for contributing to the high standing that the School held in the Borough.

In his report Mr. Lowe claimed a singularly prosperous year for the School. "When modesty and discretion have made all proper reservations, it could not be called other than a year of quality," he said.

"A grammar school is rightly regarded as a place of opportunity, but it certainly is not a place where people luxuriate in privilege."

As the ordinary man's public school, it had done more than any other institution to break down class distinctions. Wealth and influence counted for nothing—the boy's own talents were the sole condition for entry.



*P. J. Hammond receiving his certificate.*

“To inspire, encourage and equip a boy, often from a home with comparatively few opportunities, and to present him at the vestibules of advanced learning, a trained and acceptable student able to compete with the sons of the rich and the products of the great fee-paying schools, is no small achievement.”

He was delighted that every year fewer and fewer boys were quitting at the end of the fifth form year. At the moment a quarter of the School, or 150 pupils, were in the sixth form, engaged in advanced studies.

The Fifth Form gained 69 per cent. passes at “O” level and there were many more to be added from the Sixth Form.

For Sixth Formers it had been a year of records, with 81 per cent. successful. Twenty-five had secured entrance to universities, two to colleges of advanced technology, three to training colleges, and three to colleges of art or architecture, while six had gained State Scholarships.

“Their collective success, as far as I can ascertain, is a record for any maintained Croydon school—as I believe is our number of university entrants,” said Mr. Lowe.

Distributed among 11 boys and over seven subjects there were no fewer than 17 distinction gradings awarded at “A” level G.C.E.—the highest the School had ever known, and half as many papers again reached 70 per cent. or over.

A notable event outside the year under review was that Lance-Corporal I. D. MacDonald, of the School A.F.C., at the end of September, became England’s champion shot among all three cadet services in the Cadet Hundred competition at Bisley.

After recounting sporting successes, he summed up the 12 months under review as “overall a good year and a happy one with solid achievements in many fields.”

Mr. Hugill, in a witty and interesting address, made the point, among other things, that in all intellectual matters every individual was, of necessity, out on his own. All academic work and study required from those engaged in it an independence of mind. Boys must cultivate self-reliance. “It should be possible—but only in theory, of course—for the Staff of a School to be absent—and yet for work to be continued, because in a final analysis all brain work was an individual process.”

Mr. Hugill also emphasised that the test of education was less the paper qualifications than the use made of them, the follow-up or the continuation of study for its own sake. For instance, it was little use mastering set books in literature, say, to pass an examination, and then in later life to be reading nothing of quality.

He congratulated the School on its outstanding successes over the past year which, he said, was proof enough of the value of the Grammar School traditions and the unquestionable need to preserve them.



# PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES 1962

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

### Main Ordinary Level Results (January and July)

#### VU

Abbott, I. (3)  
Askew, R. P. (7)  
Avery, R. (2)  
Balme, M. J. (7)  
Boyce, G. J. P. (7)  
Castro, I. P. (5)  
Cobley, J. G. (4)  
Cox, J. P. (4)  
Curtis, P. J. W. (6)  
Davies, I. H. (8)  
Deverell, J. B. (5)  
Dunton, H. F. (4)  
Farmer, H. M. (3)  
Fentiman, G. J. (8)  
Gillard, R. E. (4)  
Goulding, P. M. (5)  
Gowers, B. C. (5)  
Green, P. H. (8)  
Hawkins, R. (4)  
Howes, K. J. (7)  
Lemmer, R. D. (8)  
Lenherr, M. R. (3)  
Margree, A. L. (3)  
Mauchline, D. J. (7)  
Nicholson, G. C. (4)  
O'Callaghan, J. M. (5)  
Pearce, D. A. G. (7)  
Quickenden, D. W. (6)  
Richardson, D. (8)  
Smith, S. V. (8)  
Turner, J. A. (5)  
Wheal, J. D. (7)  
Wrigglesworth, M. D. (6)

#### VR

Alexander, C. L. (3)  
Bailey, P. (2)  
Bartlett, A. R. (3)  
Bateman, C. R. (4)  
Bayley, R. J. (3)  
Blackwell, K. E. (4)  
Brindley, D. J. (3)  
Childs, J. A. (4)  
Collard, A. S. (7)  
Collins, C. E. (1)  
Cordy, P. (7)  
Dixon, R. T. (8)  
Finch, R. H. (6)  
Furner, R. B. (3)  
Irving, R. J. (3)  
Kirby, A. F. (6)  
Lovatt, H. J. (3)  
Maiden, D. J. (4)  
Maynell, A. C. (6)  
Morris, P. R. T. (3)  
Parker, D. J. (3)  
Pidgeon, R. F. (7)

#### VF

Barnett, M. J. (3)  
Burke, A. N. (5)  
Carter, P. J. (2)  
Clark, R. E. (4)  
Cobby, J. M. (7)  
Eastwood, I. A. (4)  
Evans, D. A. (4)  
Gurney, P. F. (5)  
Hankin, M. J. (4)  
Hooker, G. F. (6)  
Lewsey, D. P. (2)  
Lupton, J. A. (6)  
Lynn, R. C. (7)  
Mackenzie, D. I. (5)  
McGowan, M. D. (4)  
Mantell, M. J. (7)  
Mantell, R. F. (6)  
Matthews, J. D. (7)  
Morrison, C. J. (5)  
Muckleston, R. A. (4)  
Paye, I. M. (6)  
Poore, M. C. (7)  
Rabbitts, T. H. (8)  
Rengger, A. D. (4)  
Seymour, R. G. (7)  
Short, D. M. (3)  
Swainson, J. G. (5)  
Thorneloe, M. J. (6)  
Turl, A. R. (4)  
Weller, B. J. (6)

#### VT

Alais, M. S. (1)  
Booker, A. J. (5)  
Carter, J. D. (2)  
Cummins, C. R. (2)  
Dench, D. E. (1)  
Dunkason, G. H. (3)  
  
Groom, D. E. (3)  
Huggett, M. S. E. (2)  
Hunt, N. J. (6)  
Jezeph, D. H. (7)  
Lee, S. P. (5)  
Mitchell, T. D. (3)  
Nott, R. P. (2)  
Reed, P. F. (2)  
Reed, V. J. (4)  
Schwarz, M. R. (2)  
Smith, D. M. (5)  
Thomas, P. A. (5)  
Thornhill, P. D. (2)  
Tyler, D. R. (2)

Pigg, R. E. (5)  
 Skinner, J. A. (3)  
 Slade, R. P. (2)  
 Sokoloff, P. A. (4)  
 Thomas, P. A. (3)  
 Thomas, R. L. (4)  
 Turner, S. E. (4)  
 Turvey, R. D. (5)  
 White, J. A. (4)

### Advanced Level Results

|   |   |
|---|---|
| *Allen, P. M., †Pure Maths., †Applied Maths., †Physics                                      | Lawson, J. W., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics     |
| Bailey, A., Chem., Zoo.   | LeVine, J., Geog., Geol.                                |
| Bayliss, J. S., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics.                                       | Lewis, M., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics         |
| Bodman, R., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chem.                                     | Lewis, P. L., Applied Maths., Physics                   |
| Brightwell, J., Chem., Zoo.   | Lloyd, J. H., Eng., Geog., †Hist.                       |
| Camfield, N. T., Physics, Chem.   | Lowe, M. E., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics       |
| Campbell, M. G., French, Latin, Germ.   | Lowe, T. J., Zoo  |
| Davis, A. M., Eng., Geog., French, Art  | Lyle, P. M., Chem.                                      |
| Day, A. H., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  | Merkelt, D. W., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics    |
| Drewett, J. C., Eng., †History  | Morris, R. G. M., Geol.                                 |
| Drury, G. M., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  | Mottram, K. J., French, †Lat., Germ.                    |
| Duke, K. A., Physics, Chem.   | Patterson, A. W., Eng., French, Lat., Germ.             |
| Eggert, M. A., Geog., Geology   | Penhallow, P. J., Applied Maths., Physics               |
| Emmerson, G. A., French, Latin, Germ.   | Rolfe, A. M., Pure Maths., Applied Maths.               |
| Fentiman, D. F., Pure Maths., Physics   | Smith, A. J., Geog., Pure Maths.                        |
| Foster, A. W., Eng., French   | Smith, P. L. L., French, Lat., Germ.                    |
| Graham, C. E., Geog., Econ., Hist.  | Sparks, R. W., French, Germ.                            |
| Green, J. H., French, Germ.   | Stewart, J. R., Geog., Geol.                            |
| Grey, S., Eng., Geog., Hist.  | Tennant, V. A., Pure Maths., Physics, Chem.             |
| Haithwaite, J. B., Hist.  | Thulborn, R. A., Geog., French, †Geol.                  |
| Hall, J. A., Physics, Chem., Zoo.   | Tilbury, G. W., Pure Maths.                             |
| *Hammond, P. J., †Pure Maths., †Applied Maths., †Schol. Pure Maths., †Schol. Applied Maths. | Treleaven, D., Chem.                                    |
| Hills, A. R., Geog., Econ., Art   | Troupe, J. K., Tech. Dr.                                |
| Hinchliffe, M. D., Art., Geol.  | Wenn, R. V., Pure Maths., Chem., Zoo.                   |
| *Holcombe, W. M. L., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., †Schol. Pure Maths.                       | *West, C. R., French, †Germ.                            |
| Hoskin, P., Physics, Zoo.   | *Wilkinson, G. N., Eng., Econ., †Hist.                  |
| Jeffery, D. R., Pure Maths., Physics  | *Wilson, A. D., †Pure Maths., †Applied Maths., †Physics |
| Keyes, G. G., Hist.   | Wilson, P. J. B., Pure Maths., Applied Maths.           |
| Kitching, H. S., Eng., Econ., Hist.   | Winter, P., Eng., Econ., †Hist.                         |
| Lancaster, T. A. I., Eng., French, Hist.  | Workman, T. A., Econ.                                   |
| Landon, A. H., Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics   | Young, A. J. B., Physics                                |

\* State Scholarship

† Distinction

### FORM PRIZES

|     |     |     |     |                 |     |                                |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| IG  | ... | ... | 1st | Boyes, A. G.    | 2nd | Cornish, C. H.                 |
| IH  | ... | ... | 1st | Misson, A. C.   | 2nd | Legg, J. A.                    |
| IM  | ... | ... | 1st | Williams, N. W. | 2nd | Todd, P. A.,<br>Pearson, N. J. |
| IIC | ... | ... | 1st | Reynolds, R. J. | 2nd | Nightingale, M.                |
| IID | ... | ... | 1st | Rutt, M. P. J.  | 2nd | Chambers, D.                   |

|                |     |     |     |                |     |                  |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|
| IIIH           | ... | ... | 1st | Paynter, R. J. | 2nd | Jefferson, I. G. |
| IIIA           | ... | ... | 1st | Powis, D. L.   | 2nd | Rose, D. C.      |
| IIIG           | ... | ... | 1st | Mottram, G. T. | 2nd | Ford, M. J.      |
| IIIM           | ... | ... | 1st | Harman, G. K.  | 2nd | Harper, T. T.    |
| IVR            | ... | ... | 1st | White, A.      | 2nd | Phillips, R. H.  |
| IVS            | ... | ... | 1st | Bailey, C.     | 2nd | Marsh, R.        |
| L.VI Sc. Alpha | ... | ... | 1st | Baker, B. J.   |     |                  |
| L.VI Sc. A.    | ... | ... | 1st | Lygoe, G.      |     |                  |
| L.VI Arts      | ... | ... | 1st | Smith, S. G.   |     |                  |

#### ORDINARY LEVEL SUBJECT PRIZES

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| English Lang.—Clark, R. E.   | Chemistry—Cobby, J. M., Rabbits, T. H. |
| English Lit.—Matthews, J. D. | Biology—Fentiman, G. J.                |
| History—Mantell, M.          | General Science—Lee, B. P.             |
| Geography—Pidgeon, R. F.     | German—Pearce, D. A. G.                |
| Economics—Smith, S. G.       | Art—Gurney, P. F.                      |
| French—Quickenden, D. W.     | Music—Polyblank, C. W.                 |
| Latin—Goulding, P.           | Woodwork—Smith, D. M.                  |
| Mathematics—Cobby, J. M.     | Metalwork—Booker, A. J.                |
| Physics—Collard, A. S. E.    | Technical Drawing—Hunt, N. J.          |

#### ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECT PRIZES

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| English—Wilkinson, G. N.   | Applied Maths.—Hammond, P. J.      |
| Geography—Stewart, J. R.   | Physics—Wilson, A. D.              |
| History—Winter, P.         | Chemistry—Bodman, R.               |
| French—Green, J. H.        | Zoology—Hoskin, P.                 |
| German—West, C. R.         | Economics—Lloyd, J. H.             |
| Latin—Mottram, K. J.       | Geology—Thulborn, R. A.            |
| Pure Maths.—Hammond, P. J. | Art—Davis, A. M., Hinchliff, M. D. |

#### SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

|  |     |     |     |  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Magazine   | ... | ... | ... | Davis, A. M.                                       |
| Verse Speaking—Senior                                  | ... | ... | ... | Thompson, C. H. & Wilkinson, G. N.                 |
| Intermediate   | ... | ... | ... | Hayward, R. J.                                     |
| Junior   | ... | ... | ... | Hammond, J. N.                                     |
| Creative Writing                                       | ... | ... | ... | Patterson, A. W.                                   |
| Handicraft—Junior                                      | ... | ... | ... | Owen, R. G.  |
| Music—Junior   | ... | ... | ... | Loveday, R. G. M.                                  |
| R.S.M. Certificates—Grade VI (Violin)                  |     |     |     | Swainson, J. G. (Distinction)                      |
|  |     |     |     | Polyblank, C. W. (Merit)                           |
|  |     |     |     | Loveday, R. G. M. (Distinction)                    |
|  |     |     |     | Swainson, J. G.                                    |
|  |     |     |     | Eastwood, R. F.                                    |
|  |     |     |     | Hammond, J. N.                                     |
| String Music   | ... | ... | ... |  |
| General Progress (presented by Rotary Club)            | ... | ... | ... | Landon, A. H.                                      |
| General Progress (presented by L. Bishop, Esq.)—Junior | ... | ... | ... | Tomkins, P. K.                                     |
| Stanley Prize for Art                                  | ... | ... | ... | Webb, C.   |
| Stanley Prize for Science                              | ... | ... | ... | Harman, G. K.                                      |
| Dramatics Prizes—Senior                                | ... | ... | ... | Thompson, C. H., Wilkinson, G. N.                  |
| Junior   | ... | ... | ... | Graham, P. M., Hayward, R.                         |
| Thesis Prizes  | ... | ... | ... | Moore, B. M. S., Reynolds, R. J., West, M. D.      |
| Philips Mathematics Prizes                             | ... | ... | ... | Cook, P. F., Lygoe, G., Neale, J. D., Payne, M. J. |

#### THE JOHN RUSKIN COMPANY (ACF AWARDS)

|   |     |                   |
|---|-----|-------------------|
| Ruskin Stick of Honour (presented by the Officers)  | ... | C.S.M. Neale      |
| Marksman's Cup (presented by Capt. R. N. Alexander) | ... | L/Cpl. MacDonald  |
| Recruit Cup (presented by Capt. L. Bishop)          | ... | Cdt. Ead.         |
| Clark Proficiency Trophy                            | ... | L/Cpl. O'Leary    |
| Battalion Sports Trophy                             | ... | C/Sgt. Muckleston |
| Recruit Shooting Spoon                              | ... | Cdt. Humphreys    |

**WILLIAM FIELD MEMORIAL PRIZE** — Wilson, A. D., and Hammond, P. J.

**JOHN RUSKIN OLD BOYS' WAR MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Allen, P. M., Holcombe, W. M. L., West, C. R., Wilkinson, G. N.

**THE CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE** — Kitching, H. S.

**THE WEEDON CUP FOR CHESS** — Lynn, R.

**THE CRESSWELL CUP FOR GYMNASTICS** — Phillips, R. M.

**THE W. P. DAVIES CUP** — Noakes, M.

**THE ENDEAVOUR CUP** — Delta House

**ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITIES, etc., 1962**

Allen, P. M., University of Hull—Physics  
Aylesbury, I. J. (Left 1961), University of Hull—French and Swedish  
Bacon, G. S. (Left 1961), University of London—Estate Management  
Bayliss, J. S., University of Liverpool—Engineering  
Bodman, R., University of Exeter—Chemistry  
Camfield, N. T., University of Bristol—Chemistry  
Craggs, T. (Left 1961), University of Durham—Engineering  
Davis, A. M., St. Martin's College of Art—Diploma in Design  
Drewett, J. C., University of Leeds—History  
Drury, G. M., University of Sheffield—Mechanical Engineering  
Eves, R. J. (Left 1961), University of Birmingham—Electrical Engineering  
Fentiman, D. F., Polytechnic School of Architecture—Architecture  
Foster, A. W., Lampeter College—B.A. General  
Green, J. H., Exeter—Combined Hons., Modern Languages  
Jeffery, D. R., Regent Street Polytechnic—Dip. Tech. Civil Engineering  
J. A. Hall, Royal Dental Hospital—Dentistry  
Harrod, C. G. C. (Left 1961), Regent Street Polytechnic—Economics  
Hinchliff, M. D., St. Martin's College of Art—Diploma in Design  
Holcombe, W. M. L., University of Sheffield—Mathematics  
Keyes, G. G., St. Catherine's, Cambridge—Theology  
Lawson, J. W., University of Sheffield—Civil Engineering  
Lloyd, J. H., University of Leeds—Economics  
Penhallow, P. J., Sir John Cass College—Mathematics  
Sparks, R. W., North Western Polytechnic—Modern Languages  
Tennant, V. A., University of London—Physiology  
West, C. R., University of Southampton—French  
Wilkinson, G. N., University of Sussex—English Studies  
Wilson, A. D., University of Reading—Physics  
Winter, P., University of Hull—Economics  
Youldon, R. (Left 1961), Northampton College of Advanced Technology, Dip.  
Tech. Course in Mechanical Engineering

**ENTRANCES TO TRAINING COLLEGES, 1962**

LeVine, J., Redland College, Bristol  
Pamphilon, D. G. (Left 1959), Bishop Otter College, Chichester  
Troupe, J. K., Shoreditch College (for Handicraft)

**DEGREE RECORD, 1962**

Barber, D. J., University of Southampton—B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering  
Forbath, R. C., Lampeter College—B.A. with Second Class Honours in Philosophy  
Francis, D. W., Northampton College of Advanced Technology—Dip. Tech. with  
Second Class Honours in Industrial Chemistry  
Hammond, I. D., University of Leicester—B.Sc. in Biological Studies  
Jeal, A. J., Northampton College of Advanced Technology—Dip. Tech with Sec-  
ond Class Honours in Applied Physics.  
Jeffreys, M. J., University of Cambridge—Class II, Division I in First Part of  
Classical Tripos  
Rowe, D. G., University of Nottingham—B.A. with Second Class Honours in Law  
Thompson, N., University of Nottingham—B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering

## “JULIUS CAESAR”

The School production of “Julius Caesar” was presented on three consecutive nights in December. Although the fog prevented a large attendance on the first night (including the local critic), it was generally agreed that this was the high water-mark of our dramatic activities in recent years.

The principal rôles of Brutus, Cassius and Antony were ably filled by David Treleaven, Anthony Patterson and Clive Thompson. Tre-



*Portia (P. Graham) and Brutus (D. Treleaven)*

leaven gave us a mature and sensitive portrayal of the character of Brutus, bringing out his essential idealism. His delivery of the long poetic speeches, and his impassioned pleas to the crowd were contrasted expertly with the tenderness of the scenes with Portia, while his bearing maintained throughout a fitting dignity. Patterson managed to convey the jealousy and spite that form part of the exacting rôle of Cassius, but at the same time revealed the rather pitiful character beneath the surface.

In his fifth production at the School, Clive Thompson revealed to the full his ability as a character actor. Choosing a rather idealised interpretation of Antony, he brought out the romantic as well as the ruthless side of his character, and was especially moving in his soliloquy over Caesar's prostrate body.

The important lesser rôles maintained the general high standard of the casting. John Rivers not only looked the part of the despotic yet ailing Caesar, but gave at the same time an able and convincing performance. Other commendable performances were those of P. Graham as Portia, R. Hayward as Casca and D. Orange as Lucius. The other minor rôle deserving mention was "the mob" whose well-drilled and vociferous performance frequently brought the play to a crescendo of excitement.

As with "Macbeth" the lighting was a special feature of the whole production and for this we must thank Mr. Davey and his able assistants. Behind the scenes Mr. Peacock managed with his customary panache, and Mr. Crowe, whose last production at the School this was, could not have ended his "regime" with a more successful "finale".



*The Death of Brutus*

## THE FUN - FAIR

Soon the long-awaited hour comes and, after a few dummy runs, the generators pick up, the lights glow dimly, flicker and then light the whole fair with garish, searing light. Streams of people move steadily towards the place as if drawn by a magnet. Tiny hands clutch sweaty pennies, overawed by the marvellous spectacle; large hands hold fat wallets. Soon, like a concentration camp, the fairground is holding three-quarters of a town in its grasp. Men stand like zombies, feeding machines with money, mesmerised by the whirling symbols. The milling mass of people in the centre of the holocaust of light go from show to show, placating the greasy waistcoated proprietors with more money. Money flows everywhere and the vibrating thunder of the sparking generators is drowned with last year's hits.

At last the pulse of the fair slows down. The people trickle away, some silently pondering over their empty purses, others still chattering excitedly. The stallholders count up the gains, and then methodically trudge round the ground putting on covers and switching things off. The now gently purring generators are the last things to be silenced. Up above, the stars take over where they left off. Everything is quiet. The fairground goes to bed.

J. R. HESLOP—Vii.

## FISHING IN THE LAKE

My float moved, and my heart stood still; it was only a slight quiver but that was enough. I stood perfectly motionless. It moved again; I could hear the fish sucking in the bait and blowing it out again. The sounds of the birds echoed across the water and a faint murmur as the breeze moved the grass and bent it. Several fish, uniform in colour, glided along the side of the lake, sleek and beautiful as they rhythmically moved their bodies and fins. The float slid under. Every nerve in my body jumped and I twitched the rod. He was on! The fish tried every trick in the book. Rolling on the surface, sulking on the bottom, and finally running away. I reeled him in. It was a nice bristling perch, angry with me for interrupting his snack. I put him on the scales. Five pounds. Not too bad. Should be just nice with parsley sauce and potato. That was the fifth one today. They certainly were biting. There was a funny fishy smell about him; it was probably the mucous or slime on his body. He had a fine plump body and sharp spines on his dorsal fin. I remember the last one I ate. It was grilled wonderfully and covered with breadcrumbs and white wine.

An earthy smell came from the worm tin. I threw the rest of the worms in and started packing my bags. The fish came up and sucked the worms into their mouths and swam away to their holes. I picked up my fish and wrapped them up in a newspaper I had brought with me. This would reduce their fishy smell. I would go home now through the sweet-smelling woods.

C. BROAD—Iic.

## LE PESSIMISME

Je me sens las, blême et blafard; tout est en vain.  
Je me perds, hâve et soûl, dans une ombre terreuse  
D'où personne n'échappe, où la paroi véreuse  
En s'écroulant m'écrase; et mon âme s'éteint.  
Tristement, humblement, vous attendez la fin,  
Nature, vérité, beauté; toutes peureuses  
Que je ne vous célèbre en poésie baveuse.  
Mais non. Vous êtes là où jamais je n'atteins.  
Où sont les chansons du crépuscule? où sont-elles?  
Et le frimas jaspé, les gazouillements grêles  
Des frêles colibris, ont-ils tous disparu?  
Mornement, sombrement, seul l'immonde subsiste.  
Me livrant à l'horreur, me sentant tout recru,  
J'achève mes vers avec un long soupir triste.

A. W. PATTERSON—U VI Arts.

## PRINTEMPS

Laiteron, pâturin, flouve, élyme, agrostide,  
Tous courbent leur tête sous le souffle timide.  
Vers un doux ciel marbré le chêne raboteux  
Étend et déploie ses bras busqués et calleux.  
Du fouettement de la pluie le monde est rempli;  
Le dodu ramier glauque à sa cuvée s'enfuit;  
Les gouttes perlées comme des larmes joyeuses,  
En tombant, font ruisseler les terres boueuses.  
Les bois sont doux, le pays est tout embaumé  
Quand l'averse arrose le vulpin effilé  
Et le soleil vient chauffer son chaperon pers.  
Printemps! Que tu es beau et fécond et brillant!  
Parce que la vie, sans toi, serait un néant,  
C'est à toi que je dédie humblement mes vers.

K. J. MOTTRAM—VI3.



## THE BUS DRIVER

He sat there, alone and cold. All the passengers saw was his head above the back of the brown seat with "See the Lord Mayor's Show" written on it. He drew the big 56-seater bus slowly round the corner of the road, with the skill and precision that was only his. His cold hand came in from outside the window (for it was a right-hand). "This weather is too — cold to stick y'hand out," he muttered slowly to himself.

KK 80372 (his code number) was ageing, lines were appearing under his eyes, and he was nearly deaf in one ear, owing to the constant ringing of the bell. KK (for short) was on the whole quite a pleasant man, except for a few "censored" words. He had a rather protruding nose which gave him an owl-like appearance. His hair, quite naturally, was thinning, for he was past the half-way age. Most of the people in the garage where he checked in liked him for he was a pleasant man and liked company, for his job was a lonely one. The one thing he could not abide were taxi drivers, "Over-rated — puppy dogs, with no more sense than donkeys," was his opinion of them. His favourite time of day was the rush-hour, for there was always something going on, and always someone to listen if he had occasion to shout at a taxi driver. He found that on the whole life was good to him: he had plenty of travelling, he saw more of London in a week than most people see in a life-time, and he had a fair though not always as full-as-he-liked wage-pocket.

He had a medal for 35 years' service to the company. He was proud of this and kept it in a drawer at home, and polished it every week. He had been offered the chance of promotion three times, but he liked driving and wanted to do it for at least ten more years.

P. CONLIFFE—IIc.

## FUGITIVE

No. I will not go back  
To that place, because of horrors recalled,  
Of ill-treatment, threats and persecution.  
Rather death by the sword.  
I well remember; it was Winter,  
No one left and no one came  
To our village. What is there  
To remember but bitterness, always the same.  
And hunger, craving-stomachs, and the cold,  
And our communal cuddling for warmth.  
No fire to enjoy. No heating.  
Only icy blasts down the chimney.  
And for that moment I cried,  
Surrounded, beaten, all hope  
Lost. Why me?  
Am I the world's scapegoat?

R. F. SEARLE—Vu.

## C O F F E E B A R

The night was drawing on,  
The lamps shone with a sharpened glare,  
And the golden smell of coffee  
Was drifting on the air:  
A coffee bar's door, down the road,  
Was standing just ajar,  
And the shouts of raucous laughter  
Were heard above the din  
Of the juke-box monster in the corner  
Chewing wax and smooth shellacking.  
The warmth was very welcome  
To my frozen limbs  
And the haze of smoking and coffee steam  
Brought on a drowsy stupor  
Which the juke-box, now much louder,  
And the chatter and the clatter of crockery  
Could not disturb.  
But soon my train would be waiting  
And,  
I must leave this warm retreat  
To face, once more,  
The bitter street.

R. WEAVER—Form Ih.

## T H E M I N E

The smoke rises  
From yards where the whistles and screams of trains  
Sound, even in the night.  
The slag heaps  
Covered with generations' rubbish  
Lie dormant.  
Until, up the endless belt more earth comes  
Cascading over the top and in an avalanche,  
Pours down the sides.  
In oblong shapes.  
The lights from windows shine across the yard,  
Broken by crosses.  
Through the broken panes  
Laughter and the voices of miners,  
Waft on the night air.  
Above it all  
In black solitude.  
The winding gears guard all below.  
Then a clank and spin, and into the darkness  
A thousand lights pierce  
Of miners  
Safe for another day.

J. SMALLEY—Vu.

## Y E A R E N D

October closes in;  
With a swirl of multi-coloured death,  
A drift of fog,  
A dab of sun.  
Dew sparkles,  
Cobwebs conspire to cover the world,  
The land dims into a long afternoon.  
Now is the time of year  
For werewolf and vampire,  
Emerging from their rest,  
After Summer's baneful light and heat.  
An Autumn world,  
Of dampness, cellars and Halloween.  
Rich smells of bonfire smoke,  
Gust by.  
Woods turn technicolour,  
Then become a skeleton's graveyard,  
Moving their arms  
When the Moon rides high and full  
And mystic herbs are ripe for plucking,  
On the shimmering ground.  
And Dracula flits, bat-like, by,  
Home to mouldy rest.  
Night encroaches upon the day,  
Pulling down a red-faced sun at night.  
The wind shakes the walls  
And night things are abroad;  
The Earth turns in its sleep,  
Sighing.

R. GLOVER—U VISC.

# SOCIETY NEWS

## LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Le cercle français de la classe de philosophie tient ses réunions tous les jeudis. Ce trimestre nous avons continué à lire des pièces, dont "Ruy Blas" s'est montré la plus populaire, et à essayer d'améliorer notre prononciation du français en nous entretenant sur des sujets d'intérêt actuel. Naturellement le magnétophone est toujours employé; quelquefois nous écoutons les émissions scolaires de la BBC enregistrées à l'avance.

Pendant les deux derniers trimestres quelques-uns d'entre nous sont allés à Kensington assister aux représentations de l'Institut Français, dont trois modernes, "La Guerre de Troie n'aura pas lieu" et "Électre" de Giraudoux, et "L'Alouette" d'Anouilh.

Giraudoux est le dramaturge le plus original de l'entre deux guerres. Chez lui, des situations exceptionnelles, voire absurdes ou légendaires, abondent. Ses personnages sont plus ou moins symboliques, délégués d'idées et de sentiments qui débordent.

L'intérêt de "La Guerre de Troie" se concentre sur les efforts d'Hector, valeureux ancien combattant, qui s'acharne à sauver la paix, encaisse gifles et autres affronts, et par conséquent, réduit Paris, source de la querelle entre la Grèce et la Troie, à un rôle grotesque et humiliant. La pièce vise surtout la futilité essentielle de la guerre dans tous ses aspects, et porte une profonde signification actuelle, comme en 1935, quand Giraudoux l'a écrite.

"L'Alouette", un de nos textes prescrits, nous a aussi beaucoup intéressés. En racontant l'histoire familière de Jeanne d'Arc, Anouilh emploie un style plein d'artifices et sa philosophie dramatique originale.

Nous avons aussi vu "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" et "Le Malade Imaginaire", non pas pour la première fois et, espérons-le, non pas pour la dernière fois.

A. D. SMITH, A. W. PATTERSON—UVI Arts.

## THE CHESS CLUB

Since our last report the Club's membership has fallen slightly, to 40. Two teams are again competing in the Briant-Poulter League, but a third team could be formed, and entered for the League, if more members were forthcoming. The general standard of play, however, has risen and all of our matches have been closely contested.

In the Junior Postal Chess League the School team did extremely well, being placed third, especially as only one of our eight players had any previous experience of postal play.

P. Hammond, R. Lynn and R. Gerlach have played for the Surrey U.18 team several times; P. Wilson has played regularly for the Surrey Senior team.

The Weedon Cup for chess was presented this year to R. C. Lynn, who has maintained a consistently high standard of play as the School's board 3 player, and in County matches.

In the Eastbourne Chess Congress, held last August, P. J. Hammond and P. Wilson each won a prize in senior tournaments.

As the season of league matches is now nearly over, the School teams are looking forward to friendly matches against some of the weaker teams.

## SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCH RESULTS

### FIRST TEAM

|          |    |                         |             |
|----------|----|-------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. 28 | v. | Rutlish School (Home)   | Won 4½-1½.  |
| Oct. 5   | v. | Tenison's G.S. (Away)   | Won 5-1.    |
| Oct. 12  | v. | Sutton G.S. (Home)      | Lost 2½-3½. |
| Oct. 19  | v. | Heath Clark G.S. (Away) | Won 5½-½.   |
| Oct. 26  | v. | Dulwich (Away)          | Lost 1½-4½. |
| Nov. 2   | v. | Purley G.S. (Away)      | Lost 2½-3½. |
| Nov. 30  | v. | Ashburton (Away)        | Won 6-0.    |
| Feb. 1   | v. | Whitgift School (Away)  | Lost 1-5.   |
| Feb. 22  | v. | Surbiton G.S. (Away)    | Drawn 4-4.  |
| Mar. 1   | v. | Tiffin G.S. (Home)      | Lost 1½-4½. |

### SECOND TEAM

|          |    |                            |             |
|----------|----|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. 28 | v. | Rutlish School 2nd (Home)  | Won 6-0.    |
| Oct. 12  | v. | Sutton G.S. 2nd (Home)     | Won 4-2.    |
| Oct. 19  | v. | Tulse Hill 2nd (Home)      | Won 4½-1½.  |
| Nov. 2   | v. | Purley G.S. 2nd (Away)     | Lost 2-4.   |
| Nov. 16  | v. | Glyn G.S. 2nd (Away)       | Lost 1½-4½. |
| Jan. 25  | v. | Tiffin G.S. 3rd (Away)     | Drawn 3-3.  |
| Feb. 1   | v. | Whitgift School 2nd (Away) | Lost 1½-4½. |
| Feb. 8   | v. | Glyn G.S. 3rd (Home)       | Won 4-2.    |
| Mar. 1   | v. | Tiffin G.S. 2nd (Home)     | Lost 2-4.   |

### UNDER 15 TEAM

|         |    |                     |          |
|---------|----|---------------------|----------|
| Feb. 15 | v. | Trinity U.15 (Away) | Won 6-2. |
|---------|----|---------------------|----------|

The Club has seemed a little less full, if not less active this year. Perhaps some boys are as yet unaware that we have changed from Room 10 to Room 2.

However, the match records of both first and second teams have been well up to standard, despite the difficulty we have had in filling the bottom few boards at times (relapsed chess-players, please note!)

Lightning chess appears to be as popular as ever, and at the end of last Summer Term we held a Five Minute Chess Tournament which was won by P. Wilson. An eight-round Swiss Tournament was also held in the same term which was again won by P. Wilson with 7 points to Hammond's 6½.

P. J. MURPHY (*President*).

P. WILSON, UVISc. (*Secretary*).

## THE CHRISTIAN UNION

We wish to thank all those who last year led the Christian Union and wish them every blessing in the future. In September a new committee was formed. J. Rivers was appointed Secretary and I. Castro and S. V. Smith, Joint Presidents. We express our thanks for the invaluable help that Messrs. Nunn, Peet and Adkins have given us, particularly during last term. Amongst the items included in the programme during the year have been a series of talks on "Fruits of the Spirit"; a film "Professor and the Prophets", which deals with the mathematical probability of prophecies in the Bible being fulfilled; discussions on what the Bible says of Christ's death; the proof of Christ's resurrection; and a talk on "The Last Things". Future items include a film on the missionaries who were murdered in Brazil in 1956, and talks from outside speakers.

Numbers during the year have remained static. Thought-provoking meetings are arranged and questions invited. Meetings are designed for the Upper School and all boys—especially those others who wish to know more about the Christian religion—are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you at 12.30 every Monday.

S. V. SMITH —LVISc.a.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

For the first time in several years we are able to report a clear success in the local United Nations Debating Competition. The Ruskin team, consisting of Messrs. Thompson, Rivers, Ure and Masters proved too strong for Trinity School on the subject of American Domination of the Atlantic Alliance. We now go on to meet either St. Joseph's College or Selhurst Girls.

The former practice of inviting Coloma Debating Society to the school was revived on February 21st, when the motion was "This house favours the retention of Capital Punishment". The fact that Coloma proposed this motion was not, however, sufficient to convince the house of its wisdom, and the School triumphed again.

The team, however, insists that success has made no difference to their lives, and to prove it, they have arranged a return debate with Coloma on the subject: "Ignorance is bliss". This will not take place at John Ruskin.

C. THOMPSON—U VIa (*Secretary*).

### THE FIFTEEN SOCIETY

Officials elected for this year were as follows: Secretary, C. Thompson; Treasurer, J. McDonald; Minutes Secretary, J. Rivers; Executive Committee Members, C. Masters, J. Ure.

The greatest achievement of the Society this year was undoubtedly the organisation and promotion of the now famous "Bedstead Rally" held to raise funds for the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign". The success of this venture depended on several people: Masters, Ure, Rivers and McDonald especially, who formed the Freedom From Hunger Campaign Committee; but the Society as a whole responded magnificently and there was scarcely a member who did not contribute in some way to the cause.

The annual dinner was held on December 28th, at the "Rendezvous Restaurant", South Croydon. This was well attended, and gave some of our old boy members an opportunity to regain contact with the Society.

The highlight of our regular meetings was the visit of Mr. Robin Dixon, Secretary of the Danilo Dolci Trust, London. In addition to giving an introductory talk, Mr. Dixon brought with him the film "Murder by Neglect", which dealt in graphic detail with the situation that Dolci faces in Sicily. This was an open meeting, and guests from other schools swelled our numbers to almost fifty.

Other subjects which have been discussed this year include: Ghana and the new African States, The Marxist Interpretation of History and Britain's Economy.

C. THOMPSON—U VIa (*Secretary*).

## THE FILM SOCIETY

"Paths of Glory", the story of a suicidal attack on a German stronghold during the First World War, and "Jour de Fête", a famous French comedy (in French!) were shown to senior boys at the end of the Summer Term in a tentative attempt to investigate the support for a proposed Film Society. Then shortly after the start of the Autumn Term the aims of the Society were outlined at a meeting attended by 70 boys, and five films were chosen. The membership fee was fixed—the Society had started.

The first film "The Lavender Hill Mob" was shown to 280 boys, a record membership for a School Society. The films for the rest of the term were "The Dam Busters", "Shane" a classic 'western' (which was spoilt by the worn condition of the film), and "The War of the Worlds". The term ended with the whole School being shown "Henry Vth".

As planned, programmes were printed containing a synopsis of each film and a summary of the opinions of the principal critics. Each film was followed by a lunch-hour discussion on Thursday. These discussions are the important part of the programme if the Society is to fulfil its aims.

The first film of this term was "The Man in the White Suit". This film, made at Ealing Studios, as was "The Lavender Hill Mob", raised the thorny problem of "planned obsolescence." However, this topic was strangely ignored at the discussion following the film and instead the discussion centred more on, why the film was thought to be unsuccessful as a comedy, and how it could have been improved.

The second film was to have been the Buster Keaton's silent classic, "The General", but the distributors withdrew the film at the last moment and a committee suggestion of a night of old silent comedies was adopted. Accordingly the hush of exams was followed by the silence of Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, and Laurel and Hardy! Many thanks to Mr. Field and Polyblank for nobly playing the piano in true old cinema style!

The remaining films for this year are: "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", "39 Steps" and "Pygmalion".

Finally, a word of thanks to all who have run the Society—those who print the membership cards, the projectionists, the house managers and, of course, the treasurer. Above all I should like to express my warmest thanks to Mr. Davey and Mr. Crowe, for not only have they been of invaluable assistance in selecting the films but without them the Society could never have been formed.

B. D. LITTLECHILD—UVISc.a (Secretary).

## THE GYM CLUB

With the introduction of standards the interest in gymnastics in the School has shot up. More boys have joined the Club, the standard has improved and enthusiasm is limitless. The team has won both contests already held with other schools. Now it has become necessary to extend the time devoted to gym club. Any boy who wishes to join should see a member of the P.E. staff.

A.J.H.

## LITERARY SOCIETY

The interest of several members in the School play restricted the Society's activities during last term—but several play readings were arranged, including works by Pinter and Ionesco. Mr. Field also delivered a lecture entitled "The Birth and Death of the Angry Young Man", and concerned himself mainly with such novelists as Salinger, Amis and Golding.

This term we have had one meeting on the subject of Satire. Plans for the near future include the publication of a Society magazine which, we hope, will encourage all those with creative ability to produce regular work. We hope to publish the first edition before the end of the month—and look forward to receiving work from the budding poets and writers that exist, we are sure, throughout the School.

C. THOMPSON—U VIa (*Secretary*).

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of last term this Society re-started after a prolonged absence; and although our membership is not high there is a continual demand for use of the darkroom.

The first meetings dealt with the processing of photographic materials, and a film about developing and printing was shown. Later in the term individual subjects were covered by Mr. Cripps, Davies and myself.

With the possibility of finer weather during the coming months, it is hoped that a field-day and competition will be held for members.

R. J. HARRIS—Vr (*Secretary*).

## THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Despite a slight drop in membership during the Autumn Term, the meetings have been well attended, and, we are sure, found interesting by all those who came.

We started off well in September when we saw the colour film "Antarctic Crossing", which covered Sir Vivian Fuch's land crossing of Antarctica via the South Pole. At the end of October, Mr Currie, a Technical Instructor from the Perry Gyroscope Company Ltd., gave an interesting lecture on "Gyroscopic Instruments in Aircraft", with special reference to the fundamental principles involved.

The week after, Mr. D. A. Holmes, from the London Office of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority gave a talk on "The Peaceful Uses of Atomic Physics". He showed the colour film "Explaining the Atom" which was found very entertaining by the large audience.

We were honoured a week later by the presence of Professor W. M. Davidson, from King's College Hospital Medical School, who gave a very informative lecture on Blood. He used slides to illustrate his talk.

This term began with a successful visit from Mr. V. C. Meller of the G.P.O. Engineering Department who used a short film and slides to illustrate his lecture on Telstar. Mr. Meller dealt with the receiving and transmitting stations on both sides of the Atlantic and, of course,



the satellite itself. Three more interesting colour films were shown on February 14th.

Later in that month there was a lecture by Mr. A. R. Stanley from the Engineering Division of the B.B.C. on Colour Television.

No report on the Scientific Society could pass without mention of the magazine "New Scientist". Subscriptions to this interesting weekly have grown over the year and we wish it future success.

P. J. HYLANDS, R. A. POPE—U VI Sc.a (Joint Secretaries)

### THE SCRIPTURE UNION

The Autumn Term opened with an "A.B.C. of the Way", to get us into trim for the term! We decided to have more outside speakers introducing such topics as "Helping London's Tramps", "The Christian Answer to Juvenile Delinquency" and many missionary talks. The term ended with two Christmas parties, one junior and one senior, because our membership was over 160. For the first time, our half-term ramble was washed out and became a "caramble"!

The Spring Term opened with a film about the fulfilment of prophecies. Later the Padre of our summer camp gave us a moving talk about spiritual healing. Our main purpose is to encourage bible reading by using "Key Notes". At the time of going to Press the Form with the top membership is 3P with 28.

Anyone who is interested can come along; there is still room!

J. N. HAMMOND—IVu.

### THE JUNIOR LIBRARY

The Junior Library was started two years ago with the generous help of parents. They donated many worthwhile books to form a nucleus around which we have managed to build, with our library grant, a growing collection of over 700 volumes. Our method of selection is a combination of three things: the best reviews of writing for children in the national periodicals, the assistance of our Junior Librarian here in Croydon, and the recommendations of staff and boys. I hope you, too, will help us in the future by suggesting any books you have read and enjoyed.

We are only just getting around to an efficient system of loaning books, but the work of classifying and indexing has been no means easy. It is something, moreover, which could not have been accomplished without the invaluable help of certain "assistant" librarians—Graham and Lander of Vu, and Townson and Wood of IIIu. Throughout this period, of course, the library in Room 12 has been open during the lunch-break and many boys have taken this opportunity to browse through their favourite books.

You can also find on the non-fiction shelves a host of colourful volumes on hobbies, sport, history, geography, science and the arts, as well as two complete sets of encyclopaedias. I hope you will make use of your Junior Library.

A.J.C.

## FORM IIIU SEES CROYDON

During the past two years Form IIIu have visited many places in Croydon to give them more ideas for their "Project" studies. The six visits have been organised by Mr. Murray and Mr. Rhodes.

The first of these last term, was to Addington Parish Church and Addington Palace. Here Canon Greenaway told us the history of the church which was built at the time of William the Conqueror. We then walked to Addington Palace, now the home of the Royal School of Church Music, where we were shown round the building which was built in the 18th century and was once a residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury.

After Christmas the form went to the Fairfield Halls, Croydon's new entertainment centre. This was a very interesting tour around the Concert Hall, The Ashcroft Theatre and Arnhem Gallery.

On January 30th Electricity House, in Wellesley Road, was visited. Here the working of the accounts department, which contained an electronic multiplying machine, was explained to us. These offices are the "hub" of the Croydon and West Kent Division of the Electricity Board.

A fortnight later, after the exams, we enjoyed a visit to East Croydon Station where we were shown the booking office, the parcels office, the platform layout of the station, and the signal box. The Station Master told us that this is one of the busiest stations in the country, handling 800 trains a day.

The next one was to the Philips Electrical Works, in Commerce Way, Waddon, which makes television and radio sets. The complete area covered by the factory is 27 acres, and it is a two-mile walk to see the whole of the assembly buildings. The very welcome tea which we were given made this, to me, one of the best visits of the term.

Lastly, we visited the "Croydon Advertiser" offices in the High Street. The Works Manager explained how the newspaper was printed, from the making of the type to the working of the printing press. The press can turn out 65,000 copies of the "Advertiser" an hour, and for one issue of the paper it uses about 135 miles of newsprint to produce 70,000 copies.

In the near future we expect to visit the Fire Station and the Trojan Works in Purley Way.

V. ROSS—IIIu.

## MUSIC NOTES

Last September, we were fortunate in acquiring the services of two part-time teachers, both of them from the Commonwealth. Mr. Burtenshaw, from Australia, is studying conducting at the Royal Academy, and has been chosen to represent that institution in an international conducting contest in New York. Mr. Busuttil, a pianist from Malta, is also studying at the Academy. We are glad to have them among us.

The highlight of the Autumn Term was the very successful Christmas Recital, at which Miss Dorothy Grinstead and Mr. Lindsay Heather (a temporary master at the School, and an ex-choral scholar of King's College, Cambridge) were the distinguished soloists. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Mr. Heather's performance at the forthcoming School Concert.

The first year violin class promises much, and an intermediate violin class which entered for the Croydon Music Festival, came second for group playing. Loveday came second in the solo-class of his age group, and also passed R.S.M. Grade IV (Violin), with distinction.

At the Croydon Schools' Festival, the orchestra was well supported by members of the School, and was in fact led by Swainson and Polyblank. The Junior Music Prize was won by Loveday, and the Ordinary Level Music Prize by Polyblank.

Swainson and Polyblank have joined Thorneloe in the Croydon Symphony Orchestra, and together with Mr. and Miss Hancock, still strongly support the Spring Park Musical Society. This organisation recently performed Tippett's "Child of Our Time", an adventurous gesture, and will shortly give the "Messiah" in its entirety (March 29th and 30th) in our own School hall.

Many concerts have been attended, the most popular one being the one for children, given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in the Fairfield Halls on March 15th.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr. William Shrimpton for giving us a 'cello, and Mrs. Reed and Mr. Dixon, for their respective gifts of a violin and of records. We eagerly anticipate the School Concert on April 3rd.

C.W.P.

## SCHOOL CHARITIES

During the past 18 months the School Charities Organisation has witnessed both successes and disappointments. On the credit side must be recorded the splendid achievements of Junior boys who in January, 1962, and January, 1963, collected a sum of £57 for the National Children's Homes by the sale of "Sunny Smiles" booklets. The School as a whole contributed over £50 to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. On the other hand weekly contributions have fallen away owing to continued carelessness in some Forms. It is to be hoped that this tendency will be corrected and that humanitarian causes will again benefit to the same extent as in the past.

E.J.C.

## THE JOHN RUSKIN COMPANY

First class training areas but rather too much of the characteristic Dartmoor rain and mist: such was the general impression of our Summer Camp at Okehampton last year, attended by some 40 N.C.O.'s and cadets. Nevertheless, some useful and interesting training was carried out and a pleasant day out was spent at Plymouth, whose rebuilt city centre many of us were interested to see. We were also extremely pleased on the last evening of camp to welcome C.S.M. Elford into the Officers' Mess following the approval of his appointment to the rank of Under-Officer—a well-deserved reward for a long period of outstanding service in the Corps.

Autumn Term began with a new group of senior N.C.O.'s headed by C.S.M. Neale, C/Sgt. Muckleston and Platoon Sgts. Dunkason, Carnell and Smith, all of whom have given up a great deal of time to the organisation of Cert. A training for both senior cadets and recruits. For Junior N.C.O.'s post-Cert. A training was arranged in C.D. rescue operations with the kind assistance of Mr. Caldicott of the local C.D. Training Centre, while more recently, a course has been begun by C.S.M. Regester, of the County Training Staff in the use of the Self-Loading Rifle and in the revised Arms Drill. It is hoped that such advanced courses plus technical training in Signals and M.T. will help to maintain the interest of Senior Cadets after their Cert. A training is completed.

Outdoor work has recently been severely limited by the weather, but it was found possible in the Autumn Term to run a week-end bivvy scheme at Kenley for the recruits and a night exercise on the Shirley Hills for the whole company. A very interesting week-end was also enjoyed in November by a large number of cadets who visited the School of Mechanical Engineering at Kitchener Barracks, Chatham. They were well entertained by the Regular Army and were given first-class demonstrations in river crossing and demolitions.

Sport, too, has also been severely restricted by the weather and the Company is still awaiting an opportunity to play its first game in the County football league. We were pleased, however, to learn that C/Sgt. Muckleston and Sgt. Dunkason had been picked for the County team, and also that C/Sgt. Muckleston had been chosen to represent the County in the South of England boxing championships in January. At the County Swimming Gala in October, our Senior team, consisting of C/Sgt. Muckleston, Sgts. Smith, Dunkason and R. Thomas, and Cpl. Nott, was once again successful in carrying off the Senior Trophy, while the Juniors also put up a very good performance, Cdt. Brigden winning the Junior 100 yds. championship for the second time.

With regard to shooting, our greatest success has undoubtedly been the achievement of L/Cpl. Macdonald in winning not only the Rifle Brigade Trophy for the best A.C.F. shot, but also the Lady Gwendoline Guinness Trophy for the best shot from all the three cadet services in the British Isles. Congratulations also to Sgt. Smith on retaining his place in the "Cadet 100". For .22 shooting, L/Cpl. Macdonald was also

awarded the Company Marksman's Cup and Cdt. Humphreys the Recruit Shooting Trophy.

Also awarded on Speech Day were the Recruit Cup to Cdt. Ead, the Clark Proficiency Trophy to L/Cpl. O'Leary for his work in Signals, the Battalion Athletics Trophy to C/Sgt. Muckleston, and the Ruskin Stick of Honour to C.S.M. Neale.

With such a wide range of achievements it is not surprising that our inspecting officer this year, Brigadier A. D. R. Saunders, M.B.E., found much to praise and only a little to criticise. The Company, although smaller than a few years ago, is obviously flourishing, and our thanks are due to all officers and N.C.O.'s for their work in keeping the Corps running smoothly, with a special mention to the Armoury staff, Sgt. R. Thomas, L/Cpl. Strelczuck and Cdt. Ead, without whose untiring efforts the Company's arms would not be in the good condition they are in at present.

K.G.M.

## S U M M E R C A M P

Last August saw the inauguration of the School Summer Camp, held in the Isle of Wight, and organised by Mr. Adkins, Mr. Peet and Mr. Nunn. The party, comprising some forty boys and several masters spent a very eventful nine days under canvas, and with very good weather, were able to get in plenty of swimming and hiking, and numerous games around the camp-site. The highlight of the whole nine days was the tour of the island by coach, when we visited all the interesting places. We all enjoyed ourselves and we were all sorry when the time came to leave. Particular thanks are due to the commandant, Mr. R. Castro for his help. I am sure everyone is looking forward to the next Summer Camp, which will be at Croyde in North Devon.

G. LUCOCQ—IIIp.

## A T T H E E N D O F W I N T E R

Winter's gone! (we hope).  
No more we sit and mope,  
But rush outside to find  
The wind now much more kind  
Than was the snow of late.  
We pause, to see our gate  
Unfrozen and blown back  
By wind; to hear the crack  
Of ice, split underfoot,  
And now as black as soot,  
And melting—and we sing  
To think it's nearly Spring!

C. W. EVANS—IIIp.

# SPORT

## FOOTBALL

The heavy snowfall cost us two months of the season and so spoiled what might well have been an exceptionally good list of results at 1st team level.

After an initial defeat by the Corinthian-Casuals, whom we were delighted to have visit us again, the team went on to win match after match by handsome margins until checked again by a 0—1 defeat on the last Saturday of the December Term.

It is fair to surmise that we should have won virtually all the return matches, but, because of the long interruption of the programme the Spring Term left us with but three or four fixtures to play.

|                | P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Against |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| 1st XI Results | 14 | 11 | 1  | 2  | 74  | 18      |

Team: M. Noakes, C. Bateman, P. Bailey, T. Huxtable, S. Smith, D. Shoubridge, R. Simmons, P. Whitaker, I. Paye, P. Lyle, J. McDonald.

In Representative Football, we have, as usual, supplied the Croydon XIs with several players, and, at their respective age-levels, the following have appeared regularly for Croydon teams:

D. Tyler, P. Baron, D. Lawrence, D. Powis, S. Kember, C. Bunn, M. Say.

## COMPETITIONS

The School 3rd XI scored a series of convincing victories in the Croydon Schools' Competition, eliminating Overbury, St. Mary's and Ashburton in earlier rounds to defeat Lanfranc by 4—1 in the final at Selhurst Park.

An older team, however, made quick exits from both the Beloe and the Lipton Cup competitions this season.

Junior sides have been doing very well indeed in spite of long postponements due to weather and ground conditions. Before the snow brought everything to a halt the position was:

|        | P. | W. | D. | L. |
|--------|----|----|----|----|
| 5th XI | 8  | 6  | 2  | 0  |
| 6th XI | 9  | 8  | 1  | 0  |

At the time of going to press a great drive is in progress to play off a back-log of matches with an eye to winning both of these League Competitions.

## BASKETBALL

Some of our Senior players who were taught the game in the 4th and 5th years have defaulted this season for "reasons" of doubtful validity. Fortunately, the loyalty of Huxtable, Noakes, Paye, Bateman and Simmons, have enabled us to meet our 1st team commitments with some good basketball and reasonable success.

We have good support in the Middle School where the 4th year team of Lawrence, Powis, Tyler, Taylor, Baron, won the Croydon Schools' 4th Year Tournament.

## LACROSSE

The game continues to thrive in the school, and although the fixture list was cut drastically owing to the snow, we have played enough to show that only Sidcup Juniors and Henry Thornton School are our superiors.

|               |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|
| John Ruskin A |    |    |    |    |
|               | P. | W. | L. | D. |
|               | 7  | 4  | 3  | 0  |
| John Ruskin B |    |    |    |    |
|               | P. | W. | L. | D. |
|               | 8  | 5  | 2  | 1  |

In the Junior Flag knockout competition we reached the semi-final when we lost to Chislehurst 16—2.

Our Senior team have reached the final of the Jones Cup competition by playing only one game! At this time only five schools have entered but this will undoubtedly become the premier competition for schools lacrosse, when the county builds up its playing strength. The Senior team will go all out to win this magnificent trophy.

Honours this season go to Littlechild, Payne and Mackinlay, who now play regularly for Purley L.C.

Of the Juniors, Cattle, White, Jezeph, Melton, McKinnon, Roberts, Thomas, Gardner and Grant have all made good progress. The future is indeed bright in this age group.

Finally we must mention our trip to Oxford on February 28th to see the Oxford v. Cambridge Lacrosse match. Again S.E.M.L.A. subsidised the trip and thirty-eight boys, mostly from 2g saw not only a splendid game but were also treated to a tour of the colleges by Mr. Graham Berry, one of the Oxford players.

May we express our thanks to him and Mr. Peter Mundy of S.E.M.L.A.

## ATHLETICS

The last notes were written as the 1962 season drew to a close. It was after the magazine was published that we had a new fixture with a very strong team at St. Olave's Grammar School, Dulwich. Although we were soundly beaten many of our athletes produced their best performances of the season. A new "star" was born in Tom Atkinson, who ran the mile in 4 59.6. He has now made the 1,000 metres steeplechase his event and, together with all the middle distance runners, he has put in a lot of hard training this winter in preparation for the summer season. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of our sprinters and field event people!

As is mentioned in the News Miscellany M. Payne was chosen to represent Surrey in the All England Cross-Country Championship at Coventry, where he performed quite creditably, and Tom Atkinson competed in the Southern Counties A.A.A. Cross-Country Championships on Parliament Hill.

In the Croydon Schools Cross-Country we came fourth in the Senior Section (a new event), second in the Intermediate, and third in the Junior. The best performances were produced by Poole and Harrison in the Junior; Payne, Atkinson and Simmons in the Intermediate; and Brightwell, Littlechild and Mulholland in the Senior.

As we have already said, there is no substitute for this basic winter training and I am sure those who have trained consistently throughout this winter will reap the benefit in the coming season. We shall see!

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## THE END OF TERM

Everyone sits  
Restless in their seats . . .  
Waiting  
With straining ears  
For the bell which announces . . .  
Freedom.  
Minutes (which seem like hours)  
Tick slowly by,  
Until that blessed sound  
Is heard.  
Then  
Comes the rush for the door  
And the great stampede  
Has begun.  
Noise and clatter  
Reign everywhere.  
Then  
The place is left to silence;  
The last footfalls  
Slowly recede.  
Darkness creeps  
Upon the deserted rooms  
Forgotten belongings  
Lie scattered all around—  
A gym shoe, a towel, a dusty cap  
Left behind  
In the eagerness  
To reach home.

G. DONALDSON—Form I.h.



# HOUSE NOTES

## ALPHA HOUSE

At the time of writing we have little House activity to report. Normally the School cross-country figures prominently in this issue, but owing to its postponement it is still a matter for conjecture. We are, however, hoping to repeat last year's victory in the senior race, and improve upon our second place in the junior event.

In the swimming gala of last July the House came last! The moral is obvious: only training brings success.

In the Endeavour Cup Competition we gained second place, an improvement on last year, but we still require that little extra effort—especially from the Senior School—in order to win.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Woodard on becoming House Master, and also to thank Mr. Davey for his continued good work for the House. We would also like to congratulate A. D. Wilson and C. R. West on gaining State Scholarships last summer.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term Brightwell was elected House secretary, Simmons was elected as Cross-Country captain, and Huxtable re-elected for basket-ball.

In the coming months we hope that all members of the House will give of their best and help Alpha to be champion house.

D. TRELEAVEN—U.VI.Sc.a (*Capt.*)

## BETA HOUSE

The weather has meant postponement of many House activities; but not House reports. Few football matches have been played and the Cross-country, usually the main topic at this time of year, has been regularly postponed.

The result of the Endeavour Cup competition has been the main event of interest recently, although again we are not the winners. This year the finish was not as excitingly close as last year—indeed, three hundred points separated us from Alpha who came second; we note with alarm a tendency to allow the competition to slide. Many of the seniors do not even appear to be aware of their House membership. As usual, however, some excellent performances have been put up by the Juniors, several of whom are worthy of mention: Dixon (1g) has achieved the highest score of 40 points this academic year; Nightingale (4u) has scored 100 points since the end of the last competition, 36 this year; and McLaughlin (1n) who has scored 30 this year. I hope these boys will be an example to the other House members.

Swimming is the only sport we can report on, as last year's Galā failed to make the previous edition. It was not one of our best Galas; our team was overall rather weak and we were held to third place. In all fairness I should mention that although many points were lost through uncompleted Senior events, the Junior team showed up well in most events.

In the near future we have the Cross-country and Sports Day, both usually our strong suits, but we hope to give a good account of ourselves in all other House activities as well.

A. BAILEY—U.VI.Sc.a (*Capt.*)

## GAMMA HOUSE

The weeks since our last report have been notable merely because of the dearth of inter-House activities. The Winter Term, normally uneventful, was even more so this year owing to the weather, which resulted in the postponement of the most important event of the Term, the School Cross-country run. This will be held nearer Easter and, with full support, Gamma hopes to do well.

For the second year in succession we were runners-up in the Swimming Gala. Although this is a commendable performance, it was largely due to a few stalwarts who support the House in nearly all activities. If the House is to pull itself out of this second-class rut there must be a concerted effort by all members, especially in the Senior School. More volunteers for all activities will ensure higher placings for the House and relieve the pressure on our more consistent supporters.

In academic achievements Gamma has had more encouraging results, and the outstanding successes of the year were undoubtedly the well-deserved State Scholarships gained by the House secretary, P. J. Hammond, and by P. M. Allen, who is now at Hull University. Congratulations also to Lynn who won the Weedon Cup for Chess in recognition of his high standard of play in School matches.

The Endeavour Cup competition this year presents a very gloomy picture for Gamma House, since we were beaten by a small margin by Beta House to take last place, a position we might have avoided had we not lost so many points through lateness.

During the Spring and Summer Terms there is a very full programme of inter-House activities planned, and with increased participation by House members we expect to see Gamma once again in the limelight. Above all a sustained effort must be made to ensure that next year Gamma wins the Endeavour Cup.

J. R. STEWART—U.VI.Sc.a (*Capt.*)

## DELTA HOUSE

First of all I should like to congratulate the whole House on regaining the Endeavour Cup following its tenure in alien hands for the last two years. This year we scored 2,546 points giving us a handsome margin of victory, Reeves, Satchell and Greenhead, deserving special mention. I hope these efforts will be maintained to ensure that Delta retains the Cup next year.

We were again Champion House in the Swimming Gala, held last July; although the margin of victory was reduced this time to 18 points. Delta has now won this trophy eight years running. Thanks are due to all Delta boys who contributed to the success. Above all the House is greatly indebted to Mr. Maggs for the training he gave the team.

Colour Sgt. Muckleston is to be congratulated on gaining the Gold Medal in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Also to be congratulated is J. N. Hammond on gaining the string music and Junior verse-speaking prizes.

In the coming year I hope we can regain the Athletics Championship Cup which has eluded us for several years.

P. WHITAKER—U.VI.a.

## P R E F E C T O R I A L

Trade has been brisk this year in Division Room A; justice has been dispensed with equal speed and efficiency. We can, with pleasure, announce that our crime figures are not on the increase. This we trust will be a warning and not an incentive to all would-be offenders.

Again, as usual, we are aware of the lack of accommodation suitable to our needs. This we consider is a most pressing matter, overcrowding being as it is. Though our main object is still thwarted, we have not been idle in the direction of our comfort. Currently negotiations are in progress to obtain a new limousine for our motor pool. This will be a welcome addition for official functions.

Our greatest achievement this year has been the re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Coloma after a lapse of three years. Several cultural missions have been exchanged and joint functions arranged with considerable success. Another Bedstead Rally is under close consideration for the summer, which we look forward to with considerable pleasure.

It was with regret that we bade farewell recently to two of the 3rd VI Prefects, A. J. Smith and C. Graham. We extend to them our best wishes for their futures.

A. BAILEY—U.VI.Sc.

### P R E F E C T S 1962-63

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** This was held on Thursday, October 25th, at the School. Once again the attendance was meagre and can only reflect a growing lack of interest in the Association.

The Chairman reported a somewhat frustrating year, one of the disappointments being the ending of our Tuesday evenings at THE HUT, Ledbury Road, owing to lack of support. Unfortunately, on account of the weekly loss involved there was no alternative but to take this action. Furthermore, the lack of response to the proposed Dinner Dance was very disturbing. Twenty new members from the School leavers of the previous July had been recruited and he hoped they would stay for some time to come. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer agreed to serve again and were re-elected, there being no other nominations. The new Committee showed several changes, but it was very pleasing to note the inclusion of several younger members.

May we offer here our best thanks to the old Committee and welcome to the new one. Thanks also to our Auditors for their assistance.

**PROPOSED DINNER DANCE, NOVEMBER 10th, 1962.** This event, which was publicised from February onwards last year in circulars, the School Magazine and the Press, did not take place because the response from Members was appalling. Consequently, it has cost us £30.9.6d. for cancellation fees to the Shirley Poppy Hotel, the band and sundry items, such as printing, Press advertising, postage, etc.

As the last Dinner Dance in 1960 was so successful, it is difficult to understand the lack of support this time, and obviously the Committee cannot entertain any idea of a repeat performance. The work involved is quite considerable and the result very disheartening—especially as we have had to disappoint distinguished guests. If any member wishes to make a donation to offset the above loss, it would be greatly appreciated.

**ANNUAL DINNER.** As already advised in our last circular, this will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at the Shirley Poppy, Wickham Road, Shirley—when we expect a better attendance than usual. The reigning School Captain and the six Senior Prefects will also be invited again to this event, which we hope will be as excellent as in previous years.

**THE JOHN RUSKIN CHALLENGE SHIELD TROPHY.** Owing to our inability to provide a team of swimmers the honours last year went to the School. The Cricket Match, which the Old Boys did win quite comfortably, was first-class and with a fine summer's day a good time was had by all.

This year we have fixed the Basketball—at the School Gym for Thursday, March 21st, and Cricket—at the School Ground for Saturday, July 6th. Dates for the Shoot, Football and Swimming to be arranged.

**DERBY DRAW.** Will be held again and tickets issued in the near future.

**SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.** A special effort is being made by the younger members of the Committee to encourage Old Boys only to use the Gymnasium facilities more frequently, viz. every Thursday evening. Certain outsiders who have been turning up on Thursdays have been banned. It's up to you and if you wish to make any contacts before or after leaving School please communicate with either R. S. Wilcox, 57 Lincoln Road, London, S.E.25, or R. W. Phillis, 225 Dunley Drive, Addington.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.** If you have not paid please be kind enough to do so as soon as possible to the Treasurer—payments so far are very slow and your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. You may be interested to know that we have 15 "Lifers" on our membership as at today's date.

**TIES, SCARVES, BLAZERS.** Our Suppliers, Messrs. Hewitts, Church Street, Croydon, still available—do not forget to re-order.

Let us hope the present year will be more satisfactory for all concerned.

**BOATING.** One of our members—H. G. Wiseman—asks if anyone is interested in such sport, as he has a 11 ft. 6 in. dinghy for disposal. Any serious enquiries will be passed on by any Committee member.

R.G.S. (*Hon. Secretary*)