



APRIL, 1956

KING EDWARD VI. SCHOOL,
BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Headmaster's Notes

THE Athletic Sports, to be held on Thursday, May 17th, will this year commence at 11.15, with a break from 12.45 to 2. We aim at completing the day's programme by 4 p.m. Half-term will follow—until Tuesday evening for Boarders and until Wednesday morning for Day boys.

On Founder's Day, Thursday, July 5th, the usual service will be held in the Cathedral, at 3 p.m. The sermon will be given by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. After the payment of expenses for service sheets the balance of the collection will be paid into a special fund for assisting out-of-school activities.

The Cadet Corps Inspection will be on Tuesday, July 3rd, at 3.30 p.m., the Inspecting Officer being Col. F. W. Houghton-Beckford.

Speech Day and Old Boys' Day will be on Saturday, July 14th. The proceedings will commence at 11.15 and visitors and boys will be accommodated in the new Library, on the Lawn and in the Gym., the speeches being relayed from the Library. The principal speaker will be the member for the constituency—Mr. W. Aitken, M.P.

It is quite impossible for us to use the Athenæum and in any event such a function ought to be held at the School so that visitors may see something of the work of the boys. The cricket match against the Old Boys will commence at 12.30, with lunch at 1.30, play resuming at 2.15.

It is hoped that parents will give full support to these functions and may I once again say that parents are always welcome to all School matches and activities throughout the year.

We shall have no party going abroad in the summer holidays this year—our aim is to arrange for such a trip every other year. There will, however, be the usual camps for Scouts and the Cadet Corps.

The Old Buriens' Association is doing good work in holding the Old Boys of the School together, both in Bury and in London. We do urge every leaver to join the Association and so keep in touch with the School.

We say good-bye to Mr. A. D. Greenhalgh with the greatest regret and thank him for all he has done for the School. His work in Science will be missed—as will his nimble fingers out of the form room.

We also say good-bye to Matron, who goes to join her husband in Lancashire. Again we thank her for her work amongst us and wish her well.

Hamlet

It was the privilege of our Sixth Form English Group to accompany the County School on January 25th to a performance of "Hamlet," produced by Peter Brook, at the Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross. This was the same company that received so many accolades on the occasion of its visit to Moscow towards the end of last year and it was for this reason that all present entertained the highest hopes of the performance.

Paul Schofield in no way disappointed in the title role, and just as the young Prince of Denmark dominates Shakespeare's play dramatically, so he dominated the performance histrionically. He endowed his Hamlet with an unusual gentleness, thus accenuating the poignancy of this great tragedy in which "the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" and where, because of this fact, eight lives are forfeit instead of merely that of a "murderer and a villain." The agony of the introspective mind that sees the path of honour clear but shrinks from it because it is the path of killing, the anguish of the gentle nature in which wrong enters as a thorn to wound and rankle, not as a spur to revenge, were movingly portrayed in this triumphant performance by Schofield; the only possible fault that one could find in his superb character-study (and it seems almost churlish to mention it) was his tendency to adopt ballet-like poses during the course of the action which occasionally proved somewhat disconcerting.

Although Ernest Thesiger and Mary Ure portrayed Polonius and Ophelia in a manner that was fully worthy of Schofield's Hamlet, one gathered the impression that the Press had been rather too ecstatic about the rest of the cast and Brook's production. Alec Clunes lacked the dignity and royal attributes that one associates with the character of Claudius and his interpretation of the part appeared to err towards the "Bluff King Hal" prototype, although it must be conceded that he managed to retain in his performance the virtues of courage and repentance (or, at least, half-repentance) which prevent the king becoming a dyed-in-the-wool villain. Diana Wynyard, as Gertrude, conveyed the worldly shallowness of the Queen.

Ernest Thesiger, however, the oldest member of the cast at seventy-six, brought a quite remarkable pathos to the role of Polonius, whose faculties of statesmanship, which Shakespeare indicates had once been great, have been reduced by the relentless advance of the years to mere garrulousness—seasoned with a certain sagacity—and a fatal interest in the affairs of other people. This performance of Thesiger struck a chord of sympathy in the hearts of the audience; and that of Mary Ure, as Ophelia, had no less an effect for she portrayed most movingly the innocent loveliness of the young girl driven to distraction and death by the loss of her beloved father. The remaining acting was of varying standard and ranged from an amusingly excellent presentation of the royal lap-dogs, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, to an inadequate Laertes who ranted and roared to no effect.

The production was of high standard throughout the play, although one felt convinced neither by the ghost of "buried Denmark," who insisted on forsaking his rightful home of Stygian darkness at the back of the stage for the more earthly light of frontstage, nor by the "gravedigging scene," in which the gravediggers were compelled to excavate large quantities of air which served as imaginary earth. It also proved to be an unnecessary hindrance to the last scene to have such a large number of courtiers on the stage at the climax of the play that some of the ladies-in-waiting appeared oblivious of the fact that four corpses were littering the stage.

Nevertheless, it is a far easier task to criticise than it is to perform and the whole audience would have agreed that this was a fine presentation of a long and difficult play, rendered truly memorable by Schofield's Hamlet.

P. J. FARTHING.

William Sancroft, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury

Born at Ufford Hall, Fressingfield, on January 30th, 1617, Sancroft was educated at King Edward VI. School, then invariably known as Bury School, and proceeded to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1633. In 1643 he became a Fellow of that College, only to be deprived of that honour in 1651 during the Parliamentary regime. News of the Restoration brought him back from the Continent where he had engaged in extensive travel.

One of his first tasks was to preach the Consecration Sermon of his Cambridge friend Dr. Cosyn, Bishop of Durham. Among the six other Prelates consecrated at the same time was another Burian, John Gauden, Bishop of Exeter and later of Worcester.

Sancroft's promotion was rapid. A Canon of Durham, he soon became Master of Emmanuel and, shortly afterwards, Dean of York. Ten months later he was Dean of St. Paul's and under him began the rebuilding of that Cathedral as we know it.

Sancroft was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on January 27th, 1678. His approach to Charles the Second on his deathbed was unavailing, as were his attempts to convert from Roman Catholicism the later James the Second, at whose Coronation he officiated, abridging the service and omitting a celebration of the Holy Communion.

In 1687 James published the famous "Declaration for Liberties of Conscience"—a somewhat circuitous way of favouring his own religion. All clergy were later ordered to read it in their churches. In May, 1688, at a meeting of Bishops and Clergy at Lambeth it was resolved not to comply with the order and to petition the King against it. To James this was treason and proceedings were commenced against Sancroft, together with the Bishops of Chichester, Ely, Peterborough, Bath and Wells, St. Asaph, and Bristol, all of whom found themselves in the Tower. They were acquitted and soon afterwards James was an exile and William and Mary joint Sovereigns. But to Sancroft this was no answer to the problems of the reign of James and he took no part in their Coronation, nor would he attend the House of Lords. He could not take the oath to William and Mary and the end was inevitable; suspended from office in August, 1689, he was deprived of his See in 1690. He later retired to Fressingfield and for the remainder of his life would have nothing to do with those who had taken the oath to William and Mary. He died in 1693 and was buried in the churchyard at Fressingfield.

E. H. Alderson

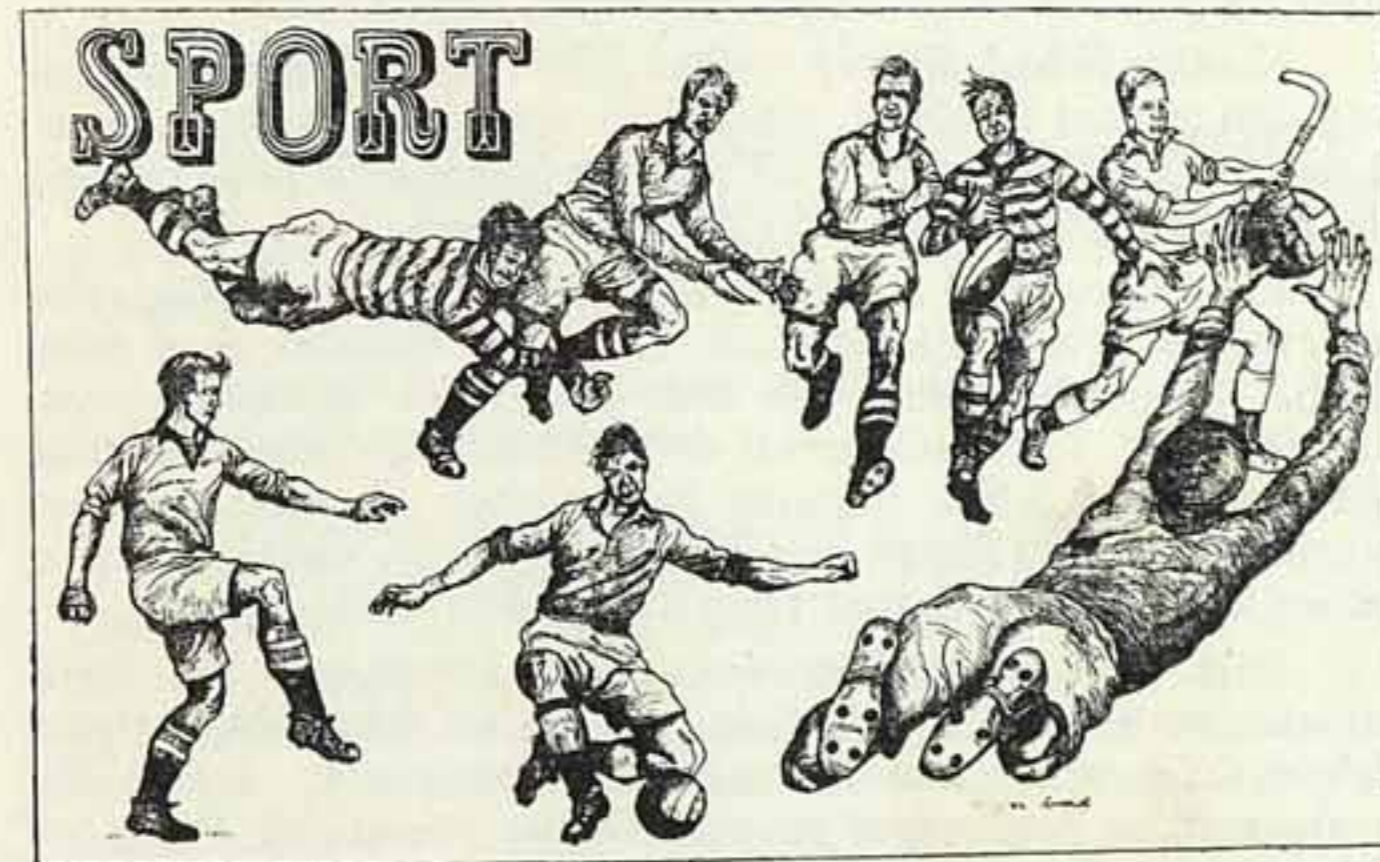
At Bury School 1803—5. Caius College, Cambridge. Senior Wrangler. Fellow. Baron of the Exchequer. Died 1857. Buried at Risby.

One of the most interesting cases tried by Mr. Baron Alderson was one that followed the Derby of 1844, in which

the favourite was poisoned before the race, whilst Running Rein, the eventual winner, disposed of a rival by breaking its leg at the start.

The owner of Orlando, the second horse in the race, protested that Running Rein had in fact been replaced by a four-year-old, a horse ineligible to run in the Derby. The owner of Running Rein thereupon brought an action against the owner of Orlando. Witness after witness vouched for Running Rein being the horse that had actually won and that it was in fact a three-year-old.

Suddenly Mr. Baron Alderson demanded to see the horse—he wished to examine its mouth. But the horse had conveniently disappeared—a mystery that remains unsolved. The case collapsed and Orlando was deemed to have won the Derby.



Hockey

K.E.G.S. v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Thursday, February 16th. Away. Lost 14—1.

The School were perhaps a little unfortunate in meeting such a strong team for the first game of the term and, although completely outplayed, never gave up.

The speedy college forwards were quick to take advantage of any defensive slips and six goals were scored in the first

twenty minutes. The School then retaliated with a series of dangerous attacks, but the home goal-keeper kept out any shots that reached him. St. John's having broken down these attacks began to launch their own, and scored twice more before half-time.

Another dazzling quarter-of-an-hour's play at the beginning of the second half saw the home team score five more goals before the School could settle down again. Although several shots were hit away by the School defence another goal was scored by St. John's before Lawrence scored after a dribble from the half-way line.

K.E.G.S. v. NORTHGATE G.S.

Saturday, March 3rd. Home. Won 2—0.

After a slow start this game livened up to produce some good hockey, the School fully deserving their victory.

Northgate had slightly the better of the opening exchanges but, due to poor finishing, Mendham was only troubled once. Apart from a Bearman hit off the line following a short corner, the remaining thrills came in the second half.

The School goal had two narrow escapes just after the interval but when the forwards had their chances they took them. Nurrish scored the first goal after the game was fifty minutes old, Smith having dribbled through before making the final pass. Six minutes later, after blunting another Northgate thrust, Smith sent Farthing into the circle to score rather a lucky second goal from a near-horizontal position.

This blow seemed to discourage Northgate, for their attacks were more easily disjointed by an admirably strong School defence in which the backs were very safe. It was left to the visiting goalkeeper to provide the remaining thrills of the game by saving three creditable shots from Smith (2) and Nurrish.

K.E.G.S. v. PERSE.

Saturday, March 3rd. Away. Lost 3—0.

The School lost this game during a five minute period half way through the game. It was during this spell that the dangerous Perse forwards scored thrice.

Perse began on the offensive and it was soon apparent that their fast wingers were going to be a danger to the School.

Good defensive play kept the home forwards out and, after a quarter of an hour, the play became more even. The game then began to open out and both goals had narrow escapes before Perse scored their first goal, two minutes from half-time, following a short corner.

Two more goals in the first three minutes of the second half put the home team in an almost invincible position, and the standard of play deteriorated. Following one of the flashes of good hockey during this half, Nurrish shot hard at goal, only for the ball to hit the goalkeeper's arm and bounce on to the goal-line before being cleared. The School forwards were allowed little scope after this and strong tackling by the home defence prevented any further score.

K.E.G.S. v. OLD BURIANS.

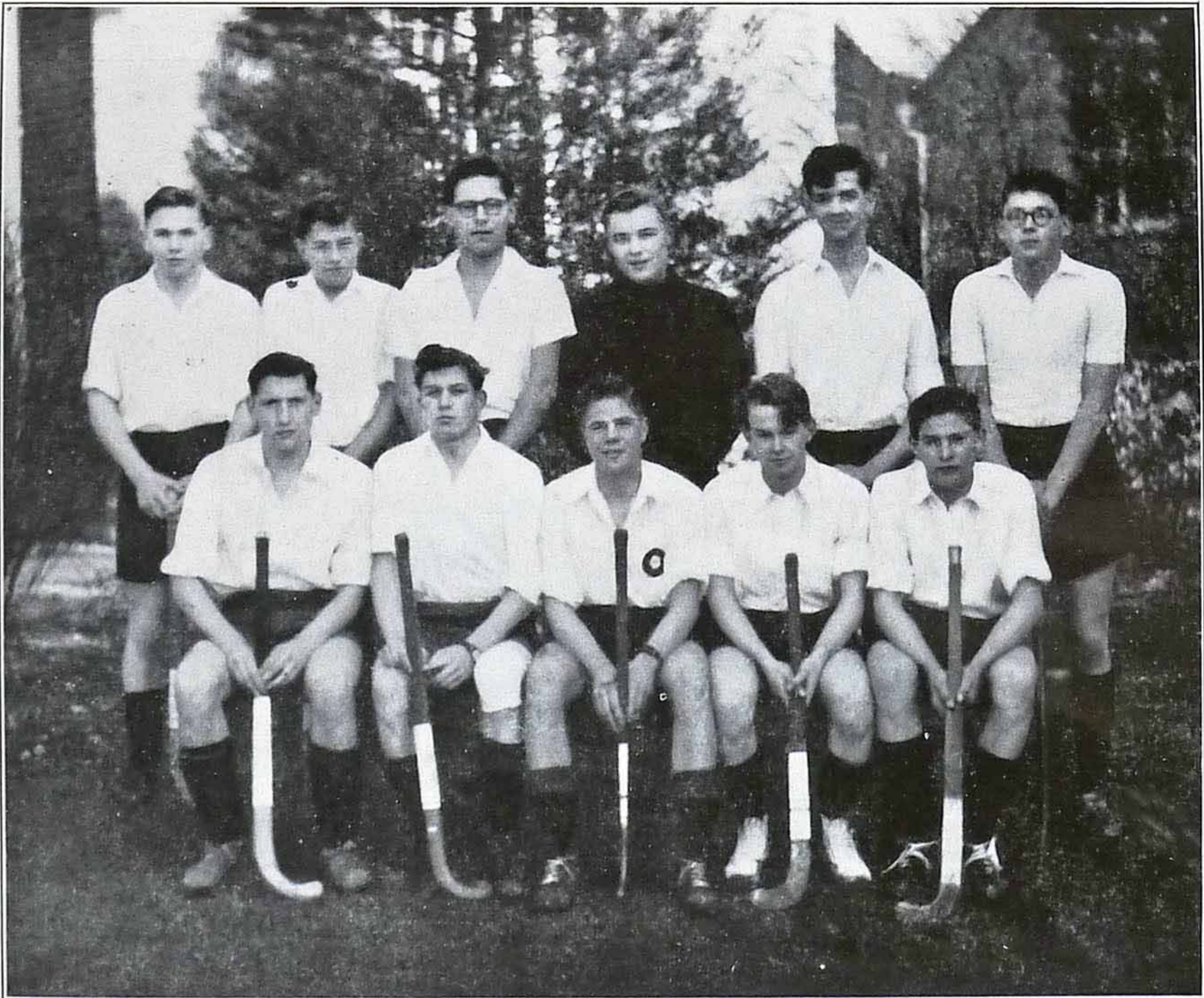
Saturday, March 10th. Home. Lost 5—2.

Old Boys' XI.: G. Turvey; M. O. R. Minns, J. M. Abbott; P. E. Abbott, C. Jennings, P. Shelbourne; P. Cooke, I. F. McGeehan, R. B. Abbott (sen.), H. Shelbourne, H. Ringrose.

A strong Old Boys' team fought back from a 2—1 deficit at half-time to win by 5—2.

The School were off to a flying start when Nurrish scored in the first minute, and continued to press in the early stages. Once the Old Boys settled down, however, they showed that the match would be no easy School victory, and it came as no surprise when H. Shelbourne fastened on to a defensive slip to equalize. The School lead was restored minutes later when Nurrish collected a pass from Smith to score an opportunist goal. From then until the interval neither set of forwards could produce a further goal, due mainly to strong tackling and good covering by the defences.

The match was won and lost in the first ten minutes of the second half. The Old Boys scored twice during this time, through H. Shelbourne and Cooke. The Old Boys continued to press and H. Shelbourne completed his hat-trick after a brilliant run. Although the School attacked for a short while, any shots were saved quite comfortably, and it was left to H. Shelbourne to complete the scoring with a well-directed shot from the back of the circle.



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FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE 2nd XI. v. K.E.G.S.

Thursday, March 3rd. Away. Won 4—0.

The School won this poor game quite comfortably, mainly because the forwards took their chances, whereas the home team did not.

During the first ten minutes both teams tended to keep the ball too close, but the School were definitely on top. When the game began to open up, however, Framlingham launched a series of dangerous raids on the School goal. The home team possessed a strong trio of inside forwards, but these were generally stopped just short of the circle. When they managed to get into shooting range their shooting was weak, but Bearman had to clear off the line once with the goalkeeper beaten. Just before half-time the School cleared one of these attacks to Smith, who sent Nurrish racing through to score with a cool flick past the advancing goalkeeper.

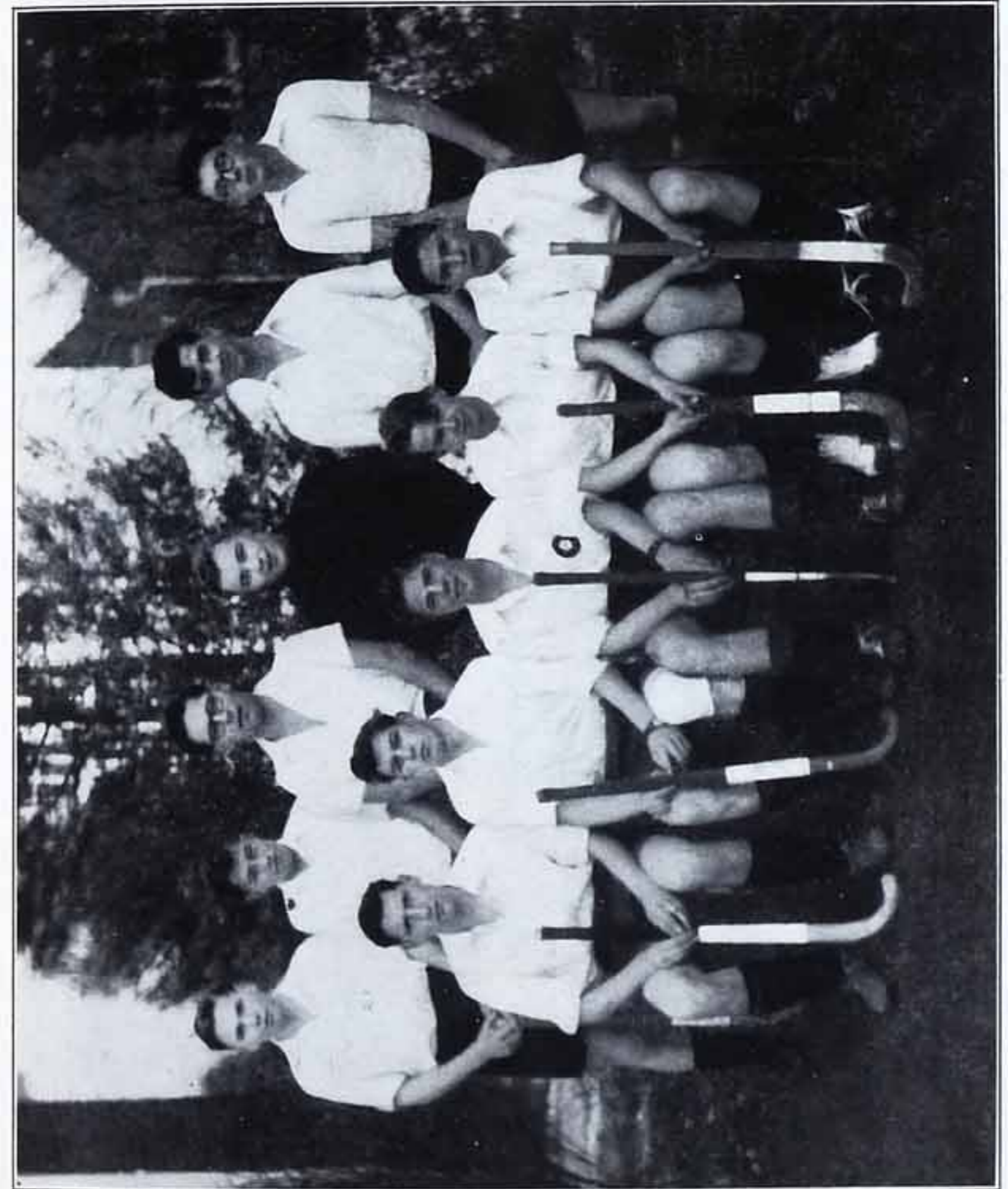
Although the home team attacked first after half-time, it was the School who scored first, Nurrish sweeping in a centre from the right. Again the College attacked, only to meet resolute defence and again it was the School who scored. This time a short corner was successfully converted by Nurrish. An opportunist goal by the School centre-forward, his—and the School's—fourth, was made possible by a hesitant defence before Framlingham moved up into the School circle to pound at the School goal. Luck favoured the School, though; one shot was cleared off the line and another hit the post, but generally the home team's finishing was weak. Play during the final ten minutes was one long scramble in the School half of the field, but the School goal was threatened only once before the final whistle.

 JUNIOR HOCKEY.

Junior XI.'s have played three matches this term. On February 16th, against the Silver Jubilee, the School won 14—1, but this large score was due to the lack of experience of the visiting team, and this should be a much more even game in future years.

On March 3rd, against Northgate G.S., at Ipswich, the School won 2—1. This was a very good game and the School won because of the team's zeal and determination.

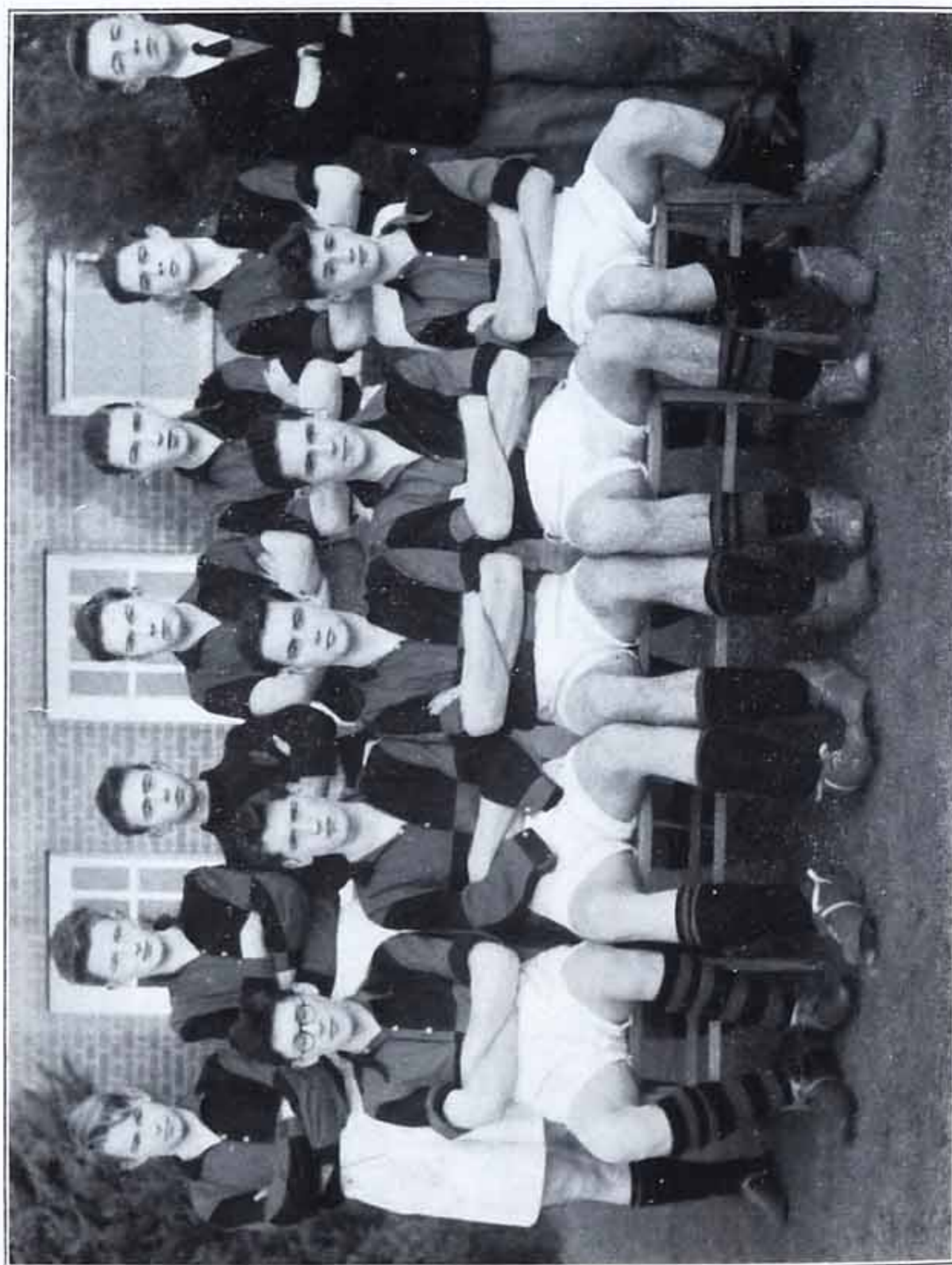
On March 15th, against Brandeston Hall, the School won a very undistinguished game by 2 goals to 1. Brandeston



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Hall were a much smaller team, and deserve every credit for keeping the score down.

Howlett, captain for the last two games, has worked tirelessly, as has Whiting, and altogether much promising material has revealed itself.

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Once again the weather has shortened the season considerably, and we have been able to play a mere five of the eleven matches. However, on two abandoned games afternoons we had talks on Hockey, the one from Mr. R. L. Dodds, an England International and an Old Boy of the School, the other from Mr. B. Robins, the well known Suffolk County player.

After the heavy defeat by St. John's College, the School gained a little confidence by beating Northgate Grammar School by two goals to nil, a team recently described by the East Anglian Daily Times as a very useful one indeed.

We lost against Perse School, Cambridge, a new and welcome fixture, and against a sound Old Boys' side, but winning our last game, against Framlingham 2nd XI., by four clear goals.

The boys who joined us from the County School had not played hockey before, and some might well have copied the example of Jaggard who practised steadily and who won his place as right back in the 1st XI., where he played four extremely useful games, his hitting being surprisingly hard.

Two players who did very well indeed were Miles and King, while Nurrish as centre-forward scored seven of the School's nine goals.

The Second Eleven had only four games, winning two and drawing one—a good record.

Once again we thank Mr. Smeltzer for running the 1st XI., and Mr. Searle and Mr. Walls for their work with the other Elevens. Mr. Dart had, as usual, prepared an excellent fixture list, and Wyard kept the pitches in first class order.

J.H.L.

Full Colours—A. Nurrish, D. I. Smith

Half-Colours—M. Bearman

2nd XI. Colours—N. H. T. Proctor, C. C. Smith,
J. C. Stittle, D. G. Davey.

Cross-Country

Over our own courses, on February 29th, we staged two races: Under 15 and Senior, with Thetford Grammar School. In both races the School were the winners, the scores being 33—46 (Under 15) and 65—71 (Senior). With five in the first eight the Under 15 team won easily, but the Seniors were saved only by solid packing after Thetford had gained first, third, fourth and fifth places. (They had an outstanding runner in Hoskins, winner of the Eastern Counties Youths' event). Thetford's first four, in spite of not knowing the course, had surprised us, but our better-balanced team of nine won deservedly.

The School teams, in order of finishing, were:

Under 15: Bullock and Miles (equal times), Sutton, Ward, Digby, Hooper, Matthews.

Senior: Lawrence, Berry, Moore, Napier, Jaggard, Baker, Rendell, MacCulloch, Harding.

At the R.A.F. Station, Wattisham, on March 10th, in the Suffolk A.A.A. Boy's Race, we fell sadly from grace, and could muster only eighth place among nine teams. Moore, who finished 12th, in a field of 50, was the only one of the School team to do what was expected of him, a fact explained in some degree when it is realised that, the bus having failed to appear, our team arrived at Wattisham well after the race was due to start and were obliged to change hurriedly in a van, run some 300 yards to the starting-point where the rest of the field were lined up waiting for them, the starter with his finger already on the trigger—and then run. Hardly the kind of start we should have liked! But we must not overstate our excuses, for it was certainly not our day (the course was in complete contrast to our own, being very fast and more akin to the track), though had Berry, who lost his shoes in an oasis of mud when occupying fourth position, managed to finish even 15th (instead of 35th), we should have been the fourth team. Baker, given a breathing-space before starting, ran strongly, to finish 8th in a field of 15 in the Youths' Race.

In the West Suffolk Schools' Championship held at Mildenhall on March 13th, our Under 15 team gained fifth place, as last year. This year's performance, however, though one point less would have given us fourth place, was scarcely as satisfactory, as there were only eleven teams instead of sixteen. Whiting, Bullock and Miles gave us a very good start indeed with 10th, 11th and 13th places in a field of 68 runners, but the support from the remainder of the team of six was

inadequate, Matthews, 34th, being our next to finish, and one was left reflecting that our two reserves whom we had left at Bury might have proved more worthy of the occasion.

It was a pity that we were unable to follow up our successes against Thetford with more spectacular results, but it has been an interesting season and many "boy-miles" have been covered in training runs. Lawrence, striving nobly to serve both Hockey and Cross-Country, was the most enthusiastic of captains and indeed his leadership did much to ensure the victory over Thetford. Lower in the School, Bullock is a young runner of much promise.

The Inter-House Races

The three races were run in glorious weather on March 23rd, when in succession 33 under 13 runners, 68 Seniors, and 82 under 15 set off from Shaker's Lane. Some were on their annual pilgrimage, while for others this was the culmination of their season's efforts. There were those who were ambitious and clearly determined to see what they could do—for themselves and for their House—and there were those who seem to have decided that, if they were back in time to enable the Staff Meeting to begin at four o'clock, then all would be satisfied. (It is a serious criticism that there were a few boys who appear to have lost sight of the fact that they were, after all, taking part in an Inter-House competition. You don't come in holding hands with the other fellow, you try to beat him!)

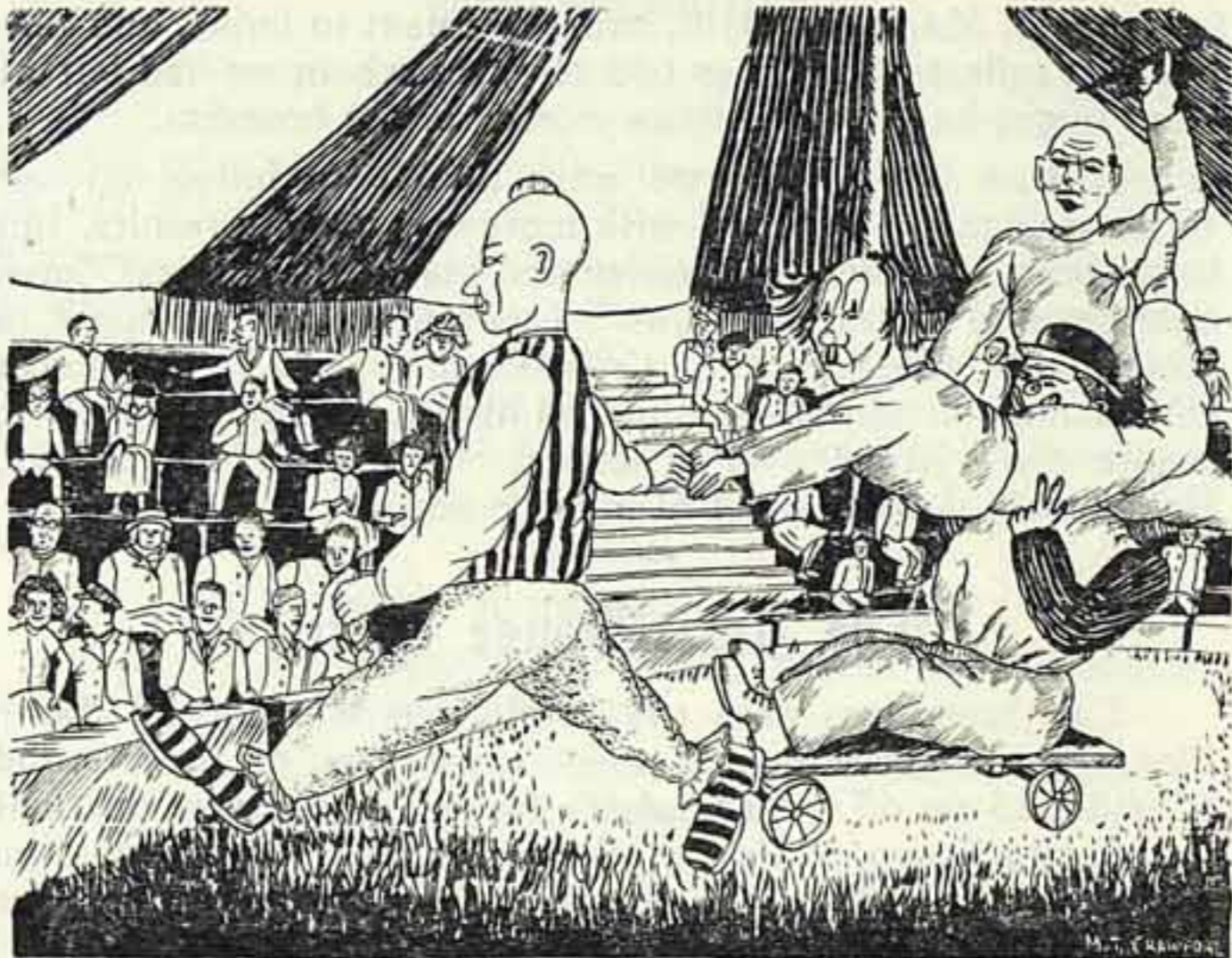
Lawrence, as last year, won the Senior race, and one has now to go back a considerable way to recall when he was last beaten by a schoolfellow in a cross-country race. A. Moore, last year's under 15 runner, was a meritorious second to Lawrence, leaving Berry in third place. Bullock did well to beat Miles in the under 15 race with Matthews, after two disappointing runs for the School, third, and Flack, one of the youngest competitors in the race, fourth. In the under 13 race Bishop ran strongly to win, followed by another Berry (who thus won the family honours).

As may be seen, the day was a triumph for Windsor House.

SENIOR—1st Windsor, 2nd Yorks, 3rd Tudor, 4th Lancs.

UNDER 15—1st Windsor, 2nd Lancs, 3rd Yorks., 4th Tudor.

UNDER 13—1st Yorks, 2nd Windsor, 3rd Tudor, 4th Lancs.



Art Club

This term has seen work commence upon a mural decoration, which is to cover one wall of the corridor connecting the new building to the gymnasium. Senior members of the Club are engaged on what is bound to be a long-term but interesting project, each boy being responsible for one section of the painting. The subject matter has been derived from incidents in the history of the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds.

In the Junior section of the Club some members have made lino cuts, whilst others have produced terra-cotta figurines, some of which were unfortunately decapitated in the kiln. Thus several juniors have discovered to their cost that even if "Sir" does not detect faulty craftsmanship the kiln is sure to be in league with him.

The pottery wheels have now been moved to the Prep. building, where the footprints of would-be potters have been less apparent than they originally were on the fine floors of the new building. Despite their martyrdom, due to the frozen clay and cold water of the winter months this term, seniors have been in combat with large lumps of clay in an effort to produce tall shapes. This is one of the more difficult operations

in the craft, and therefore it is pleasing to be able to report that their efforts have been rewarded with some degree of success.

Despite a broadening of the scope of the Club, there is no doubt that many boys derive the greatest pleasure from painting. The standard of work in this sphere shows considerable development since last year, as we hope will be evident when we have an exhibition of representative work in the Art Room at the end of the Summer Term.

The Dramatic Society

Having begun last term in a very small way with a one-act play, it was decided that for this term's plays there should be some attempt at making scenery. When the fireproofing and sizing operations were in progress, the pervading odours from the Art room rivalled the subtleties of those which are frequently emitted from the Chemistry Lab. The Society is indebted to G. D. Colson, who, as stage-manager, has given a great deal of his time in the construction of the "flats" for the set, and to those who have helped in the painting.

The one-act plays chosen for production at Easter are "Family Album," a mild comedy by Noel Coward, and "The Crimson Coconut," an absurdity by Ian Hay. Whereas last term's cast included only Sixth Form boys, this time the average age is much less, one team being composed entirely of boarders, and the other predominantly of day boys.

After this rather light-hearted resumption of drama in the School it is planned to embark on the production of plays of a more serious nature for the immediate future.

The Athletics Group

No rugger has been played this term owing to the adverse weather conditions. The group took advantage of this, however, to try their hand at boxing and a few interesting bouts were arranged which proved enjoyable, if painful in a few instances.

Athletics has dominated the latter half of the term, and while some boys have limited themselves to the training track others have endeavoured to master the technique of the Discus and Javelin events. A number of boys have been selected to represent West Suffolk in the County Sports at Felixstowe, and we wish them every success.

Next term's senior activity will be swimming, and a match against H.M.S. Ganges is being arranged.

The Gymnastic Group

Work has continued this term in the basic vaults and agilities and progress has been made. It has been pleasing to note the improvement in some boys who have not a marked degree of natural ability.

A number of boys are content to be able to perform the various activities without giving the polished performance of the good stylist. They should remember that every gymnastic activity consists basically of three parts: the approach, the actual agility, and the finish, and that an accomplished gymnast learns to master all three phases.

It is hoped that the group will give a short display of vaulting and agility next term during the School Sports.

The Music Club

President	-	The Headmaster.
Chairman	-	Parkhouse.
Secretary	-	Farthing ii.
Committee	-	Hopwood, Smith iii., Mr. Bridges.

A rather short term has given opportunity for only two meetings of the Senior Club, apart from the Recital on 22nd February, when the majority of the Upper School formed the audience.

February 8th. C. C. Smith gave a very comprehensive talk on the History of Jazz, illustrating his remarks with an admirable series of diagrams and with records of music representative of each period and phase. Everyone, whether a jazz enthusiast or an admirer of the classics, could not fail to appreciate this most interesting and well-informed talk.

February 22nd. Recital by J. L. Stuurop (violin) and Miss B. Land (piano).

The large audience greatly enjoyed this recital by two young Dutch artists. Programme—

Sonata in G	...	...	...	Valentini
Sonata in F	...	...	...	Mozart
Poème	...	...	...	Chansson
La fontaine d'Aréthuse	...	...	...	Szymanowski
Polonaise brillante in D	...	...	...	Wientawshi

The full and rich tone of the violin was greatly admired, as well as the virtuosity of Mr. Stuurop, who although not yet twenty years old, has won European honours for his playing. Violin and piano were in perfect accord; the wide range and variety of the music played revealed how satisfying chamber music can be, even if the youth of the artists perhaps made inevitable a certain lack of subtlety in interpretation; but vigour and freshness compensated in full for this.

Members of the Club have used the Club's season tickets for the "Bury Music Lovers' Concerts." They have enjoyed a piano recital by Colin Horsley and a remarkable evening of early music played on period instruments by the Dolmetsch Trio.

March 7th. M. West, whose enthusiasm for the organ is boundless, gave a talk on the instrument and its music. He dealt with early and modern organs, and composers from Byrd to the present day. Musical illustrations included Byrd's "Paran" (played by West on the piano, and on an early keyboard instrument recorded by Dolmetsch), and organ recordings of works by Bach and others.

JUNIOR CLUB.

Secretary—Sturgeon.

January 31st. Members met to plan the term's meetings and to enjoy a "sing-song."

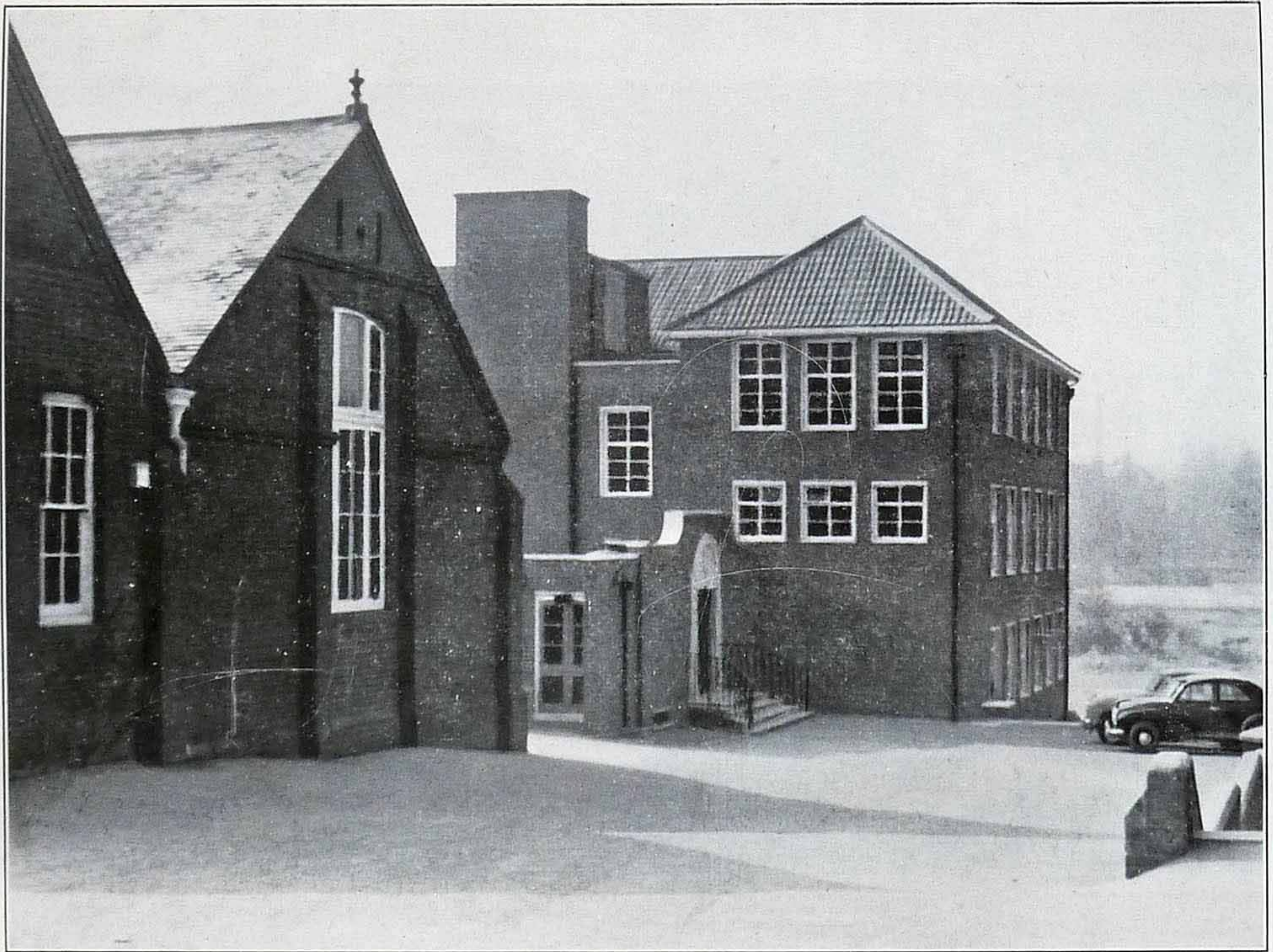
February 14th. Harding ii. gave a talk on his favourite composers. King ii. ably conducted a "Music Quiz" which he had devised. Fordham ii. played piano pieces and Adams ii. sang solos.

February 28th. Morris devised and conducted a "Musical Quiz." West, C., gave a talk on the organ.

March 13th. King ii. and West ii. played and talked about favourite records. Chapman sang solos.

Natural History Club

A considerable time has been spent on Tree Studies, various nature games have been played, aquaria set up, and a lecture given on "Housing and Care of Pets" by Major Chapman, Eastern Organiser for the R.S.P.C.A.



Chess

A Ladder Tournament has been played this term, and we can now arrange our players in an approximate order of proficiency. Although the experienced members have retained their lead, it is interesting to see several beginners are slowly improving their positions.

During the term, Ransome represented the School in the West Suffolk Schools Tournament, and on another occasion Jolliffe and Ransome took part in a simultaneous match at the Bury and West Suffolk Chess Club. We hope that we can have further opportunities of playing outside games.

F.W.B.

The Scientific Society

This term the Photographic Club have been making good use of the funds collected by their Secretary. A printing stand has been made and the art of making contact prints from a wide variety of negatives has been practised regularly and keenly. Under the guidance of Johnston i. the development of films has been shown to be equally simple.

Patiently, Davies and Wilkin have assembled the skeleton of a model aircraft, completely unperturbed by the noises from two huge horn loudspeakers being tested with an oscillator. In a new coat of aluminium paint these objects have been decorating the laboratory for the whole term. It is hoped to demonstrate their proper use on Speech Day.

The Radio section have had their trials too and are finding progress slow.

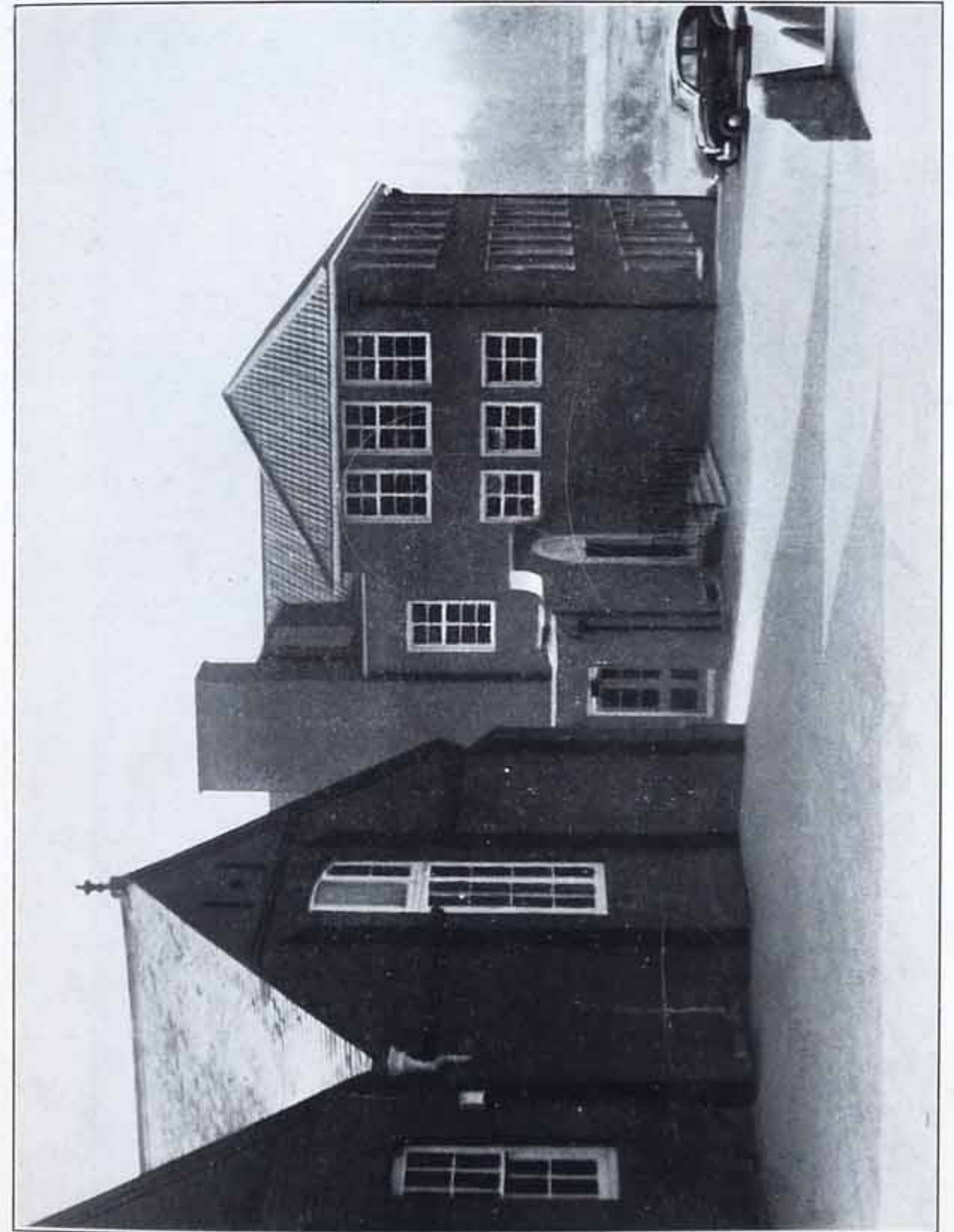
The Junior members have had another varied programme this term. Starting off with scientific films they went on to experiment with dyes, mainly red and almost indelible. A session of contact printing proved popular, and prints of the New and Old School buildings were in great demand.

A.D.G.

Films

The following films have been shown to the Boarders and a small number of Dayboys on Sunday evenings:

- "Doctor in the House."
- "Appointment in London."
- "Mr. Denning drives North."





"The Captain's Paradise."
 "The Lavender Hill Mob."
 "The Million Pound Note."

On Tuesday afternoons and on Wednesday afternoons for those Juniors and Seniors respectively who have cared to attend some twenty-four films of educational interest have been shown, covering a wide variety of subjects and a wide variety of countries.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Smeltzer and Mr. Woodhouse.

C.C.F. Notes

The Spring Term was occupied mainly in preparing for the Signals Classification Tests and Certificate "A" Examinations held at the end of March. For a large part of the term, the weather made outside parades impossible, but in spite of lack of practice in Drill, Fieldcraft and Section Leading, the Certificate "A" results were very satisfactory. All those entered for Part 1 were successful and all but one passed the Part 2 Exam. Once again we are indebted to a team from the 4th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment for conducting preliminary tests the week before, and we are equally grateful to Mr. Hassall for his help in Map Reading.

Shooting has continued on the Miniature Range at Gibraltar Barracks, but in the short time available it has not been possible for the Certificate "A" classes to fire very much. We hope to give them more opportunities next term.

C.S.M. Davey and Sgt. Turner attended a Signals Course at Colchester in January, and both were successful in the Classification Tests held at the end of the Course, taking first and third places respectively among the 22 members of the Course.

PROMOTIONS.

17/1/56	To be C.S.M.	Sgt. Davey
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	" " Sgts.	Cpl. Parkhouse
		Cpl. Turner
	" " Cpl.	L/Cpl. Hardy
	" " L/Cpls.	Cadet Hopwood
		" Place
		" Skan

CLASSIFIED SIGNALLERS.

C.S.M. Davey Sgt. Turner

CERTIFICATE "A."

Part 2		Part 1	
L/Cpl. Dixon		Cadet Baily	
" Hopwood		" Booty	
" Lawrence		" Mendham	
" MacCulloch		" Merris	
" Place		" Napier	
" Skan		" Noble	
Cadet Bearman		" Tipper	
" Farthing, P.		" Vincent	
" Harding		" Ward	
" Johnston		" Welham	
" Ransome			
" Theobald			R.C.C.

Colchester, 1956

"What! Give up seven days of the Christmas Holidays? You must be mad!" This was the opinion voiced by our companions when we informed them of our decision to attend a Signals Course at Colchester. Were they right? We rather think not.

We met at the railway station on Sunday morning, already looking somewhat frayed at the edges (this was probably due to the celebrations of the previous night, New Year's Eve) and boarded the 10 o'clock train. We were met at Colchester station and were taken by an army truck to Goojerat barracks.

Immediately on our arrival we were shown to the room which was to be our home for the next week. Being the first arrivals, we took possession of the beds nearest the stove. This proved to be rather a doubtful advantage, though, as it showed an alarming tendency to blow up at odd intervals during the night.

By 5.30 everyone had turned up and we were given a hot meal in the Corporals' Mess. The army cooks certainly won our friendship for life by the wonderful way in which they catered for us.

Our course of instruction began on the following day and we were forced out of bed at the ridiculous hour of 6.30 a.m. Breakfast was at 7.30, and the first lecture at 9. At the outset we were reminded that this was to be strictly a course of revision and we began to realise just how much we did know. Lectures continued throughout the day and we were free to do what we liked as from 5 p.m.

That evening we all converged upon the NAAFI club where we were amazed to find games rooms, television rooms, a large ballroom, and a restaurant. The food was really excellent, and one of our number, discovering that he had no money with him, borrowed from all and sundry, purchased five jelly trifles, and proceeded to eat the lot. Needless to say we spent most of our free time in the NAAFI.

A ritual which took place every night, just before we went to bed, was the making of toast. The stove was practically red hot, and, to avoid being severely blistered by the heat, we were compelled to use a fork tied to a broom handle and then, as an added precaution, to crouch down behind an overturned table.

The week soon slipped away and before we knew where we were the examinations were upon us. They proved to be much easier than was expected, however, and most of us managed to pass. A final celebration in the NAAFI, a few hours sleep, and we were on our way home.

This was a very successful course and thanks must be given to our instructors who helped to make it a most educational and enjoyable week.

P. HAMMOND-TURNER.
D. G. DAVEY.

Scout Notes

There is little to report this term. We have been much hindered by bad weather and restricted to the use of class rooms which do not provide adequate scope for scouting programmes. There has been one investiture, but no other badges have been gained. Work on first aid, signalling, knotting and mapping has been carried out as far as possible.

The seniors have had only four meetings, which have been devoted chiefly to signalling and knotting.

Patrol Competition:

Patrol.	P.L.	Points.
Beavers	Crick	95
Kangaroos	Goodwin	88
Owls	Carey	86
Kestrels	Berwick	85
Foxes	Richardson	71

D.A.Y.

Lancastrian House Notes

At the beginning of term the weather had detrimental effects upon hockey generally and it was only towards the end that we were able to play off the games. The 1st XI. suffered at the hands of Tudors and Yorkists, losing 6—0 and 1—0 respectively. The 2nd XI. were more fortunate in beating the Yorkists 2—0, but lost to the Tudors 8—1. In both games the juniors showed a spirit which was not apparent in the 1st XI. until a defiant appeal was made by the captain at half-time.

The House is indeed fortunate in having two members in the School XI., H. Bearman, and the School Hockey Captain, J. Lawrence. The latter has been chosen to represent Suffolk in the Eastern Counties Hockey Tournament held annually in Sussex.

In the first Cross-Country of its kind, against Thetford G.S., Lawrence did well to finish runner-up to the Eastern Area Junior Champion. In the School event, Lawrence and Moore, A., finished 1st and 2nd respectively. Overall points placed the House 4th in the Senior event, 4th in the Under 18 group, and 2nd in the Under 15.

P. J. Farthing, who also competed for a Choral Scholarship, was recently successful in obtaining the Spalding and Symonds Close Exhibition to St. John's College, Cambridge.

Officers elected for the coming term are as follows :

Swimming Captain	-	J. H. Lawrence.
Athletics Captain	-	J. H. Lawrence.
Cricket Captain	-	P. J. Farthing.

With a wealth of junior talent behind us we now look forward to some keen and enjoyable inter-house sport during the summer term. I.S.D.

Tudor House Notes

Two events in the House Competition have been decided during the term, the hockey and cross-country competitions.

The House finished second equal in the hockey tournament with eight points from a possible eighteen. Both teams were decisively beaten by a strong Yorkist team early in the term, but the games were played in the right spirit, however, and

the standard of hockey displayed was high. The same could not be said of the games against Windsor House. A scrappy 1st XI game was lost 1—0, but the 2nd XI won 3—2 after an exciting match. The term ended on a note of victory with wins of 6—0 and 8—1 over the Lancastrian House 1st and 2nd XI's respectively. Ellis scored four times in the 1st XI game.

Less satisfying results were gained from the Inter-House Cross-Country Championship. Although Berry i., Matthews and Bidwell gained third places in their respective races, the House could only manage third place in the Senior and under 18 events, and fourth in the under 15.

During the term Ellis and Mendham gained regular places in the School 1st XI and Davey and Proctor 2nd XI colours. We offer our congratulations to these players, and to Berry i. and McCulloch who ran for the School cross-country team against Thetford G.S.

The following officials were elected during the House Meeting held towards the end of term :

Cricket Captain	-	C. Smith
Swimming Captain	-	P. H. Turner

We further congratulate Davey i. and Turner who gained their Signals Classification during the Christmas holidays, after attending a special course at Colchester.

Towards the end of the term Doornkamp spent an enjoyable week at Malham Farm, in Yorkshire. He was one of a party of fifty who spent the week studying the geography of this particular region and excursions included a visit to the second highest farm in England and a descent of the Gordale Scar waterfall.

Next term should see a revival of the House's fortunes in cricket, while we should achieve some success in the swimming and athletics sports.

B.W.J.

Windsor House Notes

Persistent snow in the early part of term led to the cancellation of the match against the Lincs., but the other results compare very favourably with those of the Football term.

	Football	Hockey
Windsor v. Yorks.	1—9	0—4
Windsor v. Tudors	3—5	1—0

A total of 8 points has given us second place in the final competition placings.

A good all-round effort resulted in our winning the Senior and Under 15 Cross-Country and coming second in the Under 13 event. I hope our athletes do equally well on Sports Day.

Officials appointed for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Cricket	-	P. J. Hopwood.
Athletics	-	M. J. Napier.
Swimming	-	J. Stittle.

Finally, congratulations to J. Stittle and C. C. Smith on winning 2nd XI. Hockey Colours.

Dorkist House Notes

As is usual we began the term with a House Meeting during which K. Jaggard was elected Cross-Country Captain and D. Smith, Hockey Captain. It was agreed that G. D. Colson should continue as our Fives Captain.

The House Hockey teams have had a most successful season, obtaining 15 out of a possible 18 points, thus winning the Inter-House Competition by seven points. The 1st XI., which contained seven of the School's 1st XI., won all three of their matches, the scores being 4-1, 4-0, and 1-0. The latter match, against the Lancastrians, proved to be a very hard-fought game, but the defence played brilliantly and enabled the team to hold on to the lead they had acquired. The Junior XI., captained by Matson, began the term with a creditable victory against the Tudors, the score being 10-6. They drew against the Windsors 2-2, and rather disappointingly lost against the Lancastrians, 2-0.

The Under 13 Cross-Country team did very well indeed, taking the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 10th positions, thus winning the Junior race comfortably. In the Senior race, in which the House came second, Jaggard did well to come 5th. The Under 15 team was not so successful, although Miles i. did well to finish second.

Owing to, at first, bad weather, and then to what I can only call inefficiency on the part of the Fives Captains, there have been no Fives matches this term.

It is important that everyone should realise that Standard points play a very prominent part in the final House positions in both the Athletics and Swimming competitions. This gives everyone an opportunity of supporting his House. I hope that both Jaggard, our Athletics captain, and Dixon, our Swimming captain, will be given the support required for their duties.

After two such successful terms in Sport we look forward to a successful Cricket term, providing the enthusiasm which has been shown so far is continued. D.I.S.

School Notes

VALETE—

Form 3 f—

J. Ambrose.

Form 1 m—

D. I. Browne.

Early in the term the School 1st XI and 2nd XI attended two hockey lectures. The lecturers were R. L. Dodds and B. Robins. Both spoke from considerable experience, Dodds being an international and Robins a regular county player.

The rest of the lecture programme was devoted to Geography. An interesting talk by Mr. Paki on New Zealand was enjoyed by both second forms and 4m, while the Upper School attended a lecture on Northern Ireland later in the term.

An excellent recital, given by Jean Louis Stuurop (violin) and Miss Boukje Land (piano) on February 22nd, was thoroughly appreciated by Forms 4, 5 and 6.

Both Third Forms, accompanied by Mr. Brush, have toured the Gas Works during the term.

The Boarding House, and those Royalists who cared to attend, witnessed a skilful presentation of "Arsenic and Old Lace," by the Bury Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, on March 6th.

Some thirty Old Boys watched or played in the hockey matches on March 10th, when two very enjoyable games were played.

The School Dramatic Society is continuing to progress, presenting "The Crimson Cocoon" and "Family Album" on the last Monday of term. We thank Mr. Tapster for

allowing us the chance to see these productions, and congratulate the casts on their fine performances.

Further congratulations are due to P. J. Farthing who, during the term, gained a Spalding and Symonds Close Exhibition to St. John's College, Cambridge.

Old Boys' Notes

We are delighted to hear that Philip Redfearn has so far recovered from his dreadful accident that he is now able to pursue his studies for the Intermediate Examination of the Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute.

C. A. Gladwell is in the Devon Regiment and is following a Potential Officers' Course.

D. W. Jones is with the 1st Bn. The Royal Sussex at Minden. He expects to leave for Korea in July.

R. L. Dodds has paid us a visit this term and given a most useful talk on Hockey tactics. Centre-forward for that outstanding London side, Southgate, he has as fellow members his brother, T. G. L. Dodds, and D. W. Marriott, now at the Royal Veterinary College.

P. W. R. Parkyn is now at Dunstable training in pig-farming. His brother, D. R. Parkyn, is in practice as a Veterinary Surgeon in Thames, New Zealand.

Congratulations to P. G. Game on his recent engagement.

D. M. Kidd will shortly complete his five years in the Army. He plans to take up Radio work.

M. H. Sketch, at present serving in the United States Army, hopes to enter one of the two Universities of Omaha City, Nebraska, to qualify as a Veterinary Surgeon.

S. H. Ringrose will shortly be leaving for West Africa to take up an appointment.

Maurice Lacey has now returned to Bury and we hope to see him an active member of the Old Burians' Association.

Congratulations to Michael Fulcher on qualifying as an accountant.

Geoffrey Fulcher has now been released from hospital and is making excellent progress.

It was very encouraging to see two teams of Old Boys turn out to play the School at Hockey, and to see a number of others on the touch lines. Later, a Ladies' Evening Dinner was held at the Angel Hotel, when some fifty were present. The toast of the School was most ably proposed by Owen Jennings, in reminiscent vein. The Headmaster in his response pointed out that the facilities now available both in work and in games, and in many out-of-school activities, were second to none, and that within the next few years he expected the School numbers to rise to 880. T. H. Phillips, now settled in this country after some years of service in the Sudan, capably proposed the toast of the Ladies and Mrs. K. R. B. Abbott responded.

During the course of the evening the School Song was sung, and Miss Hazel Dorling gave some delightful pianoforte entertainment with her usual skill.

At Matins, in the Cathedral the following morning, a considerable number of Old Boys joined the Boarders.

An excellent account of the Dinner was published in the *East Anglian Daily Times*, and, having read this, Mrs. M. R. Tomkins, an old lady of 88, living at Sudbury, wrote to give news of her two brothers, H. H. Wattsford and G. H. Wattsford, who were at School in the seventies.

Congratulations to J. M. Ross on being awarded his Ph.D. by Nottingham University.

It was very interesting to see how the boys
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