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EDITORIAL

There can be very few who have not at some time or another regarded with envy the men and manners of the past. To the people of every age the preceding one appears so infinitely more desirable than their own. If we are to form a judgment from such a standard, we must conclude that the first era was the best and that there has been a progressive decline from it towards the present one, which is the worst of all. This conclusion does not involve the corollary that everyone would prefer the Garden of Eden to Plymouth Hoe, for not everyone would make the same valuation as that formed step by step and unconsciously by the discontent of successive generations.

Probably there would be greater unanimity in deciding upon the reason for this discontent. Seldom is it prompted by an admiration for pristine achievement; for the exploits of to-day are no less laudable than those of two thousand years ago. It is the spirit and not the measure of them that is changed. Happiness is the *summum bonum* of existence, but unless a person can embalm his joys in contentment, they very soon decay. In the past, ages, which have been able to claim an agreeable and satisfying atmosphere for their own, have conducted much to content. Such an atmosphere was most often founded on a dignified simplicity, which has gradually given way to what is regarded as progress and the dissatisfaction consequent upon it.

Man alone is responsible for this degeneration; he has plotted and carried into effect the plans which have caused it. And only he can resolve the difficulties he has laboured to contrive, and restore this simplicity to life. For there is nothing of the escapist and little of the romantic in anyone who believes that, although

"The 'good old times'—all times when old are good—
Are gone; the present might be if they would."

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION

On the afternoon of Friday, May 29th, a solemn and inspiring Service of Dedication was held in the School Hall to mark the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

After the ringing of the ship's bell, which had been presented to the School some months before by Mr. Lawrence Holt, the service began with the singing of the hymn, "Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him." The Headmaster delivered the Bidding and led the Prayers. The Lesson was read by E. R. Oxburgh, the Head Boy of the School, and the Address was given by Bishop H. Gresford Jones, D.D.

The Bishop reminded those present that the occasion was one of the greatest experiences in their lives. Under the pressure of national emotion inspired by the historic spectacle that was to take place on Tuesday, June 2nd, this School, one with a great tradition, was associating itself with the self-dedication of the Queen, who was herself the embodiment of Hope. Centuries ago two young Queens introduced Christianity into their realms, and to-day another young Queen called upon us to be mindful of our spiritual obligations.

The Bishop took as his text the words, "Freely ye have received; freely give." Self-dedication involved duties—to God and to one's neighbour; it cherished the soul and honour and demanded service to humanity. This modern age had let slip many of the Christian traditions—God was often scorned, there was widespread moral laxity and selfishness was rampant. Democracy must go adrift, if there were no control at the helm, but many

of the best men were being side-tracked from public service by the lure of private gain. People were looking for help from those who had enjoyed better opportunities. All must do their part in securing for our beloved country that place of Christian leadership in the world. It was not enough to make resolutions; there was needed that strength to keep them, which we received from the great Giver.

The School was then asked by the Bishop to associate itself with Her Majesty in her vows by making a public Dedication. The Service ended with the Blessing and the singing of the National Anthem.

ON THE CORONATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

Elizabeth! Great England's Queen once more!
To her again glad songs of joy we sing;
Hear how the bells from every tower ring,
And hymns of praise above the rooftops soar.
Elizabeth once ruled the silver sea:
Now England's power takes wings into the sky,
As high above her mighty squadrons fly
In tribute to her Royal Majesty.
Who is not proud to be of England's sons
When she, our Queen, receives the Crown of Might,
And all the world salutes her famous name?
A shout through all her mighty legions runs,
"God Save the Queen," and "God Defend the Right,"
As every loyal tongue attests her fame.

P. R.

Mr. B. M. R. FOLLAND, M.A. (CAMBRIDGE)

The sudden death of Mr. B. M. R. Folland, on January 10th, was a great blow to the School, to his colleagues on the Staff, and to his many friends.

Mr. Folland joined the Staff in September 1930, and for twenty-two years he served the School with increasing loyalty and devotion. He was a man who did not easily relax. His somewhat formal manner was perhaps a deterrent to easy friendship, but those who knew him well greatly appreciated his sound judgment and understanding, yet found in him a friend with wit and charm and a gaiety unsuspected by those who knew him only as the strict disciplinarian of the classroom.

His most outstanding characteristics were undoubtedly his variety of interests and his quiet efficiency in all he undertook. A Classical Scholar, he possessed an unusually keen appreciation of matters scientific, whilst his ability as a craftsman was of no mean standing.

Until, in 1941, he joined the R.A.F., with which he served first as a Radio Mechanic and later as Education Officer in Ceylon, he was Scoutmaster of the School Troop. At the same time he took an active part in Swimming and he founded the Philatelic Society. In more recent years Mr. Folland was in charge of the Library. To this duty he devoted many hours of his leisure time, bringing to the task both unflagging energy and enthusiasm. His talent for organisation was shown by the smooth running of post-war Hobbies Shows, which owed much of their success to the meticulous care with which he arranged all their details. The School Stage and the Green Book were also his responsibility; in fact his interests were legion and everything he set himself to do was done without parade or fuss, but with unswerving determination.

His death at such an early age—he was only 47—was a great tragedy. To his wife and son the loss is indeed great. To them we offer our sincere sympathy. We can but account ourselves fortunate to have known a man of such ability and integrity.

CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR

We congratulate the following on winning Scholarships to Oxford University:

- P. D. Barnes, an Open Scholarship in Classics at Christ Church College.
- E. Glover, an Open Scholarship in Classics at Oriol College.

The School 1st XI won the Senior Shield by defeating Waterloo Grammar School (4—0) at Goodison Park. The Under 15 XI lost to Waterloo Grammar School in the replayed Final of the Junior Shield Competition, after a draw at Anfield.

Last term, Mr. White, our Physical Training Instructor, left us to take up another post. We welcome Mr. Devereux, who will be with us until the end of term.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Parker on the birth of a son.

Members of the Sixth Forms attended an orchestral concert at the Philharmonic Hall, when Mr. Malcolm Lipkin played the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2.

The School was represented at a Conference of Liverpool Sixth Formers held at the Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, when Mr. Ritchie Calder gave a talk on "The Jungle in Retreat." The Conference was opened by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Warrington.

Recent improvements to the Fives courts include the roofing of one court and the re-surfacing of the other. Unfortunately a boy, who was trespassing on the School premises, fell through the new roof, injuring himself severely.

On the afternoon of Friday, May 29th, the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, was celebrated by a Service of Dedication. The Service was conducted by the Headmaster and the Address was given by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Gresford Jones.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES

The Editors wish to acknowledge, with apologies for any omissions, the receipt of the following magazines:—

Blackburne House Magazine, The Alsopian, The Crosbeian, The Holly Lodge High School Magazine, Calder High School Magazine, The Holt High School Magazine, Esmeduna, The Quarry, The Inkwell, Essemmay, The Saint Francis Xavier's College Magazine, Ruym, The Visor, The Warrior (Los Angeles, California), The Wallaceyan, The Oldershaw Grammar School Magazine.

HOUSE NOTES

TATE

This year the House has enjoyed considerable success, and this is due in no small measure to the enthusiastic support of the junior members. Our hockey team beat Philip in the final of the Boswell Cup competition, and lost to the same House in the Junior Soccer Final. The Chess team retained the Silver Knight trophy. In the Hobby Show we lost the H. J. Tiffin Cup for the first time, in spite of the success of the House play, "Campbell of Kilmohr," which was placed first. Our Junior team was second in the Cross-Country races, and the Senior third; and, as was anticipated, these successes augured well for the Athletic Sports.

E. R. OXBURGH.

ALFRED HOLT

Since the publication of the last magazine, several House competitions have taken place. Our best achievement last term was to gain third place in the One-Act Play Competition in the Hobby Show. We presented a play of the 1914-1918 War, "Interrupted," by R. F. Norwood, and were narrowly beaten for second place by Owen House. I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the House of congratulating our actors, only one of whom had any previous acting experience, on a very creditable performance. Unfortunately, their keenness was not reflected in our efforts in other sections of the Hobby Show, and we were placed fifth in the final aggregate.

The Senior Football team was defeated by Philip Holt in the first round of the Horsfall Cup, and the Juniors lost (6-4) to Tate in the semi-final of the Whitehouse Cup Competition. The Hockey team, which consisted almost entirely of players with little or no experience of the game, gave a very good account of itself against a much stronger and more experienced Tate side.

In conclusion, the thanks of the House are due to our Housemaster, Mr. Schofield, for his ceaseless encouragement in difficult circumstances. In particular, we appreciate his invaluable assistance in the production of the House play.

E. RICHARDS.

DANSON

The House's recent record of achievement is not encouraging. We were placed last in the Hobby Show competition, although it was felt that we were unfortunate in having our Play placed so low. R. H. Leech was congratulated on his performance, and thanks are due to Mr. Bentliff and Mr. Noonan for help with the production.

In the Boswell Cup Competition, the Hockey team was well beaten by Philip Holt in a fierce, fast game. The Football teams were no more successful, the Seniors losing to Hughes and the Juniors to Tate. In the Fives competition, we were defeated by the strong Philip Holt team.

It is hoped that, in spite of our thin ranks, some more determined efforts will be made in future.

P. RITCHIE.

OWEN

Since the publication of the last magazine, the performance of the House has been very pleasing.

In the final of the Chess competition we were narrowly defeated by Tate, whose team was completely composed of players who had represented the School.

The most notable success of the House was undoubtedly the winning of the Hobbies Show. In the Play competition we were placed second, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Green and Mr. Rogers for giving up so much of their time in helping us with our production.

In the first round of the Boswell Cup, our team lost to a very strong Tate side. We fared better on the soccer field, however, and won the Horsfall Cup with a 2-1 victory over Hughes. The Juniors were well beaten in the semi-final of the Whitehouse Cup by Philip Holt. Our thanks are due to Mr. Morgan for his unfailing interest and encouragement in all House activities.

R. E. LEEMING.

PHILIP HOLT

The House has again shown a high standard in all the competitions which have taken place this year. In the first event of the season, the Cross-Country races, we improved on last year's performance by winning both Senior and Junior team races: in the Senior race, K. Thomson and D. Burton were placed first and third respectively. The House Football competitions resulted in the Juniors retaining the Whitehouse Cup, while the Seniors, after a handsome victory over Alfred Holt, were narrowly defeated by Owen House in the semi-final. The Hockey team reached the final of the Boswell Cup, but were beaten by a superior Tate team. We did not fare so well in the non-athletic competitions; we were beaten by Owen in the Chess competition, and placed third in the Hobby Show, in spite of some good individual entries.

C. K. MACKINNON.

HUGHES

Much has happened since the last issue of the magazine, and yet the House is without any successes whatsoever. The results of the Hobby Show were very disappointing, and though we were perhaps unfortunate in not winning the Horsfall Cup, the general results of activities were not encouraging.

In forthcoming competitions the chances of success will be much increased if more members of the House take part and do their utmost to succeed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bowker for the way he guides the House through the many difficulties which confront us.

N. PINE.

THE EXHIBITION OF WORK AND HOBBIES

The Exhibition of Work and Hobbies, which was held on the evenings of the 20th and 21st of March, maintained the high tradition of the School. For this we are indebted to Mr. Preece and Mr. Brierley, together with the many willing helpers, who worked hard and long to make the Exhibition the success it undoubtedly proved to be.

For weeks before, groups of enthusiastic actors handled by patient and optimistic producers met after school in most unlikely class-rooms. As the time drew near, the Handicraft Room became a hive of activity visited by people who had not entered its portals for many a year. Even members of the Upper Classical Sixth could be seen at work with brush and paint. Mr. Brierley surveyed the Hall, took mysterious measurements and spent most of his spare time solving abstruse geometrical problems involving stresses and strains. Under his command laboured members of the Science Sixths, who twisted wires into fantastic shapes, pressed complicated switches and did their best to avoid short circuits. In this way the Hall was eventually transformed into a Festival Theatre. The Staff Common Room was denuded of its most valuable antiques, and on the eve of the Exhibition it is rumoured that members of the Staff marked their exercise books as they sat on the floor in oriental fashion.

Over everybody towered Mr. Preece, who immediately convinced us that he had been organising exhibitions all his life. Room Two became the administrative H.Q. from which he directed his multifarious operations, and for a while aesthetic appreciation yielded pride of place to business acumen. Nor must we forget to express our indebtedness to R. B. Morris, a former Head Boy of the School, who gave so unselfishly of his time and skill.

Throughout both evenings boys of the School acted as guides to, and operators of, the many displays and demonstrations. There was something to interest everybody and all the exhibits were of high quality. The Handicraft Section provided fine examples of skill and beauty; there were attractive collections of stamps and coins, magnificent photographs and well-executed maps, drawings and paintings. Working models and miniature railways fascinated boys and parents alike, while the School alchemists intimidated everybody with their Chemical Magic, liquid oxygen, polarised light and the oscilloscope. The Combined Cadet Corps (Army and R.A.F. Sections) gave token proof of its smartness and efficiency, and the School Scout Troop must have inspired others to cherish its ideals.

In the gymnasium, basket-ball and table-tennis teams demonstrated speed, fitness and grace of movement, while not far away, in the Biology Laboratory, white-coated attendants showed us animal life as it really is.

This year we were fortunate to welcome as the adjudicator of the House Plays Mr. Gordon Douglas, of The Liverpool Playgoers' Club. He began his adjudication by indicating the basis on which he made his decisions—the choice of play and its suitability for the people who were performing it, the manner in which the play was presented, and, most important of all, the acting. Mr. Douglas awarded first place to "Campbell of Kilmohr" (presented by Tate House) and second place to "Doctor O'Toole" (presented by Owen House). In both the winning plays all the boys acted vigorously; there was plenty of conflict, there were intense moments and loyalties. He thought "Campbell of Kilmohr" an almost perfect production, in which the acting was just right, and he was particularly impressed by the entrance of Dr. O'Toole (played by H. B. Jones).

Mr. Douglas also complimented Alfred Holt House on its presentation of "Interrupted," which failed by one mark to gain second place. Our congratulations and thanks are due, not only to the prizewinners, but also to the Orchestra, the Choirs and the Soloists, who contributed so generously to our entertainment, and to everyone who did something to make the two evenings a success.

The House Championship was won by Owen House, with Tate House as the runner-up. The Cochran Competition was won by 3B.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

This year the School Teams have had one of the most successful seasons for many years. Both the 1st XI and the Under 15 XI met Waterloo Grammar School teams in the finals of the Shield Competitions; after the Juniors had been beaten by one goal to nil, the Seniors gained revenge by a four goals to nil victory.

The School 1st XI was a good, well-balanced side, solid in defence and forceful in attack. There is no doubt, however, that the secret of our success lay in the excellent team spirit. After having been beaten only twice, the

side entered the Shield Competition full of confidence. In the preliminary round the School was drawn away to the Holt High School, whom they easily beat (8-1). The 1st round brought St. Francis Xavier's as visitors to Mersey Road, and after a close, cleanly-fought game, the School were worthy winners (2-1). The School then went on to defeat Quarry Bank (4-0) in the semi-final round.

The 2nd XI also enjoyed a fairly successful season. Here again there was always a keen spirit in the side, combined with a great deal of skill. Several young players have acquired valuable experience, and promise well for next season.

The 3rd XI, as usual, won the majority of its matches, and served a very useful purpose in giving trials to prospective 1st and 2nd team players.

The Under 15 XI, too, met with a great deal of success and reached the final of the Junior Shield Competition. The team possessed a keen fighting spirit, which was displayed when they beat a strong Collegiate side (5-4) in the first round of the Shield. In the semi-final they easily defeated the Holt (5-0).

The other three Junior XIs played with their usual skill and enthusiasm, particularly the Under 14 XI, whose excellent results augur well for the Junior Shield next year.

School Football owes a tremendous debt to the members of the Staff who are prepared to give up their spare time in organising the teams. Our especial thanks are due to Messrs. Morgan, Buckley and White with the 1st XI, while the other sides were ably managed by Messrs. Bowker, Edge, Rowell and Lloyd.

Our thanks are also due to Corcoran for his tireless work as secretary.

	GOALS					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
1st XI	23	19	2	2	84	31
2nd XI	18	8	5	5	48	36
3rd XI	7	6	0	1	31	13
Under 15 XI	21	12	4	5	82	54
Under 14 XI	11	7	1	3	42	31
Under 13 XI	14	7	5	2	33	24
Under 12 XI	4	2	1	1	16	9

Full Colours were re-awarded to R. E. Leeming, N. Pine, Corcoran (R.) Hedges (C), and awarded to R. H. Leach, P. Best, Malabar (H.), Sifton (W. R.), Ruffell (K.), Evans (J. B.), Hayes (R. A.), and Evans (D.).

Half Colours were re-awarded to Broadbent and awarded to Baker, Davidson, Isbister, Rutherford and Hallam.

R. E. LEEMING.

CRITIQUE

R. E. LEEMING (*Goalkeeper and Captain*).—A really sound and experienced player, equally capable with high and low shots. His goal-kicks are strong and accurate and the basis of many an attack. As Captain he has inspired the team throughout the season. His good play brought him the honour of representing Lancashire on four occasions.

N. PINE (*Centre Half and Vice-Captain*).—An excellent "stopper," who, although at times apparently rather slow, was rarely beaten. His heading was always superb.

R. CORCORAN (*Right Back*).—A strong tackling back who always used the ball thoughtfully. Any small mistake on his part was liable, however, to upset him for the remainder of the game.

C. HEDGES (*Left Back*).—A fearless player, whose kicking at times tended to be wild, but whose tackling and positional play were always sound.

H. MALABAR (*Right Half*).—A reliable player, although his tackling was a little timid. His passing was always impeccable.

W. R. SEFTON (*Left Half*).—A tireless wing-half who always used the ball well. Besides taking part in the Schools' Football Week at Cambridge, he also played three times for Lancashire.

K. RUFFELL (*Outside-right*).—The danger man of the attack whose cleverness in possession of the ball and carefully placed centres, were always a threat to opposing defences.

R. H. LEECH (*Inside-right*). — An experienced player who was always willing to have a shot at goal. He was chosen for the Schools' Football Week at Cambridge and represented Lancashire on three occasions during the season.

J. B. EVANS (*Centre-forward*).—Began the season at full back, but was later transferred to the attack, where his sometimes unorthodox but direct methods were successful. In all but one of his games at centre-forward he was amongst the goal scorers.

R. A. HAYES (*Inside-left*).—A good forager and strong tackler, whose defence-splitting passes often resulted in goals. He also possesses a strong shot with either foot.

D. EVANS (*Outside-left*).—An opportunist whose excellent positional play brought him many goals. Considering that this was his first season in School Football, his performances were very creditable.

SENIOR SHIELD FINAL

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO G.S.

The final of the Senior Shield Competition was played at Goodison Park in ideal weather on Monday, 23rd March. Leeming won the toss, leaving Waterloo to face a glaring sun. From the kick-off it was evident that the Institute team were supremely confident. They immediately took control of the mid-field play, and their all-round superiority was soon apparent. Waterloo seemed hesitant by comparison, and although confidence came later, an early goal scored by the Institute was a great set-back.

The main factor which decided the game in the Institute's favour was the strength of its defence. Full backs were always sure, centre half Pine solid, and the ease with which the Institute wing-halves beat their men in the first half, laid a firm foundation for victory. The Waterloo defence, however, disturbed by early set-backs, resorted to wild kicking, although their half-back line worked hard throughout. Despite their four goals, the Institute forwards did not live up to expectations, for weakness in finishing spoiled good approach work by the wingers, and the inside forwards generally seemed to be out of touch with their colleagues. In the first half, one fine shot from inside-left Hayes struck the cross-bar.

The Waterloo forwards, when given the ball, seemed to move more quickly, but their attacks were generally erratic. They were often more direct than the Institute, and in the first half, especially, many close passing movements by the School fell to quick Waterloo tackling. Mid-field play predominated throughout, and both forward lines preferred to pass rather than shoot. As a result, the goalkeepers were seldom troubled. Leeming dealt

confidently with the few shots that came his way, but the Waterloo goalkeeper was often shaky, especially early in the game, when he conceded two quick goals.

Evans, J. B., and Ruffell gave the Waterloo defence most trouble in the first half, and a notable feature of the game was the fine centring by the Institute right-winger. A well-taken goal by Evans, D., and another by R. H. Leech were added in the second half, giving the Institute a deserved victory by four goals to nil.

In conclusion it should be said that the game was played in a very sportsmanlike manner throughout. Waterloo, though obviously outclassed, never gave up trying, and the Institute team can be congratulated on a fine victory.

The School team was: R. E. Leeming; Corcoran, R., Hedges, C.; Malabar, H., N. Pine, Sefton, W. R.; Ruffell, K., R. H. Leech, Evans, J. B., Hayes, R. A., Evans, D.

JUNIOR SHIELD FINAL

LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE v. WATERLOO G.S.

The final was played at Anfield on Monday, March 16th. The Institute scored in the first half and Waterloo in the second. Extra time was played, but the score remained 1—1. The Institute had more of the game and kept up strong pressure on the Waterloo goal, but their shooting was poor. The replay took place at the Alsop ground on Thursday, March 19th. Once again the Institute had most of the game, but their finishing play was weak. Towards the end of the second half Waterloo scored the only goal of the game; in a goalmouth scramble the ball went into the Institute net off one of the defenders. We congratulate Waterloo on winning the Junior Shield for the first time.

HOCKEY

In retrospect, the Hockey Season 1952-3 appears to have been moderately successful. The side was not consistent, for we often beat the strongest teams comfortably, only to lose through careless play to some of the weaker. This may be explained partly by the absence of some members of the team, which tended to disrupt the side.

This state of affairs reveals a grave deficiency in good, or even average, reserve players. It has always been a mystery why so few have even tried the game. The ill-informed and narrow-minded, who so scathingly dismiss hockey, are urged to try for themselves before continuing their unreasonable condemnation. It speaks strongly for the keenness and resultant ability of the mere fifty boys in this school who do play the game, that we more than hold our own against schools who have all their boys playing hockey.

The defence generally was soundly competent and the attack lop-sided—one flank definitely dangerous, and the other not quite succeeding. The defence crumbled when the left back, E. Richards, missed four matches through illness, and this illustrates how little we could afford to rely on reserves. The team, however, frequently played very well together. A good example of this was the occasion upon which we defeated the hitherto unbeaten Dunlop H.C. by 6—1. Had we maintained a standard of play half as good as was then displayed, it is doubtful if we would have been beaten throughout the season. But

There is considerable promise for next season, and it is to be hoped that the reigning tradition of a good first hockey team in the school will be maintained. Finally, may we offer our sincere thanks to Masters who have supervised games throughout the season?

Results.—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS	
					F.	A.
1st XI	19	11	7	1	75	41
2nd XI	9	3	4	2	15	23

J. C. MITCHELL.

CRITIQUE.

J. C. MITCHELL (*Captain and Centre-forward. 37 goals*).—His splendid play as Captain was always an inspiration to the rest of the team. His speed in intercepting the ball often outwitted the opposing defenders, and his skilful stick work and dribbling and his powerful shot brought him many fine individualist goals.

E. RICHARDS (*Vice-Captain and Left Back*).—His experience, sound positional sense, and unexpected fire marked him down as the rallying point of the defence. In attack, too, a fine, clean and well-directed hit frequently sent his winger away.

R. G. LEADBEATER (*Outside-left. 13 goals*).—An experienced player, he always looked a grave menace to any defence. Although on occasions he tried to do too much, his stick work at speed could carry him down the wing and into the circle. A somewhat erratic, though fierce, shot.

G. S. MAKIN (*Centre Half*).—A very steady player who, though not spectacular, filled this most important of positions very soundly. His constructive play was generally very good, but he would do well to develop a push to the right.

A. RYLANCE (*Left Half*).—Although somewhat slow on his feet, he has a prodigious reach and deft stick work. His play with the reverse stick leaves very little to be desired and his distribution of the ball steadily improves.

D. ORME (*Inside-left. 5 goals*). — A very young player who, though seriously handicapped by lack of weight and speed, could send the defence going the wrong way with his clever passes. He must learn that success cannot come without reverses.

E. R. OXBURGH (*Goalkeeper*).—He always showed commendable ferocity and courage, but, after a very promising start, he became somewhat unreliable.

J. S. HOLIDAY (*Right Back*).—A fast and determined player, he could hit very hard, but there are still many rough edges on his play. It was pleasing to note his steady improvement throughout the season.

E. J. WELTON (*Right Half*). — He has good stick work and regularly marked his wing man efficiently. He is at present handicapped by lack of speed and a certain lack of hard resolve in his play.

K. G. S. BURNETT (*Outside-right. 6 goals*).—On occasions, when the ground was good, he played well. When the ground was not smooth, his stick work was not sufficiently good for him to gain control of the ball with any regularity, or for him to centre hard. It must be said, however, that he never stopped trying.

B. PARRY (*Inside-right. 12 goals*).—Not a regular member of the team; his lack of speed in thought and movement greatly handicapped his play. His unfortunate inability to hit the ball hard was in part compensated by his keen positional sense in the circle—whence his twelve goals.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The growing interest in Cross-Country running as a school sport is reflected in the increasing number of fixtures. During the season no fewer than twelve Merseyside schools held regular meetings, this being double the number found in previous years. An innovation this year was the Inter-School Road Relay Race, which the School organised at the end of the season. The experiment was a great success and the race will probably become an annual event.

The Senior team enjoyed moderate success, but, through illness, it was rarely at full strength. Our greatest success was that of the Junior team, which gained first place in the Junior Section of the Dan Cumella Cup Competition. The Under 14 team did not have any success, although a definite improvement was observed towards the end of the season.

The House Championships were held in February on a new course; the Juniors ran two miles and the Seniors four. Both the Senior and Junior Championships were won by Philip Holt, who also became House Champions on the aggregate result. K. Thomson won the Senior race and J. Price the Junior.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Green for his help, both at Mersey Road and in the gymnasium; to Mr. Wass, to K. G. S. Burnett, our secretary, and also to those who acted as stewards throughout the season.

D. BURTON.

RUGBY FIVES

There were no Fives matches last term because of repairs and alterations to the Fives courts. The side and front walls of the first court have been heightened and the court has been covered with a roof of corrugated asbestos and perspex sheets; electric lights have been installed. The floor of the second court has been re-surfaced with a very true and fast material. Both courts have been painted and now present a neat appearance as well as fine playing surfaces. Now that the first court has been roofed, Inter-School matches can be arranged without fear of cancellation owing to rain.

This term the House Fives Championships, Senior and Junior, and the Open Singles Championships will be held. It is hoped that a Handicap Championship can be arranged.

P. BEST.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The School Sports Festival was held at Mersey Road on Saturday, 16th May. On this occasion strained relations existed between Mr. Booth and the Clerk of the Weather, but the superior organisation and persistence of the former produced an uneasy truce until the last half hour, when heavy showers made conditions difficult and unpleasant. A strong cross-wind added to the discomfort of competitors and spectators alike, but despite these handicaps, there were no delays and many good times were returned.

On such a day extensive record breaking was unlikely, but several good performances were achieved. R. H. Leech became the Victor Ludorum by winning the three Open Sprints and by gaining second and third places in the Open Long Jump and the Half Mile. His time of 24 seconds in the 220 Yards was a new record. The success of Leech in the track events was rivalled by the runner-up, E. R. Oxburgh, who tied first in the Open Shot and the High Jump and who won the Discus event with an excellent throw of 131 feet.

The Middle Championship was won by Thompson, A. M., who equalled the 220 Yards (Under 15) record in the time of 26 seconds.

Another new record had been set up earlier in the week, when Cowan, V. N., of Bm2, won the Mile (Under 16) in the creditable time of 4 mins. 55.1/5 secs.

Instead of the customary gymnastic display, we were treated to a game of Basketball played between two teams of Sixth Formers. The high wind made ball control and shooting difficult but the game was none the less enjoyable and instructive.

This interlude was followed by the Relays, the Obstacles and the Open Mile, which was won by Thompson, K., of Bm 2 in the time of 4 mins. 50 secs. By now, heavy rain had driven away even the hardiest of spectators to shelter, and those in the broadcasting box—they rarely managed to conquer the elements during the afternoon—narrowly escaped death by drowning!

Fortune did not smile this year, but despite the inclemency of the weather, Mr. Booth is to be congratulated on the efficiency of his organisation and the smooth continuity of the programme.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN CHAMPION.—R. H. Leech. Runner-up: E. R. Oxburgh.
MIDDLE CHAMPION.—Thompson, A. M. Runner-up: Carlson, B.
JUNIOR CHAMPION.—Radcliffe, J. M. and Cass, I. M.

FORM CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONS.—U5Sc: L5D; 4D; 3C.
RUNNERS-UP.—U5A; L5A; 4A; 3B.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior	Junior
CHAMPIONS.—Philip Holt.	Tate.
RUNNERS-UP.—Tate	Hughes

SWIMMING CLUB

Throughout the winter season meetings were held weekly on Fridays and were attended by the more hardy spirits of the Club. Now that the large bath is open again at Cornwallis Street, meetings are held on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursday admission is free, and a class for beginners is held under the guidance of Mr. Forbes. For those members who are more advanced, Mr. Rowell conducts a diving class.

In Life Saving, Mr. Forbes and Mr. Tait are carrying on their good work of last term; at an examination held by the Royal Life Saving Society in February five Bronze Crosses and eleven Bronze Medallions were won by members of the Club.

Our grateful thanks go to Mr. Forbes, Mr. Rowell, and Mr. Tait for arranging these classes and meetings.

J. M. LEARMONT.
A. S. MUNROE.

SUMMUM IN MONTEM—LAKE DISTRICT, EASTER, 1953

We assembled at Exchange Station disguised by anaraks and rucksacks, and settled down in the train for our journey. The time was passed in various ways: a Cambridge Exhibitioner busied himself in translating an American science-fiction magazine first into English, and then into Greek Verse, while others were content with the simpler thrills of the popular Press.

The party left the train at Windermere, proceeded by bus to Troutbeck, on the Kirkstone Pass, and then walked, first in sunshine, then in shadow, and finally in driving rain, over to Patterdale. Some of us completed our trek clinging to the crane of a breakdown lorry, followed by the purists who arrived with aching feet and a lofty sense of righteous endurance. After a welcome supper, the party was initiated into the fine art of "Slippery Anne," which was played with gusto by one and all. Our Downing representative was in a particularly benevolent mood. Cambridge had pulled it off and G. F. B.'s debtors were paying up.

The following day Helvellyn was climbed by Striding Edge, where we were caught in a hailstorm. We sheltered close to the memorial of a man killed in similar conditions, and with this encouragement the party continued its progress to the summit. During the descent, D. G. B.'s beloved trilby became the victim of a boisterous gale, and was swept over the edge of a formidable crag into the Grisedale Valley below.

On the next day, by means of walking, hitch-hiking, and "bus-ing," we reached Dungeon Ghyll. We then climbed Gimmer Crag and Pike o' Stickle, descending to the Old Hotel for afternoon tea, an old established habit of our leader. That night was spent at Elterwater, and the next three at the Eskdale Hostel, which we reached by "storming," in a very leisurely fashion, the Wrynose and Hard Knott Passes.

Our first day out from Eskdale took us up the Valley; in the crossing of the river, G. F. B., with a scornful disregard of the consequences of wet feet, demonstrated his amphibious technique by wading. Our route continued past Cam Spout up to Mickledore Chasm, and then on to the summit of Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England. On all the cairns there were delicate snow and ice fingers, whose filigree form projected horizontally. The summit cairn itself was like a great sugared cake, which crackled as we clambered over it. After a short stay at the top, we descended to Mickledore again, and traversed below Scafell's forbidding West Face, which was coated with a thin layer of ice and snow, its crags chattering as broken icicles slithered over the massive buttresses.

These passed, we turned up the snow-choked Lord's Rake gully, following triple tracks of a solitary man with an ice-axe. The party arrived at the lonely summit without mishap, and returned by way of Slight Side to the hostel. This had been, perhaps, our finest day, on two of Lakeland's finest Fells.

Bowfell was climbed on the following day, but mist obliterated the views, and all we gained was the satisfaction of having "bagged" another peak.

After our final night at Eskdale, we crossed Burnmoor and descended into Wasdale, where we obtained magnificent views of the Wastwater Screees and the snow-capped Scafells. We eventually reached Borrowdale after crossing Sty Head Pass, for three nights in the Longthwaite Hostel.

When one is in the Lake District, it is a moral obligation to climb Great Gable; and so we duly surmounted Honister Pass, where an enterprising mobile canteen served us with tea and biscuits. We then followed the track over Grey Knotts and Brandreth; and looking down towards Buttermere we could see nothing but a blizzard, which approached us.

"Like a black mist low-creeping"

until it enveloped us in its whirling fury. However, when we reached the Green Gable, the storm passed and we enjoyed fine views of the distant

Fells flecked with patches of sunlight. We lunched on the exposed summit of Great Gable, waiting for the mist to clear and reveal the wonderful panorama below; but we were compelled to descend to Sty Head Tarn un-rewarded. The path to Esk Hause was then taken, and we trudged below the gullies of Great End in another snowstorm. En route, we passed the uninitiated Bank Holiday crowds with their light shoes and plastic macs: such a contrast to the groups of veterans in balaclavas, anaraks, plus-fours, and heavily-nailed boots, wielding ice-axes and carrying coils of hempen rope! From Esk Hause we were rewarded with thrilling views of the Langdale Pikes, the clouds swirling above, below, and around them. On our descent past Angle Tarn and Langstrath, G. S. M. demonstrated his Cresta Run technique—but he lacked a toboggan, glissading on his stomach instead. He was recovered intact.

Our last day from Borrowdale was again spent on the "tops": we climbed Grain Gill, and deep snow and brilliant sunshine made conditions extremely pleasant; the summits of Great End, Broad Crag, and Scafell Pike were surmounted; and then we descended to Esk Hause, whence we returned to the hostel over Allen Crag and Glaramara.

The following morning we compressed ourselves into the local bus, and rode into Keswick in close confinement. A ponderous double-decker then took us to Scales, and we proceeded from the village to climb Blencathra via Sharp Edge. On this rocky arrête, which was covered with slippery snow, some difficulty was encountered on the wet slabs: D. G. B. had to be urged on, J. N. had to be held on, while the rest of us clung on. We returned to Threlkeld along another exciting ridge in yet another blizzard. At the village we indulged in afternoon tea, and were introduced to rum butter, a Lake District speciality. Some of our number were suspicious at first, but on discovering the ingredients, they rapidly exhausted the supply.

We passed our last night at The Keswick Hostel, where we made the acquaintance of a Siamese student, who, though he professed to despise cards, greatly enjoyed beating several of us in a game of Canasta. The following morning we visited Mr. and Mrs. Doughty at their home in Keswick; they greeted us warmly, and we left well filled with Mrs. Doughty's excellent buns.

It was a very enjoyable ending to a very enjoyable holiday; for which thanks are due to Mr. Bentliff, who led our expedition with great success. We could all tell him, in the words of Charles Lamb:—

"Your mountains haunt me perpetually. I am like a man falling in love unknown to himself!"

P. L. T. (on behalf of D. G. B., J. N., G. F. B., P. D., E. G., G. S. M., D. R. P., J. N. S., and J. B. T.).

C.C.F. (ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS)

The C.C.F. has enjoyed a larger number of successful camps and courses than usual this year. During the Easter holidays four very exciting days were spent at the 80th W.E.T.C., Altcar, where the highlight of the camp was the night exercise. The scene of the action was the Altcar Rifle Range look-out post, which, for the purpose of the exercise, became a vitally important radar station and was to be "blown up" by a party of saboteurs led by the R.S.M. Using rather unorthodox cloak-and-dagger tactics, to the dismay of the defenders, the saboteurs destroyed their objective. Looking ahead to the summer holidays, this year's annual camp will again be held at Castlemarton, Pembrokeshire, under much improved conditions.

The School shooting team has been revived and has been entered for the County of Lancaster Rifle Association Cadet Trophies meeting at Altcar on June 6th. In the past the School has won the premier trophy, and although this year outright success is not expected, the team is practising hard and hopes to repeat previous achievements in the future.

The hard work done by instructors and cadets has shown excellent results in the War Certificate "A" examination. In the Part I, 25 cadets were successful and 18 cadets passed the Part II examinations. In addition, eight specialist courses were successfully attended and two Certificate "Ts" awarded.

On behalf of those cadets who will be leaving school at the end of this term. I should like to thank Major Bowen, Captain McDonald and Lieuts. Schofield and Boote for their help, which will be of particular value to those cadets who will soon be called up for their National Service training.

W. A. SEFTON, R.S.M.

C.C.F. (R.A.F. SECTION)

Since Christmas, activities have gone on steadily; a number of cadets have passed the Proficiency Examination, and four have passed the Advanced Proficiency. It is hoped that by the end of this term all cadets, except new recruits, will have taken the Proficiency Examination.

Field Day last term was, as usual, held at R.A.F., Hawarden. The weather was good and everyone was able to fly in Anson or Auster aircraft. Many cadets have also flown in R.A.F. aircraft from Speke each month.

A number of cadets worked hard to make a worthy contribution to the Hobbies Show. Two cadets demonstrated a navigation plot, and there were many entries for the Aircraft Recognition Quiz. Other interesting features were the Aldis lamps and wireless sets operated by the radio enthusiasts. It is hoped that the unit will soon have its own transmitter working.

During the Easter holiday a number of cadets with Flight-Lieutenant Watson spent a week at R.A.F., Halton, and three attended a radio course at R.A.F., Locking.

We congratulate Corporal Cook on completing his Flying Scholarship course and obtaining his Private Pilot's Licence.

Several cadets are being prepared for overseas flights, and Sergeant Ferdinand is representing the unit at the Coronation in London. Camp this summer is to be held in the north of Scotland, near Inverness, and afterwards numbers of cadets are going on courses in gliding, radio and air-crew subjects.

Finally, we should like to thank our officers, particularly our C.O., Flight-Lieutenant Watson, for their unflinching interest in the unit.

P. J. B.

SCOUT NOTES

During the term the Troop has enjoyed several outdoor activities. On Field Day we had sole use of the extensive grounds of Tawd Vale. Once the excitement of a "Race for Oil" was over, most Scouts spent their free time cooking various and sumptuous dishes. Certain members of the Troop, under the expert guidance of the A.S.M.s, amused us with an arduous rehearsal of a curious "dance" in preparation for the Association Camp-Fire Baton Competition. Two night manoeuvres and an Inter-Patrol Backwoodsman Cooking Competition were arranged.

Other outdoor activities included a five day Y.H.A. trip to the Lake District at Easter. The Troop sent two parties of hikers; G. S. M. Haig's Juniors were caught in a blizzard on Helvellyn and the Seniors, under A.S.M. Oxburgh, suffered a similar fate on Scafell.

Three members of the Troop had earlier ventured on a night hike in the Wirral and were, they say, of some use to the police in tracing a temporarily missing person. Second Fyans and J. Morrell completed their First Class Journey, and P.L.s Grant and Darling their Venturer Journey. The Troop is proud to announce that P. L. Wilson has gained one of the new Queen's Scout Badges, the Troop's first, though many more are well on the way.

The Scout section of the Hobby Show was very interesting, depicting the camp life of a Scout, with full-sized tents and kitchen erected.

Looking forward, we hope to be represented by three or four Patrols in the Coronation Camp at Tawd Vale during the Whit holidays, while members wishing to go to the Summer Camp at Duffryn, between Harlech and Barmouth, pay weekly visits to the Good Weather Totem Pole.

In conclusion, we wish to thank our G.S.M., Mr. Haig; our Treasurer, Mr. Smith; our A.S.M.s and senior officers; and all the Masters who willingly examine our members in Proficiency Tests for their unflagging interest in the Troop.

E. M. DARLING.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

In the light of this season's success, the future appears promising. We are encouraged as much by the interest exhibited in the Society by its younger members—especially in the Lower Modern Sixths—as by the continually improving standard of debating. But we regret the apathy of the Scientists; their attitude we consider to be more than regrettable. We hope that next year this tendency will be checked, and that all senior Sixth Formers will take an active part in the meetings.

This term's debates, with results:—

- Jan. 20th.—"That the English Channel should be filled in."
Pro.: C. K. Mackinnon and E. R. Oxburgh. Con.: K. G. S. Burnett and D. G. Scragg. Motion defeated: For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 18.
- Jan. 27th.—"That this House sees in the Near East the greatest threat to world peace."
Pro.: H. B. Jones and P. Smith. Con.: G. Bilson and E. R. Oxburgh. Motion defeated: For 6, Against 17, Abstention 1.
- Feb. 10th.—"That this House advocates the introduction of bull-fighting into this country."
Pro.: P. L. Taylor and J. N. Sissons. Con.: J. B. Taylor and G. F. Bilson. Motion carried: For 13, Against 10, Abstentions 7.
- Mar. 3rd.—"That this House despises modern art."
Pro.: D. G. Scragg and P. Smith. Con.: S. Shiebert and J. C. Mitchell. Motion defeated: For 6, Against 17, Abstentions 3.
- Mar. 17th.—"Carpe diem."
Pro.: G. F. Bilson and E. R. Oxburgh. Con.: P. Ritchie and A. F. Cook. Motion carried: For 12, Against 11, Abstentions 4.

The secretaries wish to thank their committee, especially the Lord-High-Poker-in-Chief, C. K. Mackinnon, and the two Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. G. Bentliff and Mr. R. T. Jones. Finally, we should like to extend to our chairman, Mr. C. H. Moore, our most sincere thanks for his co-operation and guidance.

G. F. B., P. R.

TROIS SCÈNES

Des jungles du Siam le grand chasseur rayé,
Aux yeux étincelants, sort et descend au fleuve.
Fatigué par la chasse, ayant soif, il s'abreuve,
Quand, soudain, par le gris du matin réveillé,
Il part furtivement, jusque dans le fourré;
Et le tigre effrayant se remet à veiller.
Blotti sur un rameau, le félin tacheté
Contemple les babouins dispersés à la pente:
Et résolu enfin, d'une voix palpitante,
Il rugit àprement pour les épouvanter.
Puis, s'élançant enbas, la panthère d'Afrique
Purchase les mandrills, au fond du Dahomey.
Le grand cougar s'esquive au désert pacifique,
Scrutant avidement la solitude aride;
Tandis que son parent, le puma de Floride,
S'assouvit d'un bon cerf, tout auprès d'une crique.
Les vautours affamés n'auront que les lambeaux,
Que ne peut avaler le lion d'Amérique!

G. E. S. (Am.1).

THE FLOOD

The moon, that silver orb which rules by night,
Was by earth's shadow blotted out awhile
And did appear a tarnished coin of bronze
In the vast heavens on that winter's night.
'Twas but a few days after that great seas,
Like giants, flung their wrath upon our coasts.
With deadly fury and with untold power
They broke the sea walls with wild, monstrous hands
And spread themselves at ease across the earth.

P. A. K. (UVA).

THE MUSIC CLUB

At the beginning of last term we welcomed to the committee Mr. Noonan, who took up the new post of Assistant Treasurer.

Most of the meetings took the form of gramophone recitals, for which the majority of the records were supplied by Mr. Noonan; Vaughan Williams' "Job," the operas of Verdi, and the Archduke Trio of Beethoven were among the works heard. In addition, certain of the shorter piano works of Bach, Haydn and Chopin were played.

At one meeting Mr. W. H. Jones gave a song recital of pieces by Peter Warlock, Roger Quilter, Sir Arthur Somervell and other composers.

To conclude the term's meetings Mr. Tanner presented records of Tchaikovsky's overture, "Romeo and Juliet," and Vaughan Williams' overture, "The Wasps."

Members are reminded that the Society's Library is open during the dinner hour every Friday. Beethoven's Violin Sonatas are the latest addition.

Once more our thanks are due to Mr. Naylor and Mr. Rowell for their guidance during the term.

J. R. PARRY.

THE ORCHESTRA

The School Orchestra continues to meet every Monday at 3.20 in the Music Room.

At this year's Hobby Show we gave our first public performance for some months. The programme included Minuets by Schubert (from the Third Symphony) and Sacchini (from "Dardanus"), a Saraband by James Hook and a selection of Old English Military Marches.

With a view to enlarging its repertoire, the Orchestra is at present studying works, including the Overture to the "Caliph of Baghdad," by Boieldieu, and Minuets by Bach and Boccherini.

We should like to remind you that Violin and 'Cello Classes are still being held during the dinner hour. The fee of seven shillings and sixpence for ten lessons is extremely reasonable.

During the Easter holidays R. Best, the leader of the Orchestra, toured the Netherlands as second viola player in the National Youth Orchestra.

Once again we wish to thank Mr. Williams for his guidance during the term.

J. R. PARRY.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Meetings were held regularly throughout the Spring term. Attendance varied, but numbers grew as the term progressed; the Wednesday morning Prayer Fellowship has been re-started, and meets before School. To this, and to our dinner hour meetings, we invite all members of the Upper Fifth, Remove and Sixth Forms.

At the end of the Autumn term a Christmas Social was held. It was well supported, and we were joined by the girls from Blackburne House, who used to share our meetings.

The talks given at most of the Spring meetings have taken the form of a series; the speakers on these occasions have tried to give the Christian answer to some of the questions we are asking. Five of our meetings have been addressed by guest speakers; Mr. E. R. Taylor spoke to us on "Church-going," the Reverend E. R. Bates on "Prayer"; Major Ian Thomas and Mr. Branse Burbridge have again visited us, and at our last meeting Bishop Gresford-Jones spoke on "Evidence for the Resurrection." All these talks were greatly appreciated. Some of our own members have given papers on "Christian Witness," "Gambling" and "Atheism, Apathy and Agnosticism," and a discussion was held on the subject of "Lent." Discussion after meetings steadily improved.

The Summer term's activities are, as always, restricted by the G. C. E., but meetings have been, and will be held whenever possible. At the end of the term, Sixth Form members will have the opportunity of attending the annual Student Christian Movement Conference at Manchester.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Watson for the able and willing help he gives us as our Chairman.

J. B. T.

CHESS CLUB

The School Team won eight of its nine matches this season, and was placed second in the Wright Challenge Shield Competition. Almost all the School's leading chess players are leaving this year, and there appear to be very few promising players who will be available next season. The prospects are not bright, but if boys who are interested practice during the summer, they should be able to uphold the prestige of the School.

In the House Competition, Tate retained the Paul Limerick Trophy by defeating Owen in the final.

The School was represented by four players in the Second Junior Chess Congress, organised by the Liverpool Chess Club, which took place at the Liverpool Collegiate School during the Easter holidays. R. Jones was runner-up in the Senior Section; R. A. Low was placed first in the section in which he competed. R. Jones was also runner-up in the Lancashire Junior Championship, and has played in the County Junior team on several occasions.

Thanks are due to Mr. Willott for running the Junior Section of the Club, and to Mr. Turner for his help with the Seniors and the School team.

C. K. MACKINNON.

THE INDIAN SCENE

In January of this year I went to India on a good-will visit with a party of cadets. Although it is a sad country, I liked it far more than I had anticipated. It is true that many of the people have insufficient food and that many are unemployed; disease is rife, and, perhaps worst of all, the shortage of houses and the consequent overcrowding are appalling. One realises, though, how much the Indian Government and the international organisations have done to solve these problems. After a few days in India, I did not forget this poverty, but I viewed it as only one feature of the country. Perhaps the Indians themselves influenced me in adopting this attitude by their own acceptance of the position.

India is a marvellous country for those who enjoy watching the scene around them. The colours are enchanting, particularly those connected with clothes. In Delhi, where we stayed for most of the trip, the men of the educated classes wore Western clothes; the others chose a fantastic mixture of Eastern and Western, usually with a shirt flapping outside their trousers. Women are seldom seen in Western clothes, but dress in very bright colours.

The streets are extremely picturesque. Shops without windows offer for sale a wide variety of goods, and thousands of stalls, surrounded by swarms of flies, cook all types of food. Small stalls advertise themselves as colleges, have professional writers for hire, or recommend their medicines and pills. Rickshaws and ox-carts crowd the streets, and traffic of a more modern variety increases the confusion. Every vehicle seems to have a horn, which is used continually, but the policemen seem quite unconcerned; one remained unmoved, even when a cyclist crashed into the stand from which he was driving the traffic.

The Mogul buildings in Delhi, Agra, and Fatehpur Sikri are most impressive, especially the Taj Mahal, which is located in a garden and is a fine and inspiring sight, with its black inlaid marble. New Delhi, with its well planned gardens, tree-lined roads and excellent Government buildings, provides a striking contrast to the narrow and crowded streets of Old Delhi, dominated by the Mosque and the Red Fort. The Indians seem less proud of this well-planned New Delhi than of the progress they have themselves made since achieving self-government.

On every day of our very short stay in Jaipur (a fascinating city with pink walled buildings and an Arabian Nights setting) we saw a wedding procession headed by a group of musicians. Sword dancers and men carrying torches or setting off firecrackers mingled with the guests. The bridegroom was mounted on a white horse.

Throughout the tour the only tigers I saw were in the zoo and the only snakes were in the hands of a charmer. Many-coloured birds were everywhere, monkeys swarmed over the old buildings and in Bombay harbour, and dolphins leaped out of the water, adding their own colour and interest to a background of ancient fishing boats.

The warm hospitality extended us by our Indian hosts greatly impressed us. They were very anxious to please us and to be friendly.

R. B. J. (A.M.2).

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Our activities last term consisted entirely of film shows. Several of these were concerned with various aspects of Canadian geography and life. The meetings were generally very well attended, but the audiences were largely made up of juniors, and the lack of interest in the Society among the seniors studying geography has been very noticeable. It is, however, very gratifying to see that the Society library has become more popular, especially among junior members, and is being used sensibly by them. This enthusiasm among members in the Lower School promises well for the future of the Society.

At the end of the Summer term it is hoped to hold the annual excursion to some place of geographical interest.

In conclusion, the Secretaries would like to thank our Chairman, Mr. Edwards, for his constant interest and advice.

E. RICHARDS, J. C. MITCHELL

SIXTH FORM SCIENCE SOCIETY

In past years, meetings held in the few weeks before the General Certificate of Education examinations have been badly attended, and so meetings this term have been temporarily suspended.

Since the publication of the last magazine, lectures have been given on "The Development of Nuclear Physics", "Mountain Building", "The Evolution of Man", "Chemical Warfare and Civil Defence" and "British Voles".

A party from the Society had a very enjoyable afternoon last term, when they visited the Great Howard Street Mill of J. Bibby and Son.

After the examinations we hope to have a lecture from Mr. W. H. Jones, on the subject of "Colour," and a visit to Bidston Observatory has been arranged for the afternoon of July 7th.

The meetings of the Society are usually well attended, but we should like to see more members of the Classical and Modern Sixth Forms taking an interest in Science.

I. H. MCGREGOR.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

More than a hundred prints were entered for the Photographic Sections of the Hobbies Show. This is more than on any previous such occasion. The standard of artistry and technical accomplishment varied greatly, but was generally quite satisfactory. Visitors seemed very favourably impressed, and members may congratulate themselves on a creditable showing. In both subject and treatment there was much originality.

Mr. W. H. Jones has this term continued the tutorial classes for beginners. The pupils have become quite proficient. Unfortunately, the three talks for more advanced members could not be given. Mr. Moran's proposed visit coincided with another School function, and had to be postponed. Mr. Allen, because of injuries received in a motor accident, had to cancel his visit; and Mr. H. Jones' ill health prevented his visiting us.

We wish them a speedy recovery, and look forward to hearing them next season, when we may have the added pleasure of seeing some of their Coronation photographs.

The Annual Excursion—this year on 10th July—will be to North Wales. As usual, a competition will be held afterwards, for photographs taken on the outing.

About a dozen of our oldest members are leaving School this summer. We wish them well in their new lives, at the Universities, in commerce, or in the Armed Services. There will therefore be room for fresh talent, and members of the Lower Fifth, and higher forms are invited to apply for membership in September.

J. d'A. J.

ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT SOCIETY

As usual meetings have been held every Monday after School, when there have been competitions, films, and lectures—given chiefly by senior members—on subjects varying from "Mersey Ferries" and "Welsh Light Railways" to "Transport Photography" and "Stockport Trams."

Following our usual practice, a Christmas social was held at the end of the autumn term, and was appreciated by all.

During January several members accompanied Mr. Forbes on a trip to Wigan; and again in February a visit was organised to the James Street Control Room and Ventilating Tower of the Mersey Tunnel, where the party was shown over the complete installation. Both trips were most enjoyable.

The Society's Library, organised by G. P. Quale, E. J. Falding and D. Hesketh, is open during the dinner hour every Tuesday and Friday, and the stock continues to grow, though the support is rather discouraging. The Librarians gratefully acknowledge the loan of certain periodicals from Mr. Forbes.

The Society's Hobbies Show exhibit proved a great success. Photographs, posters, and charts were displayed, and reference books were exhibited; while the "Transcope" presented views of British tramways. A competition was also held.

All boys in the Fourth Forms and above are cordially invited to attend the Society's meetings.

In conclusion our thanks are due to our Chairman, Mr. Hosker, who has never failed to encourage and support us in all our activities.

P. L. TAYLOR, J. M. LEARMONT.

MODELS SOCIETY

The past term has been one of great activity for the Society, and the very comprehensive programme culminated in an intensive effort for the Hobby Show, which was excellently supported. The Library is open two days each week, and the improved quantity and quality of literature available are much appreciated. The excursion to Nevin was an outstanding success; luxurious travelling conditions coupled with bright sunshine made the journey through snow-clad Snowdonia one which few will ever forget. The thanks of all concerned are due to Mr. Hughes for the organisation of this memorable event; members are looking forward to another excursion after the examinations, if one can be arranged.

We hope to hold various outdoor competitions during the summer months for aircraft, yachts, power boats, and other models. G. Foster has been appointed organiser of these competitions and he will be glad to provide any information or advice on the subject.

H. W. MOORE.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society, formed but twelve months ago, has made great progress. Films, lectures and competitions are a regular feature. Outings have been made to Ince Woods, Hilbre Island and Delamere Forest, and others are planned for this term.

The Society welcomes Mr. Noonan as Vice-President.

A hearty welcome is extended to anyone interested in any aspect of Natural History.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Spring and Summer meetings have, for the most part, been well attended. A philatelic "20 Questions" session proved extremely popular, as did the Society's annual auction, held in February. On this occasion the stamps were donated by S. Christie, our treasurer, and provided the usual bargains, including some interesting Brazilian issues which had escaped our notice!

In the philatelic section of the Hobbies Show, the Secretary gained first, and the Assistant-Secretary second prize. As well as some excellent entries of coins, an interesting collection of Nazi badges and coins was displayed.

The winners of a competition in March were: A. J. Cummins, A. Graham, and R. Quirk—all of 4A; and D. Craigen of 3C. A most enjoyable talk on "Stamps and Stamp-production," illustrated with some very rare issues, was given in April by Mr. H. Sinclair-Brown, the well-known philatelist.

We have observed with pleasure the interest and support of the lower forms during the past School year, and trust that under the guidance of Mr. Lloyd, to whom our thanks are as ever due, the Society will continue to prosper.

G.E.S.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor, *The Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

Cambridge.

Sir,

Though care-worn be we all and Tripos-toss'd,
 May Balls are in the offing: all's not lost.
 Well fed we are on turkey, soup, Surprise,
 (That word, of course, is French, and rhymes with Caius).
 A letter you request; we'll not refuse,
 But please be kind. You may be—we are not—a Muse.
 The social charm of Mr. Bell's well known;
 His upper lip, still stiff, is now o'ergrown.
 Up flag-staffs high he climbs—don't tell a soul—
 We'd hate to have it said he's up the pole.
 S. Bootle, on the other hand, sees Red
 Whene'er The Worker quotes what Dulles said.
 His college-concert songs were most bizarre;
 He out-Burl Ived Burl Ives on the guitar.
 Neil Wilkie is a man of many parts;
 An actor he, and patron of the Arts.
 No motley clothes for him; he chooses sable.
 (We'd like to tell you more, but we're unable.)
 Mr. Durband now is rarely to be seen
 On foot, that is—he owns a limousine.
 Domestic bliss is his forever more.
 The ancient Mr. D—we're filled with awe.
 Tom Waddington is not the man he seems.
 No thinker he, wrapped up airy dreams.
 He likes his music sweet, like tea, and hot;
 He dances at the Rex, and when that's closed, the Dot.
 Far from the madding crowd in sombre lair
 Dwells, of course, the learned sage of Clare.
 No dance for Mr. Morris; Science calls,
 And Art is silenced. Blueprints line the walls.
 John Little too, in solitary state,
 Thinks deep and often of affairs of weight;
 Then slips away and leaves no trace
 To spend a weekend at the Other Place.
 Of Mr. Henry little need be told;
 He speaks up for himself in accents bold.
 He speaks and speaks and speaks and speaks and speaks—
 He hasn't stopped to take a breath for weeks!
 Yet Mr. King speaks rarely. Such a pity,
 For what he says is sometimes rather witty.
 Who knows who knows, the thought of Mr. Perry?
 He speaks them not. They'd be intriguing. Very.
 B. Hechle is a man who eats no meat.
 (A question comes to mind that's indiscreet.
 If nuts and salads are his guiding passion,
 Who, we'd like to know, consumes his ration?
 Perhaps it's Mr. Jacob.) So it's said,
 It won't be very long before he's wed.
 Where all these Jacobs come from, no one knows,
 But there's another ready when Pete goes.
 Another of that name is Smith of Queens';
 In Meth. Soc., he's the man behind the scenes.
 "Reform," he says, "and put your house in order."
 (He is, you know, a discontented boarder.)
 Roy Hodson is of P. Smith's ancient college;
 Beyond that, we've no further certain knowledge.
 But Mr. Barber is a moneyed man.

If he can't pay his bills, then no one can.
 Liobian wealth is his; he keeps our treasure
 (To stop our wasting it on foolish pleasure).
 Of modern art he is a connoisseur;
 "I have no Private Life." A cri-de-coeur?
 G. Kirby lives in Caius, on staircase K—
 Apart from that, we've little else to say.
 In Pembroke lives a man called Mr. Pugh
 (He's other names as well, but one will do).
 What is this club of his? No one presumes
 To ask the reason for the nom-de-plumes.
 Mr. Dailey has a fatal fascination
 For taxi men and porters at the station.
 When he came up, they took a solemn vow
 To stop him when they could to have a row.
 H. Magnay says that life is very hard;
 He can't procure a Seaman's Union Card.
 He punts and rows and goes on pleasure trips
 And hopes one day to graduate—to ships.
 D. Marsden learns from tutor Norman Leek
 The art of preaching sermons twice a week.
 The Labour Club appeals to Mr. Evans;
 He's sure to be a friend of Mr. Bevan's—
 They both derive from Wales. But Sweeney J.
 Has no such links, and earns his army pay
 In Station Road. Linguistically, he's certain
 To penetrate the famous Iron Curtain.
 No news, alas, got through of Griffith E.;
 He's here all right and plain for all to see.
 I'll not descend to speculations rude;
 Far better sir, far better to conclude.
 Sincerely, and for aye your friend (I hope),
 I sign myself, in modesty,

A. DOPE.

PREFECTS' LETTER

To the Editor, *The Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

Sir,

On being recently invited to test some apparatus for the British Everest team, I set out to look for some high eminence to climb. After hours of patient scrambling I came to the foot of the final slope, at the summit of which was a gleaming black building known to the local natives as the Liverpool Institute. On arriving there, I enquired the nature of its inhabitants, and was informed that the lower orders were ruled over by a band of creatures known familiarly as Oxymorons.

They themselves are ruled by Mr. Oxburgh, who sits enthroned on the Prefectorial Chair of State—the only safe chair in the place—and dispenses justice with one hand and autographs with another. He uses his third hand solely for practising wrestling, which he demonstrates to and with willing, or unwilling spectators, in order to keep in training for his appearances at a local hall as the Masked Oxypuss. His companion in crime is Mr. Best, of the slow smile and infinite patience, who personally tests all sleeping drugs on the market. It is said that he has taken to boat-building and is only waiting for the ocean to dry before journeying to America in his craft. In

this noble task, he has been joined by Mr. Arno, a skilled Fives player, who would like the game called sixes and sevens to harmonise with his natural temperament. He made his debut this season in the School Second XI, and steadily growing. To help him calculate this infinite quantity, he has called in the help of the two oldest inhabitants, Mr. Pine and Mr. Mylchreest. The latter plays the organ, but the organ usually wins. Indeed the Slaughter on Tenth Avenue is nothing to what has happened to those allegedly safely-grazing sheep. Mr. Pine is a tactful gentleman, who laughs at Mr. Mylchreest's jests. No one seems to know what he does in his spare time—it has been suggested that he collects the clangers dropped by others, but one cannot give Mr. Pine the dead needle.

Mr. Bird and Mr. Mackinnon represent the Air Force and the Army—respectively, if not respectfully. Mr. Mackinnon has now assumed the task of leading a cricket XI, a sport not quite so familiar to him as that of the chess board, on which his feats are tremendous. Mr. Bird is a cannibal who revels in drinking egg-flips. In addition to his hobby of tying up his colleagues with the window-cords, he has become a cricket supporter, and shouts "Fore" in a most encouraging fashion.

Mr. Leeming is an all-rounder, and was recently seen batting in an emerald green sweater and an immaculate pair of football boots. His withering wit (see *Punch*, 1866) is the occasion of much aspirin-taking among his brethren. With his name may be coupled that of Mr. Leech, but, though his name implies it, this gentleman is no sucker. The blonde bombshell of the P.R. is an amateur kipper-smoking enthusiast and is in line for the highest trophy of his fraternity—Jemima, the oldest kipper in captivity.

Musical entertainment is provided by Mr. Richards and Mr. Christie, who sing duets in effectively moving fashion. They are, however, a most contrasting pair; Mr. Richards is tired of the world and everyone in it, including a mysterious Arab, one El Bee Uu. He is also pursued by an M.P.—policeman or politician, I know not. His co-performer, whose artistic taste and discrimination are well known to his public in *The Liverpool Echo*, is a benevolent Pickwickian type; his chief delights in life are eating and making peculiar noises. He comes to school on a cloud of wire wool, which he affectionately terms a bicycle. These two entertainers are now rehearsing in secret a new opus by Mr. Cook, the P.R. Poet Laureate, who was brought immediate fame by his adaptation of the School Song to the tune of "Clementine." He is rumoured to be on the point of publishing his first book of verse, an occasion eagerly awaited by the less intellectual members of the School.

After the poet comes the critic, Mr. Ritchie, a rather stolid gentleman of uncertain habits. To him troop the legions to be advised on how to dress correctly. It is indeed a pity that Mr. Ritchie knows nothing about Romans. Mr. Mitchell is—I quote his own words—"a quiet, tidy, reserved, handsome, youth." He likes anything that is baked. For some unknown reason he is usually sternly disapproved of by the P.R. Peter Pan, Mr. McGregor, who sucks home-made acid drops (concentrated sulphuric). Many are the incautious ones who have dared to lay a finger on this mighty midget, for he is guarded by none other than Mr. Owens, the distinguished motor-cyclist. Besides preventing anyone from laying hands on Mr. McGregor's lollipops, Mr. Owens used to make money in another way—but the C.I.D. had a few words to say about this. In the last cell is Mr. Parry, an undiscovered genius. He is a comedian whose jokes are so subtle that he is usually the last, as well as the first, to see them.

But now I must cut short my discourse, for I see a hydra-headed goliwog approaching. As it raises its steaming stewpot, I hastily raise my umbrella and sign myself,

MOSSCROP IVANOVITCH SNOG

CONTINENTAL

THUNDERSTORM

The bright day was rapidly being transformed into night by the huge black clouds that were looming overhead. We pressed on hopefully, but in a short time an accident to the bicycle of a member of our party forced us to stop; at the same time we took shelter from the rain, which had now developed into a steady downpour.

We had cycled about four miles from the station of Essen-Kupferdreh; it became impossible for us to ride against driving gusts of rain and we were forced to take shelter against the wall of a nearby building, where we waited until the storm should pass. But this was no ordinary storm. It was completely dark, with not a light to be seen along the roadside for miles. Most German roads have plenty of signs, especially those indicating bad surfaces—Schlechte Wegstrecke, Frostaufbrüche, Rutschgefahr—but this road had no sign at all, except one pointing to a village that was not marked on our map.

At one junction we took the wrong road, and, although we did not go more than half a mile out of our way, at that time this seemed an interminably long distance. Eventually we reached Gevelsberg, after the most difficult journey of forty-six miles I ever wish to experience, and we settled down to one of the most appetising meals I have ever tasted.

C. J. MORLEY (6Bc).

FOOD

Morning and evening meals at youth hostels were comparatively cheap, but we had to buy our mid-day meal elsewhere. There were two courses open to us to buy a meal in a restaurant (that would cost approximately fifteen shillings), or to make it ourselves.

In Belgium there are many small cafés that sell no food, but they specialise in supplying liquid refreshment to those who bring food to eat there. All that is necessary, therefore, is a loaf of bread and a packet of margarine. When I found a confectioner's and asked, in English, for bread, I was immediately confronted with a number of loaves of various sizes and prices, but the price did not vary with the size. In the end I bought a rather large loaf, which cost me one shilling and twopence.

The Belgians have no exact equivalent of the English grocer's shop. After searching in several streets, I came to a shop which sold flour, biscuits and cheese, but upon asking, I learnt that one could not buy margarine there. Another shop-keeper offered me butter at five shillings a packet! Eventually I obtained a packet of margarine for one shilling at a shop, the windows of which were filled solely with tinned goods. A slice of cheese cost me one and fivepence, and for four francs I received a cup of a liquid that bore a faint resemblance to coffee.

I enjoyed my meal, but I resolved that, next day, I would eat the rest of the loaf sitting on a bench in the town square.

S. G. NORRIS (6Bc).

TRAFFIC

In Germany motor-cars consist of two main types, German and American, both of which have very powerful engines. Volkswagen, with their engines at the back, are ubiquitous, as are Opels, Studebakers and Cadillacs. There are no accepted common-sense traffic rules, as in Britain, where a car stops, if it is entering a main road from a side road, and where there is not much overtaking to the inconvenience of people who are travelling the opposite way. A speed limit through towns hardly exists, and if by chance it does, then it stands at 37 miles per hour.

We had many unpleasant experiences with American military vehicles, but Germany has its own special cyclists' terror—the German lorry, which is half as big again as its British counterpart, twice as long, for it hauls a loaded trailer, and fifteen feet high. These monsters, comparable to those which frequented the Romantic Rhine many years ago, range the highways with no apparent speed barrier, carrying off victims from every town they pass. My one mortal dread was to meet a German lorry at night.

J. M. LEARMONT (6Am2).

THE TEMPEST

The dark and lowering sky
Hangs on a wind-whipped sea;
The masts draw circles up on high,
The land looms hard-a-lee.
The wind, it howls and whips the foam,
As though in the devil's grip;
And waves, like unleashed furies, roam
And thunder past the ship.
The breakers fall upon the shore
In lines of glistening white.
The lightning's flash and thunder's roar
Strike deep into the night.

G. G. F. (UVA).

REALISATION

This poem-writing is a deed,
In which you find an extreme need
For inspiration.

And if this does not come to you,
You'll find that you are driven to
Desperation.

Trying to think of what to write,
You pace your attic day and night—
Perambulation.

To the penalty of writing nought
You dare not give a single thought
Trepidation.

The labouring will make you fret,
And soon you will be soaked in
Perspiration.

You send it to the Editor,
Await his verdict: he'll print it or—
Strangulation.

You get a letter, dare you guess?
Oh, hurrah! at last success:
Publication!

N. W. F. (UVA).

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After following the track for some time we reached the snow; it lay all around us clean and dazzling; like a mirror it reflected the sun's heat and we felt our faces burning after only a few minutes walking. The track we were following soon joined the railway, over which lay occasional drifts of six feet or more. For some time we ran, floundered, jumped and fell in the snow, until we began to feel hungry; we then at last struggled up, as over thirty others had done that day, to the small squat building at the top.

After the brilliant light of the snow the sudden gloom inside left us blinded for a moment, but at length we could make out dark figures, sitting, lying and sprawling on the floor, or on benches about the huge fire, which the maintenance gang in the building had kept going.

"We must see the view," said one of our party; and so we left the warmth of the hall and went out once more into the blinding sunlight. We walked around the cairn at the top, until we found the way up it, and then clambering up this final few feet we gained the summit, the highest point in Wales—the top of Snowdon.

"Wonderful view, isn't it?" said the man with the stick who stood by us; we agreed wholeheartedly.

To our left lay Cardigan Bay and we could see clear to Bardsey Island and beyond, out over St. George's Channel. In front of us, but still to the left, lay Anglesey looking like a green playing field and contrasting sharply with the darker, brown mountains that swept to the edge of the Straits, and all around us as far as the eye could see; they hid Liverpool from us, they hid the Marches from us. Nothing but rolling mountains and glass-like sea! Yes, a wonderful view!

Back to the station. Again the complete blindness as we entered; again the thirty-odd human beings; the German girls from the hostel drying their socks by the fire; the gruff men from the Midlands, and the young man who lay completely exhausted on the unused buffet counter. After sandwiches and a little hot oxo we thought of returning.

We went once more to the world of white outside. We examined the icicles, which, blown by the stiff winds, grew horizontally on one side of the platform guardrail. Again we played and jumped in the snow, posed for photographs and threw snowballs. Finding a large, smooth, bank of snow, we lay down to sunbathe and managed to acquire that burnt, peeling, red-faced look which is so often seen amongst sun-bathers.

Then down again after glancing at the ant-like figures far below us. Soon we were below the snow line, back on to rock; then on to grass until we reached the road and the Youth Hostel which lay in the shadow of snow-capped Snowdon.

G. BILSON (6Bm2).

LIOBIANS A.F.C.

The highlight of the 1952-53 season from the playing point of view was undoubtedly a draw in the Final of the Old Boys' Junior Shield, which we share for 12 months with Essemmay. In this competition the Club acts as agent for the Old Boys' Association, and Old Boys and members of the School are eligible to play. Our particular congratulations go to Messrs. Hayes, Malabar, Sefton and Best, who were members of the team and worthily upheld the School traditions both in ability and demeanour throughout the competition. Our League teams had a mixed season with no particular distinctions except for the 2nd XI, which reached the semi-final of its League Trophy. We were also honoured by having one member of the Club chosen for the Old Boys' League representative team in all its matches.

At Easter we toured the Oswestry district, playing local teams on each of three days and having a final analysis of one win, one loss and one drawn

game. The party of 26 left Liverpool on the evening prior to Good Friday and returned on Easter Monday night. It was a most enjoyable trip and we are anticipating a similar expedition next Easter, possibly breaking new ground.

A dance held in January was also enjoyed by all who attended. We are in the fortunate position of having a most sociable and enthusiastic body of members and can guarantee an enjoyable evening on these occasions, even if not a successful one financially as far as the Club is concerned. Fortunately, the dance proved a success from both points of view.

It was disappointing that our commitments forced us to postpone the James Deane Payne Memorial Trophy Competition until next September, when we hope to see the School teams represented once again. We look forward to the usual keen and sporting tussles which this Competition always provokes, and which are a fitting tribute to one who was himself a sportsman in the best sense of the word.

It may seem early to be laying plans for next season, but the Management Committee at all events has little respite from the tasks of consolidating the position we have already won, and continuing our advance. The essential condition in both these aims is to have a constant flow of new and young recruits into our ranks, and for this we look to the only source from which our members are obtained—the School. We can provide games for both the player of promise and the indifferent player, and each may be assured of a warm welcome when he joins Liobians A.F.C.

Our hearty congratulations go to Leeming and his team on a really fine season, and particularly on winning the Senior Shield. Although the winning of competitions must never be the object of the game nevertheless some concrete form of recognition after a successful season is analogous to the icing upon a cake.

We offer our thanks once again to those members of the Staff who by their efforts have enabled us to enjoy yet another soccer season. To the Headmaster in particular we are profoundly grateful, as through his kind offices we are permitted the use of Mersey Road, and in his capacity as President of the Club, his unflinching interest he shows in our welfare is most heartening and is fully appreciated by all the officials of the Club. Mr. Reece, by his wise Chairmanship, directs our policies upon what we consider to be very sound lines, and Mr. Morgan, who is also a member of our Management Committee, with his irrepressible enthusiasm is ever ready to give a helping hand where it is most required.

W. FAIRCLOUGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

OXFORD LETTER

The Editors regret that despite great importunity they are without the customary letter from the Old Boys in Oxford; it is hoped that it will prove possible to resume its publication in the next issue of the magazine.

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