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From a line-drawing of John Ruskin

A. Foster—UVIa.

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EDITORIAL

This is an eventful issue of our Magazine as we at last have a new cover—a kaleidoscopic design based on features of our Windmill. Accordingly, we have made this number the first of a new series. The artists in the School have generally been busy; lino-cuts and line drawings have re-appeared; and there is an innovation in the form of a two-tone colour design.

The main interest in the reporting is the account of Speech Day with the list of prize winners and G.C.E. results. But there is also the first report of the Art Society, and a section in the Sports Notes on lacrosse, recently introduced into the School.

As usual, we should like to thank all our contributors and also the many boys whose work could not be included because of lack of space; a list of these appears in the News Miscellany.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

Captain: H. S. Kitching

Vice-Captain: A. Bailey

Senior Prefects

J. H. Green; G. G. Keyes; R. W. Sparks; D. Treleaven; C. R. West.

Prefects

J. Brightwell; P. D. Brooker; N. T. Camfield; R. F. Clark; A. M. Davis;
D. F. Fentiman; C. E. Graham; M. Lewis; M. E. Lowe; P. M. Lyle;
P. J. Penhallow; J. R. Stewart; R. V. Wenn; G. N. Wikinson;
A. D. Wilson; P. J. B. Wilson.

NEWS MISCELLANY

We are very happy to record that our Chairman of Governors, Ald. G. J. Cole, has made an excellent recovery from the illness which affected him towards the end of his year of office as Mayor and to which we referred in our last issue.

Three boys achieved outstanding results this year and are given due recognition in this issue: they are P. J. Hammond, G. J. Hawkins, and P. Lyle. The achievements of the first two are reported in the Headmaster's Prize Giving Speech; and Lyle is fully written up in the Sports Notes. We should like to add that Hawkins (incidentally a former editor of the magazine) also won first prize in the Croydon Rotary Club Essay Competition. T. C. Atkinson (of last year's Vu) won 2nd prize in the Junior Section.

Regular readers of our Sports Notes may notice that for once there are no laments about our playing fields. The truth is that after many years of waiting and of struggle we have at last seen realised more or less what we hoped for. This is something worth acknowledging, as many people have had a share in it. As a result, this year's Cricket season was probably the most enjoyable one on record. Our new pavilion—with its canteen facilities—was in full use. The telephone has been installed (though at our School Fund expense); extra paving has been laid to the outside surround; and wooden posts with chains mark off the playing area. For gifts of timber we are again indebted to Mr. Davies and for a score box (converted from a garage) to Mr. Bateman.

Our thanks are also due to many mothers who have given very freely of their time to catering both at the Ground and in School. Those whom we have called on most have been: Mrs. Holcombe, Mrs. Mackinlay, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Coverley, Mrs. Elford, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Critchley, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Paye, Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Place and Mrs. Lewsey—but there have been many others.

Our Jumble Sale on May 13th realised £121 17s. 6d. This has substantially cleared the debt on the pavilion improvements and our grateful thanks go to all the many parents who helped with the Sale or sent donations.

We also have to thank many parents for their gifts of bulbs, roses, and shrubs on the occasion of our annual bulb-planting Saturday which took place this year on October 7th. This ready co-operation of parents—in evidence in these many ways—is something on which we count ourselves fortunate and which we value highly.

The boys whose articles or poems might have been published in this issue had space permitted are: Molkenhain (2h), Humphries (3g), Graham, Harper, Young (3m), Looseley (4r), Peacock (4s), Foster (U.VI.a).

Finally a special mention is due to A. M. Davis (U.VI.a) who designed our new cover but could not easily say so in the Editorial.

SPEECH DAY

SPEECH day was held on Wednesday, 8th November in the School Hall when our Guest Speaker was Dr. Tom Margerison, Science Editor of the "Sunday Times" and the well-known television authority on scientific affairs. Mrs. Margerison presented the prizes, and among those present on the platform were our chairman, Ald. G. J. Cole, and Mrs. Cole, Canon and Mrs. Greenaway, Ald. and Mrs. Balme, Mr. and Mrs. Scobie-Smith and many other friends of the School.

In his report Mr. Lowe first made reference to the growth of Sixth Form teaching in the School over the years. "There were four boys doing Advanced work," he said "when we became a Grammar School in 1945 and thirty-three when we entered this new building in 1955. Now there are 136—the largest number in any of Croydon's Maintained Grammar Schools—and this extraordinary growth poses many problems of teaching, accommodation and clerical work.

"Of our fifty-nine Advanced Level entrants, fifty-four appear on your programme as having successes to their credit; and of these the majority did really well, gaining all necessary qualifications. The actual percentage of passes was 70, equalling last year's record; and it is not surprising, therefore, that our 1961 list of University entrants is as high as ever. Several other boys, equally well qualified, are approaching University training through "thick sandwich courses", Craggs and Eves with places at the Universities of Durham and Sheffield respectively after a year with Associated Electrical Industries, Rugby, and Youlton through the Atomic Energy Commission. Other Sixth Formers have found, through their advanced courses, appropriate entries into training colleges, the Civil Service, insurance, the B.B.C. technical service, the Brixton School of Building, and the Cambourne School of Mines. Altogether it has been a pleasing year of varied and interesting placings, especially as competition for the Universities is, as presumably everyone knows, now at its height.

"The Ordinary Level results were generally sound. One hundred entrants collectively gained 66% of successes, which is nearly 10% above the national average. Two observations on the Ordinary Level results deserve making: first the splendid success of VUI (the express stream) who gained 84% of passes, with marks at 70% or over literally by the dozen; and secondly the continued usefulness of the technical course in providing a curriculum through which less gifted but often very worthy boys can do well. Here the successes were 57%.

"Finally, I must not end my report on the academic life of the School without mentioning two particularly fine feats of scholarship, one at each level. That at Advanced was by G. J. Hawkins, whom many of you will remember for his acting and his musical compositions. He gained a State Scholarship in English and in Music, his mark in Scholarship English being the almost-unheard-of Grade I. At Ordinary Level, P. J. Hammond of VUI showed himself outstanding even among the outstanding by passing in ten subjects, eight of them with Distinction, and by gaining the Arthur Thomas Simmons Prize of the Schools Examination Council, for the highest mark in Geography gained under the



Dr. Margerison

London University Delegacy. This is the first time in our history that a Ruskin pupil has won such an award, the rarity of which you can imagine when I tell you that over 25,000 pupils annually sit the London Geography papers."

Beginning his address Dr. Margerison said that he had been happy to come not only because he enjoyed talking to boys but because he had a great regard for schools such as "John Ruskin". "Schools like this are the backbone of the British Education system," he said. "They are far more important than the highly publicised public boarding schools.

"I think, in this world today we suffer from over-specialisation. My own feeling is that there is a very real danger that we may produce a mass of educated people who will be so highly specialised that they will be unable to speak on anything but their own subject.

"They will follow their noses along such a narrow track that they are unable to see anything at all on either side.

"Many of you will be called upon to specialise on leaving school. Do not forget the broad knowledge you are gaining here. Do not let specialisation go to your heads."

The Choir gave a rendering of *Ring out Ye Crystal Spheres* by I. A. Copley; and the votes of thanks were given by Canon Greenaway and the School Captain, H. S. Kitching.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES 1961

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Main Ordinary Level Results (January and July)

Vd—Balzano, A. J. M. (6); Beech, I. H. (3); Burford, V. H. (5); Burr, D. E. (5); Elford, R. T. (4); Everett, D. F. (4); Holmes, P. J. (3); Howse, S. W. (4); Humphrey, D. E. (5); James, J. D. (4); Kennison, A. C. (2); Littlechild, B. D. (7); Macve, C. H. (5); Maguire, P. M. (5); Masters, C. (7); Mackenzie, D. I. (3); Morris, P. R. T. (2); Perry, J. S. (1); Roach, D. J. (1); Robinson, K. B. (1); Roots, R. W. (7); Shaw, T. R. (3); Smith, C. D. (3); Walker, A. R. (7); Ward, P. B. (4); Wright, D. J. (4).

Vg—Adams, A. P. (4); Baines, P. G. (4); Burgess, D. E. (4); Carter, J. D. (1); Corbey, P. C. (5); Cummins, C. R. (4); Dolphin, R. G. (5); Francis, M. H. (1); Hall, D. (6); Horton, P. G. (4); Howard, B. (3); Hyde, D. W. (5); McRae, D. K. (2); McSteen, K. W. (5); Mulholland, M. S. (5); Myers, D. (2); Rickett, C. J. (5); Sale, A. A. (7); Wilmer, R. V. (1); Young, M. F. (2).

- Vul**—Atkinson, T. C. (5); Avery, R. (2); Clements, R. F. (5); Conroy, K. (7); Cook, P. F. (7); Gibbs, C. J. (4); Gritton, M. J. (5); Hammond, P. J. (10); Hylands, P. J. (7); Lampport, T. W. (5); Lygoe, G. (8); Mackinlay, M. P. (7); MacDonald, J. M. (7); Meikle, J. C. E. (8); Miles, B. M. (7); Morley, M. J. (6); Neale, J. D. (7); Noakes, M. N. (7); Payne, M. J. (8); Phillis, R. W. (8); Polyblank, C. W. (5); Pope, R. A. (7); Proctor, D. (8); Rivers, J. P. W. (8); Simmons, R. J. (5); Smith, S. G. (7); Thompson, C. H. (5); Turner, N. J. (7).
- Vu2**—Baker, B. J. (6); Baugh, J. C. (2); Bruin, S. E. (6); Fraser, D. (4); Goodman, D. (3); Holbourn, J. R. (3); Huxtable, T. L. (3); Lewzey, J. L. (4); Little, J. A. (6); Mahoney, D. P. (4); Masters, K. B. (4); Moeller, T. J. (1); Randall, M. J. (6); Ryall, P. A. (2); Shoubridge, D. A. (4); Spencer, A. N. (4); Turner, K. G. (5); Watson, M. L. (1); Whitaker, P. A. O. (5).

Advanced Level

Adams, A. W. C.	P. Maths.	Innes, S. W.	Geog., Econ., Hist.
Allen, P. M.	P. Maths., A. Maths. Phys.	Keyes, G. G.	Fren.
Ansell, A. J.	P. Maths., Phys., Chem.	Lewes, P. L.	P. Maths.
Aylesbury, I. J.	Eng. Lit., Fren.	Lewsey, M. J.	Phys.
Bacon, G. S.	Econ., Fren., Hist.	Lewzey, R. J.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.
Barber, A. B.	Phys., Chem.	Little, P. S.	Hist., Lat.
Barson, C. S.	P. Maths., A. Maths.	McDougall, J. E.	Zoo., Art.
Bayliss, J. S.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.	Martin, D. J.	Hist.,
Biddle, A. R.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.	Penhallow, P. J.	P. Maths.
Bolton, P. E.	P. Maths., Phys., Chem.	Potter, R. A. G.	P. Maths.
Camfield, N. T.	P. Maths., Phys., Chem.	Puttock, J. R.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.
Craggs, T.	P. Maths., A. Maths.	Reeve, V. G. F.	Geog.
Drake, A. D.	Eng. Lit., R. K., Mus.	Robinson, D. H.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.
Eves, R. J.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.	Ryall, M. J.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.
Falkner, D. M.	P. Maths., Phys.	Sayer, S. J. B.	Eng. Lit.
Fentiman, D. F.	Chem.	Sims, T. P.	A. Maths., Phys., Chem.
Fisher, T. H.	Geol.	Sparks, R. W.	Fren., Lat.
Galloway, J.	P. Maths.	Stone, A. J.	Geog., Econ., Geol.
Gibbs, P. J.	Eng. Lit., Fren.	Sturt-Penrose, B. J.	Eng. Lit., Econ., Hist.
Green, A. R.	P. Maths.	Sweet, M. A.	Geog., Econ.†
Green, J. H.	Fren., Lat.	Tarvin, D. E.	Geog., Econ.
Haithwaite, J. B.	Eng. Lit.	Taylor, R. E.	Econ.
Hammond, J. L.	Geog.	Tilbury, G. W.	A. Maths., Phys.
Hampton, I. R.	P. Maths.	Tinkler, J. G.	Eng. Lit., Econ., Fren.
Harrod, C. G. C.	Geog., Econ., Hist.	West, C. R.	Fren., Lat.
Hawkins, G. J.*	Eng. Lit., Mus.	Wilson, P. J. B.	P. Maths.
Holcombe, W. M. L.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.	Youldon, R.	P. Maths., A. Maths., Phys.

*State Scholarship

†Distinction

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

Magazine	Davis, A. M.
Verse Speaking—Senior	Wilkinson, N.
Intermediate	Pearce, D. A. G.
Junior	Graham, P.
Handicraft—Junior	Tidd, D. R.
Music—Junior	Hoffman, R. J.
R.S.M. Certificates—Grave V (Violin)	Polyblank, C. W. (Distinction)
	Deverell, J. B.
	Littlechild, B. D.
String Music	Smith, S. V.
General Progress (presented by Rotary Club)—Senior	Bodman, R.
General Progress (presented by L. Bishop, Esq.)—Junior	Curtis, P. J. W.

Stanley Prize for Art	...	...	Rollings, T. J.
Stanley Prize for Science	...	...	Balme, M. J.
Dramatics Prizes—Senior	...	...	Hawkins, G. J. & Thompson, C. H.
Junior	...	...	Tidd, D. R. & Hoffman, R. J.
Thesis Prizes	...	...	Graham, P. & Lander, S.

FORM PRIZES

IG	1st	Reynolds, R. J.	2nd	Keech, S. J.
IH	1st	Nightingale, M.	2nd	Hammond, B. W. & Hammond, J. N.
IM	1st	Gibbs, M. R.	2nd	Priest, G. G.
IIC	1st	Harper, T. T.	2nd	Harman, G. K.
IIG	1st	Heslop, J. R.	2nd	Hollidge, M. J.
IIH	1st	Jezepeh, P.	2nd	Mackinnon, M. A.
IIIM	1st	Fallows, R. M.	2nd	Marsh, R. J.
IIIR	1st	Peppin, N.	2nd	White, A.
IVU	1st	Fentiman, G. J.	2nd	Green, P. H.
IVF	1st	Cobby, J. M.	2nd	Poore, M. C.
IVR	1st	Thomas, R. L.	2nd	Collard, A.
IVT	1st	Jezepeh, D. H.	2nd	Thornhill, P. D.
L.VI Sc. Alpha	1st	Lewis, M.		
L.VI Sc. A	1st	Wilson, A. D.		
L.VI Arts	1st	Patterson, A. W.		

ORDINARY LEVEL SUBJECT PRIZES

English Lang.	Hammond, P. J.	Chemistry	McDonald, J. M.
English Lit.	Thompson, C. H.	Biology	Masters, C.
History	Phillis, R. W.	General Science	Sale, A. A.
Geography	Hammond, P. J.	German	Meikle, J. C. E.
French	Polyblank, C. W.	Greek	Mottram, K. J.
Latin	Payne, M. J.	Art	Hills, A.
Mathematics	Hammond, P. J.	Woodwork	Neale, J. D.
	Neale, J. D.	Tech. Drawing	Cummins, C. R.
Physics	Meikle, J. C. E.		

ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECT PRIZES

English	Hawkins, G. J.	Physics	Allen, P. M. & Ansell, A. J.
Geography & Geology	Stone, A. J.	Chemistry	Camfield, N. T. & Sims, T. P.
History	Innes, S. W.		McDougall, J. E.
French	Aylesbury, I. J.	Zoology	Sweet, M. A.
Latin	West, C. R.	Economics	Drake, A. D.
Pure Maths.	Robinson, D. H.	Music	
Applied Maths.	Barson, C. S.	Relig. Knowledge	Drake, A. D.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANTS 1961

Ansell, A. J.: Northampton College of Technology; Applied Physics.
 Barson, C. S.: University of London (Sir John Cass College); Mathematics.
 Beales, G. E.: University of London (King's College); Law.
 Biddle, A. R.: Northampton College of Technology; Engineering.
 Carter, V. (Left 1950): The Staff College, Camberley.
 Drake, A. D.: University of Wales (Cardiff); Music.
 Faulkner, D. M.: University of Exeter; Physics.
 Fisher, T. H.: Cambourne School of Metalliferous Mining.
 Floyd, R. M.: University of Cambridge (Trinity College); Mathematics.
 Hawkins, G. J.: University of Sussex; English Studies.
 Hoskin, W.: Northampton College of Technology; Electrical Engineering.
 McDougall, J. E.: A University in New Zealand; Architecture.
 Robinson, D. H.: University of Reading; Physics.
 Ryall, M. J.: Loughborough College of Technology; Engineering.
 Sims, T. P.: Chelsea College of Technology; Chemistry.
 Sturt-Penrose, B. J.: London School of Economics; Economics.
 Sweet, M. A.: University of London (University College); Economics.
 Tinkler, J. G.: Regent Street Polytechnic; Economics.

TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANTS 1961

Lewsey, M. J.: Newland Park Training College, Bucks.

Sprake, J. G.: College of St. Mark & St. John, Chelsea.

DEGREE RECORD 1961

Corrall, D. R.: B.Sc. Mathematics, University of Nottingham.

Duggan, R. F.: B.Sc. Engineering, University of London, Queen Mary College.

Faulkner, B. M.: Appointed Assistant Lecturer in Botany at University of London, Bedford College.

Gaskin, D. E.: B.Sc. with Second Class Honours in Zoology, University of Bristol.

Marden, P. E.: B.A. with Upper Second Class Honours in History, Lampeter College.

Sewell, T. E.: LL.B. with Upper Second Class Honours, University of Birmingham.

Shelley, J. R.: B.Sc. with 3rd Class Honours in Special Mathematics, University of London, University College.

Stokley, J.: B.A. with Upper Second Class Honours in Geography, University of Bristol.

WILLIAM FIELD MEMORIAL PRIZE

Hawkins, G. J.

JOHN RUSKIN OLD BOYS' WAR MEMORIAL PRIZE

Sweet, M. A.

THE CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE

Craggs, T.

THE WEEDON CUP FOR CHESS

Wilson, P. J. B.

THE CRESSWELL CUP FOR GYMNASTICS

Lyle, P. M.

THE W. P. DAVIES CUP

Lyle, P. M.

THE ENDEAVOUR CUP

Delta House

THE JOHN RUSKIN COMPANY (ACF AWARDS)

Ruskin Stick of Honour (presented by the Officers) ...	R.S.M. Reeve
Marksman's Cup (presented by Capt. R. N. Alexander) ...	L/Cpl. Smith
Recruit Cup (presented by Capt. L. Bishop) ...	Cdt. Rickard
Clark Proficiency Trophy ...	Sgt. Tennant
Battalion Sports Trophy ...	C.S.M. Fentiman

ARTHUR THOMAS SIMMONS PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY

(University of London)

Hammond, P. J.

AUTUMN

Summer's gone and Autumn's here,

Bringing rain and winds I fear.

Leaves are falling all around,

On to the wet and sodden ground.

Summer's breeze has turned to gale,

And the rain has changed to hail.

As the day is slowly fading,

Inside houses fires start blazing;

They fill the room with a ruddy glow,

Whilst outside the winds do blow.

K. CURTIS—III.

AUTUMN

The autumn rustles of the wood
disclose a flicker of tail or
a sudden heartbeating silence
burst only by a blackbird's throaty cry

Leaves are falling with final sighs
of complacency as they curl
into brandy-snaps well-pleased that
the tree has sucked all dry their creamy store

Each step brings a crackling complaint
from a faded skeleton's ribs
but the communal grave has a
glorious epitaph of all colours

The bloody gules of broken sheilds
copper flash of discarded coin
yellow of a sunflower's heart
banked in a rough and tumble of baked bones

The trembling sun leaps through branches
new-stripped of summer's dancing frock
flows down long necks of lemon light
to bury their head in tangy leaf piles

The organ of autumn deeply
vibrates a cathedral silence
squirrel sits and prays with a nut
that winter will not cut his throat with ice

A. M. DAVIS—U.V.I.A.

WINTER

Winter is closing in—
Long dark nights, and the swirl
Of the snow, and the blinding sleet,
And the dragging feet going home.

The cold wet days and icy blast,
Show that the Summer is now passed,
Hungry birds come round once more,
Looking for tit-bits at the door.

The cattle are in their Winter sheds,
Sheltered from the wind and rain;
The countryside is bleak and bare,
Until the Spring comes round again.

M. J. HORNER—IIIIm.

SINCE the arrival of Comet services to the East, the lovely island of Ceylon is only eighteen hours away, a journey that takes the traveller through Rome, Cairo, Bahrein and Bombay, showing him a brief tantalising aerial view of these cities. It is impossible to recapture two months' holiday in just a few words, so all I can do is to give the reader a few fleeting impressions of Ceylon, that might re-create its magic.

Eastern and Western cultures vainly try to intermingle in the streets of Colombo, the capital. Bullock carts and rickshaws still survive in considerable numbers, creating havoc amongst the already chaotic traffic conditions. The Singhalese driver, once behind the wheel of a large American car, changes from a quiet, placid character into a maniac, whose one and only intention is to kill as many pedestrians as possible!

In complete contrast with the imported mechanisation of the modern world is the deeply religious aspect of Ceylon. Buddhism is the most important religion on the island and the East even manages to influence Christianity, for the Saints' days, like the Poya days, are celebrated with banner-waving processions wending their way to church. The biggest and most impressive of all religious processions is the week of Peraharas at Kandy (the last outpost of the Singhalese Kings, who held out against the British even till as late as 1815). On the last day the town so crowded out by tourists from all over the world—including a large trade delegation from Communist China—that all the best positions overlooking the route of the Parahara had gone. Thanks to the kindness of the Prison Governor of Kandy, I was able to film the whole procession from the roof of the local gaol! The Perahara is a magnificent spectacle that awes the senses by virtue of its colour and its tremendous noise. Forty elephants wend their way past, accompanied by Kandyan dancers, Magul Beras (tom-tom beaters), snake dancers, local chieftains and devil-dancers. As these go past, your ears are assailed by the noise of tom-toms, flutes, whips cracking, police loud-speakers and a multitude of Japanese transistor wireless sets blaring forth Eastern music—which now suspiciously bears a resemblance to our own popular music.

In contrast to all this noise the ruined cities of Ceylon speak of a bygone age of civilisation and grandeur that has long since faded. Only occasionally visited by the tourists, the Holy Places are a veritable haven of peace and calm, untouched by the march of civilisation—and the inevitable hoards of litter bins! It is worth reflecting on the fact, that the city of Anuradhapura had running water, street planning, hospitals (with anaesthetics) and homes for the aged at a time when the people of England were merely tribesmen. These monuments of the Ancients were constructed on a scale that even dwarfs the mighty works of the Romans. It also might be worth mentioning the fact that the Singhalese sent an ambassador to Imperial Rome at the time of Julius Caesar and regular trade was carried out with the Chinese at the same time.

Ceylon is an island paradise of palm-fringed lagoons, alpine-like mountains and passes, barren deserts and humid jungle, brilliant sun-

shine and monsoon rains. It is a land of superstitions and native doctors, of sky-scrapers, steel mills and cement factories, the meeting point of British and Asiatic civilisations. It is a country where the advent of the jet is largely ignored, even by the most ignorant villager, for the Mahavansa had recorded the use of flying machines in the days of Asoka and these modern marvels are nothing revolutionary, just the revival of an age old art.

Sri-lanka—Ancient name for Ceylon.

Perahara—A religious procession, usually Buddhist.

Poya days—Buddhist festival days.

Asoka (Prince)—Founder of the Singhalese race.

The Mahavansa—The written history of Ceylon recorded by monks for over a thousand years.

P. WINTER—Upper VI.A.

BY THE FALLS OF MORAR

I WAS just half a mile from the village of Morar walking along the narrow, hilly road, past the many sheep that grazed contentedly by the roadside and raised their spiral-horned heads inquisitively at me. It was a warm day, the clouds were hazy puffs drifting slowly across the sky. I turned around a bend in the dry, dusty road and there were the Falls of Morar in all their glory. They were only about forty feet high but most impressive. They seemed to spill over a kind of weir and then came crashing down over many rocky watercourses, spuming and turbulent as though boiling. To the right was a small concrete ramp, concealed and blending with its covering pines. I presumed this to be a salmon ladder; in fact it was. Every now and then a dark long fish was seen attempting to slither up the falls. The fish was a salmon, about two feet long and despite its leaping abilities it failed to shoot up such a curtain of water. Again and again it tried to enter its home loch but in vain. But the salmon, the personification of hope and determination, will not give up; he will try all day to shoot the falls, but when assured by the protection of night he will search around for an easier ascent, and find the salmon ladder—a fair reward for his persistence.

After watching the salmon for some time I wandered along the road that followed the lochside. I passed a few lavish Norwegian-styled houses and sat down beside the loch. I gazed into its sombre depths. The water was crystal-clear and I realised that I was staring at the deepest freshwater expanse in Europe. The depth is about a thousand feet. I lifted some pebbles and felt the chilly water.

I then walked back along the road, past the Falls, past the new road bridge, until I came to the old one now in a state of decay. I sat on a rock for some time admiring the scenery. The water was rushing through the supports of the bridge, dashing against the rocks and spilling off them in a white foaming torrent. Silver birches, aspens, and willows bent over the banks and straggled up the hill. Here and here rock faces were exposed or shrouded with a flowering mass of heather. I sat here contemplating this delightful scene until the bus from Mallaig came.

T. C. ATKINSON—L.VI.Sc. Alpha.

NEW YORK

I WAS disappointed when I first saw New York. We had just left the New York Thru-Way and the sight of masses of geometrical shapes, crowded together in the sky, did not thrill me. A little down-hearted then, we checked into our hotel.

But when at 9.30 p.m. we stepped out, the scene was vastly different. Along Broadway neon lights winked at us from all sides, and Times Square is a sight which has to be seen to be believed. Indeed, there are so many lights that it was like day. In addition, clocks everywhere proclaimed that the time was 9.41 and that the temperature was 86° F.

Next day we visited the Empire State Building. Just looking at it, surrounded as it is by other skyscrapers, it did not seem very high, but the view from the top . . . ! After paying your dollar, you are whisked up to the 86th floor. You step out on to a viewing platform, protected only by a slender rail, from which you can peer down on the streets below. After this, the elevator shoots you up to floor 102. You are now more than 1,200 feet above Fifth Avenue. Everything is enclosed in glass, but you can see for miles—as far as 80 miles, it is claimed, on a fine day. Everything is dwarfed; the cars below look like matchboxes; and if you look carefully around you will notice that you are in the clouds.

In the afternoon we took probably the best form of transport for seeing New York—a boat—for Brooklyn is on an island, and the sight of the skyscrapers silhouetted against the sky and the water in front is quite unforgettable.

I. H. DAVIES—Vu.

THE OVAL AND SELHURST PARK

THE steady crack of ball on bat and sometimes the click of ball on bats . . . The players, once grim and determined, swelter in their shirt sleeves to try to concentrate on the game. The sun beats mercilessly down on the spectators, lounging in their seats with pages of *The Times* over their heads, half-consciously watching the game. For most of them a match at the Oval is just an excuse to wallow in the sun and do nothing. There is the large old gentleman flopped in the deckchair, sweating under his walrus moustache wishing he had enough energy to go and buy himself an iced beer. Boys who have long lost all interest in the game are having battles with cushions on the grass, stopping now and then for lollipops. The flags on the gasometer hang limply as if they had succumbed to the sun. Everything everywhere is hot, swelteringly hot.

"Up the Palace!" comes the stentorian yell from an excited supporter. Everybody has gone mad, yelling, shouting, and worse still if a goal is scored by the wrong side. Everywhere there are open mouths howling for all they're worth. The floodlights stab into the darkness of the frosty Autumn night to light up the white ball—the object of a thousand eyes. It goes spinning up in the air; it bounces from player to player, and there is a mounting roar from the crowd which turns into a thunderous cheer as the ball is picked from the back of the net. The referee is regularly reviled, and players are booed at one minute and cheered wildly the next. This goes on until the final whistle, when the spectators stream out of the ground, scarves round their necks, overcoats on, feet frozen—but ready to make the cold trudge home.

J. R. HESLOP—IIIIm.

HIARUSKIN

(With many apologies to Longfellow)

By the stony hills of Shirley,
Near the ancient four-sailed windmill,
Stands the Wigwam of John Ruskin.
See the braves all flocking thither,
See them come on big red monster
With its eyes all round its body.
Some of them on iron horses,
See them pedal through the traffic.
Some are new braves all a-trembling,
Fearing great initiation.
Some are big braves with no caps on;
They've been coming many moons now.
Soon they go in for a pow-wow.
There stands chief of Ruskin Wigwam,
See him stand there with his gown on.
Stand and give much exhortation;
Then they're taught by lesser chieftains,
Taught in other parts of Wigwam,
Learning many things of wisdom.
After that they all go homeward,
Till at last the Wigwam's empty.
Silence now around the windmill;
Quiet are the hills of Shirley,
Peace until tomorrow morning.

M. LAWRIE—III.

WAITING FOR THE ATTACK

We sit, upon our bruised haunches,
Rifle bayonets all in upward thrust,
Silent, apart from the last, hastened whispers,
Waiting for the word to go.

Ahead lies wire, bullets, gas
Waiting to claim their imminent toll
Of men, fresh from the London Bank,
Or from the still earth-caked plough,
All compact, as one unit,
Waiting for the word to go.

The waiting is the worst dread;
Once up and over, fear is fled,
Amidst the flying storm.
But still we sit,
Waiting for the word to go.

R. HAWKINS—V.u

YORKSHIRE 1961

One dismal morning last Easter, twenty-three heavily laden students gathered at East Croydon Station at almost the crack of dawn. The reason for this unusually early meeting was the start of the annual Geography and Geology course.

Eventually, we reached Skipton and the fresh, rain-heavy air of the Yorkshire Moors. Our first base was the picturesque village of Kettlewell, where we were joined by the historians, who had been to Hadrian's Wall. From Kettlewell we studied the topography and geology of Wharfedale in some detail. We also paid an informative visit to Kilnsey Crag Farm and plagued a very co-operative farmer with innumerable questions. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at Skipton, where we were shown round Dewhurst's Cotton Mill.

After three days we moved on to the Youth Hostel at Stainforth. The hike, although strenuous, was most enjoyable; imposing sights such as Malham Cove and the Watloes were to be seen, whilst hazards such as waterfalls and stone walls had to be negotiated in commando style. The waterfalls, whilst providing some with an unwelcome drenching, provided other hardier types with an excuse for a quick swim and showerbath.



Kilnsey Crag

A. M. Davis—U.Via.

The final camp was Ingleton, a small town set in the Greta Valley between Ingleborough and Wharfedale. The route to Ingleton involved the extremely tiring scaling of Ingleborough, from the summit of which there were rewarding views of Pen-y-Ghent and Wharfedale. This area was found to be a paradise for speliolegists, the limestone being riddled with ramifications of interconnecting passages and caverns. One of the most awesome sights was Gaping Ghyll on the flanks of Ingleborough—a swallow-hole down which Fell Beck plunges for some 365 feet. Several members of the party explored various grandiose "pots", and soon felt quite at home—an excellent career in mining awaits them.

After many miles of hiking, and the writing of copious notes twenty-three exhausted but enlightened students returned home after a very rewarding holiday.

G. STEWART—U.VI.Sc.A.

PEMBROKESHIRE OCTOBER 1961

TWO months ago, Stewart, Morris, Levine and myself, all of the Upper Sixth, arrived at Haverfordwest in Pembrokeshire. We were four of fifty-seven students who were to stay at the Dalefort Centre. This is a Victorian fort, built of carboniferous limestone, which provided excellent accommodation overlooking the Atlantic to the west.

On the first day the party was taken to St. David's Head to study the volcanic and sedimentary rocks, and many other features of geological interest which abound in the area. In the evening, and in those to follow, we spent our time in the laboratory, re-writing notes and identifying specimens. By the second day it became obvious that the weather, which had christened us as we entered Wales, was intent upon drowning us before the week was out. Nevertheless, we were still able to go out, and the outcrops at Marloe Sands suffered considerably from "student erosion". The party also enjoyed a boat trip across Milford Haven Bay to make a study of the new red sandstone.

The last evening, all the geologists united under a Welsh chairman for community singing, a very fitting end, in true Welsh style, to our field course.

M. EGGERT—U.VI.a

THE FLOOD

The willow's tumbling tresses trail deep in the water,
And distant soul-gulping sobs bewail a drowned daughter:
The brown floods swirl in heavy eddies with melancholy stink,
Broken branches, sad-leaf'd, roll in sluggish reluctance, and sink.

A shoe, sock secure, sails past with ludicrous pride,
A balloon-blown dog, stick-legged, floats and bumps beside:
From caravan window floats underwear and snapshot kiss-stain'd
Snug in a locket resting in red-silk'd box, now unclaim'd.

A pallid sun, with sad smile, gazes over the pastoral scene,
Remembering its drowned beauty, so full of life, and green.
Ahead, a peeping hill, crowd-crush'd with those who strive,
In human and animal way, to somehow keep alive,
All fighting on the hill to stay, until dry help should arrive.

N. WILKINSON—U.VI.A.

MUSIC NOTES

Since our last issue the Music Department of the School has had its full share of honours and has, as usual, been very active. At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to two of our staunchest supporters—Drake and Hawkins. The former has gone to Cardiff University Music Department to prepare for his chosen career in school music teaching, and the latter to the new University of Sussex. Both of these obtained high results in A Level Music, and in the case of Hawkins, this assisted in his obtaining a State Scholarship. We wish them well in their studies although their absence from us will be deeply felt. The leaving present from Drake was a handsome volume on Vaughan-Williams, a composer no doubt near to his heart! Gifts of records and a 'cello have been gratefully received from Balzano and Turvey. We have had successes in the R.S.M. violin examinations, three boys passing with Grade V. They were Deverell, Littlechild, and Polyblank, who obtained a distinction. There are some useful singers among the new boys and in a general welcome we are pleased to have Messrs. Akroyd and Peet helping in our choral work along with our senior members of longer standing.

Many visits have been made: "Iolanthe" and Bach's B Minor Mass at Bromley; "The Italian Girl in Algiers" (Rossini) at Orpington, and Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" at Streatham; more recently "Lilac Time" at the Civic Hall, and a lively Ernest Read Orchestral Concert at the Denning Hall which was greatly enjoyed especially by the younger supporters. Even this brief list shows what a wealth of musical enjoyment can be found in this area. The fiftieth anniversary of the Oaks Farm Orchestra, which provides a number of our instrumentalists with invaluable experience, took place in October, when well over a hundred players paid tribute to the lifetime of work that Mrs. Crump has put into the encouragement of the younger instrumentalist in particular. Another event for our keen orchestral players and many music lovers was the Spring Park Music Society's performance of Haydn's "The Creation" in our School Hall. In the wake of distinguished soloists the local vocalists and orchestra reached new heights of achievement and made us feel proud to have aided a cultural event that deserves commendation in this relatively small area. Our next outing will be to the Croydon Concert. With Miss Valerie Tryon as soloist and Mr. Hasler in the Orchestra we can claim more than general interest.

Our congratulations to Miss Gillian Lowe who was a member of the National Youth Orchestra on its recent tour of Scandinavian countries and Russia, and to Thorneloe who has been shortlisted for a place in the National Youth Orchestra.

C.W.P.

SCHOOL CHARITIES

Routine collections have continued throughout the last term and a half. During the Summer Term the various charitable organisations which receive our support benefited by £18 2s. 2d. This sum has almost been equalled already this term, £16 6s. 6d. having been collected to date. Yet even this amount is somewhat less than that collected during the corresponding period last year. This is an indication that no effort on behalf of humanitarian causes can be too great.

E.J.C.

AVE ATQUE VALE

1960-61 was a year of few Staff changes. At the end, however, we bade farewell to Mr. L. R. Howden, B.Sc., Mr. J. J. Parker, B.Sc., and Mr. H. L. Walker, B.A., B.Sc. Mr. Walker left to retire, after only a short stay here, following his earlier resignation from Birkenhead Grammar School: the other two Masters went on to higher appointments. Mr. Howden will be remembered not only for his sound and thorough teaching of Economics, but also for the high level to which he raised the Chess Club, which, in his last year, produced several County players, some of whom won even higher representative honours. Mr. Howden has become Senior Economics Master at Purley County Grammar School. Mr. Parker will be remembered as an able teacher of Physics at both levels. He has taken up an appointment as Lecturer at Croydon Technical College.

This term we welcomed into the School, either as successors to these teachers, or as additional members of the Staff, the following Masters, to all of whom we wish a happy and prosperous membership of our community:—

Mr. J. R. Adkins, B.Sc. (Physics)
Mr. H. D. Akroyd, B.A. (Economics)
Mr. H. S. Anderson, B.A. (Geography and Games)
Mr. J. H. J. Peet, B.Sc. (Chemistry)
Mr. A. R. Wilkinson, B.Sc. (Mathematics)

J.C.L.

LAND'S END

Here the land takes a sudden leap,
Past the perilous pillars of weathered granite,
Into the foaming cauldron of the sea;
Which boils at every rocky face,
Destroying at its ancient pace,
With unconcealed glee.

Inland the dumpy hills rise up,
Their green backs broken with small grey crags,
That look like scattered sheep;
And bushes here and there are cast,
Bent by the prevailing blast,
That howls in from the sea.

A jutting finger of the land
Bullied by the sea and storm,
That splits the aged rock;
And now and then the cry of the gulls,
In the wild wind's sudden lulls,
And the thunder of the sea.

R. GLOVER—L.VI.Sc.A.

SOCIETY NEWS

THE RUSKIN COMPANY

Annual Camp at Fingringhoe, near Colchester, brought to an end a most successful year's training in which the School Company continued to be well in the fore in all Battalion activities. Considerable emphasis was, as usual, placed on leadership training and the numerous Bivouac and Section-Leading Schemes which took place on the wide open spaces of the Colchester training areas gave N.C.O.'s ample opportunity of proving their ability to undertake the responsibility of looking after the younger cadets. We were extremely pleased in this connection to see our C.S.M. V. Reeve promoted at the beginning of camp to Battalion Cadet-R.S.M., and awarded the County Commandant's Badge. Similar badges were also awarded to Sgts. Martin, Shaw and Fentiman.

Since our return to School in September, normal Company training has continued on Friday evenings under the direction of C.S.M. Fentiman, with the assistance of four new Platoon Sergeants (Sgts. Mucklestone, Gibbs, Roach, Turvey), while the armoury remains in the capable hands of Sgt. Elford and Cpl. R. Thomas. We have also been extremely fortunate in obtaining the assistance of one of our new members of the Staff, Mr. H. Anderson, whom we hope will shortly be commissioned in the Battalion. 27 Cadets gained Cert. A, Part I in the Summer Term, thus forming our two senior Platoons, while 18 Cadets obtained Cert A, Part II, with the result that the Company is now extremely well staffed with Junior N.C.O.'s.

Weekend schemes continue to play an important part in our training. Those which took place on the South Downs over Easter and Whitsun attracted considerable support and proved extremely enjoyable in spite of the stalking exercise on Easter Monday being rendered largely ineffective by fog, and the river crossing at Whitsun being marred by the loss of a valuable glass-fibre boat belonging to the Shoreham Sea Cadets. As now appears quite normal in amphibious exercises, R.S.H. Reeve was well to the fore, soaking wet, and busy organising rescue operations.

During the Summer Term the Company also took part in various T.A. Exercises, in particular, supplying an infantry platoon operating with the armoured cars of the Westminster Dragoons in a weekend scheme in the Weinbury area, and since the Autumn Term began parties of cadets have already been on a visit to the Junior Leaders' Battalion at Oswestry, and taken part in an Exercise with the Queen's Surrey Regt. T.A. on Hankley Common.

For Senior Cadets who can afford the time, the 21A Club at the Battalion H.Q. in Sydenham Road is continuing to provide instruction in Signals, Driving and Maintenance, and in Gymnastics and Basketball under the supervision of our own P.E. instructor, Mr. Hasler, to whom we give considerable thanks for giving up his time to this activity.

Our shooting successes have not been up to the standard described in our last report, although it is pleasing to note that Cpl. D. Smith and our two ex-Sergeants, D. Martin and T. Shaw, have re-qualified for

membership of the "Cadets 100". In the field of sport, however, the Company has been most successful, winning the Senior Trophies at both the County Athletics Meeting in the Summer, and at the County Swimming Gala in October. Junior Cadets also did well to come third in the Athletics' Meeting, and to tie for first place in the under 14½ Junior Section of the Swimming Gala. Cadet Brigden deserves special note for his splendid win in the 100 yards Junior Freestyle event.

I cannot end this report without once again thanking both Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Anderson for their assistance and all N.C.O.'s for their enthusiasm and loyal support.

K.G.M.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SINCE our last report, members of this Upper School society have been given talks on a variety of subjects, and some have had some practical experience of archaeological excavation.

On 17th March, P. Winter spoke on the ancient cities of Ceylon, illustrating his lecture with a number of interesting slides of the ruins there. After the Easter holidays, J. R. Le Vine gave a series of talks on Roman life as revealed by archaeology. The series comprised Housing and Furniture, Sacrifices and Religion, and the Festivals of the Romans. J. H. Lloyd gave a talk entitled 'Games and Sports through the Ages'. On 14th July, Mr. B. J. Philp of the West Kent Border Excavation Group spoke on the 'Aims and Methods of Archaeology', illustrating his lecture with several small 'finds'. At our last meeting before going to press P. L. Drewett, brother of one of our members, gave a talk on twenty visible archaeological remains in this country, showing a film-strip and a number of 'finds' to members.

In the Easter and Summer Holidays, some of our members excavated the prehistoric hut-circles on Hayes Common, the small Roman cemetery and the Roman villa at Hayes, or at the Roman Fort at Reculver. On 5th April, the Society visited the Roman city of Verulam near St. Albans, noting the exhibits in the Museum—where we were given a talk by the Director—the hypocaust, the Roman wall, and the Roman theatre. On 5th May, Mr. Murray and Mr. Rhodes, in conjunction with the Society, organised an expedition to Goldsmith's Hall in London to see an exhibition of art in Roman Britain, and to hear a lecture by Professor J. M. C. Toynbee. On 19th July, members went by coach to Lullingstone Roman Villa in Kent, where they were given a talk by the Custodian, and examined the remains of the Villa and the objects in the Museum.

The Society now has a small library of books on archaeology, and the nucleus of a museum.

H. S. KITCHING—U.VI.a (Secretary)

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THERE is very little news since the last report of the society appeared, chiefly because external examinations tended to restrict our activities during the Summer Term. At the end of that period we began auditions for the Senior Play which will be performed before Christmas. A review of the very successful Junior Production appears below.

Naturally, our energies this term are directed towards rehearsing the School play. We have chosen a lighter piece for a change, and hope that *The Government Inspector* will provide you with an entertaining evening. At the moment, however, the harrassed members of the cast begin to doubt, with their producer, whether the play contains a single funny line! We hope we are mistaken! Be that as it may, let me take this opportunity to thank those masters and boys who are devoting so much of their free time to making the performance possible.

A.J.C.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

OUR production this year was "Dr. Knock" by Jules Romains, which was played to appreciative audiences in the School Hall on 24th and 25th March. (For the last performance we were honoured by a visit from the Mayor of Croydon).

The cast acted well together and produced performances of characteristic verve and gusto. David Tidd, in the title role, did well to master a very long and difficult part, although he was well supported by the other members of the cast. Robert Hoffman proved to be an excellent schoolmaster, and Richard Hayward did very well in the leading female role as Mme. Parpalaid. David Pearce was a suitably dignified, albeit impoverished, Dr. Parpalaid, who saw the ingenious Dr. Knock transform his meagre practice into a gold mine. David Boyce was Dr. Knock's able accomplice, and John Walker and John Copley gave finely delineated studies of the Town Crier and Farmer respectively. Richard Phillips did well as the eccentric Major Fowler, and John Turner and Geoffrey Nicholson as the two yokels drew spontaneous applause for their fine clowning. John George revealed promise as the Nurse, and the Society can look forward to more successful productions, although we shall have to look to our laurels to maintain the standards set by previous productions.

As usual we have to thank Mr. Peacock and his helpers for devising so many ingenious stage props, and Mr. Gee and his helpers for their brilliant execution of scenery. Many senior boys helped in no small way with lighting and sound effects, and we record our debt of gratitude to them, as, without their valuable assistance, no production would be possible.

A.C.F.

THE CHESS CLUB

SINCE our last report, the Chess Club has enjoyed a very successful season. Two teams have been entered for the Briant-Poulter Chess League. Our Second Team has been eliminated by Glyn Grammar from the *Sunday Times* Tournament, but our First Team defeated Caterham School match resulted in a win for the School by $4\frac{1}{2}$ pts., to $1\frac{1}{2}$; the staff

Beta won the House Chess Championship for the second year running, beating Alpha (6-2), Gamma (5-3) and Delta ($5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$). A Staff v. School match resulted in a win for the School by $4\frac{1}{2}$ pts to $1\frac{1}{2}$; the staff team consisted of Messrs. Howden, Smith, Murphy, Cripps, Davey and Cook. Mr. Howden, to whom the Club would like to record its very sincere gratitude for his special interest and services over a number of years, has now left us for a position at Purley Grammar; fortunately

Mr. Murphy has taken over the Club's Presidency. P. Hammond (L.VI.Sc.A) has again been selected to play for Surrey's Under 18 Team. The following eight boys are competing in the First Team Championship Tournament:— P. Wilson, P. Hammond, J. Deverell, R. Gerlash, L. Max, R. Lynn, H. Air and D. Treleven.

Membership has now reached 55 including a number of Seniors; however, new members are always needed. The newly-formed Second Team is playing well, having won both its league matches.

The School First Team played 15 matches last season, winning 11 and losing only 4.

Summary of School Match Results

First Team

Apl.	25th.	v. Wallington G.S. (Away)	Won 5-3
May	5th.	v. Selhurst G.S. (Home)	Won 6-0
May	12th.	v. Purley G.S. (Home)	Lost 4-6
May	26th.	v. Selhurst G.S. (Away)	Won $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
July	10th.	v. John Ruskin Staff (Home)	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Sept.	15th.	v. Wallington G.S. (Home)	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
Sept.	29th.	v. Rutlish School (Away)	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Oct.	6th.	v. Reigate G.S. (Home)	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Oct.	20th.	v. Heath Clark G.S. (Home)	Won 6-0
Oct.	26th.	v. Caterham School (Away)	Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Second Team

Sept.	29th.	v. Rutlish School 2nd. (Away)	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Oct.	6th.	v. Selhurst G.S. 1st (Away)	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Oct.	20th.	v. Glyn G.S. 3rd. (Home)	Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$

Under 14 Team

June	2nd.	v. Wallington G.S. (Home)	Won 8-4
June	9th.	v. Purley G.S. (Home)	Won 11-1

P. J. WILSON (Secretary)—VI 3.

The School teams have enjoyed their best season for many years, P. Wilson, acting as Secretary and First Team Captain, continues to imbue the Club with his tireless enthusiasm, and I have occasion to be grateful to him for his efficient and vigorous organisation. P. Hammond (L.VI.Sc.A) and R. Gerlach (IIIA) have acted as Treasurer and Under 14 Captain respectively. Special congratulations to R. Hall (IIIM), who won first prize at the Richmond Chess Congress in a Junior Tournament, and to P. Wilson, who won three first prizes in Senior Tournaments at Bognor Regis and Richmond. A number of boys will be competing soon in the London Junior Championships and in the Surrey Junior Championships.

P. J. MURPHY (President).

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

SINCE our last report, the Committee has adopted a number of new ideas in an effort to stimulate greater interest in the Christian Union, especially amongst the Upper School. A census of church-goers was taken, and if the returns were faithfully completed, the percentage of boys attending church declined from 66% at 11, to 41% at 17, whilst

one member of the Upper Sixth professed to be a practising Druid, and another an avid worshipper of Mithras!

In addition, we have become affiliated to the Inter Schools Christian Fellowship, and members can now participate in such activities as summer camps on the continent—where qualifications for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme can be gained—and attend several conferences during the year.

This year the Christian Union has seen two of the Fact and Faith films, heard several outside speakers, and arranged a series of lunch-time meetings. Support is increasing, even after the loss of our keenest Sixth-Form members. Several new members of staff have joined us this year and we extend to them, as well as to our new members among the boys, a cordial welcome. They will doubtless help to fill the gap left by S. Sayer and T. Sims, last year's Leader and Secretary respectively, and our thanks and good wishes go with them for the future.

G. G. KEYES—VI3

THE SCRIPTURE UNION

SINCE the last issue of the School Magazine, the Scripture Union has been fairly active. Discussions have been held on such subjects as "A Christian's Spare Time", "Fundamentals of the Faith" and "Stewardship". We have also had quizzes and a film strip.

On Friday, 27th October, Mr. Nunn and eight boys went on a ramble to Oxted. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it, even though we all managed to get covered in mud! On Friday, November 3rd we had a visit from the Rev. N. B. Cryer.

The Scripture Union (a world-wide organisation) encourages the daily reading of the Bible, and issues "Keynotes" and other booklets which explain the reading. The booklet costs only 6d. for two months. Members are asked to give as generously as possible to charity, and to attend church regularly. A lapel badge can be purchased for 1/3d.

Meetings are held in the Science Lecture Room every Friday at 12.45 p.m. and new members will be very welcome. If any boys are interested in joining the Scripture Union, they should see Mr. Nunn now.

D. KNIGHT (Secretary)—IIC.

THE ARCHERY CLUB

AFTER a very interesting lecture last term on the techniques of archery by Master Bowman Tom Foy, the Club held its first championship shoot. D. Robinson was outright winner by over seventy points; T. Lowe came second, closely followed by T. Craggs, M. Lowe, and J. Hall.

During the Summer Term, a steel bow was bought, together with a set of alloy arrows, enabling members to achieve more accurate shots. Following this acquisition, the Club has recently been presented with a second steel bow and a set of steel arrows by Mr. R. Bentley, an old boy of the School, as well as with many small pieces of equipment. Eight members of the Lower Sixth have joined the Club this Term making the number of Club arrows, and for that matter bows, seem meagre. The pressing need at the moment, however, is for new targets, after the work of the mice during the Summer Holidays!

Discounting our need for equipment, the prospects for the future

seem bright indeed, and we hope to organise more competitions, possibly with neighbouring clubs.

T. J. LOWE (Capt.)—U.VI.Sc.A

THE ART SOCIETY

AFTER too many years without one, we at last have an Art Society, for those who are genuinely interested in art. We are restricting our membership to sixteen because discussion comes more easily in a smaller group. We are pleased to have amongst us a few from the science forms who show some enthusiasm for art; indeed, it is Wenn of U.VI.Sc. who does a great deal of the talking.

Since our first meeting in March this year, perhaps our most enjoyable lecture was on Cézanne, by Mr. A. L. Murray, who even stripped the walls of his house to bring us his favourite pictures by the famous French artist (not originals, of course). Other lectures have included one on Dali, the inimitable surrealist painter, by N. Wilkinson; the mysterious "der Goldene Schnitt" by A. Foster, and an outline of the trends in modern art by A. Davis. We also had a discussion with two girls from Croydon Art School who gave us their views on painting as "typical art students". We finally persuaded the President of the Society, Mr. Gee, to give a lecture, which was on art in general and was most interesting and amusing.

We sincerely hope that this Society will continue healthily after the present members have left, for it deals with a subject which could have a larger share of the school curriculum!

A. DAVIS and A. FOSTER (Co-Secretaries)—U.VI.A.

THE BADMINTON CLUB

THE Badminton Club is now in its third year. From a slow beginning—we had fixtures with only one other school in our first year—we have built up fixtures with four schools, and hope for more. As several of the players from the previous two years have left, we are happy now to include an Old Boys' fixture on our programme. A fixture we also hope may soon be made possible is one with the Staff!

The Club is necessarily restricted in membership by the small extent of facilities. There are sixteen full members and eight reserve members. Members of both groups are drawn mainly from the Sixth Form, partly from established games players, but also in part (which is more important) from boys with no other game. This is true not only of the Club as a whole, but also of the team.

Present Lower Sixth and Fifth Form Formers who do not play for a school team in any other game and would like to play Badminton should watch our notice board near the gymnasium early next autumn.

Results 1960-61: Played 7; Won 3; Lost 4.

P. LYLE (Secretary) U.VI.Sc.A.

THE CACTUS CLUB

THE Cactus Club continues to thrive as do the plants in our collection. Although this is only the second year that the Society has been in existence, an outside speaker, Mr. A. W. L. Squire, has already given us a Lecture. Mr. Squire, who gave a comprehensive talk on "Interesting Succulents", is Chairman of the local branch of the National Cactus and Succulent Society, to which we became affiliated last January, and

now receive, amongst other things, quarterly journals, and offers of cheap seeds. The National Society is also proposing to set up a specimen-exchange scheme.

Mr. Green and myself have been trying to introduce the members to various cacti families. We are grateful to Mr. Green and Mr. Robertshaw for the valuable assistance they have given us.

Although at this time of year most cacti and succulents are slowing down their growth—only Christmas cacti, Bryophyllums, and certain other succulents are about to flower—we look forward to very active Spring and Summer Terms.

J. H. GREEN—VI.3.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Les mebres du Cercle Français ont pu apprécier deux piécès de théâtre d'une haute qualité, données lors d'une soirée à "Croydon High School for Girls", le 16 Mars dernier.

Il y avait au programme deux comédies, dont la première, "Le Médecin malgré lui", est une farce inspirée à Molière par la lecture d'un fabliau. Cette pièce nest pas classée au rang des chefs-d'œuvre de Molière, mais elle révèle et contient, cependant, de qualités certaines. L'analyse psychologique et sévère, la mise en scène adroite des personnages, l'étude du caractère central, Sganarelle, sont du meilleur Molière: celui de l'observateur génial des travers de la nature humaine. Le sujet de pièce est l'histoire d'un bûcheron brutal que sa femme fait passer pour médecin et qui ne convient de sa science que sous les coups de bâtons! Molière semble peut-être manquer de souffle à la fin et l'intérêt faiblit dans les dernières scènes.

La deuxième pièce de la soirée était "L'anglais tel qu'on le parle". Pièce d'un genre populaire, elle raconte l'histoire d'un homme sans emploi qui trouve une place d'interprète dans un hôtel. Il ne parle que le français ce qui amène une cascade de situations du plus haut comique.

Le jeu convaincant et sans reproches de l'acteur interprétant Eugène et Sganarelle est à souligner. L'auditoire s'est accordé à reconnaître la présentation impeccable et la valeur de tous les interprètes.

A. FOSTER—U.VI.A.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

USUALLY societies report on the events of the past year, but our Society would like to look into the future as well. A new venture is about to be lanuched—the making of a ciné film in 8mm. with full sound accompaniment—the details of which are being kept a closely-guarded secret by a band of wild enthusiasts!

This year the membership has increased, and we hope that eventually it will include every camera owner in this School. There have been regular fortnightly talks covering all aspects of photography, and these have been very well attended. The darkroom is now fully operative and members are making full use of it, judging by the gallons of chemicals being consumed. It has been estimated that at its peak about 200 enlargements a week are made, and up to two films a day are being developed, and still the waiting list for the use of it keeps growing.

Finally, we should like to put on record the sterling work done by

our past Secretary, D. Fentiman, and our thanks go to him for all the time he has devoted to making our Society successful.

P. WINTER (Secretary)—U.VI.A.

N. T. CAMFIELD (Treasurer)—U.VI.Sc.A.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

THE meetings of the Society have been varied and lively, and generally well-attended; support from the Lower Sixth could, however, be greater.

On 27th April, Mann, an old boy of the School, played a number of gramophone records of modern poets, such as T. S. Eliot and Robert Frost, reading their own work, and gave brief commentary on the poems. Our next two meetings were devoted to reading Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock".

On 19th September, the Society read and discussed a number of poems written in the 1950's, including some written by D. J. Enright, E. E. Cummings, and Laurie Lee. A fortnight later, members considered poems on the theme of 'Love', their authors ranging from Shakespeare and Donne to those of the present day. At our last meeting Kitching gave a short introduction to Sanskrit Literature, as a background to the translations of Sanskrit poems which were afterwards read and discussed.

H. S. KITCHING (Secretary) U.VI.A

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

ON the 11th May, Mr. K. Smith from British Oxygen gave an instructive lecture entitled "The Industrial Uses of Oxygen". He divided this subject into four separate topics: welding and cutting; steel making; medicine; and rocketry, all of these being illustrated by slides. To enliven the lecture still further, he gave many demonstrations, which included 'frozen grapes' and 'concrete-hard rubber-balls' which shattered instead of bounced.

The Autumn Term brought with it many new Society members, and in fact the number has exceeded all previous records for the same period. It was also pleasing to note that the new members included many from the Sixth Form.

The first meeting of the new Term was on the 28th September, when Mr. W. B. Appleby of British Nylon Spinners Ltd. delivered a lecture on "The Spinning of Nylon Yarn"; Mr. Appleby travelled from Pontypool, Monmouthshire, to lecture to the Society, and a large audience was waiting to greet him. The lecture proved to be most interesting, even though it did not start the present series with the same force that the film "This is the B.B.C." did last year.

On the 12th October, Mr. L. R. Hickson of Hadfields gave a talk on the subject of paint; Mr. Hickson is the chief chemist of the firm, and he dealt with the history and making of paint. He finished by mentioning unusual types of paint, and brought along an example of a new heat-resistant variety, now used for fire-prevention in factories.

A week later, on the 19th October, we had a repeat lecture, from the Illuminating Engineering Society, previously given in 1956. Mr. Maddock of G.E.C. was the lecturer, and he brought along an assistant to help with the numerous demonstrations and slides. He spoke on "The History of Lighting" and on different types of strip-lighting.

Mr. Burnet of I.C.I. was our lecturer on Thursday, the 26th October, when he talked about "Plant Protection in Relation to World Food Supplies". Several of the slides that were shown made us realise the tremendous need for pest-control and the significance of his job. The lecture was most successful, and many questions were asked at the end of it, all of which Mr. Burnet answered most helpfully.

R. V. WENN (Secretary)—U.VI.Sc.A.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

SINCE the last report was written the Society has had several lively school debates, and one external one with the East Ward Young Conservatives on the subject of "Peace through Strength". It is also hoped to enter a team in the United Nations Inter-Schools Debating Competition, when we hope to achieve better results than last year.

The debates at school have been very well attended and have been on such highly-controversial subjects as "That Bingo is a National Disaster for Britain", which provoked very lively discussion. The debate which attracted the biggest audience was on "That Britain has never had it so good", and with two able staff speakers, we just managed to pass the motion, but the margin was surprisingly narrow.

P. WINTER (Secretary)—U.VI.A.

THE FIFTEEN SOCIETY

THE Society has considerably increased in size since our last report, and now has over thirty members, the extra numbers being made up by old members, now at University, and honorary members, such as Mr. H. J. Blackman, B.A., Father Simon Blake and Dr. T. P. Morris. This size necessitates a rather more formal relationship between members than in earlier days, and at the Annual General Meeting a constitution was devised which set up an executive committee, responsible to the Society, to run its business affairs. This consisted of myself, H. S. Kitching (Treasurer) and T. Workman (Minutes Secretary). Our thanks must of course go to our last Secretary, Mr. Barrie Sturt-Penrose, now at L.S.E., for the considerable amount of time and money he gave to the Society, and for his gift of our very handsome glass-fronted notice board, and we wish him every success, together with Tinkler, Sims, Floyd and Hawkins, all starting this year at various Universities.

The Society has now gained considerable local importance by its successful open meeting in October, attended by over 100 guests in spite of the formidable subject—the existence of God.

N. T. CAMFIELD (Secretary)—U.VI.3.

SPORT

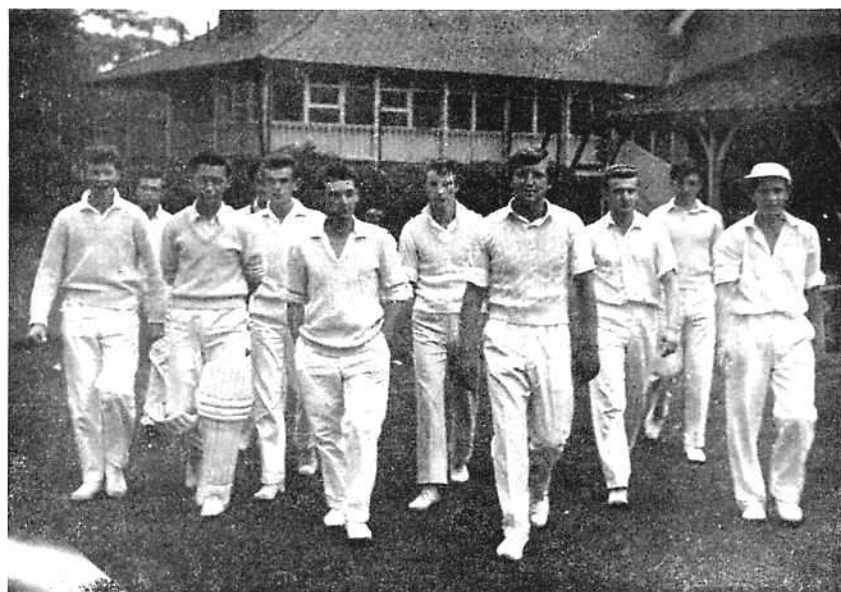
ALTHOUGH the summaries under the various headings in this section are necessarily brief they will, I feel sure, show that sport in the School goes on from strength to strength. Players leave, creating gaps which it would seem impossible to fill; but others come forward to maintain the high standards of play set over past years.

In the "Croydon Advertiser" we can frequently read in the sports pages the names of former John Ruskin men such as Crumplin, Langridge, Arnold, Montague, and others who gained Ruskin, Croydon, Surrey and England honours as schoolboys.

Already Peter Lyle in Athletics and Colin Bateman in Cricket and Football have gone well on the way to adding their names to this Honours List, and, as the Athletics Notes indicate, we hope that Lewis, Noakes, Collins, McDonald and others will gain further representative honours in Croydon and Surrey teams.

CRICKET 1961

Five XI's were in action during the season with a fair measure of success. The 1st XI captained by pace bowler A. Adams missed the services of batsman and wicketkeeper Bateman who played consistently and well for the Surrey Schools XI each Saturday. D. Shoubridge deputised very well behind the stumps, and we had to look to P. Holmes for the runs. Adam's bowling was fast and accurate and he was well supported by Taylor and Graham. Fielding was generally rather poor and we look for a vast improvement here in the coming season as several of the same players should be with us.



1st XI—1961

Figures for the various XI's are:

1st. XI	18	7	6	5
2nd. XI	8	4	3	1
3rd. XI	12	8	1	3
4th. XI	9	3	3	3
5th. XI	11	4	6	1

The relatively high number of drawn matches suggests that on our very good easy-paced home wickets our batsmen need to find more strokes to keep up a steady rate of scoring on our half-day matches.

Even so some good personal performances must be recorded, especially the first century for the School on our Shirley ground by Graham Fentiman, 101 not out against Mitcham. Other useful scores were: V. Reed, 53 and 63 not out; M. Noakes, 61 not out; Kember, 40 not out and 66; I. Paye, 52.

All this augurs well for next season.

Our under 15 XI again reached the final of the Croydon Schools competition but had to be content this season with the runners-up trophy. In this XI captained by Bateman, V. Reed had a very good season both as batsman and bowler.

Our 1st XI were runners-up, too, in the Bedser Trophy competition, losing in the final on the last ball of the most exciting of games. Peter Holmes who scored 64 in the semi-final has been given an award for the best batting performance of the series.

All our players will join in expressing our gratitude to Mr. Olive, our keen and competent groundsman, for the excellence of the wickets produced for each of our many games. It was gratifying indeed to look out from our comfortable pavilion upon matches being well played under such pleasant conditions.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



the All-England Championships at Hull.

Peter Lyle, our School Football Captain, is the worthy holder for the year of the W. P. Davies Memorial Cup for Sportsmanship. He is no mean performer in a wide field of sport although the award takes fully into consideration other perhaps less tangible but more important qualities than mere ability. He holds the "Cresswell" Cup for Gymnastics. He leads the School Basketball Team. He has Croydon and Surrey Athletics Colours. At Motspur Park his 5' 8" high jump gained him first place and he equalled this jump for Surrey in

We congratulate him on his present achievements and awards and look forward keenly to further successes in the '61-'62 season.

ATHLETICS

There is no doubt that 1961 was the School's most successful year in Athletics. This success was largely due to the brilliant form of our intermediate team which won that most coveted trophy, the Surrey Grammar Schools Junior Championship Cup, for the first time in the history of the School. The team was: Track—Grieve, Thornhill, Lewis, A. Smith, Whitaker, V. Reeve, Simmons, R. Taylor, Rolfe, Penhallow, Robinson, Noakes, Collins, J. Reid, Alexander; Field—Sims, Macdonald, Aylesbury, Lyle, Corby, Graham, Hoskin.

Our own Inter-House Athletics were held at the Croydon Arena on Wednesday, 3rd May. Once again competition was fierce, particularly in the sprints. Consequently the championship result was closer than usual.

Inter House Athletics Cup:

1st Beta; 2nd Alpha; 3rd Delta; 4th Gamma.

The Senior Victor Ludorum Cup was again shared, this year between P. Lyle, M. Noakes and J. Macdonald. The Junior Victor Ludorum Cup was shared between C. Collins and B. Tyler.

Beta House also won the Field Events Cup.

Two new records were created at this year's sports. I. Aylesbury threw the javelin 144' 8" to beat J. Oliver's 1959 throw by over 11 feet. P. Lyle jumped 5' 7" to beat J. Anderson's three year old record by no less than 3½ inches. This effort set Lyle on the road to a splendid season. He went on to win the Surrey Grammar Schools Under 17's High Jump with a leap of 5' 9". He then represented Surrey, together with C. Collins, at the All England Schools Sports held at Chesterfield. Lyle came 3rd in the High Jump here, and Collins, who was a member of the relay team, got into the semi-final.

In addition to our own sports, the School took part in eight other major athletics meetings. The Intermediate team won the Croydon Schools' Championships, beating Selhurst Grammar School by a narrow margin. In the Junior Championships we had rather a lean time this year. It was left to Barry Tyler to notch our one and only first in the Under 14's 80 yards hurdles. He set up a new Croydon record in a very close race.

There were other matches against Selhurst, St. Joseph's College, Heath Clark, St. Mary's Grammar School Sidcup, Cardinal Vaughan School and Cray Valley Technical. There were many fine performances, particularly towards the end of the season, probably the most notable being P. Lyle's 5' 9" high jump and an astonishing long jump of 19' 1½" by P. Thornhill in an under 15's match.

It gives us great pleasure to record such a successful season and we hope that the lower forms will train hard to maintain the high standards achieved by the senior boys. One useful guide to your ability is the School's Athletics Standards Chart, now in its second year. Sixty-seven boys gained a standard in at least one event, a fair record, but remember there are over 600 boys in the school! Remember, all Standards Points scored between now and Sports Day count towards the Inter-House Championship

GYMNASTICS

Gym "club" is held twice weekly, at present; on Mondays at 1.20 for forms I to III and on Friday at 12.20 for forms IV to VI.

Only those boys who are recommended by their P.E. teacher are accepted into the club which aims to select the best gymnastic material in the School and develop it to a high standard. This is done in two ways; firstly by coaching to improve the style of boys in the performance of already known activities; secondly by teaching a more advanced form of gymnastics than it is possible to teach a normal P.E. class.

The culmination of the club's activities is an individual competition, held at the end of the Spring Term, to determine the winner of the Gymnastic Cup. The 1961 winner was P. Lyle, closely followed by D. Smith.

LACROSSE

It has always been our aim to broaden the scope of our Physical Education. Consequently, we readily accepted the generous offer from Mr. D. Marsh and Mr. Peter Mundy of the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association to help to introduce Lacrosse into the School games programme.

It was towards the end of the Summer Term that we first thought about Lacrosse as a School game. By the second week of this term we had been given a set of sticks, goalkeeper's pads and notes of instruction. An exhibition match had been staged, expert coaching during school time had been arranged, and we had been presented with a fixture list to play other schools, starting on October 7th!

Such is the enthusiasm of the association. We are extremely grateful and most impressed by this help and the way in which it has been given. We wish to thank Mr. Tony Dewey of Cambridge University who has given valuable coaching assistance and Mr. Lightfoot (an ex-Buckhurst Hill player), who continues to do so.

Having "broken the ice", it was not difficult to find talent in plenty within the school to play the game. At present only the third, fourth and Sixth forms play lacrosse during games lessons but, judging by the number of inquisitive spectators at team practices, we fancy the game has aroused much interest throughout the school.

At the time of going to press, we have played three matches.

Results: School v Canterbury Lost 7-5
v Beckenham Won 8-2
v. Chislehurst G.S. Lost 22-5

In general the standard of play has been most encouraging, with Littlechild, Payne, Hoskin and Lancaster (our one experienced player) giving good service.

We wish all players success and enjoyment in the new venture.

School Players: Lancaster (Captain), A. Smith (V-Captain), Lewis, Camfield, Hoskin, Cooper, M. Payne, Meikle, Littlechild, Thornhill, Curtis, Mauchline, Hammond, Tennant, Abbott, Richardson, Dunton, McKinnon, Mottram, Thomas, Morley.

FOOTBALL

The season started well for all XI's. It seemed at first that the loss of Masters, Holmes and Little, a complete half-back line, would be devastating. We had anticipated that all three would be staying on for a Sixth Form course. Michael Noakes has, however, taken over admirably as centre-half and is playing excellent football. Behind him Peter Smith, at right back, is in wonderful form and the football of these two has been of such high quality that they have already been awarded 1st XI colours early in the season.

Stop press figures are as follows:

					PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST
1st XI	...	...	...	...	11	6	1	4
2nd XI	...	...	...	...	7	6	—	1
3rd XI	...	...	...	...	9	6	—	3
4th XI	...	...	...	...	9	7	1	1
5th XI	...	...	...	...	11	7	2	2
6th XI	...	...	...	...	4	4	—	—

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

I feel that year by year we have the good fortune to be able to produce a first class group of sportsmen; and this year has been no exception.

Those who belong to this fine group on Cricket or Football field, on the Athletics Track, on Basketball, Badminton or Tennis court may be justifiably proud of their personal prowess and good sportsmanship.

All are intelligent enough and sportsmen enough to be keenly aware of the great debt of gratitude we all owe to many people. We have already recorded our appreciation of our Groundsman's excellent work. We are deeply grateful, too to so many parents and friends.

Once again our burden has been lightened by the ready assistance of Mr. Noakes and Mr. Bishop in transporting players and equipment. Mr. Bateman has donated kit and umpired at matches. Very many parents, too many to be listed here, have most kindly prepared and served teas and refreshments at the pavilion during the year. In the Football season, once again, Montague and Clark are refereeing matches.

All our sportsmen are deeply appreciative of these very many kindnesses which help our programme to run so smoothly.

So from our sportsmen, a heartfelt "thank-you" to our supporters. And may their efforts be rewarded by good performances on the field of play.

From myself, a personal appreciation to both players and supporters alike for such a splendid backing.

C.E.S.

HOUSE NOTES

ALPHA HOUSE

SINCE the last magazine, we have considerable activity to report. It was not a good season for the Senior House Football XI, who unfortunately lost all three matches. The Junior XI, with Baron (IIC) as captain, beat Gamma 2-1, and drew with Beta and Delta, ending up second. Well done!

In the Cross Country the Junior team again achieved an excellent result, coming 1st with Reid (IIIR) first in the field, closely followed by Poole (IIH) 4th, Brierley (IH) 6th, Askew (IVU) 9th, Green (IVU) 13th, and Brown (IH) 14th; but the Seniors were weak—our first home being Howard (VG) 12th.

After a long run of success in Athletics, we had this year to be satisfied with 2nd place. In particular we congratulate Aylesbury (U.VI.A) on winning the Shot Putt and Javelin, Grieve (L.VI.Sc.), Hoskin (L.VI.Sc.), Simmons (VU), Avery (VU), Fentiman (IVU) 1st in the 14-15 hurdles. Bateman (VU), Reid (IIIR), Baron (IIC), Wrigglesworth (IVU), Russell (IR), and Abbott (IG). Our outstanding Junior athlete is Tyler (IIG), who was the first in the hurdles (a record), 220 yards and High Jump, and the winner of the "John Ruskin" Cup.

Our relay teams also must be mentioned, all coming close seconds:

13-15 years. Tyler, Fentiman (IVU), Askew, Reid.

15-16 years. Avery, Bateman, Buckley, Simmons.

Medley. Grieve, Mottram, Workman, Fentiman (U.VI.Sc.)

At Cricket the Senior House XI beat Beta, but in the second match lost against Delta. Bateman, Brooker, Huxtable and Wilson were our star performers! The Juniors beat Beta by 11 runs and then defeated Delta by 17 runs, thus winning the contest. Tyler (Capt.), Baron and Kember were outstanding with both bat and ball.

We congratulate Fentiman (IVU) on being awarded an "Evening News" cricket bat for being the first schoolboy to score a century. He made 101 not out for the 3rd XI v. Mitcham.

In Swimming we are improving. Had it not been for a disqualification in the Medley Relay (over 15 years) we might have been 2nd. We congratulate Treleaven, Fentiman (IVU), Green (IVU), Ryall (VU.II), Young (VG), Balme (IVU), Tyler (IIG), and Kember (IM) for their fine displays. The Under 15 relay team was composed of Bell (IIG), Fentiman (IVU), Balme, Taylor, Hoffman and Green (IVU), and it came first and won the Junior Relay Shield; also Balme (back), Fentiman (breast) and Green (crawl) won the Medley Relay.

A special word of congratulation is due to Young (VG) on again winning the Senior Diving Cup.

I wish to thank the Games' captains for all their co-operation: Aylesbury for Football and Basketball; and Stone, House Captain and Athletics Captain—and send them best wishes for the future. Thanks also to Brooker (Cricket Captain) and Treleaven (Swimming Captain). This term Treleaven has been voted House Captain, Brooker Football Captain, and Grieves Cross Country Captain. We hope for further successes.

Mr. Davey has been a tremendous help in the Cross Country, and Mr. Murphy in the Athletics, and we are most grateful to them.

Finally, we welcome to the House Messrs. Akroyd and Peet, who have joined us in place of Messrs. Howden and Parker.

D. DOBSON (Housemaster)

BETA HOUSE

ONCE again, after our success last year, we were beaten by a small margin in the Endeavour Cup. This, as in past years, is mainly due to lack of support from the Upper School, who seem to consider the obtaining of House Points beneath their dignity. Credit is due to Nightingale, Bacon and Durrant who have made major contributions to the total. A greater all-round effort and we will stand an excellent chance in next year's competition.

The Summer Term was marked by our winning of virtually every part of the Athletics competitions; Lyle, Macdonald, and Noakes winning the Senior Victor Ludorum and Tyler sharing the Junior Victor Ludorum with Delta—in addition to our sweeping the board in the Track and Field events.

Basketball, Cricket, Football and Swimming have been less conspicuous, though the Junior XI won the Inter-House Football Competition. Swimming has, as in the past, let us down once again as we are virtually without a Senior team, though, the Juniors show promise.

Under the leadership of P. Wilson 3 Yr. VI, winner of the Weedon Cup for Chess, Beta won a resounding victory in the Inter-House Chess Tournament for the second year running.

We welcome one new Housemaster this year, Mr. Wilkinson, and wish him every success in this capacity.

Lastly, I should like to remind all members of Beta House that any success the House gains is your success, but that the House cannot succeed without your personal support. A. BAILEY—U.VI.Sc.A.

GAMMA HOUSE

ONCE more this year the yellow ribbon was missing from the Endeavour Cup. However, our final total was in no way discreditable to the House. We should like to urge all boys to hand in their House Points as soon as they receive them, and not to leave them until they are lost. The bulk of the House Points came, once again, from the lower forms, and we should like to see more points coming from the Fourth and Fifth—and let us not lose any through lateness!

In other fields we have, however, been more successful. We won the Cross Country with 83 points to Delta's 116, and also the Basketball Competition. Despite coming 4th at Sports Day we gained more 1st places this year than last year. Let us hope that this increase in our athletic ability will continue, and so enable us to win the Athletics Cup next year. At the Swimming Gala our team put up a very fine show and well deserved 2nd place. In connection with past successes we should like to thank last year's House Officials; namely Sweet and Adams (Joint Captains); Hawkins (Secretary); Taylor (Athletics); Sims (Swimming); Barson (Football): for their enthusiasm and encouragement.

We have also had an outstanding year academically. As a House

we had the best results in the G.C.E., as is borne out by our lead of 50 points over our nearest rival with a grand total of 845 points. In this connection we should like to congratulate Hawkins on gaining a State Scholarship, and wish him all the best at the University of Sussex. Also we congratulate Hammond on gaining 8 Grade I's at Ordinary Level and on winning the London University Geography Prize.

This year we need constant effort on the part of all our members, in all fields. Let us drive Gamma to the fore, and scatter all our rivals before us!

R. SPARKS—VI.3.

DELTA HOUSE

THE year 1960-61 provided Delta House with mixed fortunes. Delta's best sports performances were undoubtedly the Swimming Gala and the Senior Cricket Competition which the House won convincingly. McRae, Streeter and Burford each came first in two events, while the last named also retained his School Championship. Other successes were gained by Knight, Goldin, Reed and Slade. The House congratulates all members of the swimming team and wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Maggs for supervising the training and selection of the team. A fine innings of 92 not out by Reed enabled Delta to beat Alpha in the Senior Cricket Final.

Delta finished commendable runners-up in the Senior Cross-Country (best individual result: Le Vine 4th) and the Junior Cricket Competition. The House's Senior (Capt. Fisher) and Junior (Capt. Charles) football teams came third in their respective tournaments. Third place was also gained by the Junior Cross-Country team.

It was evident from the Delta results on Sports Day that the House lacked star performers, especially from the Junior School. Lewis, Whitaker and Collins each gained two firsts and Delta finished third in overall placings. Mr. Hasler would like to see more boys not only volunteering to represent the House on Sports Day, but also to win valuable points by gaining standards. The athletic standards are well within the capabilities of the average boy and points won in this manner are added to those gained at the Croydon Sports Arena.

Delta were beaten on the post by Beta in the 1959-60 race for the Endeavour Cup and finished second. This year, a constant supply of House Points has been reaching me and I am delighted that the Delta House Captain received the trophy on Speech Day. Make it YOUR duty to help keep a green ribbon on the Endeavour Cup. The names of Graham, who also won the Junior verse-speaking, Harper, Lander, the Hammond twins and Orange have appeared most often in the house-point list. Misson, Panagakis and Terry have dominated the house-points contribution from the Delta First Year boys.

The House Officers for 1961-62 are:—

Captain: M. Lewis (Upper VI.Sc. Alpha)

Vice-Captain: A. Smith (Upper VI.Sc. Alpha)

Finally, Delta House extends its best wishes to all members who left last July and offers thanks to D. Robinson, last year's House Captain, for his interest and support.

R. F. CLARK (Secretary)—U.VI.A.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Held this year on Thursday, 12th October at the School, Upper Shirley Road, was sparsely attended, although those present were keenly interested in the Association's activities.

The Chairman, in his speech, mentioned that this last year had gone quite well but it would be very pleasing to have more of the Old Boys attending the various events arranged by the Committee. Furthermore what—as far as we know—constitutes a record was the fact that 24 school leavers in July of this year had elected to join the Association. Best thanks to Mr. Smith for his persuasive power in this connection.

Our Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer agreed to serve for a further year and were elected accordingly, but the Committee yet underwent several changes. However, we have a well balanced team whose leaving year and were elected accordingly, but the Committee underwent for all age groups during the coming twelve months.

May we tender here our sincere thanks to the retiring Committee and a hearty welcome to the new one. Thanks also to our hard working Auditors for their help and guidance.

DANCE—18th NOVEMBER, 1961. By majority vote this year's function at the Shirley Poppy Hotel on the above date will be a *Dance* only—8 p.m. until midnight—tickets 5/- each. Dancing to "The Dynamics Dance Band"—leader Graham Parker.

It is hoped that we shall have an even greater attendance than at the Dinner Dance last year. If the event is successful then we propose alternating with these two functions from year to year.

THE JOHN RUSKIN CHALLENGE SHIELD TROPHY. The position as last reported was that the School led by 2 events to nil with one drawn. Since then we have had the Cricket Match at Oaks Road which was won comfortably by the Old Boys who batted first and declared at 163 for 2; the School followed with some steady batting but were all out for 99.

The Swimming also went in our favour so that this year honours are even. The new season's matches are now being arranged so an extra effort please to get our name on the Shield for 1962.

ANNUAL DINNER. This will be held on Saturday, 14th April, 1962, at the Shirley Poppy Hotel—7.00 for 7.30 p.m., when the usual attendance and an excellent evening is expected. The name of the

Principal Guest will be circulated later. The toast to the Old Boys will be made as usual by the reigning Schol Captain. The six Senior Prefects will again be with us for this function and also, we hope, to swell our ranks later.

DERBY DRAW. Will be held again during the coming season and books of tickets will be made available at the Annual Dinner.

TIES, SCARVES, BLAZERS. Please contact Messrs Hewitts, 45/49 Church Street, Croydon, for these items, but again do not forget your membership card.

THE HUT. Continues to open every Tuesday evening—Ledbury Road, South Croydon (adjacent St. Peter's Hall). There are facilities for snooker, billiards, darts, cards, etc.—tea and cakes also available—so the more the merrier please.

BADMINTON. It is hoped to start a Badminton Section in the near future so if anyone is interested please send in your names and addresses as soon as possible. As equipment is expensive we would consider purchasing good quality second hand racquets, etc. at reasonable prices. Any gifts of equipment would, of course, be accepted gratefully.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Regret these again due as follows:

2/6d. per annum for first two years after leaving School.

10/-d. per annum thereafter.

Five Guineas Life Membership if over the age of 40.

We should like to place on record that we have 14 "lifers" on our membership at the present moment.

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. Please do not forget that the Gymnasium is available every Thursday night, so why not take the opportunity to "relax" every week with a ball, exercises or some other activity. The Council have recently increased their rental for the hire of the School Gym, so please use it as much as is possible.

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PREFECTORIAL

First of all, we should like to wish the best of luck to all last year's Prefects, wherever they may be. Many of our number now own Speed Machines, with which they seem determined to end their lives (and Prefectorial Duties).

Div. A is semi-reclaimed territory, but we are still hoping for accommodation in a Most Impressive Lair Lying, at the moment, abandoned in the grounds.

Trade has been brisk for a number of us this Term, some doing more business than others (Jackboots are on order for all Storm-troopers); it is feared that the Judge may have to retire from the fray with writer's cramp. We would remind potential offenders against The Rules that we have acquired a new Chopping-Block and have had the Axe sharpened.

We ought to inform our readers that the next issue of the Magazine will contain a Photograph of the Prefects. You have been warned!

H.S.K.—U.VI.a School Captain