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Editorial

Newton once said, "If I have seen any further than others, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants".

A recent leader of "The Times" makes the point, "It is the function of an institution to be the organization around an idea. All institutions find themselves having to change, and what has to be changed is not the idea but the organization."

In this age of "Whatever is, is wrong", let us not forget the giants, let us have the "idea" clearly in our minds, and let us stand firmly by it.

Headmaster's Notes

We are all sorry that we are losing Mr. M. E. Sellers from the English Department in December, and we shall also miss his help in Games, and in the production of the "Burian". The best wishes of the School go with him.

It will come as a great surprise to most that Mr. Bridges will resume full-time teaching of English, and cease to be responsible for the Music of the School—at a time when the standard of music has never been higher, the Carol Service in particular more impressive, and Instrumental Music more popular. To anticipate the many incredible answers that invariably suggest themselves to the credulous—Mr. Bridges wants to do so.

We shall welcome, then, a new Music Master in January, Mr. G. Watts, F.R.C.O. (CHM), G.T.C.L., A.R.C.M.—it may well be that you will need some help in de-coding. Mr. Watts will be resident in the Boarding House.

Certain headlines recently compel me to indulge in statistics. Of our leavers in July, excluding transfers, 34, or 45 per cent, had at least 2 'A' level passes, 16 of the 34 having 3. Of the 34, 18 went on to the University. Of the 95 A level passes gained this year, 17 were Grade A, and 22 Grade B. Exactly fifty per cent of last year's Fifts have continued into the Sixth, and, especially noteworthy, seven boys from the Silver Jubilee School have joined them.

The West Suffolk Authority, in common with all other Education Authorities, was recently asked to choose between Comprehensive Education and Comprehensive Education. Not unnaturally it chose Comprehensive Education, opting for the Middle School type, with transfer from the Primary School to the Middle School at the age of 9, and from the Middle School to the Upper School at the age of 13. No details are as yet known about our part in this scheme of things.

More recently the Plowden Committee, after over three years of detailed study, has published its report on the Primary Schools of the country. The report weighs 2½lbs. Its considered opinion—and here at least there was an honest to goodness study of the subject—is that transfer from the Primary School to the Secondary should be at the age of twelve. On the one hand, then, transfer to the Middle School at 9; on the other, transfer to the Secondary School at 12. This gives food for thought. Possibly there's a moral in it somewhere.

From time to time a request is received for information about a book in the Old Library of the School. Recently we were asked to supply details of our 1562 Book of Common Prayer, known to the expert as a Series Psalter. This has brought to light that ours is probably the earliest copy known and that its publication was complained of by the owners of the Patent giving the right to print the Prayer Book in the days of Elizabeth I.

School Football Results

1st XI

24th Sept. v. Old Burians (H). Lost 1-3.	2nd Nov. v. Sudbury G.S. (A). Won 6-1.
6th Oct. v. Newport G.S. (H). Won 2-0.	10th Nov. v. St. John's College Cambridge (A). Cancelled.
8th Oct. v. Caius College, Cam- bridge (A). Won 4-3.	12th Nov. v. Soham G.S. (A). Lost 4-6.
15th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (H). Won 10-0.	26th Nov. v. Newmarket G.S. (H). Won 13-2.
27th Oct. v. Thetford G.S. (A). Won 6-0.	

2nd XI

24th Sept. v. Old Burians (H). Won 6-3.	2nd Nov. v. Sudbury G.S. (A). Won 15-0.
6th Oct. v. Newport G.S. (H). Won 2-1.	12th Nov. v. Soham G.S. (H). Won 5-3.
15th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (A). Won 5-1.	26th Nov. v. H.M.S. Ganges (H). Lost 2-3.
27th Oct. v. Thetford G.S. (H). Won 5-1.	

Under 15 XI

8th Oct. v. Silver Jubilee School (H). Lost 1-4.	19th Nov. v. Silver Jubilee School (A). Drew 3-3.
15th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (A) Won 3-2.	1st Dec. v. Ixworth Mod. Sec. School (H). Match abandoned.
12th Nov. v. Soham G.S. (H). Lost 4-5.	

Under 14 XI

6th Oct. v. Newport G.S. (H). Lost 0-4.	12th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (A). Lost 1-7.
15th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (H). Drew 2-2.	26th Oct. v. Newmarket G.S. (H). Won 3-2.
27th Oct. v. Thetford G.S. (A). Cancelled.	

Under 13 XI

8th Oct. v. Silver Jubilee School (A). Won 3-2.	12th Nov. v. Silver Jubilee School (H). Won 6-0.
27th Oct. v. Nowton Court (A). Won 1-0.	1st Dec. v. Ixworth Mod. Sec. School (H). Match abandoned.

Under 13/Under 12 XI

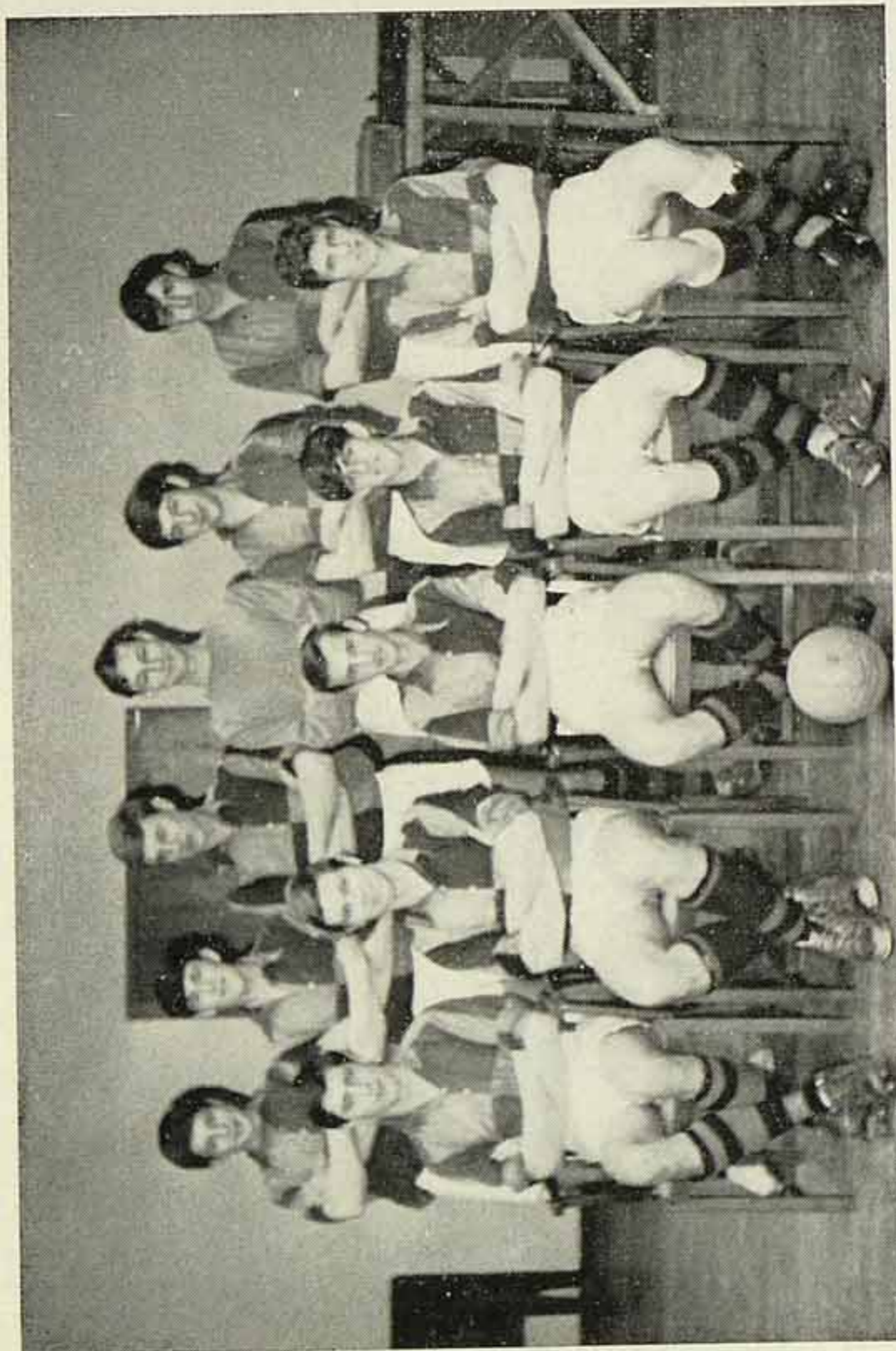
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Under 12 XI

8th Oct. v. Moreton Hall (A). Lost 1-9.	10th Nov. v. Nowton Court (H). Lost 1-3.
15th Oct. v. Soham G.S. (H). Cancelled.	1st Dec. v. Cadogan House (A). Lost 6-0.
27th Oct. v. Cadogan House (H). Drew 3-3.	



1st XI FOOTBALL, 1966.



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1st XI Review

Played 8; Won 6; Drawn 0; Lost 2. Goals for 46; Against 15.

This has been an extremely successful season—as the results might suggest. The defence has been reasonably sound and the forwards have produced many good, first-time shots. The School's first three games were the toughest of the season. The first was against the Old Boys, who owed their victory to their exceptional goalkeeper, who brought off some fine saves; the second, against Newport, a creative team who, however, lacked finish; and finally Caius College, Cambridge, who were an extremely hard tackling, fit team.

The School's fourth game was against Soham, the School's arch-rivals, whom we beat by an impressive margin of goals at home, but to whom we lost away, owing mainly to the School's complacency and our over-confidence.

In the final matches, the School never once slackened, but on every occasion kept up the pressure until the final whistle.

I would like particularly to congratulate Davies on his superb goalkeeping; Burdus on providing a useful link between defence and attack; Austin on his fine display of shooting; and finally, Lockwood on being strong in defence and helping the team out of many a difficult situation.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Lang for giving up a great deal of his time to the coaching and managing of the team; Mr. Dart for arranging the fixtures and Mr. Wyard for keeping the pitch in such excellent condition.

Appearances: Austin, Boyman, Burdus, Davies, Lockwood, Stronach, Devine 8; Horgan, Whittaker 7; Boreham 5; Nunn 4; Hopwood, Lord 1.

Full Colours: Austin, Lockwood, Davies, Burdus, Devine.

Half-colours: Stronach, Nunn, Boyman, Boreham, Horgan, Whittaker, Digby.

Goalscorers: 14, Boyman; 11, Austin; 9, Stronach; 5, Lord; 2, Boreham, Burdus, Horgan; 1, Whittaker.

B.D.

2nd XI Review

Played 7; Won 6; Drawn 0; Lost 1. Goals for 40; Against 12.

This season has been a continuation of last year's successes, though with a team which has never really aspired to the skill and power of its predecessors. However, one has no cause to grumble, with six games won out of seven. Perhaps regret can be expressed at the ending of the unbeaten run in the last match, when a weakened team conceded defeat to a H.M.S. Ganges side, superior in fitness and skill, and playing exceptionally good football for the quagmire-like conditions of the "mountain-side."

For the remainder of the matches, a constantly changing side has played doggedly and determinedly with good defensive and midfield work, but so often has cried out for a cool, collected striker to round off the many chances created.

I should like to take this opportunity to dispel some of the delusions held about the status of the 2nd XI. I admit that its prime purpose is to provide a reserve of match-fit players for the 1st XI, but it is also a separate entity, and no longer treated with the old 'social outing' attitude. Surely then, it at least deserves the 1st XI pitch for home matches, or fixtures should be so arranged that the team does not have to struggle (and visitors alike) on the steep slope of the vastly inferior "2nd XI pitch".

Appearances: 7 Thorning, Ronaldson; 6 Wakeman, Edwards, Goodson, Caban, Lord; 5 Wilkinson M., Osborne, Francis; 4 Gooch, Nunn; 2 Wilkinson C., Boreham, Soames, Colwell; 1 Howard, Holman.

Goals: 10 Ronaldson; 6 Lord; 5 Goodson; 4 Nunn; 2 Colwell, Caban, Boreham, Francis; 1 Edwards, Wilkinson C., Thorning; 4 own goals.

P.W.L.G.

Under 15 Review

It had seemed likely that the Under 15 XI would do well this season. Of the first four games they won one, drew one, and lost two. The last match against Ixworth was abandoned just before the end with the School winning 4-1. (The opening games hardly bear thinking about because of the bad spirit in which they were played. The football field seemed to have become an arena for the exhibition of meanness, spite and ill-temper. The referees' decisions were questioned, players were shouted at and complained about for mistakes, and tackles were made as a way of retaliation. Such an activity cannot be called a game or a sport.)

The team recovered from this stupidity in the return games. The match at the Jubilee, which ended in a 3-3 draw, was almost as good an example of keenly contended schoolboy football as one would wish to see.

The game against Ixworth is memorable because of the antagonism of the elements. A howling rain-threaded wind blew the ball in hardly controllable spirals about the pitch, and the teams ran for it as though they themselves were being pursued. Faint and half-articulate cries of encouragement came from spectral figures on the touchline. At length the clouds were borne very low, the ground darkened, and the wind unleashed a stinging hailstorm that sent the players and the referee running for shelter.

M.E.S.

The Under-14 XI Review

Played 4; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 2. Goals for 6; Against 15.

After the promise of last year's Under 13 displays, this season's Under 14 XI—basically the same team—made a rather disappointing showing. Of their four matches, they won one and drew one, while sustaining two decisive defeats at the hands of Newport G.S. and Soham G.S., in which they scored only one goal, while conceding eleven.

Lack of forward thrust was the chief weakness. Dobbyn and Edgar failed to recapture last season's incisiveness; Brown and Rutter tried hard, but their lack of inches told against taller defences; Day probably showed to best advantage, and scored on both occasions he played as a forward.

The failure of the forwards to dominate the game resulted in a good deal of extra pressure on the defence, and our opponents were not slow to take advantage of slack marking, bad positioning, and slowness in clearing.

Wheeler, in goal, again showed greater skill in saving the more difficult than the easier shots; Lafen and Bartram, while playing well, were inclined to stand too square against speedy wingers. Digby's distribution of the ball improved greatly, but he is prone to tackle with more enthusiasm than skill. Aldous, although still inclined to do too much himself, displayed his customary energy and power at left half, while Burdge proved a competent centre half. Sparkes and Golding also deserve mention as willing reserves who did their best when called upon.

The main lessons to be learned, if the team is to improve its record next season, are that a greater measure of determination must be shown by some members, and greater speed in passing, covering, and finishing needs to be developed.

D.V.H.

Under 13 Review

The Under 13's had a very successful season, playing four matches and virtually winning them all. The final match was abandoned with the score seven goals to four in our favour with two minutes remaining. The referee had little option to do otherwise as twenty-two little boys fled the field in the face of a severe hailstorm.

The success of the team was largely due to the poor quality of the opposition. Next year will involve sterner tests. Nevertheless the Under 13's tried, and to some extent, succeeded in playing good football. For example they usually tried to pass to a man rather

than apply what is commonly known as "the boot". The forwards improved as the season progressed especially with the introduction of Hunt at inside right. Hunt played well at half back but his strong shooting at goal made him invaluable as a forward. Lewis, Copping and Hitchcock all had their moments. Nevertheless all three have some serious failings which need rectifying. Copping tends to fade in the second half, Hitchcock sometimes never starts in the first half and Lewis often spends his time jumping about like a neurotic grasshopper in fear of being knocked over. Lewis should be commended on his strong finishing. Left wing was a difficult position to fill—Knox and Tufts both tried hard when they played.

The real strength of the team lay in the defence admirably marshalled by Martin the captain. Janes and Bean were consistently good, although both were a trifle afraid to go hard into a tackle. If one tackles leaning backwards there is only one place one will end up. Brown and Temple were sound as backs. The former sometimes forsook football to argue with his goalkeeper. Indeed our penalty area was frequently the noisiest part of the field. Brown and Cullen must learn when to shout and when not to shout. Cullen played well in goal throughout the season. He made some remarkably good saves. One only hopes he grows a little taller by next year.

The best feature of the Under 13 side has been their enthusiasm. This has been shared by the loyal reserves—Grimley, Boughton and Marshal. It is a pity that there are not fifteen players in a football team so that more could get a game.

J.F.M.R.

Under 12 Review

After the last few seasons, this has been a disappointing one; not only did we fail to win a match, but there was a dearth of natural footballers and such as there were lacked weight and strength. But on the other hand there was great keenness, especially among the ruck of the year; this is a healthy sign and one can but hope that in course of time several train on into being real footballers. We lost heavily to both Moreton Hall and Nowton Court, both of which had older teams (drawn from fewer numbers) of good footballers. In an additional fixture against Moreton Hall some of the Under 12 side joined with members of the Under 13 side and won a good game by 3-1; it was useful experience for the younger players. Our Waterloo came in the return match against Cadogan House. We drew the first game at home 3-3 which was a fair result on the run of the play; in the return game under very difficult conditions we lost 0-9; Cadogan House had improved greatly and ran us off our feet.

At outside left McNiven captained the side and showed promise; he must learn to accelerate quickly; King, at centre forward, had a good kick but too often did not position himself where the ball could be got to him. At half, both Kostecky and Shepherd showed much promise, tackling and kicking well and having the instinctive sense of position. The two backs—Iredale and Southgate—will probably improve with age and experience. The side was a truly blended one, made up by adding some ordinary quality players to a few vintage ones. Rudland, at outside right would improve greatly if he would tackle an opponent. Galloway, a latecomer to the side, showed a willingness for work and courage.

Some of the new intake have acquired some sound football knowledge from watching matches on television, but with it they have picked up some of the worst traits of the professionals. Parents can help much by pointing out the features that no boy or adult should emulate.

The XI was as follows: Button, Southgate, Iredale, Shepherd, Kostecky, Bidwell, Rudland, Galloway, King, Wootton, McNiven.
F.P.B.

Football—House Competition

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

	Senior						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkist	5	4	0	1	18	8	8
Lancastrian	5	4	0	1	21	15	8
School	5	3	0	2	29	4	6
Tudor	5	2	0	3	12	9	4
Windsor	5	2	0	3	14	20	4
Stuart	5	0	0	5	4	42	0

	Junior						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkist	5	4	0	1	13	6	8
Lancastrian	5	3	1	1	15	5	7
Tudor	5	2	1	2	12	6	5
School	5	2	1	2	9	7	5
Windsor	5	1	1	3	6	13	3
Stuart	5	1	0	4	5	23	2

Combined Table

	Sen.	Jun.	Total	Place
Yorkist	8	8	16	(1)
Lancastrian	8	7	15	(2)
School	6	5	11	(3)
Tudor	4	5	9	(4)
Windsor	4	3	7	(5)
Stuart	0	2	2	(6)

HOUSE NOTES

Lancastrian

This proved to be a very successful season. Eventually it was only goal average which defeated us and allowed Yorks to win the championship.

With our abilities limited to a few players it needed a real team effort in every game. Slater, although not a recognised goal-keeper, improved in every game and perhaps his finest hour was when he withstood the continual onslaught of the Tudor forwards. Driver and Klonek, as full backs, were rarely beaten, and Nunn was an outstanding player in defence. Lord must be commended for his efforts, both in defence and attack, and two of last year's Juniors, Cobbold and Footer, showed great promise for the future. Sheridan was always prompting the forwards and Devereux deserves a mention for his endeavours in two of our five matches. Ross, although lacking in the finer skills of the game, often harassed the opposing defences with his robust methods. In all, we had a fine side, and whereas our standard of football was somewhat limited, nevertheless this was more than countered by the team's enthusiasm, which must take the credit for some exciting victories over Yorks, Tudors, Windsors and Stuarts.

Unfortunately the final game with School proved disastrous. Luck and an efficient School side were against us, and the Lancs players allowed themselves to be too easily overshadowed by the opposition. This was with the exception of Nunn, who played a thankless game in defence, and Lord, whose efforts deserved better reward. However, second position in the final table was an unexpected result following last season's bottom of the table station. It must be hoped that our final failure will not hinder our success during the coming hockey season.

The Juniors promised much, but their final accomplishment fell short of expectations. Aldous was the outstanding player, but he was ably supported by Dobbyn, Cullen, Kosteki and Shepherd. The latter two, in spite of their lack of years, displayed some skilful touches and in future years will be a great asset to the house.

In cross-country, despite some good individual performances, Lancs could only manage to come second to a fairly strong, but young Tudor's team. Austin came 1st, Sheridan 3rd and Nunn came 6th. Behind these were Devereux 15th, Slater 18th and Klonek 23rd.

We were only just beaten by seven points and one can't help thinking that if certain boys did more training-runs, there was no reason why we could not have come first. Races are lost and won in training—a boy may run as hard as he is able during the race, but unless he is fit, he will not come very high and will feel ill

afterwards. By conscientious training Lancs can win in March, and I hope the junior members of the house can equal the seniors' performances.

Undoubtedly both the football and cross-country teams have set a standard for the following two terms, and with similar enthusiasm next term, Lancs will surely achieve equal success at hockey.

T.P.A. & M.K.S.

School

Fides, Spes, Nulla Clementia

Compared with previous years this term has been unsuccessful for the Senior football team, who won only three games out of the five. 28 of the 29 goals scored by the team this term were in these three matches. The first two games, against Windsors and Stuarts, were both startling wins and everyone was confident that the School house team would again be victorious; but, unfortunately, the team fell into a short lapse and lost the following two games, against Tudors and Yorks, three goals being disallowed in the latter match. These, incidentally, were our first defeats for a record-breaking run of twenty-nine wins. In the last game the team regained its former confidence and is to be congratulated on managing to gain an 8-0 victory over the would-be champions, Lancastrians, in spite of the fact that we had two reserves playing for us. Top goalscorer was Boyman with 14 goals to his credit.

The Juniors, on the other hand, did well compared with previous years, winning two and drawing one. This is a very good record when it is realized that we only had eleven juniors from which we had to pick a team of eleven! Day is to be congratulated for his able and inspiring leadership. Our final positions were as follows:—

Overall — 3rd.

Seniors — 3rd.

Juniors — 4th.

Devine is to be congratulated for being awarded 1st XI football colours, and also Stronach and Boyman for gaining half-colours.

The cross-country team finished third overall in this term's "unofficial" race. Guthrie, our first man to finish the course, came in 8th, followed shortly by Devine (captain) in the 12th place. We hope for the greater success which we are capable of obtaining next term in the "official" race.

We look forward to what should be a successful hockey season next term, under the leadership of R. J. Wakeman.

W.D.C.

Stuart

This has been another bad football season for the house. The Senior XI was well beaten in all of its matches due to the lack of cohesion between the players. The forwards tended to stay too far upfield for long periods of the game, instead of giving the defence some much-needed help, and on such occasions when the defence did come away with the ball, the forwards tended to "freeze" with amazement and were consequently unable to carry on with building up the attack.

The Juniors, however, were unlucky to win only one of their matches, and will prove to be a strong team next year. In both teams, a large proportion of the players were very young, and will be able to play for their house again next season when they can look forward to a more successful season than this one.

Unfortunately, where cross-country is concerned, we have not got the pick of the school, but, with a bit more effort from the team, we might have obtained a more respectable position than 6th. One of the reasons for this position was that one of our better runners was unable to run on the day. A new member to the house, P. Lay, had a very commendable run, and certainly will do better in the future. I am certainly looking forward to better results in the next inter-house cross-country race.

L.J.D. & R.J.B.

Tudor

Was it not Fitzgerald who said
'Tis good to see
A win at cross-country'?

No, it wasn't; in fact I made it up myself. But nevertheless it is true to say that once again in their brilliant history Tudors have gained first place in the inter-house cross-country, despite the handicap of Digby being unable to run. Perhaps it was because he was thus free to exercise his considerable vocal powers in spurring on the team, with Stonehouse in front, that we won with only 63 points.

Someone of somewhat greater literary merit did say "pride goeth before destruction"; in this case, exactly one line before, for according to a disappointed House football captain it can only be said that this was not one of our greatest terms for the Senior football team. They seemed to be quite content to run around the field without linking their worthy individual talents into one mighty awe-inspiring Tudor team. But, with a defence of the calibre of that provided by Digby, Osborne, Harvey and Wootton, Tudors will have the World Cup yet, providing, of course, that Brazil are no

better than School house were on October 13th. In the same way, the Junior team would have gained an honourably easy first position this term under Rutter's masterful leadership had there not been two other houses higher up the scale.

If you see three Sixth-formers wandering around the 1st XI pitch looking like Aztec Indians on the warpath, don't rush to sign the pledge. It only means that you should congratulate Davies on gaining full colours, and Whittaker and Digby on gaining half-colours.

Finally we hope for great Tudor victories in the Spring term, and to spur our teams on to success here is a quotation from Horace:—

"Nil Mortalibus ardui est"!

Well, at least it makes a good ending even if you do not know what it means.

S.D.W.

Windsor

We have not been particularly successful this term, coming fifth in both football and cross-country. The disappointing result as far as football is concerned can partly be attributed to lack of team spirit and enthusiasm. In general, we had as much talent as other houses, if not more, but tended to play as individuals and in a nonchalant fashion. But this is only part of the story: in the game against Lincs, for example, we were extremely unlucky, and on other occasions we seemed to be able to do everything but get the ball into the goal. We won two games, and Burdus, who captained the side, and Horgan, scored some fine goals. Francis and Soames also deserve mention for making constructive moves in defence. Hopwood and Wallace played consistently. Congratulations to Burdus for being awarded full colours, and Horgan half-colours.

The Junior XI, although ably captained by Edgar, also came fifth, beating only Stuarts. Let us hope that they are more fortunate next year, for they have the necessary ability to make a good team.

In cross-country, Wallace ran well, coming 5th. Unfortunately he was by far the best in the team, and the other runners were placed rather lower. However, they did manage to beat the unfortunate Stuarts by packing, for they had gone on several practice runs.

Next term, we must make up our minds to play keenly, and if we do that we could be well placed in the hockey championship.

J.G.P.

Yorkist

Both of the Yorkist football teams have met with success this football season, each winning four out of five games.

The Senior team had a morale-boosting 8-0 victory over the unfortunate Stuart house, in the first game of the season. After this victory goals became increasingly hard to come by—Tudors fell by 3-2, then we lost to Lancastrians by 4-2. In this game the team failed to play as a team and as a result scoring chances were lost. The last two matches gave us victories over Windsors by 3-1 and School house by 2-1. This last game proved to be very exciting and entertaining although the standard of football was low.

Outstanding players were Lockwood, I. Burdge, Scott and Caban. Faiers proved himself a skilful player and will undoubtedly prove a great asset next season.

The Juniors also played well under the captaincy of N. Burdge and only failed to win all their matches by a single goal. Junior house football is not always recognized as having any importance, but as the house championships are decided by adding the totals of both teams together, the results of their games can mean the difference between defeat and victory.

The house gained a moderate fourth in this term's cross-country race. Howard, Orbell and Box are to be congratulated on their efforts, though perhaps our lower colleagues could have elevated their positions. Perhaps with a little more spirit we can come through the major race next term with a higher position.

As we look forward to the coming hockey season it becomes apparent that if the teams go on to the field with the same verve and enthusiasm as of late, then victories will abound.

R.J.H. & C.D.J.H.

Cross-Country

The annual Inter-House cross-country race took place, this year, on a chilly November day. There were five teams of eight runners and the sixth managed to find only six runners, owing to the lack of enthusiasm of the reserves!

Despite atrocious conditions, T. P. Austin won the race by a considerable margin over R. D. W. Stonehouse. The next four positions were taken by M. K. Sheridan, C. D. J. Hill, D. W. Wallace and R. J. Banham. Although Lancastrian took first and third positions, the better balanced Tudors won the race by a slender margin. They were followed by School, Yorks, Windsor and Stuarts respectively.

On the Saturday preceding the house race, K. C. Barber, R. H. Bartram, P. J. Dobbyn and G. J. Wheeler formed a team to take part at Tostock, in the road relay promoted by Ipswich Harriers.

Each boy had to run two miles in a race which attracted teams from Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. Although the School only managed seventh position, the race afforded valuable experience, and showed what can be achieved by serious training.

The cross-country club has attracted several runners in the First Form, as well as a few more or less willing members of the middle and upper school. Conditions have not always been perfect, and the competition has often been to evade the mud rather than to win the race.

K.C.B.

RUGBY

Having begun the term with only a score of enthusiasts from last year, we were suddenly transformed under the New System, when about fifty more 'volunteers' were recruited. These were given a crash course in the rules, and all seventy turned out on Thursdays to 'play'—with one ball and no pitch!

The crisis was overcome, thanks to the Headmaster and A. P. Lockwood, who each provided us with a ball; to the Bury R.U.F.C., who gave us use of their pitch on Thursdays; and to Mr. Reed, without whom we would have had to play 35-a-side.

Things are now running smoothly, with a weekly turnout of over sixty. The notable events of the term were a very good film on the Laws of the Game which most people watched, and a hard-fought senior game in which School House defeated The Rest fairly comfortably. Notable too was the loss in weight and gain in fitness of certain of our stouter followers. Some, it is said, even run voluntarily now!

With the help of a few players of previous experience (who unfortunately must still participate in other ball games) we should very soon have a fifteen capable of competing with other schools in the district.

For several years there has been a gradual change from soccer to rugby in schools throughout the country. Whilst K.E.G.S. is not likely to join this move, perhaps those in whom a preference for the game is growing will be able to develop it when the educational system in West Suffolk changes, or by joining the Bury R.U.F.C. This club runs a very successful Colts side and welcomes any young players. Having achieved the facilities, the next need is incentive and encouragement to improve.

School Notes

The first major event of the term was the School play, 'The Merchant of Venice', performed at the Theatre Royal. This was a great success. In fact, there was standing room only at every performance! We are all very grateful to Mr. Tapster for producing it so admirably and also to everyone else involved. A special thankyou must go to Mrs. Millard and Mrs. Smeltzer, who were responsible for the costumes and the make-up.

Beside this Mr. Tapster has found time to organize several other very enjoyable trips to the theatre.

Early on in the term Mr. Rayner, a well remembered former member of the staff, gave a talk to the third year on his Trans-Continental journey that he made by train last summer from Montreal to Vancouver. It was well illustrated with very interesting coloured slides.

Two excellent recitals have been given in the boarders' dining hall this term. The first was performed by Elizabeth Holbrook (viola—an instrument which one expects to find only in the orchestra) and Geoffrey Pratley (piano). The second was a piano recital given by John Sivell.

While on the subject of music, I feel that some mention should be made of the School orchestra, which has played in assembly every Friday morning this term; and has performed in front of some of Her Majesty's Inspectors who, I am told, were very impressed. (In spite of the flashing illumination!)

T. P. Austin (Lancs) is to be congratulated on winning the Inter-House cross country race (I notice that the word 'unofficial' has been dropped from its title). The race was won overall by Tudors. I hasten to add, to clear up any misconceptions, that of course, the 'official' cross-country race will still be run next term. The Inter-House football competition was won by Yorkist House who headed both the senior and junior sections.

The afternoon of the penultimate Friday of term was employed by members of the Sixth years in a debate at the County School for Girls. The motion, 'That Britain is no longer a desirable place in which to live and work', was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The term was concluded by a highly successful Carol Service, a very fitting climax to Mr. Bridges' development of the choir.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Sellers will be leaving us at the end of this term. He took an interest in various sporting activities and was the master in charge of Second XI cricket and Under 15 football. Mr. Sellers was responsible for the production of this magazine, for which, I am sure, you will all join me in thanking him. We wish him every success for the future. His place will be taken by Mr. Bridges, who will give up the teaching of music altogether. We welcome Mr. Watts, from Lancashire, as our new music master. This is the first time in the history of the School that it has had a master purely for the teaching of music.

W. D. CARR.

Recital

ELIZABETH HOLBROOK (Viola)

GEOFFREY PRATLEY (Piano)

Wednesday, 12 October 1966, at 2.45 p.m.

L'Agréable: La Matellotte (from "Old French Dances")

Marias

Allegretto Grazioso: Solfeggietto C. P. E. Bach

Divertimento (Adagio, Menuet, Allegro di Molto) Haydn

Märchenbilder

(Nicht schnell; Lebhaft; Langsam; Rasch) ... Schumann

Solo Sonata Op. 25 (Third & Fourth Movements)

Hindemith

Romance: Prelude Shostakovich

Elégie Glazounov

Serenade Weber

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The Viola has been neglected as a solo instrument; even as a member of the Orchestra it has had an obscure part to play. But in the present century, mainly through the efforts of the English musician, Lionel Tertis, and the German violist and composer, Hindemith, it has been raised to the status of a solo instrument in its own right, as its depth and warmth of tone, coupled with a remarkable versatility in performance, fully warrant.

Miss Holbrook, accompanied by Mr. Pratley, gave us a splendid account of what the Viola can do in works written or arranged for it expressly as a solo instrument. Very few of the audience can have heard it in this rôle before, and the experience was a revealing one.

Although soloist and accompanist were not always perfectly in accord, and in spite of the piano being too often too loud for the viola's gentle tone, Miss Holbrook gave an extremely enjoyable recital, and the very appreciative and attentive audience showed her in no uncertain way how they had been delighted with her playing.

J.O.B.

Recital

Friday, 18 November 1966, at 2.45 p.m.

JOHN SIVELL (Piano)

Prelude and Fugue in G (Bk I of the '48', No. 15) ... Bach

'Waldstein' Sonata

(Allegro con brio—Introduction & Rondo) Beethoven

(a) Wedding Day at Troldhanger Grieg

(b) To the Spring

Preludes in C sharp minor, E flat, and G minor

Rachmaninov

from 'Mikrokosmos', Volume VI *Bartok*

- (a) From the Diary of a Fly
- (b) Ostinato
- (c) March
- (d) Bulgarian Dances, Nos 2-4-6.

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A programme, such as the above, published well in advance of the recital, raises high hopes in those who intend to be present at the performance; at the same time, some of those who *hope* may have misgivings about the actual event. In the present case, any misgivings were proved null and void: the recital was an unqualified and brilliant success.

Mr. Sivell is an artist who has very high standards, but masks his devotion to his art by encouraging his audience not to take the music too seriously. So he invited us to count the number of times we could detect the entry of the fugue subject in the Bach item; figures ranged from 6 to 34! And he invited us, also, to detect the bridegroom's mood of doubt in his decision to marry when we listened to "Wedding Day at Troldhanger"! And, of course, he did not neglect to remind us of the live man confined by mistake in Rachmaninoff's C sharp minor Prelude!

Whether the very youngest members of the audience could be expected to sustain attention in the tremendous 'Waldstein' Sonata is doubtful. But here the soloist showed himself as a great pianist, of whom, we feel sure, the musical world will hear a great deal in the future. It was a thrilling performance—this piece, as well as all the others, being perfectly memorised, and executed with such 'bravura' and virtuosity as compelled admiration. This was a fine conclusion to the Autumn Term recital series. J.O.B.

"The Merchant of Venice"

After the outstanding performance of "St. Joan", and its great success, the Dramatic Society had a great reputation to uphold with this play—and uphold it, it did.

Nigel Thorning, as Shylock, was clearly the best actor, with the leading rôle. The rest of the casting was good, and the other parts ably supported Shylock. However, Jeffery as Portia and Macdonald as Nerissa, I thought, were rather un-feminine. Surely the Shakespearean custom of boys acting female parts is now out of date? But then, if we "borrow" girls from other schools, the production is not entirely K.E.G.S.

The set was really first class, both in design and construction. The lighting, too was very professional. And the prompter complained he was unemployed!

Congratulations to all involved, in however small a part, and in particular to Mr. Tapster. We look forward to further productions.

R.E.S.

The Dumb Waiter

On a damp dark November day last year, some fifty members of the Upper School attended a production of Harold Pinter's well-known play "The Dumb Waiter" in the School Assembly Hall. This was produced by Mr. John Garbutt, who organises extra-mural activities for the Youth of the district. There were only two characters in the play, and a simple set—what a contrast to the "Merchant of Venice"! The two characters were excellently played by Brian Honeyball, from the Silver Jubilee School, and Anthony Buckle from our own school, who was almost unrecognizable in his part as Ben, so effective was his acting.

Brian Honeyball was an excellent Gus, the person who asks all the questions.

The somewhat unusual plot concerns two hired assassins, awaiting their next job in a Birmingham basement. Ben has been acclimatised to the job, and accepts life as it comes. Gus, however, is new, and still feels uneasy at his task, and it is around him that "the Boss" engineers a series of tests. The programme notes, supplied by Mr. Garbutt (which, incidentally, ascribed make-up to a certain person who chose to be called Carol Radford) explain that their Boss is mysteriously present—although I could never feel this. The dramatic ending to the play, where Gus has failed all his tests, and appears from behind the set in a dishevelled state, stripped of his revolver, tie and holster, is both surprising, and yet not surprising, for throughout the play we continually expect something dramatic to happen.

The play was appreciated by members of the audience, and it is unfortunate that it had to be performed during a lunch-break—not the most convenient time for anybody, let alone cast and stage staff. Despite this, however, the play was well acted, and proved most enjoyable for all those who saw this production.

R.D.W.S.

The Sixth Form Art Exhibition

During this term we have been allowed to see the work of the Sixth Form artists, under the direction of Mr. Tapster. I must first say that I enjoyed this showing of this work, but with a reservation.

This reservation is that the work, although of a high quality, is in many cases not self explanatory. The modern art on show needed, in most cases, an explanation of the intention and idea of the artist. In this I do not alone criticise the work of these artists but that of modern artists in general. Modern art is in general rather complicated to the eye of the layman and needs to be explained. Once a layman has even the barest explanation—and it is best that it is the barest, for this leaves his imagination room to work—of what the artist is trying to create, then his understanding,

and thus his enjoyment of the work of art is greatly enhanced.

It would be wrong to single out any one piece of work as outstanding, for they were all good, and it would be best to congratulate all the artists, and Mr. Tapster, for the high quality of the work, and, we hope we shall be allowed further chances to see the achievements of these artists.

D.J.W.

County School—K.E.G.S. Debate

“That this house believes that Britain is no longer a desirable place in which to live and work.”

“A stirring success.” These were the words used to describe the K.E.G.S./County debate, held at the County Grammar School, this term. And they are words that are fully justifiable, too! The enthusiasm so evident in the four main speakers eventually spread to what was, at first, a somewhat sluggish floor, resulting in a lively and amusing debate.

The County School contingent, Alison Shirreff and Sandy Vout, professed nerves *before* the debate was opened, but in fact gave our speakers, somewhat more experienced than they, a lesson on the art of public speaking! Nor were they at any time dull. Using all of the tricks of a politician they manipulated their opponents' views to make them seem absurd, and pointless.

But our speakers certainly did not disgrace us. Man of the day was doubtless Malcolm Ledger, who surprised all and sundry by delivering his speech with a wry wit, that carried off the debate. (Although Allaway put up a good fight for the proposers.)

Anthony Allaway and Sandy Vout (proposing the motion) lost the debate by an overwhelming majority to Alison Shirreff and Malcolm Ledger. There was no doubt that the house was firmly convinced that Britain isn't such a bad place after all!

The hospitality shown by the County Grammar School was outstanding (in fact I am firmly convinced that half the audience went only for the 'nosh') and should our school invite them for a return bout next Easter we shall be hard pressed to prove that we are as hospitable as they! But it can be done, and is well worth doing, if the whole venture can be carried off with the same success as this first inter-schools debate.

The Dolomites

At 11 o'clock on July 6th, while the rest of the school were eagerly awaiting the end of term, a party of twenty-eight boys were leaving the Broadway, Eastgate St., by coach heading for Folkestone. This was the first stage of the journey which was to take us to the mountains of the Dolomites in N. Italy. The Channel crossing

was fairly smooth, and after arriving in Boulogne at about 8 o'clock, and passing through passport and custom formalities, we boarded the train which was to take us over France during the night. Most of the party spent a restless night in the couchettes and were already awake when the train pulled into Basle station early the following morning. After our first continental breakfast, we continued by train through Switzerland, and into Austria, stopping for lunch at Innsbruck. In the afternoon we crossed the Brenner Pass into Italy and at around midnight we arrived in Bolzano, from where we finished our journey by coach through the dark mountains, arriving at Alba, our destination and home for the next week, at around half past one, when we were all too tired to do anything except go to sleep.

We woke up to find ourselves in an imposing mountain valley with towering mountains all around us. Alba, with its neat wooden chalets, seems to be an integral part of the surrounding landscape, not only a village to be looked at, but also a pleasant place in which to live—this was apparent in the cheerfulness of the 'locals' who were busily cutting grass for hay.

In the following days we were able to make several excursions from Alba on aching feet in the surrounding mountains. The mountains being mainly dolomite limestone, have their own distinctive shape and appearance, many seeming likely to crumble and fall down at any time. Some of our walks took us to the nearby Duron and Onburetta Passes, and another day, utilising chair lifts as well as our legs, we reached the Marmolada Glacier which is the highest of the Dolomites at nearly 11,000 feet.

I think in many peoples' opinion and certainly in mine, the highlight of the trip was when we ascended the Sasso Pordoio by cable car and then walked or rock scrambled to the top of the Piz Boé (10,337 feet) where we had a magnificent view over the surrounding summit, despite the misty conditions.

Resorting to coach transport we were able to visit places of interest further afield, passing through the entertaining Dolomite scenery. One of our visits was to the old towns of Bolzano, where most people decided to thin their wallets by buying a few presents, and Merano, where it was so hot that most people just sat and looked at the beautiful gardens and houses.

The time passed very quickly, and it was not long before we were back on our way across Europe by the same route as the outward journey.

I think everybody agrees that the holiday was a great success, and, on behalf of all the party, I would like to thank the three members of staff who were responsible for the smooth running of the visit—Mr. Little whose organisation was excellent, Mr. Taylor whose linguistic powers were very useful, and Mr. Reed for his impressions of the geography of the region.

P.R.

Old Boys' Notes

Congratulations to P. F. Williams on being awarded a Research Studentship at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

We would all like to congratulate Mr. J. Farrow on his marriage in December 1966.

R. P. Radley entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, this term.

D. S. Jarrold is now an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

R. N. W. Smith, after second thoughts about his career, has been admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School.

Congratulations to A. F. Singleton on his Upper Second in Chemistry at Leicester, and to J. Goodwin on his B.A. in Economics at Sheffield. He now goes to Bradford for a one-year course in Business Management.

Congratulations also to A. R. W. Marsh on his Ph.D. at Hull. He is now following a Post-Doctorate Course at Rochester University, New York State. And congratulations to D. J. Fuller on his First Class Honours in Metallurgy at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

I. K. Deeks is now a qualified Private Pilot and Flight Radio Operator.

M. J. H. Brown, who is employed by the Department of Highways, Ontario, is entering a Canadian University to study for the Degree of Master of Business Administration.

Congratulations to C. Gillings on his Lower Second in Applied Chemistry at the University of Aston, and to M. J. Cornish on his Upper Second in Economics at the London School of Economics. He now intends to Study for his M.Sc. in International Relations.

Congratulations also to Christopher Blake on his B.Sc. in Estate Management after his four year course at Nottingham College of Technology.

Malcolm Shreeve has left the Metropolitan Police and is to try tea planting in Ceylon.

Congratulations to B. H. P. Turner on his Ph.D. (London). He is now in the United States as the guest of the Oregon College of Education.

A. R. Martin has changed his plans and is applying to the Universities to take a course in Statistics.

N. J. Corbishley is now at R.A.F. Acklington, Northumberland, completing his flying training. From the Jet Provost mk. 3 he has moved to the Jet Provost mk. 4.

D. F. Death recently graduated from the Royal Veterinary College (B.Vet.Med.), and is working in a practice in North Devon.

G. E. Manning is making application for University entrance with a view to teaching Science.

G. J. Miller hopes to spend some time on Voluntary Service Overseas.

E. T. Smith has applied to the Ministry of Overseas Development for an appointment overseas as a Chemist.

R. C. Whittington is now teaching with the Worcestershire County Council, and B. W. Hardman at Comberton C.E. School, Cambridgeshire.

M. P. Young has applied to the Nottingham Regional College of Technology to read for an Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.

Christmas cards were received from D. F. Death, D. Blackmore (Leicester University), T. Sadler, R. N. W. Smith, S. N. Crisp, N. J. Corbishley, M. J. H. Brown (University of Western Ontario), J. A. H. Knight, B. H. P. Turner, B. R. Hazel, R. Brewster (St. Peter's College, Birmingham), A. D. Day, B. W. Hardman, P. R. Lilly (Headquarters, Fighter Command, Stanmore), M. J. Cornish, G. R. Snell (University of Leeds), R. L. Steele, J. A. Crick, M. F. H. Simpson, M. J. R. Thompson (Royal Agricultural College), A. D. Fairbairn, J. Mendham, Colin and Douglas Barley, and R. Morley.

M. F. H. Simpson has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Liberal Studies at Glamorgan College of Technology. He has recently given a course of lectures on Public Speaking at Whitchurch Adult Education Centre, and is a regular contributor to the Literary Review of the Western Mail. B.B.C. Wales recently accepted a Radio Play of his. Unfortunately it was not produced—but at least it was paid for!

School Orchestra

When passing through the school on a Thursday afternoon, one may hear strange sounds coming from the Assembly Hall. There is no need to worry; these are the strains of the school orchestra. This is the first orchestra the school has had, and there are already over twenty members.

Since the orchestra has been accompanying the school in Friday morning assemblies, many boys have taken up instrumental lessons. It is hoped that some of these boys will bring about the introduction of a percussion section, and the enlargement of the brass section.

At first, only simple pieces were played, but now the orchestra's repertoire has been extended to include more intricate pieces by famous composers. The music for the Lord's Prayer, originally written for the organ by Percy Hallam, has been orchestrated by Mr. C. F. Taylor, and is now played by the orchestra in morning assemblies.

The members of the orchestra would like to thank all the members of staff who have helped them, particularly Mr. Mills, their leader, and Mr. Bridges, their conductor.

D.J.B. & K.S.C.

Scout Notes

Planned activities this term have been hampered by the rather erratic weather. During the "fine" periods the troop has taken the opportunity to get out and about and the wide-games this term have been quite successful, with the exception of the quarry trip which resulted in one or two minor casualties.

The Scouts have participated in tests and badgework on the more dismal and rainy afternoons. And, during this term, a scout who only joined us at the beginning of the school year has already gained his 2nd Class; furthermore, two people have passed their 2nd Class hikes.

One of our ex-Scouts received a reply from a letter written to a troop overseas in last February's Operation Gauntlet. The letter was rather brief and came from a Scout in New Zealand.

M. J. Peachey.

Philatelic Society

Although no regular meetings were held, considerable interest was shown by boys of the first three years and many spare moments were probably more usefully occupied with stamps than would otherwise have been the case. Several boys decided to specialise and several showed how easily home-made albums could be built up out of springback covers and loose sheets; some of these albums were very well arranged. For the beginners there are several Don'ts: DON'T keep stamps loose in your pocket—they become soiled and torn: DON'T collect (or is it save?) unused and used stamps on the same page; it is better by far to start by collecting used varieties and to this end you must try to get contacts abroad or find friends who have such contacts: DON'T get involved with approvals; if you must buy stamps, try to find a general collection which is being sold at a local auction: DON'T regard the catalogue value of your collection as its real value, far better to collect for interest's sake or for the sake of collecting. The enthusiasm is there and many will have already extended their topographical and typographical knowledge.

Dramatic Society

The first half of the term was completely taken up with preparations for "The Merchant of Venice" which was produced at the Theatre Royal at the end of October. Thanks to all the hard work put into the production by all concerned, especially Mr. Tapster, the play was a success, with every seat being sold for each of the four performances. The Society was pleased to receive a request for seventy-six seats from Mr. C. P. Nobes, whom many of the Upper school will remember as being head of the English Department. Mr. Nobes came to the play with a party from the comprehensive school at Berkhamstead, where he now teaches.

Because of the full houses the society made a small profit. This was the first production which did not have to rely on a subsidy from the Tuck Shop.

Three cups were presented for outstanding contributions to Drama this year. The cup for the best senior performance went to Nigel G. Thorning for his outstanding portrayal of Shylock, and the second cup went to Andrew King for his convincing portrayal of Jessica and also his musical contribution with "Tell me where is fancy bred?" A third cup went to Graham Garden for the building of the set, and a fourth award was made to David Crawford for designing and painting the set.

The Society wishes to thank Messrs. C. F. Taylor, J. Mills and R. T. Hey and Barry Harber for their string playing, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the play. We also thank Mr. Taylor for composing the music for the song. We also must thank Wilman's recorder consort for its contribution.

The committee has made four major decisions this term. The first is that no more cups should be given, as the Society prefers to think of a production as a team effort. Secondly, it was decided to enter a play in the Youth Drama Festival in February with a cast excluding boys in the senior school studying for examinations. It was then decided to spend about £30 on workshop equipment under the stage for use in set-construction, this money coming from the profits of the recent production. Lastly, the Society elected a sub-committee to establish a programme for the Theatre Club next term.

On Tuesday, 8 November, Mr. J. Garbutt presented "The Dumb Waiter", a one-act play by Harold Pinter, in the school hall. It was well acted but, perhaps, the wrong play to present to an audience such as ours. One of the two characters in the play was played by A. E. Buckle.

The only meeting of the Theatre Club was held to discuss this production. The attendance at this meeting was very poor and it is hoped that there will be more people coming along when a regular Theatre Club activity is held on Monday afternoons at 3.15.

There have been three visits to the Theatre Royal this term. The first was to "Portrait of a Queen" presented by the Ipswich Repertory Company. It starred Brenda Peters as a truly excellent Queen Victoria in all respects.

The second visit was to "Hobson's Choice", a well acted presentation with the part of the eldest spinster being especially well played.

The third visit was to the "Hollow Crown", an entertainment about the Kings and Queens of England. This starred Bernard Breslaw and Amanda Reiss. Bernard Breslaw was excellent throughout and Amanda Reiss was good when she played young and boisterous rôles.

A.C.J.

Radio Club

This term saw the re-birth of this club, which was disbanded at the end of last term. But, due to the determined efforts of its members, and by courtesy of Mr. Martin, our patron, it was re-formed at the beginning of the present term. However, the club at present is unlike any before, as it is now affiliated to the newly-formed Model Club. Also, the club is now extending its boundaries to include radio-controlled models. Experienced swimmers are asked to stand by when our first project, an electric boat, takes the plunge into the swimming pool for trials.

I.B.

Model Club

With the kind of help of Mr. Martin the Model Club was formed at the beginning of this term. Soon we had a complement of twenty-one, consisting of some keen enthusiasts, some of the less athletic, and some with a perpetual cross-country phobia. However, the work this term has been good and a number of very promising models are under construction. The club encourages invention and it is hoped that some of the members will endeavour to follow this up. It is hoped that, at sometime next term, a hovercraft will be completed, and the better weather will give an opportunity for some flying of model aeroplanes. We also plan to run a first-aid course for those less skilful in the use of the modelling knife.

The Art Club

So far this term we have had one visitor to give us a lecture on the work of the Town and Country Planning Department. His lecture was illustrated with slides of places before the Department had improved them and after. The lecturer showed us plans of a modern trading estate, and also some plans from Harlow New Town.

New crafts have been introduced into the Art Club, model making being one. Sculpture has been taken up by a few enthusiasts, and lettering with hammer and chisels in Portland stone is another. A few gravestone heads have been created showing the date of death of the owner. A few members of the Art Club helped with the Drama Society's recent success, "The Merchant of Venice", by painting scenery.

The Debating Society

At the beginning of this term a new debating society met for the first time. Although it consists mainly of members of 6th (1) there are welcome contingents from the 5th and 6th (2).

Mr. Hey has been invaluable in the organisation and general running of the society. At the beginning of the term the number of members was rather disappointing but of late the society has been swollen by an influx of new members.

As the numbers have risen so has the standard of the discussion. In the early part of the term the opening speakers were in many cases somewhat below standard, but as the term has progressed and the members have gained experience, and I venture to say courage, the quality has improved enormously. Not only has the quality of the main speeches improved a great deal, but the general standard of the discussion has also improved as members become more sure of themselves, and more willing to become embroiled in arguments.

D.J.W.

Engineering Club Notes

At the beginning of this term a new system of activities was brought into operation, and many of the Upper school found that the present activities were not to their taste. So at the suggestion of R. Soames a club was formed under Mr. Ashenden, to increase the club members' knowledge of various common mechanical machines. Everyone was interested in petrol engines, so it was decided to find an old engine which was still in working order and completely service it. After some thought B. Fresco decided to give his old Hillman to the club. Transportation was a great problem but Mr. Ashenden solved this by asking a friend in the haulage business to help us. The car was transported on a lorry because the battery was flat, and the only cost to the club was a rude note pinned to the back seat!

One section of the club, who were car enthusiasts, started to put the car in order again, while another section, who were more interested in small capacity engines, asked a motor-cycle dealer to find them an engine, which we are waiting for now.

Next term we hope to have both engines in running order, and perhaps an auto-course, open to non-club members, will be made in conjunction with Ro.S.P.A.

R.L.D.B-J.

Artickle for the Boorian

'Rite me a thing on boxing', sed the illiterate editer. 'I no you've got a hevvy hand, becos yore orlways hitting me'. Of corse the only thing I wanted to box was 'im . . . prefribly six feet by two, and pine wiv brass 'andles. 'Owever, I 'adn't got nuffing to do wen I wos in prep, so "arhar" I ses, "arhar, Pedro, you can rite sumfing fer the Booryun". So I did. Y'see, the tone of the Brewryun 'as dropt sumfing orful. Wot wiv pomes on 'Ortum', on 'snowdrops', an' 'how to catch an' preserve fairy ellyfunts', so iss up to litrate tipes like me ter do sumfing abart it, by riting intresting artickles, like 'freezing cows', and 'how not to do a geog. prep, an' still get an A minus'.

I'm not gonna be one of these lazy interlectyules wot mones abart the magsine but don't rite nuffing. Issabart time sumone kicked a few posteryor regions. I maik use of *my* talent. So shood they. Ennway, I've writ me bit.

I ses that arf these interlectyules 'avn't got no gumpshun. I c'n write good. Wot abart sum of yoo?

Anon! a mouse.

Buying a Party Dress

Now how, you may well ask, could a pupil in the third form of a boys' school have cause to purchase a party dress? Well, now I come to review the chain of events that led to this singularly embarrassing action for a fourteen year old schoolboy, I discover it was the sort of thing that might happen to anybody, providing he was slightly careless when ironing clothes.

It was my slight carelessness in this field that resulted in such an odd situation. My younger sister (age 12) was attending a party on Christmas Eve and my mother left me the day before to do some housework, which included a little ironing. Among the assorted garments that had been assigned to me was the red party dress my sister would be wearing the following day. I regret to say my attention was somewhat taken up by television and the result was a small pile of cinders where I had omitted to remove the hot iron from on top of the dress. I suspected a similar fate awaiting me on my mother's return.

I was not disappointed. Parental wrath flew fast and furiously, inspired by the tears of my sister. The final fiendish punishment the family decided upon was that I should be the one, with my own money, to purchase a new dress. Aghast I pleaded with them; fifty lashes or an hour on the rack I would have endured gladly in place of the torture before me.

But my sister was in tears, my father aloof, and my mother adamant, so the following morning I arose with the dawn and crept to the shop. I glanced around with my hand on the doorhandle, dreading the moment when I might see a familiar face. Leaving

my last shred of dignity on the doormat, I went in. A bell jangled derisively as I entered, and a crowd of female shop assistants gathered round, eager to know what I wanted in a Ladies' Out-fitters.

I asked for a red party dress for a twelve year old girl, and one was produced at which a sarcastic wit in the gathering enquired if I might like to try it on, and whether she should wrap it or would I wear it home? Despite the hysterical laughter at this, and other comments, I took my time and chose the best I could see, paid, collected my dignity outside, and returned home. I know the title to this little essay is "Buying a Party Dress", but I recommend an equally suitable one—"A Warning to All who Iron their Younger Sister's Party Dresses while Watching Television".

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Comprehensive Education

as seen by a Schoolboy

I have found that most Grammar School pupils with strong views are opposed to Comprehensive Education, whereas the strong view in the Secondary Modern School is in favour.

The Head Girl at the Bury St. Edmunds County Grammar School felt that change was unnecessary, and said that she did not feel that the one type of School was either superior or inferior to the other, but that academic standards could be adversely affected by the intermingling in one School of the whole range of scholastic ability. The Head Boy at the Silver Jubilee Secondary Modern School for Boys went so far as to admit that the present system was comprehensive in all but name, but felt that segregation was all too apparent. In his opinion very strong discipline would be necessary in a Comprehensive School. Another Grammar School girl stressed the vital importance of a staggered change to Comprehensive Education if the interests of pre-Sixth Form students were to be safeguarded.

I have read with considerable interest what the Press has had to say, and I find it particularly disturbing to think that it could be possible to select pupils for a given school, not by academic tests, not by parental income, but on the location of the home, which would result in the creation of class-conscious schools in poor or in well-to-do districts.

However, the die is cast, and we in West Suffolk are planned to have Comprehensive Middle Schools from 9 to 13 years of age, and Comprehensive Upper Schools from 13 onwards.

Do You Know That . . .

The Union of Post Office Workers has now reached an agreement with the Post Office for the provision of belt loops for postmen's trousers?

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The School Cadet Corps, no longer in existence, has recently received instructions on the maintenance of Tracked Vehicles?

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The Town Council has been charged £5 for one telephone call—the equivalent of a two and a half hour phone call to Glasgow at the cheap rate?

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Residents at Southgate Green claim that not a day passes without one motorist taking the roundabout in the wrong direction?

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To avoid paying purchase tax on certain files, the Headmaster has to have some lettering embossed on the covers, and that anything will do?

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If a University Graduate who wishes to teach takes a professional examination and fails it he is ranked as an Unqualified Teacher, whereas if he does not bother to take the examination he is a Qualified Teacher?

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When the postal rates were increased last year the two ounce letter charge became fourpence, instead of fourpence ha'penny?

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Any letters from the "rebellious" Rhodesia marked O.H.M.S. are delivered free in Britain?

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It is said that a certain Army document was available to a restricted group, including any intelligent N.C.O.?

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The Plowden Committee reports that what school children need is not the cane, but more affection?

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As a point of purely academic interest, the price of haircuts has been referred to the Monopolies Commission?

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In Western Australia £1 per acre per inch of local rainfall is an accurate guide to the value of farmland in the particular area?

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A London Labour Exchange displayed a notice headed 'Vacances'?

Rhodesia—From a Rhodesian Point of View

My family has lived for three years in Zambia, and I have been there on holiday. I could not fail to learn something of the African problem.

People have heard many times the view of the British Government on the Rhodesian crisis. They have been told all its evils; it is illegal; it is damaging Zambia's economy; it is a police state, and so on. However, there are many facts forgotten or not known by the British public, and it can be shown that in many ways Rhodesia compares favourably with Zambia, and that Zambia has in fact aggravated the situation.

One of the main criticisms of Rhodesia is that it is a police state, yet Zambia is in some ways more of a police state. Zambia too has Press censorship. The current joke in Lusaka is, "Where is the British High Commission?" You, of course, do not know. The answer is, "A stone's throw from the University." The joke is that the British High Commission has been stoned by students from the University. This was not published by the Zambian press and, as far as I know, officially it is not known outside Zambia. Here is another example of the police state. A black railwayman's son drew a beard on the President's poster. For this the railwayman was expelled from Zambia! In the elections, when they saw that there was only one candidate, some Africans didn't bother to vote. The youth "brigade" of the government party went beating up these people until they did vote, or, if they were stall owners, boycotted their stalls. This was to people who didn't even know what the voting was about! Rhodesia is a police state, it is true, but one not nearly so harsh and severe as Zambia.

Rhodesia is in a state of emergency. She is virtually at war with all other African states except South Africa. To help her, she has the much publicised 90 days law by which a person may be detained without trial for 90 days. How many British people remember Regulation 18b of the Second World War? Rhodesia's position is similar to that which existed in Britain, but no-one complained when we took all Aliens into detention, without trial, for the duration of the war. And yet this is very nearly the same as what Rhodesia has done. Are we complaining because someone is following our example?

I wonder how many people know that under the 1961 constitution, on which Britain refused to give Rhodesia independence, the Africans would not only have achieved majority rule sooner than under the present constitution, but would have done so sooner than under the constitution worked out on the "Tiger"?

Many people complain about the lack of schools in Rhodesia, yet Rhodesia is a mere child in comparison with the Britain whose compulsory education system is not yet a hundred years old.

Rhodesia, it is claimed, has been damaging Zambia's economy.

This is partly true, but many of Zambia's troubles have been of her own making. For example, the British public were told that Rhodesia was refusing to allow Zambia to use the common railway. What they were not told was that, at that time, Zambia owed Rhodesia about £4 million, for goods already sent through Rhodesia. Zambia refused to pay, so, not unreasonably, Rhodesia wanted money in advance. When Zambia refused to pay in advance, Rhodesia closed the railway. After a while, Zambia very quietly capitulated, and now uses the railway again. Another example of this came before U.D.I. The respective Ministers from the Southern and Northern Rhodesian governments used to meet regularly to discuss the use of the railway and of similar facilities. When Northern Rhodesia became Zambia, the Zambian ministers refused to meet their Rhodesian counterparts. This is not helpful to maintaining good relations. As to petrol, the British public ought to know that even a Zambian newspaper thought fit to print the following in December, 1965:—

Smith Blames Wilson

Rhodesian rebel leader Ian Smith said in a statement tonight that the people of Britain "are being deceived over the Rhodesian Crisis".

He said, "They have been misled into the belief that the petrol shortage in Zambia has been caused by Rhodesia, and that the British taxpayer is being forced into paying for a petrol airlift because of Rhodesia. This, of course, is not so."

"If the British block up the entrance to a pipeline, they should not express surprise when nothing comes out of the other end," said Smith. (Of course, he was referring to the blocking of the oil pipeline from Beira to Umtali.)

"The British people have also been misled into believing that Rhodesia has taken unnecessary economic measures against Zambia, and that, because of this, Rhodesians are responsible for the breakdown of the Zambian economy. Again, I repeat, this is not so."

"Rhodesia has been forced to ask Zambia to pay her debts in currencies other than sterling because we have found that, whenever they were paid in sterling, which must go through London, the money never reached us—the British government plundered it. Hence Zambia suffers because of the British Government's dishonesty."

Another fact which is known to very few people in this country is that the chiefs of the African tribes in Rhodesia have met Smith and discussed their affairs with him, and now Ian Smith has the full backing of the African chiefs. Another fact that speaks for itself is that when terrorists from Zambia come into Rhodesia,

and there is no doubt that they are terrorists, they are soon given away by the other Rhodesian Africans, because the majority of the Rhodesian Africans admit that they have no real grievance and do not want to create trouble. Another point worth noting is that Rhodesia does not practice apartheid. Indeed, one South African minister said, "If Rhodesia wants to become a multi-racial state, it is no affair of ours."

One difficulty in reaching a settlement has been the problem of satisfying the other African Commonwealth States. I would suggest that this hatred is partly inspired by jealousy, as Rhodesia could be the second most prosperous state in Africa and, before U.D.I., the Rhodesian Africans were far better off than most Africans, even including those of the independent African States.

Just after the Great Trek of 1836, much of Southern Rhodesia was settled. This means that several families have been living there for five generations. Understandably they do not want to lose their land, which is what could happen if Rhodesia had an African majority today. This has happened in Kenya, where many white farmers are being forced to give up their land because of the hostility of the native Africans, and of the Government. Moreover, the whites in Rhodesia fear to give the Africans early majority rule because they have before them the example of the Congo, where in November, 1964, it was discovered that 256 whites had been murdered by the Africans, in the revolt, and they do not want to be at the mercy of the raving mobs who stoned a white woman to death in rioting in Kitwe, Zambia, two months ago. A veteran police officer there who had seen many riots said that he had never seen such hatred before.

Finally, after just over a year in power, the Rhodesian Government, with all the pressures bearing on it, is still more stable than the Congo (one unsuccessful revolt), than Ghana (President deposed), than Nigeria (successful Army revolt), and Tanzania (unsuccessful Army revolt).

The Endless Wanderings

*I have no shape,
I have no form,
I wander in the endless storm
Of days to come, and days gone by.
I was not born, I cannot die,
I have no home, I know not sleep,
E'er in one place I cannot keep.
And even though I have no shape,
I have a name, they call me hate.*

R. Middleton, Second Form.

Omega

*Product of men's ingenuity
Picture of continuity
Instrument of death
Whispering breath
Power contained within
Deterrent to sin
Tool of Destruction
Hatred production
Metallic sheen
Deathly clean
The Bomb.*

P. Christie, 5th Form.

The Old Die Religious

*The sombre shades of black close in.
The heart turns to gold within.
The everlasting silence,
The everlasting depth,
Shake off the chains!
Arise anew!
And fall. On bended knee
With clasped hands
Claim asylum
Within the doors
Of blind belief.
This is your only support.
Who cares for Armageddon?
Save the young
The old do not,
Soon it will be seen,
Oblivion.*

P. Christie, 5th Form.

Aberfan

*A rain of bloody tears has blinded their eyes.
Their night-time heaping of the ashes,
The fuel laid on the fire at sunrise—
These acts now penetrate their infinite gashes.
For cold in the earth and cold in their dreary grave
Lie the tiny bodies of children, shrouded by the all-severing wave.
Formerly green, the pigment of death has discoloured the field,
And in that earth a richer dust's concealed.
Such a precious harvest now hidden beneath the earth,
The great sea of shadow planted on its myopic track,
And death has quickly overtaken birth,
Gushing down from the mountain burning so black.
For never before has the coal had so great a fee.
And the Welsh vales shout "Let our cry come unto thee".*

J. W. Ross, Fifth Form.

"He Sees the Meanest Sparrow, that Falls in the Street . . ."

*Sobbing, breathless, gasping for life she sat,
Staring wide-eyed, her breast pounding visibly
To the tune of her heart's weary labour.
By a pillar of stone, worn smooth and flat,
She sought refuge from a terrible, audibly
Close threat that would soon her body savour
And devour. What sin had she been guilty of
That she should be so persecuted? None
But the sin of hunger (the dull, ever
Present pain), and a warm, consuming love
For her family.*

*A loud noise. Quick, run!
Fly, Fly! Swelling peals of thunder, never
Ceasing, but in confinement more terrible,
Expanding in volume 'till all vibrates,
Shudders, moans with stress. Death at last, and peace
Unparalleled. The feeble heart's dribble
Of live-giving blood halts, thoughts dull, inmates
Of a gentle soul whose life now must cease.
A verger found later a sparrow's lifeless
Body, that died in "the house of salvation".*

Pedro.

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