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Headmaster's Notes

WE were very sorry indeed to hear of the illness of the Provost and he has our best wishes for a speedy return to health. As a consequence Confirmation classes have been taken by the Rev. G. J. Tarris, Precentor of the Cathedral, and on Wednesday, 26th March, ten boys were confirmed by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. At that same service we were privileged to supplement the Cathedral trebles with twenty-five of our own choir.

On the night of the great blizzard in East Anglia we were able to accommodate fourteen boys who found themselves stranded in the district.

Three of our boys, under the auspices of the Anglo-Austrian Society, are members of a party of four hundred and fifty being accommodated in Austrian homes for a month at Easter.

Long playing records of the whole of our Carol Service in the Cathedral last December are now available. They provide a splendid memento of what was a very inspiring service.

Congratulations to all who contributed to the success of the School for the second year in succession in the West Suffolk Schools Cross Country competition.

One of the highlights of the term has, of course, been the production of 'She Stoops to Conquer.' All such demand an enormous amount of work if anything of a performance is to be given, but with us, who have to build up from the bare boards of the gym floor, the problems are tremendous, and Mr. Tapster, the players, and the team of back-stage staff, printers and so on are to be congratulated on a tremendous achievement.

'Hamlet'

For the third time within a year a party of 6th Form English Literature students journeyed to London for a visit to the Old Vic, this time to see Michael Benthall's production of 'Hamlet'. After studying the play in the weeks previous to the visit, we all looked forward to John Neville's interpretation of the character of Hamlet.

In the earlier scenes, Neville was a 'quiet' Hamlet; but when he saw the King and Polonius eavesdropping during his conversation with Ophelia he grew violent and threw the girl to the floor. At times it was quite obvious to the audience that Hamlet was feigning madness, but on other occasions it seemed that his reason had really tottered. As the play progressed the portrayal of the part became more intense until at the end of the play Neville reached a tremendous climax and the carrying out of Hamlet's dead body on the shoulders of the four captains made a very impressive close to this incomparable tragedy.

Jack Gwillim's performance as the King was disappointing, for instead of being a 'smiling villain' he was from the beginning resentful of his nephew, and did not even feign friendship to him. His height gave him the majesty of a king, but otherwise he lacked the kingly touch.

The Queen was played adequately by Coral Browne and she convinced us that she was not a partner-in-murder with Claudius. Derick Francis, as the wise but wordy Polonius, gave a most realistic performance and added great humour to the play. While Laertes was unconvincing owing to under-acting by John Humphry, Judi Dench, as Ophelia, gave a very effective performance, especially in the madness scenes. Her pathetic singing of folk songs combined with her convincing acting to make her portrayal of this part very distinguished.

The bizarre humour of the grave-digging scene was well brought out by Ronald Fraser as the first grave-digger. On the other hand the dull, uninteresting performances of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern were disappointing. The difficult problem of presenting a ghost was managed well, although the 'earthly' voice of the ghost rather destroyed the illusion.

But this fine production was well worth the journey, and if many of our party were surprised at the use of early nineteenth century costume we soon accepted it, while the lack

of scenery allowed full concentration upon the characters and the poetry, as well as encouraging attention to the manifold 'business' in the play.

D.C.S.

Cross-Country

We run because we like it

Through the broad bright land—Charles Sorley.

Velox mente nova—Horace.

Not all perhaps of those who have run in the School teams this term would subscribe to the one dictum, and it may not be rash to suggest that to the lesser classical scholars among them the other would be incomprehensible. Be that as it may, the School, as can be seen below, has by no means been disgraced and indeed has won some glory in its encounters with opponents of varied standing.

It so happened that the date arranged for Thetford's visit to Bury was February 26th, the one day of the year, as it proved, when snow and the resultant chaos made such an event impossible. As a result all our racing was concentrated into a period of eight days. Two boys ran on all three occasions and it is their performances that most merit praise: R. L. Flack's achievement in leading the School team home each time is an indication no less of his will-power than of physical fitness and stamina and is the more laudable when it is realised that at Thetford he competed in the Senior race; while A. J. Bishop's record is scarcely inferior and suggests that here too is a disciplined and promising young runner. M. J. Whiting, School Captain, surprisingly surrendered to Flack at Thetford but still played a worthy part: his uncanny sprints to the finishing-tape prompt the reflection, however, that he is of the calibre to challenge for first place.

The West Suffolk Schools Cup was won for the second year in succession and this time by a very convincing margin. All who represented the School in this race – and indeed in the other races – can justly claim to have contributed to the team's success. It is of course the strength of the team as a whole that wins races rather than the presence of one outstanding runner.

At Wolverstone, where for the first time we had teams both in the Youth's and in the Boys' race, the competition, as expected, was much more intense. In 1955 when the School first took part in these championships we beat Wolverstone Hall by one point, but with this exception we have been defeated regularly by H.M.S. Ganges, Royal Hospital School, Ipswich School, and Wolverstone. Here surely is a challenge to face!

Finally a word in appreciation of those three or four boys who made their contribution by training with the rest but who did not run "On the day." Their turn, we hope, will come.

Details:

INTER-HOUSE RACES.

Thursday, February 6th.

SENIOR : 1st Windsors, 2nd Yorks, 3rd Lancs, 4th Tudors
1st M. J. Whiting, 2nd R. L. Flack, 3rd B. R. Bullock.

Under 15 : 1st Tudors, 2nd Windsors, 3rd Yorks, 4th Lancs.
1st A. J. Bishop, 2nd L. J. Gooderham, 3rd C. E. A. Miller.

Under 13 : 1st Lancs, 2nd Windsors, 3rd Tudors, 4th Yorks.
1st B. F. Bridges, 2nd A. L. Reach, 3rd E. A. Brown.

WEST SUFFOLK SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Tuesday, March 11th.
(at Beyton).

1st—King Edward VI School 93 points

2nd—Hadleigh Modern School 115 points

3rd Sudbury Modern, 4th Mildenhall Modern, 5th Beyton Modern, 6th Silver Jubilee School, etc.

Ten teams (eight per team) competed.

3rd R. L. Flack, 4th A. J. Bishop, 5th P. W. Garrard, 24th G. P. G. Bartlett, 27th T. T. Benge, 30th C. E. A. Miller, 37th L. J. Gooderham, 78th J. F. Cross.

SUFFOLK COUNTY A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Saturday, March 15th.

(at Wolverstone Hall).

Boys' Race: 1st Royal Hospital School "A" 29 points, 2nd H.M.S. Ganges 56, 3rd Ipswich School 58, 4th Wolverstone Hall School 95, 5th Culford School 104, 6th R.H.S. "B" 109, 7th King Edward VI School 115, other totals 120, 158, 204, 253, 275.

Twelve teams : 75 starters.

14th R. L. Flack, 17th A. J. Bishop, 38th E. Digby, 46th R. J. Davies, 49th C. Sutton, 59th V. E. Carey.

Youths' Race: 1st Ipswich School 25, 2nd R. H. S. 50, 3rd Wolverstone 63, 4th Ganges 63, 5th King Edward VI School 72, 6th Culford 77.

Six teams : 36 starters.

8th M. J. Whiting, 15th J. E. Rendell, 21st K. E. Pallant, 28th C. F. Twitchett, 35th E. J. Ward.

SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S. (away).

Wednesday, March 19th.

Senior : Won 37½—41½.

2nd R. L. Flack, 4th (dead-heat) M. J. Whiting, 6th J. E. Rendell, 7th A. D. Day, 8th P. W. Garrard, 10th C. F. Twitchett, 12th R. J. Davies, 15th E. Digby.

Under 15 : Won 29—53.

1st A. J. Bishop, 2nd K. C. Southgate, 5th L. J. Gooderham, 6th C. E. A. Miller, 7th D. M. Bidwell, 8th I. Hay, 9th G. P. G. Bartlett, 14th T. J. Hall.

PRELIMINARY SPORTS FINALS

Ten events have been decided this term and some fine performances obtained considering the lack of training. In five of these events the times or distances were an improvement on last year and in the under 15 Javelin Herbert improved on the record by nearly thirty feet, establishing it at 92-ft. 3-ins.

Results :

1. School 220 yards.

- 1 J. R. Hayward (Y)
- 2 R. K. Jordon (W)
- 3 M. J. Halls (L)

Time : 24.6 secs.

2. School Half Mile

- 1 M. J. Whiting (W)
- 2 M. D. Overall (Y)
- 3 B. R. Bullock (L)

Time : 2 mins. 19.3 secs.

3. School High Jump.

- P. W. Garrard (Y)
- 2 M. D. Overall (Y)
- 3 J. Rendell (W)

Height : 4-ft. 10-ins.

4. School Putting the Shot.

- 1 J. Rendell (W)
- 2 C. R. Sitford (W)
- 3 D. O. Hooper (L)

Distance : 34-ft. 11½-ins.

5. One Mile. Under 15.

- 1 A. J. Bishop (Y)
- 2 K. C. Southgate (Y)
- 3 D. M. Bidwell (T)

Time : 5 mins. 29 secs.

6. Long Jump . Under 15.

- 1 A. J. Bishop (Y)
- 2 C. L. Staden (W)
- 3 T. C. Cawston (W)

Distance : 13-ft. 4-ins.

7. Hop-Step-Jump. Under 15.

- 1 J. N. Pettitt (W)
- 2 R. J. Ranson (T)
- 3 A. T. Miles (W)

Distance : 30-ft. 9-ins.

8. Javelin. Under 15.

- 1 Herbert
- 2 C. L. Staden
- 3 R. N. Broome

Distance: 92-ft. 3-ins. (Record).

9. 440 yards. Under 13.

- 1 B. F. Bridges (L)
- 2 T. G. Edwards (Y)
- 3 J. R. Thompson (T)

Time : 73.9 secs.

10. Long Jump. Under 13.

- 1 B. F. Bridges
- 2 J. R. Thompson
- 3 K. Lane

Distance : 13-ft.

Hockey

SCHOOL v. WOODBRIDGE

Saturday, February 1st. Away. Lost 0—3.

The first game of the season resulted in a fast open game in which both sides endeavoured to play attractive hockey. The School forwards, however, could not penetrate the strong Woodbridge defence, and had very few shots at goal.

In the second half the fast Woodbridge forward line added two more goals to their goal lead, so finishing worthy winners.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

Thursday, February 13th. Away. Won 3—2.

The game was played, for the most part, in penetrating rain, the surface of the pitch becoming more greasy as the game progressed. The School, however, played extremely well under these adverse conditions and were leading 2—1 at half time. The covering of the School defence was extremely good, Howlett, Bengé and Radley being outstanding.

In the second half the School continued to press hard, Garrard and Mr. Searle always being a danger to the home defence. The St. John's team, however, fought hard and drew level but Mr. Searle scored a well deserved goal to give the School victory.

SCHOOL v. CULFORD.

Saturday, February 22nd. Home. Lost 2—3.

The School made a disastrous beginning to this match and within a few minutes Culford had scored two goals owing to the poor tangled play of the School defence. The latter, however, gradually settled down and the School fought back to level the scores, but a defensive mistake in the closing stages of the match allowed Culford to score the vital winning goal.

SCHOOL v. NORTHGATE G.S.

Saturday, March 1st. Home. Won 3—0.

The School from the outset played the more constructive hockey, but many chances were wasted by the School forwards, who were only able to obtain a 2-0 lead by half time. In the second half play became rather ragged and only one more goal was added to the School total. The few dangerous attacks by Northgate were hastily curtailed by excellent goal-keeping on the part of Matthews, whose play was applauded by both sides. Gardner also played well to score the only hat-trick of the season.

SCHOOL v. PERSE SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE.

Thursday, March 6th. Away. Lost 0—3.

The School were faced with a strong Perse team whose superior stickwork overwhelmed the School. The marking and covering of the School defence was extremely poor, and only weak shooting by the Perse forwards and excellent goalkeeping on the part of Matthews prevented the score from exceeding three goals. The School forwards had an equally poor game and very rarely penetrated the Perse defence.

SCHOOL v. SUDBURY H.C.

Saturday, March 8th. Home. Lost 0—2.

For the first twenty minutes of this match the School were much the superior side, the Sudbury goal being under constant pressure. The play of the School, however, gradually deteriorated and Sudbury took advantage of the ragged play of the home side to open the scoring. In the second half the School showed no signs of staging a recovery and Sudbury added another goal.

SCHOOL v. BURY Y.M.C.A.

Thursday, March 13th. Home. Lost 1—6.

Although the School were defeated by an extremely strong Y.M.C.A. side consisting of several county players, it gave one of its best performances of the season. The link between attack and defence, the job of the inside forwards, was the main weakness of the School's play. The defence played to the utmost of their ability, Howlett being outstanding, his well timed interceptions breaking up many dangerous attacks.

The School gained valuable experience from this match, especially in positional play and stickwork, in which the visiting team excelled. It was pleasing to note, however, that the school when faced with such opposition gave of their best, the match being one of the most enjoyable of the season.

SCHOOL v. OLD BURIANS.

Saturday, March 15th. Home. Lost 3—6.

The Old Burians provided strong opposition for the School and their superior hitting, stopping, and tackling proved to be the deciding factor in this entertaining match. Moreover, the School defence tended to hesitate when tackling, which gave the opposition's fast forward line every chance of breaking through.

For the School Mr. Searle covered a large amount of ground, combining well with defence and attack, and scored a well deserved goal.

No fewer than six former School hockey captains were included in the Old Burians' team.

SCHOOL v. FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE.

Thursday, March 20th. Away. Draw 2—2.

The match was played on a rough sloping pitch which was not conducive to good hockey. The School forwards, although faced with a very slow defence, were unable to score, tending to crowd one another. The defence was a little hesitant about stopping and hitting the ball on the rough surface, and the whole team played erratically. The School, however, fought back from being 2—0 down, Garrard playing exceptionally well on the right wing, to earn a well deserved draw.

1st XI REVIEW.

The School has experienced a season of only moderate success, winning only two and drawing one of the nine matches played, but the team was one of the youngest to represent the School for many years, including for the majority of the games five fourth formers.

The most pleasing result of the season has been the success of the School goalkeeper, Matthews, a 5th former who had not played in goal before this season, but who when asked to do so tackled the unenviable job with fine determination and enthusiasm. Howlett, the vice captain and centre-half, always played to the utmost of his ability, setting a fine example to the rest of the side. Garrard improved with every match. Bengé, the left back, although possessing exceptional stickwork, often tended to hold the ball too long in his own circle.

The remainder of the side always played with enthusiasm but on many occasions seemed to ignore the advice given them by Mr. Robbins and Mr. Searle. It is hoped, however, that experience gained this season will be evident in future years.

Lastly our thanks are extended to Mr. Searle, Mr. Smeltzer, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Walls for their work with the respective Elevens, and to Mr. Dart for an excellent fixture list.

The following have been awarded Colours :—

Full : Howlett, I. H.

Half : Bengé, T. T.

Garrard, P. W.

Matthews, P. N. B.J.

JUNIOR HOCKEY.

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| Results: | U 14 v. Woodbridge School | (A) | 0—3 |
| | U 15 v. Silver Jubilee | (H) | 2—1 |
| | U 14 v. Culford | (A) | 1—1 |
| | U 14 v. Perse School | (H) | 3—3 |
| | U 15 v. Sudbury | (H) | 2—0 |
| | U 14 v. Brandeston Hall | (H) | 0—1 |

Played 6; won 2; lost 2; drawn 2; cancelled 3.

The U15 and U14 XI's were virtually the same side during this season, and showed considerable progress over the term. The best games to watch were against the Perse School, where the first ten minutes produced some superb hockey, culminating in a copy-book goal by Ainger, and against Culford. Pettitt captained the team well, and all its members played hard.

C.C.F. Notes

During this term the strength of the Corps declined from 83 to 78. The main effort has been directed to preparation for the Certificate 'A' Examination, and the brunt of this work, apart from a most helpful series of visits by No. 9 Travelling Wing, has fallen on our own instructors.

Cpl. Pallant has been selected to attend the Eastern Command Cadet Leadership Course during the Easter holiday, and Cadet Grout will be attending a War Office Course in Electrical Engineering. We shall be interested to hear how they fared.

I would very much like to see more Cadets applying for vacancies on these and other courses, which do not involve any direct cost to the successful applicants.

Certificate 'A'

The following Cadets were successful in Certificate 'A' Part 1:—

A. D. Auchinvole, P. W. Bellinger, D. A. Buckle, B. R. Bullock, R. G. Chappell, R. N. Debenham, D. W. Deeks, J. E. Ivings, C. J. Knight, E. Kydd, A. R. Mallett, M. D. Overall, B. D. Paton, P. Richardson, N. V. Roe, D. Salt, R. Sturgeon, D. Towler.

The following were successful in Certificate 'A' Part 2:—

L/Cpls. G. Goodchild, B. R. Hazell B. Johnston, M. L. West, L. C. Wilkin, Cadets R. J. Davies, R. J. Downing, K. Elsey, J. M. Grout, I. H. Howlett, K. Jordan, J. A. Nicholson. R.S.W.

Scout Notes

There is little to record this term. A number of tests have been passed and most of the recruits are ready for investiture. Most of the work has had to be carried out in classrooms, but some fine afternoons have provided opportunities for tracking and nature study.

I am very grateful to R. Nordberg and R. T. Ward for the help they have given.

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| Patrol competition: | Owls | 70 |
| | Kangaroos | 39 |
| | Beavers | 37 |
| | Foxes | 37 |

D.A.Y.

Physical Education Activity

During the first half of the term efforts were concentrated on cross-country running. An account of the cross-country matches appears elsewhere in this issue.

The very severe weather encountered in the early weeks of the term hindered outdoor activities, but the gymnastic work benefited and a satisfactory standard was obtained.

The Junior Activity group had an organised snowball fight during the heaviest fall of snow – an energetic, if at times painful, afternoon's enjoyment.

The latter half of the term has been almost entirely devoted to athletic training, with fairly satisfactory results. The general standard is showing some signs of improvement, although it is still very low in such events as the High and Long Jumps and Shot putting. This is due mainly to the lack of sustained practice. It is pleasing to note however a marked increase of standard in the Discus event and to a lesser degree in Javelin throwing.

There will have to be a much greater improvement if we are to retain the Under 15 Championship in the forthcoming West Suffolk District Sports. There is plenty of ability in the school and the techniques are developing, but only with practice, allied to a desire to succeed, can real progress be accomplished. D.W.S.

Film Club

This term's geography films dealt with New Zealand, the Middle West and North-West of U.S.A., the Polders of Holland, the Veld of South Africa, Brazil, Venezuela, Ceylon, and Pakistan. The series begun last term, on geology, flora and fauna of types of natural regions, was continued with films on sandy heathlands and clay woodlands.

Some films made in Poland dealt with puppetry, wood carving and bird watching. It appears that nesting birds will lavish their maternal affection on pebbles, or even ping-pong balls, which have replaced their eggs. Films combining photographs and diagrams helped to explain the intricacies of weather forecasting, mosquito control, photosynthesis and the nitrogen cycle. P.S.

Chess

JUNIOR CLUB.

Lasky has not only maintained a good position at the top of the Junior ladder, but is the winner of the end-of-term elimination tournament as well. The advance of McAndrew and Fuller may well be a serious threat to his supremacy next term.

The numbers have increased, and now all available boards are in use, and pocket sets have to be used as well.

SENIOR CLUB.

The quality of the chess is still improving, with some very good positions in very satisfying games. Matson is still at the top of the ladder, in spite of repeated efforts to displace him.

The elimination tournament is unfortunately unfinished at the time of writing these notes.

HOUSE COMPETITION.

Both the teams and play this year were of much better quality than in our first House Competition in 1957. There were well-fought battles by all Houses, resulting in a win for the Lancastrian House with 12 points out of a possible 18. Yorkist House gained $11\frac{1}{2}$ points, Windsor $7\frac{1}{2}$ points, and Tudor 5 points.

WEST SUFFOLK JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Matson was entered as the School's representative, and won his first match very creditably. We are sorry that he was beaten in the Final, but we know that he played well and gave his opponent (Culford School) a good game.

F.W.B.

Science Club

The members of the Senior Science Club have followed their usual varied activities during the term. Most interest has been shown in the development of the mirror for the astronomical telescope. The mirror has been polished and the next operation will be the figuring to change the shape from a spheroid to a paraboloid. Offord is to be congratulated on the fine job he has done so far as this is his first attempt. It is hoped that others will show equal enthusiasm when the mounting is being constructed.

In the Junior Science Club most meetings have opened with a lecture given by one of the members. It is very encouraging to find boys willing and able to give well prepared talks on a variety of subjects. The outstanding contributions were those of Count and Wearn who spoke about different aspects of Railways. Offord visited the Juniors to give an interesting talk on Space Travel.

Art Club

Some of the junior members have embarked upon three-colour lino printing this term, and have met with a moderate amount of success. One enterprising boy has made the first in a series of balsa wood models illustrating the development of timber-framed house construction.

As in the junior section of the Club, the majority of the senior boys have shown a preference for pictorial work. Experiments in different media, including oil colour, have been successfully made. McAllister has cast a life-size negroid head, which he had previously modelled in clay, and this is perhaps the best piece of three-dimensional work that has yet been done in the School.

Drama

On alternate Wednesday afternoons a group of senior boys has again met for play readings, and to hear talks on various aspects of the theatre. These have included a discourse on the Greek theatre by I. Howlett, some Whitehall Theatre farces by M. West, stage movement by K. Jordan, and scenic effects by B. Hazel. On another occasion the group viewed a film strip dealing with the development of English theatre design from the time of Shakespeare to the present day.

Amongst the plays read were "The School for Scandal," "The Monkey's Paw," and "Murder at the Vicarage."

D.T.

Senior Music Club

President: The Headmaster.
Chairman: M. L. West.
Secretary: B. R. Hazel.
Committee: J. A. Nicholson
 Mr. G. W. Sutton.

This term we have welcomed Mr. G. W. Sutton as successor to Mr. J. O. Bridges who did so much for the club.

During the term we have enjoyed singing part songs on a number of occasions. A short quiz on general musical knowledge covered a wide range of topics, whilst a short recital was given by the Secretary and Chairman. This included a sonata for recorder and piano by James Hook.

Music Recitals

During the term we had two concerts given by visiting artists, both of which were enjoyed by a representative audience from all forms.

The first, on February 21st, was given by members of the Donington Consort, consisting of Carl Pini and Penelope Howard (violins) with Robert Donington on the viola da gamba. Mr. Donington started off by explaining the function of his own instrument in relation to the more modern violins, and then the three players gave a varied programme of works.

The first piece was a Trio-Sonata by Handel. In a typical form of the period (Largo-Allegro- Andante-Gigue), it was notable not only for the beautiful contrapuntal passages but also for the pizzicato playing of the gamba in the last movement, which gave an effect rather similar to that of a harpsichord. This was followed by a Purcell Sonata, and then a selection of Tavern Tunes of the 17th century, which reminded us that music which was originally regarded as gawdy accompaniment fit only for the local inn has since become eminently respectable.

The highlight of the programme was undoubtedly the Variations for Two Violins by Alan Rawsthorne. Here we heard some very fine playing in a most difficult work. The variation called Rhapsodice was especially memorable for its ascending chromatic dissonances, which seemed, to this scribe's ears, like flying slivers of ice. It was, indeed, a very good performance.

On the 21st March Eve Fisher gave a pianoforte recital playing works by Haydn, Beethoven, Ravel, and Bartok. Miss Fisher's technique was very good indeed, with plenty of power in reserve, although a certain harshness of tone was apt to creep in on occasion, particularly in the Beethoven Sonata op. 31 No. 2.

As in the first concert, greater interest attached to the modern works. The Sonatine by Ravel deserves to be more widely known than it is at present. Miss Fisher's interpretation brought out the unusual harmonies with absolute clarity, which certainly added to the enjoyment of the members of the audience to whom it was a new work.

The programme ended with Six Rumanian Dances by Bartok, which had all the originality and fire of genuine gipsy music.

Dramatic Society

This term proved a somewhat difficult one in the matter of the production of the two School plays. Not many weeks before their intended presentation the snow was falling fast and blizzards were raging, so that rehearsals had to be abandoned, and it seemed that the plays would never be staged. However, both weather and actors rallied towards the crucial hour, and the curtain did rise at the appointed times on March 27th, 28th and 29th.

It is part of theatrical tradition that scenic designers, constructors and painters, together with stage staff and technicians, come last in the programme. However, since such a large part of any success in these School productions is due to the efficiency and reliability of our team of stage hands, I put them first in these remarks. There is little glamour in sweeping out the auditorium, in moving chairs, or in spending Saturday afternoons on the Art Room floor painting scenery; but all these tasks have been done willingly, and with admirable spirit. To John Crick, the stage-manager, John Grout, the electrician, and John Ward, the chief scene-painter, the rest of the team owes a considerable debt.

We were again pleased to have girls of the County Grammar School to take the female roles, and we thank Miss Ball, the Headmistress, for her co-operation.

"The Man who wouldn't go to Heaven" by F. Sladen-Smith is a one-act play in which there is a relatively large number of clearly defined character parts. In this play in particular some of the more important lines were lost through gabbling, and through inability to project voices. Both were points which had repeatedly been emphasised during rehearsals. Ian Johnston, as the Rev. McNutty, was one of those who avoided this pitfall, and whose performance as the ranting Free Church minister was obviously enjoyed both by himself and his audience. Peter Elliott's portrayal of the strong-minded woman of masculine character was one of the most effective, and full of promise, whilst Anthea Brown convinced us of her sincerity as the nun.

During the interval Michael West grew two hundred years younger in his change from Alton the Unbeliever to the forbearing Mr. Hardcastle of "She Stoops to Conquer." He is to be commended for the great amount of dramatic work undertaken this term, for he played leading roles in no less

than three productions — and what is more, played each well. It is largely due to him and to Brian Hazel, (Mr. Marlow), together with Elizabeth Gorham (Mrs. Hardcastle), that the pace of the play was maintained. Here so much depends on making interesting the delivery of conversation which calls for little in the way of action or stage-movement. Brian Hazel's smooth delivery and ease of movement was a model for the rest of the cast.

Denise Riley (the maid), one of the youngest members of the cast, showed the other girls that slow, clear diction is necessary if one's voice is to reach the back of the auditorium. Mrs. Hardcastle's undutiful offspring, Tony (Colin Bailey), was most convincing when carousing at the "Three Pigeons," and when refusing the hand of Constance, but elsewhere he occasionally betrayed a certain nervousness and tended to come out of character.

Janet Cooke (Kate), and Pamela Pollard (Constance), were newcomers to the stage, and although they showed a need to concentrate on voice projection and control of stage nervousness, they made a valuable contribution. There can be no excuse, however, for prompting on the last night.

Final note must be made of the importance of the smaller parts too numerous to mention by name. Indeed, both productions must be judged as team efforts and in few places other than the theatre does this make itself more apparent.

D.T.

Discussion Group

During the Easter term a wide range of topics came up for discussion — taxation, local government, the hydrogen bomb, disarmament, relations with Russia and the U.S.A., Arab nationalism, and the revival of liberalism.

A debate on the motion that "Science is a blessing to mankind" led to vigorous exchanges between Sore, Sitford, Halls and Reed.

The following papers were read:—

Sitford: Algeria
Le Seeleur: Nehru
Ryan: Cyprus
West: Immigration.

Debating Society

The activities of the Debating Society were reduced this term owing to bad weather and to a lack of speakers. Only one debate was held, when the motion before the House was:

This House believes that Television should be introduced into all schools without delay.

Mr. Rayner and Carey, proposing this motion, were strongly opposed by Reed and Jordan. The Junior members, unlike the Seniors, were not moved by the persuasive voice of Reed and the motion was carried by one vote.

The highlight of the term occurred when the School was invited to oppose the motion that 'Honesty is the best policy,' at Culford School. Bailey and Ryan by their effective speaking caused the motion to be overwhelmingly defeated. Or did they?

The school much appreciated the kind hospitality of the Headmaster and Boys of Culford, and we look forward to a return Debate during the Autumn Term when the Debating Society will renew its activities.

G.J.G.

Lancastrian House Notes

The House has had a very successful term. We were fortunate to have the complete 1st XI Hockey Committee in the House — Johnston as School Captain, Howlett as Vice-Captain, and Bengé. Hence we had a good Eleven which did not give away a single goal. The Juniors, although only winning once, scored a useful number of goals, Golding proving himself a very capable player. Results were as follows:

| | 1st XI. | 2nd XI. |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| v. Windsor House | 2—0 won. | 3—6 lost |
| v. Tudor House | 1—0 won. | 14—2 won. |
| v. Yorkist House | 3—0 won. | 0—4 lost. |

We congratulate Johnston and Howlett on obtaining 1st XI Colours, and Bengé on his Half Colours.

The House won the Chess competition by a narrow margin, Death leading the House well.

The Drama Competition was contemplated with a great deal of amusement, but with Bailey as Producer the House came second.

The House came second (equal) in the Cross Country: Seniors 3rd. Under 15, 4th. Under 13, 1st. We therefore received 25 points. The Juniors ran splendidly, with Bridges and Reach first home.

We congratulate Johnston on being appointed School Cricket Captain as well as House Captain and Hooper on being elected House Swimming Captain.

Tudor House Notes

This term has not seen any notable successes for the House, but all concerned in inter-house activities have put their whole-hearted efforts into all they have attempted.

The Senior cross country team were placed 4th, the Under 15 team 1st and the Juniors 3rd in the races at the beginning of term: in the final placing the house was second.

Hockey has not been an inspiring spectacle this term and the Senior matches resulted as follows :—

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| v. Windsor | 4—2 | won. |
| v. Lancastrian | 0—1 | lost. |
| v. Yorkist | 3—4 | lost |

However, all members of both the junior and senior teams have played hard and with excellent team spirit.

The House Drama competition was the other major task and the House were rather too ambitious in choosing to perform 'The Proposal' by Anton Tchekov. The language in the play was somewhat stilted, and this proved an obstacle to adequate expression by the Players. Sore, Nicholson and Wilkin were the members concerned in the production, which gained third place in the competition.

Standard points, the all important factor for victory on sports day, give us cause to hope that we shall do well, the response of all members having been tremendous.

Finally we offer our congratulations to P. N. Matthews on obtaining 1st XI half colours.

Dorkist House Notes

Owing to far greater determination and enthusiasm than previously the House had a far more successful term than expected in Hockey. The Seniors beat the Tudors 4-3 and the Windsors 3-0, but lost 0-3 to the Lancastrians. The Juniors won all their games, beating the Tudors 6-1, the Windsors 3-1 and the Lancastrians 4-0. Many thanks are due to Reed and Gillingwater for captaining the two elevens, and to all the players for their hard work and signal determination to win.

In the Cross-Country Competition, the House finished fourth; this was partly due to the absences of many Seniors who were to have run, and partly to a very weak Under 13 team. There were, however, some very spectacular performances in the under 15 race, and one can justly hope for better results next year.

In the Chess Competition, we finished a very close second, half a point behind the Lancastrians. Matson captained the team in a most efficient manner, and deserves many thanks. We easily won the Drama Competition with 87%; Hazel and Elliott are to be congratulated for their excellent acting, and Ward for the very efficient way in which he produced the play and the considerable trouble he took to obtain the necessary properties.

Officials for next term are as follows; Cricket Captain, Reed; Athletics Captain, Garrard; and Swimming Captain, Overall.

Finally congratulations to Garrard on being awarded First Eleven Half-Colours for hockey.

Windsor House Notes

The House has had a rather disappointing term at Hockey, the Senior team having lost all three of its matches, but the Junior team has won two of its matches and lost the third. Owing to their success, the term ended with the House being placed third equal in the Inter-House Hockey Competition, and we must compliment them upon their courageous efforts.

| | 1st XI. | 2nd XI. |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| v. Yorks | 0—3 lost. | 1—3 lost |
| v. Tudors | 2—4 lost | 8—0 won |
| v. Lancs. | 0—2 lost | 6—3 won |

At the Cross-Country the House has been very successful, winning the Senior event and being placed second in each of the Junior events, thus winning the Inter-House Competition most convincingly. Rendell, Digby, Sutton (Senior), Miller, Miles (U 15), Brown, Self, Cook (U 13), must be congratulated on being placed in the first ten in their respective races, greatly aiding the House in this success.

Unfortunately the House was placed last in the Drama Competition, being narrowly beaten for third position by Tudor House. In future years it is to be hoped that there will be more enthusiasm.

At Chess, after an encouraging start, the House lapsed, finishing the term in third position in the Inter-House Competition.

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| v. Tudor | 3½—2½ | won. |
| v. Lancs. | 2—4 | lost |
| v. Yorks | 2—4 | lost |

We look forward to the Summer Term with the hope of following our success at Cross Country by success at Athletics. All members of the House must play their part by obtaining standard points if not by actually competing in events on Sports Day.

Finally, we must hope to do better at Cricket and Swimming than we did at Hockey and Drama, where again the support of the whole House must be forthcoming.

School Notes

VALETE.

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| Form 6 | G. J. Goodchild |
| Form 4 | D. G. Le Gassick C. F. Sutton |
| Form 2 | T. J. Whitaker |
| Form 1 | B. Hollis |

Old Boys' Notes

Michael Orsler has given up his teaching post at Beyton for one with the Colonial Civil Service in Hong Kong. On his way there he hopes to see his brother, J. C. Orsler, who is serving with the R.A.M.C. at Singapore.

M. G. Isikson has recently been home on leave. He is now a Sub-Inspector in the Police of S. Rhodesia.

D. W. Mayhew has been successful in an examination of the Institute of Municipal Engineers and is awaiting the result of his application for Associate Membership.

J. F. MacCulloch, following a Sandwich Course with Metro-Vickers, has been accepted for University College, London, in October next. He has moved out of the Training School to the shop floor after twelve weeks and is busy in the Motor Winding Department. He regularly plays hockey for Metro-Vickers and has joined a walking and climbing Club.

C. C. Smith has taken a post as an Estimating Clerk with Messrs. Cawood Wharton and Co. at West Drayton.

P. Ridgeon is working in the Lab. of the Distillers Company at Great Burgh, near Epsom.

B. H. P. Turner, who has completed his National Service, has been accepted for the London School of Economics next Autumn.

J. M. Abbott, now working in London, has passed the intermediate examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

R. K. Edwards has passed his Civil Service examination and is working with the Garrison Engineer at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.

We were very pleased to meet M. F. H. Simpson once again. He is now Senior English Master at Monkton House School Cardiff, where he is also Secretary (and opening batsman) of the Old Boys' Cricket Club, Master in charge of the Debating Society, and Editor of the School Magazine.

D. M. Kidd is working with Pye's of Cambridge.

R. P. Dutton is leaving his post with the Milk Marketing Board to work for Boyer Veterinary Products of Kingston-on-Thames.

D. J. Shelton is now with Sappas.

D. C. Farrow hopes to emigrate to Rhodesia in the near future.

Christopher Jennings who works for a firm of Milling Engineers recently visited Honduras and is now on a trip to Canada.

D. W. Jones has completed his National Service and has taken a post with the Abbey Building Society.

O. J. W. Gilbert has given up his work in Biology and moved to Sheffield to undertake research work in steel production.

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