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Editorial

Striving as we are to "add our sum of gifts to history's quiet store", we approach the task of composing this Editorial in the hope that we may find "fit audience though few" (very few).

At the time of writing, the academic world has been shaken by the report, "The Examining of the English Language", criticising among other things the lack of originality or interest in the essays set at 'O' Level. Since the report omits to suggest any alternatives, we take it upon ourselves to remedy this fault by advancing a few possibilities. One item of interest to the modern teenager could be "I was a teenage vampire" or, again, "Encounter with a King, or How I met Charlie Hurley". Those who prefer essays on "Pansies" or "Windmills" must be sacrificed to the march of progress.

The literature papers, too, could be geared to the speed of modern life by the introduction of papers based on "Double Your Money" (Was the Merchant of Venice a purveyor of deer-flesh? etc.). We doubt, however, whether the examiners would be able to maintain the high standard of mediocrity and banality which have been set by the television show.

The report recommends that a more suitable test of individual ability might be an oral examination. This has its dangers, however:

Examiner: 'Tell me about your home town, Dylan.'

Dylan: 'To begin at the beginning. When I ran young and laughing through the turkey-gossiping streets, where the clapper-tongued women swapped chit-chat, to the sheep-spotted hills, I knew I was happy. In the cock-snoring, lion-roaring morning of my days, I tumble-rambled through the alleyways of life, washed and meshed in the cess-pool of my dreams. At Christmas the ember-red-nosed uncles sank and drank my mother's home-made wines, whilst outside the shooting-star snow-drops of the snow flakes lingered to the ground. In the sinful, smiling frog-leaping spring-time the swan-white . . .'

Examiner: 'Thank you very much, Thomas. I think that will be enough.'

You see what we mean by the dangers. Any further suggestions from the school along these lines should be addressed to the Minister of Education, Houses of Parliament, c/o H.P. Sauce.

To return to less fanciful conjecture. We should like to thank those who have contributed articles to the magazine, for it is upon them alone that its success or failure depends. The predominant topic of interest in the articles submitted manifests the great influence of the local exponents of "three moste vulgar pastyme wich cleped is Fotbal and wich, as old bookes seyn, is sente verily by Satane." Despyte (sorry) despite the monopoly of this subject, and the rather disappointing response from the upper school, we are fully confident that our readers will be able to discover that hic indeed patet ingenii compus.

HONOURS BOARDS

Elsewhere in this issue are printed photographed copies of the first four Honours Boards, covering the years 1894-1941. Copies of those concerned with later years will be published in the next two issues of the magazine. Representing, as they do, an essential and proud part of our tradition, it is felt that the photographs will be of interest to many Old Boys of the school.

SCHOOL NOTES

We welcomed at the beginning of the school year several new members of staff: Mr. D. Stockdale moved from the Isle of Wight to succeed as Head of the P.E. Department; Mr. A. Thorgersen joined us from Heaton Grammar School to take charge of German, Mr. J. Robinson having been appointed as his assistant; Mr. A. N. Shrimpton came from Scarborough High School to help with the senior work of the English Department; Mr. I. G. Milburn came to teach Mathematics and Science; Mr. L. Dent, himself an Old Bedan, came to teach principally Economics. In January Mr. R. G. Watson, from Marr College, Troon, joined the School as Head of the English Department, Mr. G. E. Whitfield to teach Mathematics and Mr. A. N. Feltoe as a member of the Music Department. To all these gentlemen we give our sincere wishes for a happy stay with us.

At the end of the Autumn Term Mr. N. Bohill left us to become Senior Mathematics Master at a Jarrow School and Mr. W. Rumford to take up a music appointment at a school in Stanley. We wish them well in their new spheres.

We should like to draw the attention of boys leaving school to the fact that there is a thriving Old Bedans' Association, particulars of which they may obtain from Mr. M. Berry. We should, too, like it to be known that it is of considerable interest to the school to be told now and then about your subsequent careers. We could, perhaps, build a part of the Old Bedans' Section of the Magazine that would be devoted to reporting what information we obtain.

Old Boys of the school have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields, in politics, business, the law, the arts, journalism, academic life and entertainment.

The School topped the 900-mark this year. The playing-areas by Easter each year look baldier and baldier, but the new 'hard court' soccer-pitch seems to be a very useful acquisition. Gravel-rash is now reported to be endemic to Bedans.

It is pleasant to record that the relative dignity of our buildings is no longer being infiltrated by squalor: the pre-fabricated dining-hall, a sweating ossuary to the last, has passed under the foot of the bulldozer. The ghost of many a former tea-brewing Bedan Scout has been laid. But there seems to have been no mass-grave underneath.

The Mayor, Alderman Mrs. J. E. Hedley, who has always taken a great practical interest in the School, donated a

handsome cup, the future trophy for House Basketball competition. We are most grateful to her.

The School was open during National Education Week in November; a large number of parents visited and walked round the representative specimens of work that were displayed. They seemed to be interested in and diverted by what they saw. The School remained in approximately ordinary session.

The Sixth Form sought relief in its own peculiar way. The Science faculty went to Newcastle University to hear all about the latest goings-on of the sportive proton; the Arts lot went to Durham University to see a production of "Measure for Measure", their dominant impression being one of wonderment that the Bard should have known how to move such gigantic rocks on roller-casters.

Mr. Bradford, the Technical Personnel Officer of Reyrolle's, came to the School to talk to boys interested in electrical engineering as a career. He showed a quite remarkably good 'propaganda' film, as a result of which, perhaps, about forty Sixth-Formers visited the factory. Or perhaps they just wanted the day off?

The School Choir, as they do every year, went to the Salvation Army Citadel in Monkwearmouth to contribute to the Carol Service there.

The Christmas Vaudeville Show put on by Mr. Johnson was a hilarious affair. There was the prospect of a major cataclysm when some ass in a sketch tripped over and broke a six-inch electric cable leading to a guitar; the result of this was that the beat-group produced more beat than twangle. But nobody actually died. There was a 'voluntary' contribution levied. This yielded twenty pounds for OXFAM.

It was a relief for some boys to get away from it all to Austria. Mr. Jolly and Mr. Petrie led the party over the great white expanses of the snow-slopes. We have not heard whether anyone learnt to ski.

Those left to languish at home did their best to perk up at the end-of-term dance with their sisters of the sisterschool.

A party of 'O' Level Shakespearians trekked to Newcastle to see how Macbeth in fact got on. Not very well really, though not as badly as the night before when the lights failed and Lady Macbeth's taper was de rigueur for all hands, bloody or not.

Sunderland Empire did rather better for us; "Lear", an ambitious choice one would have thought, and "The Merchant" were both well done. Several parties from the School enjoyed performances.

Dr. Bosanquet, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Newcastle, distributed the prizes at Speech Day, which was held in the Empire Theatre on 3rd February. Dr. Bosanquet put it to boys and parents that the universities and technological colleges nowadays had many courses of applied skills, not only in science but on the humanities' side as well; he advocated enterprise in post-school education. We were



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very grateful to him for his attendance. He graciously permitted himself to be urged by the Captain of the School into amending his request for a half-day's holiday to one of a full day. This was approved by acclamation of the School.

The Head of School in the Autumn Term was A. Neilson; when he left at Christmas he was succeeded by P. Bettess.

The Editors of the School Magazine this year are E. B. Kirtley and D. J. Winters, assisted by a committee consisting of English students in the Lower Sixth.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of magazines from the following schools: Bede Girls' Magazine, Alcop High School, Queen Elizabeth G.S., Darlington, and the Washington and Robert Richardson Grammar Technical Schools. We regret any inadvertent omissions.

MISS K. FLEURET

It was with very great sadness that we heard last Christmas of the sudden and quite unexpected death of Miss K. Fleuret, one of our Laboratory Assistants. Miss Fleuret was appointed to the staff of the school in February, 1962, and in the two years in which she was here she proved to be a most loyal, dependable and competent member of staff, and one to whom the work of the school meant a very great deal. We are deeply distressed at her passing, and our sincere and heartfelt sympathy is extended to all her relations and friends.

MR. J. CLARKE, O.B.E., M.A.

Mr. J. Clarke, who was an inspiring teacher of Classics and English, was on the staff at Bede from 1921-1928. He won the Hume Brown Memorial Prize for History before he left Bede for Hutcheson's Grammar School, and he was later Rector of Paisley Grammar School. He became an authority upon the Roman occupation of Scotland, and lectured in Classics, Ancient History and Education at Glasgow University on his retirement from Paisley, besides doing valuable research for the University into the Leicestershire Schools Plan and International Schools in Europe. The Civil Service Commissioners frequently called upon his services as a member of the board which interviewed candidates for the Executive Class of the Civil Service in Scotland and the North of England.

DURHAM HOUSE

Captain: K. Stephenson.

The House has fared reasonably well during the past year in its sporting achievements, winning several of the trophies available.

Our first trophy was won in the swimming gala when, ably led by Lambert, who was also the Senior Champion, we won the House Championship.

The second trophy was gained in the Cross Country Championships, when we emerged triumphant from the Senior

event, although being less successful in both the Intermediate and Junior events.

In Soccer the victory of the Juniors atoned for the disappointment of losing the Senior Trophy. The Junior Team, under the leadership of Tuddenham, shows great promise (for the future).

Although our efforts on Sports Day won only third place in the House Championship, we provided the Senior Champion in our present House Captain, K. Stephenson.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. C. A. Smith and his colleagues on the staff for their continual support and encouragement.

E. MASSEY, Hon. Sec.

HYLTON HOUSE

Captain: K. Storey.

Although ending last year's Summer Term on an encouraging note, achieving first place in the Senior and Junior Cricket competitions, and coming second in the House Tennis Tournament, Hylton has not followed this up in the current year, having achieved only moderate success. In the Senior Cross-country, despite A. Warriner's coming in a clear first, the House was placed only second. The Intermediates, however, achieved first place in their section, but the Juniors were only third in theirs. In the House Swimming Tournament Hylton came a close second, with D. Pounder distinguishing himself by coming in first on no fewer than four occasions in the Intermediate section. The House also achieved second place in the Senior Soccer Championship, but managed only third place in the Junior section. In the first year of the Alderman Hedley Basketball Trophy the House also achieved only third place.

Thanks are due to Mr. D. A. Thompson and his colleagues on the staff for their assistance in running the affairs of the House.

R. LOWE, Hon. Sec.

LUNLEY HOUSE

Captain: W. C. Blyth.

The last term of the School Year 1962/3 was a successful one for the House, which won both the Junior Cricket Cup and the Tennis Shield. The Senior Cricket Eleven were narrowly beaten (1 run) in an exciting match, when Hylton won by means of a catch off the scheduled last ball of the game.

Scholastically, senior members of the House achieved the following honours: C. S. Bergson shared the J. A. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship and won the G. T. Moore Prize for Chemistry. Cranmer shared the G. O. White Prize for Modern Languages, won the R. F. Jarman Prize for Musical Ability and the G. T. Moore Cup for Debating. D. A. G. Laws won the R. T. Ayre Prize and also the Tennis Trophy.

This year started with a win for the Senior Soccer Team in the Ditchburn Cup, Lightfoot and Bute scoring between

them 9 of the 14 goals scored in 3 matches. The House came first in the Junior Cross Country and second in the Middle and Senior sections. We also took second place in the Senior Basketball competition.

Without their captain, Milburn, the Junior Rugby 7 were very unlucky to lose their first game by 11-10 in the last second against Raby. The team won their remaining games and so retained the H. C. Hegg Cup, sharing the honour with Raby and Durham. The Senior 7 were runners-up to Hylton in their competition.

The Summer must hold promise for the House's athletes as both the Middle (Harrison) and Junior (Robson) School Champions are members of the House. These two, ably supported by Morris and Mileson, gained for the House the highest number of points it has ever won in a sports day. If these boys are supported in the events by other members of the House, there could well be a surprise in store for the other Houses at the next sports day.

Once again sincere thanks must be extended to Mr. Berry, whose invaluable work has been largely responsible for the success of the House this year, and also to the other members of the staff who assisted in the running of the House.

M. K. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

RABY HOUSE

Captain: B. Copland.

The past year has been one of moderate success for Raby House. Although the House has many talented individuals, it does not often seem to generate sufficient teamwork to combine them well enough to win many house championships.

The Senior Soccer XI narrowly lost 5-3 to the eventual champions, Lumley, and then beat Hylton. Defeat by Durham, however, forced us into second place. The Junior Soccer team also performed well and was placed third.

Excellent results were achieved by both the Senior Basketball team, captained by Spoons, and the Athletics team. Both won their respective tournaments in impressive fashion. These successes were, however, offset by a very poor performance in the Swimming Gala, and a moderate effort in both the Junior, and Senior, Cross Country. Both of these events require enthusiasm and a large number of entrants, and this year Raby House provided neither in sufficient quantity to ensure success.

Finally, our sincere thanks must go to Mr. Clark, the Senior Housemaster, for his consistent encouragement and support throughout the year.

A. HUGHES, Secretary.

AN EXCHANGE HOLIDAY IN ST. NAZAIRE

It was a cold, stiff breeze which jostled the deck of the ship, making the passengers hurry below. Slowly we approached the rocks of St. Malo harbour: they had been clearly visible through the now dispersing mist for over an



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hour, but until now they had seemed to be painted on the horizon. Nearer and nearer they came, until suddenly they had swept past, and we were entering the peaceful waters of the harbour through the lock.

We had left Sunderland less than 24 hours previously and had embarked at Southampton at dusk, but into this short time was packed so much travelling that our home town seemed worlds away; and we certainly were entering a new world when the gangway was let down and we filed off.

For many the few paces to the customs shed were their first on French soil; but even for those of us who had not this additional attraction it was an adventure. The heat of the early morning sun had by now penetrated the still air, and the sights, sounds and atmosphere of France began to make themselves felt.

To the left, above an open-air market, a gigantic sign announced, quite unnecessarily, 'POISSON'; to the right lay the harbour, dotted with numerous tiny fishing smacks and sailing yachts. High above, a huge crane began to unload vehicles from our vessel, to the accompaniment of a chorus of shouted instructions in vernacular French; all around us milled French-speaking, French-looking, French-smelling people.

The memory of these experiences, together with new ones, followed us across Brittany to St. Nazaire. It was here that we were reminded of the real purpose of our holiday. When we arrived, the platform of the station became chaotic with a milling, shouting blend of English and French. New acquaintances were made, though first introductions were invariably shy and apprehensive, and old friendships were renewed. Slowly the din subsided as each family with its new brother or sister returned to the seclusion of its home.

St. Nazaire is considerably smaller than Sunderland, its population being comparable to that of Dover or Darlington. The first impression of the place is that of a clean, modern, go-ahead town, and this impression is not contradicted as the place is explored more thoroughly.

During the Second World War the Germans had a submarine base there, parts of which still remain, and in March, 1942, the town was reduced to ruins by a British and American attack. It is as a result of this that the new St. Nazaire has sprung up, a miniature and much less ambitious version of the miraculous resurrection of Rotterdam.

The main street, l'Avenue de la République, is spacious and modern, a good example of planning with respect to facilities for parking and to the safety of pedestrians. At the end of this road stands the beautiful and imposing Hôtel de Ville, fountains playing on its forecourt. This is the very symbol of St. Nazaire's prosperity and modernity.

This prosperity stems mainly from its shipbuilding ('Le France' was built there in 1961), but it also has a large American Army and Navy base, and a fair-sized fishing fleet. St. Nazaire has a small import and export trade, and internal

trade with the rest of the Loire Valley. The tourist trade is considerable.

For young people really trying to get to grips with France, French people, and the French language, St. Nazaire, being a typical new-generation French town, is a good place, and what better kind of holiday for this purpose than an exchange? By living for three weeks with a French family more can be learnt about these things than in six months hotel-hopping.

Throughout our holiday at various times, people complained occasionally quite bitterly, about one thing or another, often the lack of English company. But, as we pulled slowly away from St. Nazaire station on our last day, every one of us was possessed by real sadness in leaving the places and faces we now realised we had come to like so much. Many of us began to look forward to seeing our French friends in Sunderland the following summer, some of us even to returning to St. Nazaire two years thence for another holiday under the hot sun and blue skies of July in the Loire Valley.

D. W. CARTER, USB.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

The Sixth Form Society to date has held only two meetings, largely owing to unforeseen cancelling by speakers at a late date. However, more meetings have been arranged for next term.

At the first meeting, which was extremely well-attended, Mr F. H. Oliver spoke on "Drugs which act on the brain". His talk was most interesting and absorbing, as was proved by the time devoted to questions.

The second meeting, while not so well attended, provided an enlightening and stimulating talk, "The failure of higher education in the modern state", given by Dr. M. Slifkin.

We are once again grateful to the Headmaster for his interest in and support for our activities and to Mr. Wylie who in his second year of responsibility for the Society has given much encouragement to the proceedings.

E. MASSEY, Sec.

From "Julius Caesar"

ODE ON A CLAY POT

Yon Cassius has no lean and hungry look.

He boasts too much; such men are simple.

Would he were more modest! But I heed him not:

Yet, if my name were liable to listening,

I do not know the man I should avoid

So soon as yon big-mouthed Cassius.

He prays too much;

He is no observer, but looks quite through the deeds
of men, since he is the greatest.

Often he smiles, but smiles in such a way as to mock
us all and scorn our spirit.

Such men as he are always at heart's ease, while they can say, "I am the greatest".

C. J. THOMPSON, 5A.

CHESS CLUB



The Chess Club has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever. There was large support for it, especially from the Lower School. The Junior Tournament was won by A. Donkin, while the Senior one is still to be completed.

The team has attained new heights by losing only one of its ten matches, four of which were in the "Sunday Times" National Tournament, in which we reached the regional semi-finals. Those who played for the team are: F. C. Arts (2); D. Armstrong, Captain (10); A. Donkin (10); J. Douthwaite (4); A. Goldsmith (10); R.

Hamilton (10); J. Macaskill (5); J. Reynolds (10); G. Ritson (1); A. Stewart (10); H. Wilson (1); F. Wilson (5).

Stewart achieved the distinction of playing for Durham County Juniors in an inter-county match at Leeds. Goldsmith was also honoured by being chosen to play for the County.

With an unchanged team next season an exceptionally good year is anticipated. We are most grateful to Mr. Linton for his support and encouragement, which have of late been supplemented by Mr. Whitfield, a keen County player.

F. WILSON, Secretary.

THE CINE CLUB

This has been a more successful year for the Cine Club. Recently a film show was held in the hall to an audience of 200, and 13 short films have also been shown. Six of these were made by the school, their titles being: "Bede Diary", "Low Midnight" (a remake of an earlier version), "Beautiful Britain 9999", "Team Spirit", "Movieola" and "Snow".

An ambitious attempt to make a film about the ghost of Hylton Castle has temporarily been abandoned, but we may begin work on this in the not too distant future.

Three more films are now in production. These are: "The Exterminators", "Hotel Espionage" and "The Brief Case", and it is hoped that production will be completed before the end of July. These films are all comedies—(we hope!), and we look forward to seeing them.

R. JOHNSON.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE, 1964

The Sixth Form Geography Field Course was held in April, in the Craven District of Yorkshire. The field party was smaller than usual, comprising only 8 boys under the supervision of Mr. J. F. Sugden. Most of these boys had taken

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part in previous field courses in which the party was usually made up of 20 or more, and the general opinion was that the smaller party enabled a much greater understanding to be obtained of the topics studied.

The course involved a comprehensive study of the geology and scenery of the Craven Highlands, farming and land use studies, and a village survey.

In the course of our study of the geology and scenery we undertook several long walks, including an arduous climb to the summit of Pen-y-Ghent. From here we obtained an excellent view of Ingleborough, enabling us to see the stepped profile due to the differential erosion of the component rocks. Limestone was found over much of the region studied, and various features associated with it were found, such as the famous Gaping Ghyll pot-hole.

A study of the farming and land use was carried out by interviewing farmers and local people. This proved to be a little difficult, as the farmers were not always willing to co-operate.

A survey of Settle was made for the settlement studies. Information was obtained by asking local people questions on population, industries, social amenities, entertainments and transport services. In the course of our study we visited a local paper-mill, which was one of the few industries found in the area, the main occupation being quarrying.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of the party, I would like to thank Mr. Sugden for kindly agreeing to conduct this field course.

J. D. TAYLOR, VI.A.Sc.

TYNE DOCK

Dirty tramp ships moored to the quay,
 Old Tyne colliers putting to sea,
 Liners, tankers, ocean-going tugs,
 Old sea-dogs drinking from mugs;
 Ships being built,
 Ships being scrapped,
 Young sea-captains in their peaked caps.

Smoking chimneys on the river bank,
 House and factory rank after rank,
 Lorry and bus, train and truck,
 Dirty children playing in the muck.
 Ships being emptied,
 Ships being filled,
 Trimmers, teamers, workmen skilled.

C. TEMPLE, 4(I).

NEAR MISSES

"Ha-way, Ha-way, Ha-way the lads,
 Ha-way the Red 'n' Whites."

This seems to sum up the sentiments of an exceptionally large proportion of the Junior, and indeed Senior, members of our esteemed school. Adding to these the equally formid-

able heap of contributions about a certain celebrated group of musicians, whose name escapes us, we have fifty per cent of the original entries.

One of the more unusual entries contained the following sentence, which we considered worthy of note:

"The soles of his feet had been burned and he had been branded on the forehead. He was weary (weary indeed!!) from many hours on the muscle-tearing rack (sic, sic, sic)."

An article on Houdini informed us that:

"He took locks to pieces and put them together again."

(Nice work if you can get it, and you can get it if you try.)

We received a surprising number of articles on various subjects, including testing for stainless steel; harvest mice (food; oats, wheat, barley, canary seed (why?) and other cereals); and making plastic moulds—as well as an excellent article on Science Fiction, unfortunately too long for publication.

Several lyric limericks, dealing with men—young, old, fat, thin from Killarney, Devon, Broom, and Leeds—who tried to kiss the Blarney, tried to fly to heaven, lived in a very small room, and swallowed a packet of seeds respectively, were received.

Yet more illuminating articles described the history of Sunderland Transport, dogs, tropical aquaria, bird migration, Tyne Dock and artificial respiration. So, if you wish to take a migrating dog on to a bus to visit the tropical aquaria in Tyne Dock, and the need for artificial respiration arises . . .

One most unexpected entry was from an as yet unknown clairvoyant, whose predictions included:

"You will have a lucky day at school and funny things will happen." (Hmph!). And

"A suitable time for making friends with other people" (and, we presume, anyone else who happens to be around).

We were also informed that:

"Henry VIII was very bold,
But he grew fat as he grew old."
(Comes of having VI wives.)

Two devotees of the N.H.S. submitted these on "The Saprophytic Dexaphagator", and "The Multi-lined, speckle-spiked, sharp-tailed, warble-throated, yellow-billed flea-catcher."

A high standard was maintained by such entries as the following:

"The moon it shines high in the sky.
During the night,
It gives off light.
The moon is also very high."

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation for all articles received, whether or not they were published.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society disintegrated rather earlier this season than usual, owing to the disappointment of various members that rare stamps of high catalogue value were not freely available

at every meeting at very low prices. If the society is to function satisfactorily, the nucleus of interested members must put their heads together, work out a definite programme and be prepared to carry it through themselves. It may be that we meet too frequently. Whatever the reasons, next season must see a determined effort to pull the Society together.

Boys may not be aware that the Sunderland Philatelic Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in the winter. Juniors are welcomed. Anyone interested should first contact Mr. Linton.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, SCHOOL GROUP

This year the Group decided to break away from that of the girls' school and continue its existence independently. Indeed, at the beginning of the Autumn Term this seemed to be justified by the relatively high attendance, but lately this high rate has fallen, rather sadly in view of the programme arranged.

The programme consisted of regular discussions and talks. In the discussions the group followed a pamphlet issued by the S.C.M. for school study. The talks, dealing with the relation of Christianity to various topics, were given by the Reverends Harrison, Allison, Waights, Hawkins, and Suckow and by a solicitor, Mr. Carter. An illuminating address was also given by Mrs. Simpson on behalf of the Society of Friends. To all these speakers the group extends its heartiest thanks.

This year several boys have availed themselves of the Adventure Holidays arranged by The Boys' Holiday Council of the S.C.M. in schools. Four boys went to the Norfolk Broads at Easter and five will be going to Lakeside, Ulverston, Lancashire, during August.

On Friday, March 13th, nine boys attended the S.C.M. conference for sixth formers at South Shields Grammar Technical School. The address, on 'Christianity Today and Tomorrow', was given by the main speaker, the Reverend John McHugh, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Ushaw College, and the introduction by the school's Headmaster, W. E. Egner, Esq., M.A., B.Sc.

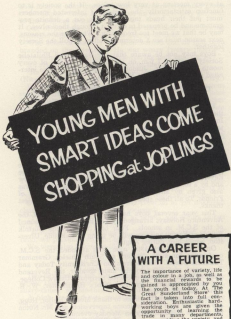
The group especially wishes to thank Messrs. Mellor, Hogg, & Felton for their most welcome supervision, and Mr. Noton for the use of the library on Monday evenings.

K. BERRY (Chairman).

C. J. SIMPSON (Secretary).

WHY DOES AN EXPLORER DRESS FOR DINNER IN THE JUNGLE?

This man is obviously of the upper class. Very pedantic, in his way, to carry out a custom to such an extreme; but how quaint and so absolutely—British. One can picture him sitting down in bow-tie and tails, with, of course, a Union-Jack as a napkin, to start eating roast tiger buttocks with his cricket bat and stump. Soup would have to precede this



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meat course, and no doubt our explorer would use either his rugged scrum-cap or perhaps his old university boater as the vessel. After singing the National Anthem and downing a few mouthfuls of whisky (after all the Scots, although not English, are British) as an aperitif, and feeling full of British one-upship, especially with regard to the black porters, he sits down to his delectable dinner. Having finished his meal, the explorer takes out a genuine Havana cigar (these, although now rare and prized in the United States, are still quite common in Britain owing to the ability of British engineers to build buses) to complete an excellent repast.

G. RITSON, LVISc.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

President: F. J. Johnson.

Secretary: A. Hughes

Apathy, that basic ailment of the Senior Debating Society, has continued to afflict it throughout the past year. Interest and membership both declined in the unfortunate manner which has persisted in recent years. Debates when they took place, however, were usually of a good standard, although the number of Sixth Formers willing to speak was small. Speaking from the floor was mainly left to Mr. Lewis, who occasionally inspired others to follow his example. No poems were forthcoming from the poet laureate, who seemed to have struck a barren patch.

The Moore Cup debate was won by F. Cranmer, whose speech on the subject 'Disarmament is Death' was succinct and lucid, in sharp contrast to Mr. Pearson's marathon effort "Pragmatism is an insufficient criterion for a successful foreign policy," which had entirely different merits.

Succeeding debates upon 'Juvenile delinquency is a product of our affluent society' and 'Satire is too limited a form of criticism and is overused by contemporary critics,' were among the best attended, and both were carried by a narrow margin. In both cases Hughes and W. C. Blyth spoke for the proposition. Simpson, Kirtley, Book and Wilson provided the opposition, in the two debates.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Lewis for his helpful suggestions and encouragement during the year.

A. HUGHES, Secretary.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society had no meetings in the Autumn Term, but (owing to the strenuous efforts of Mr. Watson) a series of fortnightly debates has now been started. The first debate was held on Thursday, 27th February, and was on the motion "This house believes that the youth of today does not have enough freedom." The motion, of course, was carried.

The second debate, held on the 12th March, was on the motion "This house would like to emigrate." It was defeated.

The following were Committee Members: President: D. LeBoy, Secretary: C. J. Thompson, Senior Member: P. Watson, Junior Member: R. Bell.

We should like to express our gratitude to Mr. Watson for his help with our Society.

C. J. THOMPSON (Hon. Sec.).

THAT SHAKESPEHERIAN RAG

The scene is a small, dirty room; four men are seated around a table; playing-cards are scattered on the table and floor, and there are empty bottles all around. The men are Chaucer, Shakespeare, T. S. Eliot and Harold Pinter.

Pinter looks up from his newspaper.

Pinter: Do you know what it says here? (There is no reply.)
I said do you know what it says here? In this paper I'm reading? Well, I'll tell you what it says; it says there's an eleven year old girl won £50,000 on the pools. I ask you—well—I ask you . . .

Shakespeare: Ah, gold! thou sovereign of deceivers fair,
More fair than woman e'en—and yet, not so;
For though the glints and gleamings of thy face
Are excellent, her mellowed lines deny
The ever whetted knife behind the eyes.

Pinter: Yes, but this one's only eleven—not so bad at that age; mind you, I'm not trying to say . . .

Eliot: To say and not to say;
To speak and be silent;

Mind over matter, words without meaning;
In without out, out within in.

Old words to new poems,
New words to old themes that circle
Time out of time, into time
That was and will be
But is not.

Chaucer: There was whylom, as olde bokes seyn,
A knyghte who thus unto his lady pleyn;
"Deer herte" (for swiche she was, as itt befel,
As ye will see as I myn tale will tel),
"As in myn slepe I sleped—I tell thee righte—
Me mette swiche a swivening laste nighte."
(Al this I trowe, as eche goode mann knowes,
And speke to thee Romaunt of the Rose.)

Shake. Marry, sirrah, an you go any further ere you begin,
you shall end ere your start. I'faith, you speak of
the rose, but the only rows I know are those of
soldiers who arose to fight in warring ranks, them-
selves no little rank, and even foul, through bleed-
ing for their beliefs.

- Eliot: Antidisestablishmentarian
 The sabbatarian saboteurs
 Swing their sacerdotal scents,
 Sweeny remains unimpressed,
 Thinking of the parking laws,
 Grail-bound Apeneck starts his search
 For the Chapel in the Valley
 Loses it and goes to church.
- Pinter: I went to Blackpool once and it was really ever so nice, and we met a man who was ever so nice and we had some tea on the beach; yes, he was a real gentleman, a real gentleman.
- Chaucer: Of certayn graces speke I, thatte al folk
 Shoulde lerne; ande erste of these is Gentillesse;
 I tel how rightful menn, in olde bokes
 Discussiounne made of swiche matere, I gesse.
 Prey you compleyn nat for myn hevynesse,
 That I mighte gin myn tale to tel to thee,
 And you mighte lerne, by lysteninge to mee.
- Pinter: Look you old swine, I didn't come here to listen to you; I got a reason for being here; I know what I want, mate—don't you worry. Don't you worry—I knowe your type, mate, so just don't you think I haven't, right? Right?
- Shake. Mark how impatient is that peevish hour
 Of youth. As sweet and rare as Eastern spice
 From regions Oriental, losing soon
 Its savour, turning dark as winter nights
 That defeat sugared day as suddenly
 As ending music will forget a tune,
 Youth's interim is short, life's ageing, cold;
 And everyone once young will soon be old.
- Eliot: Here I am. An old man in a new suit.
 An old dog trying to learn new tricks.
 Feeling rather—how shall I put it?—sorry for myself.
 Sometimes I repeat myself,
 Sometimes I do not repeat myself,
 Sometimes I repeat other people.
 I shall think of my youth;
 I am thinking of my youth.
 Here we go round the axletree,
 Here we go round the axletree,
 Here we go round the axletree,
 At six p.m. in the morning.
- Pinter: Is that the time? Well I'm off, I don't mind telling you; and another thing, if you think I'm not, just wait and see, right? (He sits down and stares at them aggressively.)

CURTAIN.

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

This is the second year that the Scheme has been operating in the School. The original Pilot Scheme resulted in six boys obtaining the award at Bronze and Silver levels. This year we were highly delighted with the response of 40 boys coming forward to accept the challenge demanded by the Scheme.

The Scheme is divided into four sections, all of which must be satisfactorily completed. The sections are:—

1. **Fitness**—each boy must reach set standards of physical fitness in athletics, swimming and other similar fields.
2. **Public Service**—the Awardee must become proficient in serving the community by taking a recognised exam. and training in First Aid, Civil Defence, Fire Fighting, etc.
3. **Expedition**—an expedition must be undertaken, spending the nights under canvas with distances covered ranging from 15 to 50 miles. This involves considerable training in self-survival and mountain safety and navigation.
4. **Pursuit**—a new interest or hobby must be taken up and studied for a minimum period of six months. A wide choice is available.

So that the School can take part in the Scheme, it is clearly essential that help should be obtained from outside and we are most grateful to the large number of people who are aiding us in the many varied fields of the Scheme. Within the School there are several members of the Staff who take an active interest and to whom we are most grateful.

Following the pattern of last year, an integral part of the Scheme is the use of the Standing Camp at Derwent Hill. During April 25 boys who are taking part in the Scheme went to Derwent Hill with Mr. Sugden and Mr. Stockdale. The weather provided considerable difficulty and two periods of heavy overnight rain and high winds did their best to put a damp end to the enterprise. Despite the weather, and with help from the Staff of Derwent Hill, everything ran quite well, providing the boys with a wealth of outdoor experience. The Camp gave an opportunity for the Silver level boys to undergo their Expedition. The junior boys were introduced to living under canvas, given instruction in canoeing and Map and Compass work in addition to fell-walking.

J.S.

EXPLORATION SOCIETY

The activities of the Society this year have so far been limited to one Expedition. This was a visit to Perthshire, which turned out to be very successful. The party was composed of 12 boys from the Upper School led by Mr. Sugden. We spent the first few nights at Garth Memorial Youth Hostel, a fine building with accommodation for 90 men and women. The weather for the first two days was extremely wet, but on the third day the weather broke and the remaining eight days were spent in glorious sunshine with temperatures which made walking rather exhausting. Our hikes from Garth included a walk up the beautiful Glen Lyon and a hike to Loch Tay, and thence to Aberfeldy from where we took the bus back to the Hostel. We also made an unsuccessful attempt at the ascent of Schiehallion (height 3,547').

On the fifth day we walked the 17 miles to Strathtummel Youth Hostel, on the shores of beautiful Loch Tummel and only a quarter of a mile from the famous Queen's View. From here we visited the town of Pitlochry, famous for its hydro-electric power station and dam. We returned to Garth for the last night and returned home by rail from Aberfeldy. On the whole it was a very enjoyable trip.

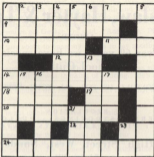
A proposed visit to the Lake District at Christmas was abandoned owing to the severe weather. At Easter a group of Exploration Society Sixth Form Geographers conducted a day field course in the Yorkshire Dales with Mr. Sugden.

At the end of Summer term some members of the Society spent two separate weeks at Derwent Hill, Keswick, with those boys working for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

A further visit to Scotland is planned for the coming Summer, this time to the west coast.

R. MILLER, Secretary.

A CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- (1) Sounds as if payment is being temporarily withheld.
 (8) The intention of our masters.
 (10) Then, the foul thing, went without tea.
 (11) Prostrate was a sin.
 (12) Won't take "No" for an answer.
 (14) Seen regularly at King's Cross.
 (18) Often heard at Baker Park
 (19) Ditto.
 (20) Main East (anagram).
 (22) Not she.
 (23) No watering place in Spain.
 (24) Hand over for justice.

DOWN

- (1) Dry up!
 (2) A fish of the carp family.
 (3) To begin with, fundamentally have a good time.
 (4) Football Club.
 (5) Beaver-like quality.
 (6) Radio Telephone.
 (7) Slippery customer.
 (8) Title song.
 (12) Seen in Navy, Army and Air Force.
 (13) The State Defence Lawyer proclaimed.
 (15) An age it seems.
 (16) Mr. Morrison like Indians would be lost without it.
 (17) Employ.
 (21) A hawk may cause an exclamation.
 (23) Not human.

R. L. WILKINSON, U4A.

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QUEER FISH

I looked at my meagre three-hour catch: two tadpole-like fish and a seaweed-like plant. It was then that I saw the lock-keeper. He had evidently left his assistant to tend to the locks, and was waddling along the river-bank. He had a fat head that was on the breaking point, and his eyes bulged like the eyes of a cat on a hot tin roof. As he walked, his pot stomach wobbled and his big toes hung downwards from his feet as if by threads. His fingers were, in contrast

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to his head, knobby and long, with the skin drawn over his thin bones. His nose was a fat bulb and through it he snorted violently. He waddled over to me on the bank and immediately started conversation:

"I see you've got George," he said. "And Mike. Pity about the weed; they're always on it." He pointed to my catch.

I was just about to open my mouth to say goodbye, when he continued:

"Poor George. He's passed it; he's overdue. I knew it would happen some day. Why, it was only last night that he told me that he was thinking of retiring. He's a bit old for this game."

At first I thought that he was mad, but I saw that he looked quite serious.

"Hello," I said timidly.

"Oh, I'm not dribbling on am I?" he said.

"No, no. Er, where did you meet George?"

"Down the river a couple of yards."

He picked up the fish and held it to his ear.

"Ah! So that's it. He's tired!" he said.

It was peculiar. He seemed to look rather like the fish, but I supposed that it couldn't have been.

"Well, you seem to know him well," I said sarcastically.

"Yes, quite well."

"Er, how on earth can you talk to a fish?"

"Oh, you're one of these disbelievers, eh?" he said.

"Disbelieve what?"

"In mermen."

I stared at him.

"Of course I don't believe in mermen. Surely you don't, do you?"

"Of course I do!" he erupted.

He grabbed the weed and fish and moved to the side of the bank. With one great leap he dived into the river and disappeared under the surface. And there I stood, staring.

I. HENDERSON, 4B.

THE SENIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The year 1963-64 saw such a variety of activity that all we can do here is indicate the highlights of an eventful year.

The outdoor meetings, which were either purely school expeditions, or in association with the Town N.H.S. (in which Mr. Alker organised the Botanical Expeditions) or the Northern Naturalists Union (of which Mr. Alker is now President), were as follows:

General Expeditions:

St. Mary's Island, Whittle Dene near Hexham, the Farne Islands, Hamsterley Forest, Widdybark Fell in Teesdale, Holy Island, the Roman Wall and Crag Lough, Shadforth Dene, a pond near Rainton, Upper Weardale and Cowshill, and Cullercoats.

Botanical Expeditions:

The Cleadon Hills, the Hendon-Ryhope sea-shore, the river

banks from South Hylton to Fatfield, Tunstall Hill, Fulwell Quarry and Breckon Hill.

Entomological Expeditions:

Waldridge Fell and Chester Moor, Shincliffe to East Buttsfeld, Burdon and Warden Law.

Ornithological Expeditions:

Whitburn, Tunstall Hill, and North Hylton.

Geological Expeditions:

Downhill and Upper Weardale.

Marine Zoology:

A number of marine zoology outings were organised by Mr. Bell.

Field Expeditions for the spring and summer of 1964 include visits to the Cleveland Hills, Muckle Moss (near the Roman Wall), Hansterley Forest and St. Mary's Island (general meetings); Hetton Bogs, Fulwell Quarry, Lumley Castle grounds and Nicholson's Pond near Rainton (botany); Claxthorough (geology); Blackhall Rocks and coast (entomology).

Members of the 1963 Biology Field Week party at Derwent Hill in the Lake District talked on their work and experiences in the Lakes before an audience of 120 people at the Town Museum, illustrating their comments with over 100 fine colour slides.

During National Nature Week the Senior N.H.S. collected and transplanted material for a forestry exhibit, a woodland exhibit and a display of flowering plants. The exhibits were part of a large and impressive display at the Town Museum, and were viewed by many hundreds of townspeople who came both as individuals and as organised parties. The Junior N.H.S. contributed a fine exhibit, illustrating littoral zonation. Only those involved know just how much sweat and toil went into this display.

Indoor meetings included an illustrated talk by Mr. Bellamy of Durham University on "A Botanist's First Look at Africa", and Mr. Gant of the N.N.U. on "Some Impressions of the Scottish Highlands". Other talks were "Seaweeds" by Dr. Moss, "Iceland" by Miss Oates, "The National History of Field Mice" by Dr. Ashby, "Glaciation and its Products" by Dr. Hopkins, "Dippers" by Mr. Alder of TV. fame, "Flowers and Insects in Colour" by Mr. O'Neill, "The Durham Argus" by Mr. Jefferson, and "An Introduction to the Field Identification of Birds" by Mr. Grey. A full winter programme of outstanding documentary films with a general natural history and sociological bias has again been presented in the Sixth Form biological laboratory.

The division of the Senior N.H.S. into specialist groups for tackling original work had no sooner got under way when the sad death of Miss Fleuret, biology laboratory steward, occurred at Christmas, 1963. This has laid extra burdens on the biology staff and prevented the development of many of the projects envisaged last October.

We hope that our members have enjoyed the panorama of events which we have created, and helped to create, to

give them a broader and deeper vision of this fascinating world about us.

R. H. MILLER (Secretary).

JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Junior Natural History Society has, this year, maintained its high membership of 75, with an average attendance of 50. Many films of varying topics were shown, "Antarctic Crossing", "On Safari" and "War under the Microscope", arousing considerable interest. To cater for individual tastes, the Society has split up into a number of specialised groups for those specially interested in flowering plants, marine and freshwater ecology, microscopy, reptiles and small mammals, insects and fossils. Leaders of each group have been elected and will organise and record their observations. It is hoped to build up a small reference section of pressed and preserved material.

In the summer term more emphasis will be placed on field excursions and many general outings have been arranged. The separate groups will also be pursuing their own interests within the framework of the Junior Natural History Society.

W. FRANCIS, U4.

A DURHAM MINING VILLAGE

There's a colliery quite near us. You can see it from a slag heap at the bottom of our street. The houses creep up on it—rows of pit houses, dark as the pit and the coal. Five mornings a week the miners tread a rough track worn hard as marble by the feet of their fathers and grandfathers, past the telegraph poles, and sleeping lines of wagons on the nearby railway lines to the pit with its two winding towers stark against the sky. Then the cage descends into the choking dark, and the men toil and sweat and hack at the black earth.

Up above, children are hurried off to school, chimneys smoke, washing blows in the back yards, and engines hiss as they slowly pull coal-filled wagons. Children too young for school scramble up pit heaps, pretending they are climbing Everest, and old men smoke their pipes in the park.

In the evening "The Lambton Worm" overflows with men, who drink, smoke, and talk—talk about anything. "Howd 'ye fancy Spennymoor for Saturday?" "The wife slipped when she was bathin' the bairns last night." They may just talk about the price of beer. When the pub is dark and silent, the village seems lifeless. But now the cats pad and slink in the funeral-black back lanes.

A. BULLOCK, U4A.

ART SOCIETY

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- 1901 PILLING A. *Engineering & Hall Scholarships.*
Armstrong Coll., Newcastle.
- SCOTT R.W. *Leathersellers' Exhib. New College, Oxf.*
Trinity Hall Scholarship.
- 1902 SMITH A.J. *Open Exhibition, Brasenose Coll., Oxf.*
Trinity Hall Scholarship.
- 1904 KING C.W. *Jesus College, Oxford.*
- 1905 LOGAN W. *Trinity Hall Scholarship.*
St. John's College, Oxford.
- 1906 BOWMAN J.S. *Open Nat. Schol. Royal Coll. Sc. Lond.*
BLACKLOCK J.H. *Trinity Hall Scholarship.*
Christ's College, Cambridge.
- WATSON G.C. *Open Exhib. King's Coll., Camb.*
Trinity Hall Scholarship.
- 1907 HALL F.G. *Open Exhib. Trinity Coll., Camb.*
Trinity Hall Scholarship.
- 1909 FAIRCLOUGH H. *Tulloch Schol. Coll. of Medicine, Ab.*
GIBSON S.R. *Trinity Hall Scholarship.*
Queen's College, Cambridge.
- RIMESFORD S.R. *Trinity Hall Scholarship.*
Queen's College, Cambridge.
- 1910 BOWDEN E. *Senior Pemberton Schol.*
Royal Exhib. (1851) Schol.
- CAIRNS H. *Open Major Schol. Brasenose, Oxf.*
Bottomill's Company's Exhib.



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- 1910 CAMPBELL J. *Open Exhibit^o, Emmanuel Coll., Camb.,
Trinity Hall Scholarship,
Dragons' Company's School,
Rothfield J. Trinity Hall Scholarship,
Student of Raucewell Grammar School,
St. Catharine's Coll., Cambridge.*
- 1911 ARMSTRONG G.B. *Extreme Exhibit^o, Armstrong Coll., New,
CASLAW J.M. Trinity Hall, Cambridge.*
- BETHERINGTON
T.W. *Open Exhibit^o, Trinity Coll., Camb.,
Trinity Hall Scholarship,
Dragons' Company's School.*
- HERRING J.M. *Open (Lightfoot) School, St. Chad's Coll.,
Durham.*
- MOFFITT J.P. *Open Exhibit^o, Jesus Coll., Camb.,
Skinners' Company's Exhibit^o.*
- ROTHFIELD I. *Trinity Hall Scholarship,
Dragons' Company's School,
Downing College, Cambridge.*
- SLADDEN H.E. *Open (De Bury) School, St. Chad's Coll.,
Durham,
David Smith School, Glasgow.*
- 1912 NEILL R.F. *Royal Exhibit^o, (1851) School.*
- SMITH H. *St. John's College Camb.*
- 1913 FOULKES G.B. *Royal Exhibit^o, (1851) School.*
- ROBSON S. *Waltham Scholarship.*
- 1914 DODDS T.E. *Royal Exhibit^o, (1851) School.*
- McMILLAN W.F. *Open (Bromsgrove) Exhibit^o, New Coll.,
Sutcliffe R. Oxford.*
- 1915 LEE F.R.M. *Open School, Jesus Coll., Oxford.*
- WHITE J.H. *Open Exhibit^o, Emmanuel Coll., Camb.*
- 1916 PORTEOUS J. *Open Exhibit^o, Corpus Christi Coll.,
Cambridge.*
- SMITH L. *Queen's College, Cambridge.*
- 1917 FORBES P.B.R. *Open Exhibit^o, Emmanuel Coll., Camb.,
Dragons' Company's School.*
- PETCH J.A. *Open (Urchurgh) School, Pembroke
College, Cambridge.*



HONOURS

- 1918 LIPTON M. *Open Exhibit, Meriton Coll., Oxf.*
Holt-Smith's Company's Exhibit
MINCOVITCH R.I. *Open (Holme) Schol., Brocasense Coll.,*
Oxford.
SHARE M. *Open Exhibit, Meriton Coll., Oxf.*
1919 GIBSON T. *Drapers' Company's Schol.,*
Jesus Coll., Oxford.
1920 CAIRNS D.A.S. *Open Schol., Pembroke Coll., Camb.*
1921 SHIEFF N. *Open Schol., University Coll., Durham.*
State Scholarship.
1922 GOLDSTEIN S. *Open Schol., St. John's Coll., Camb.*
RAPLEY F. *Open (Edgar Allen) Schol., St. John's*
Coll., Cambridge.
1923 FORSTER C.A. *Open Schol., University Coll., Durham.*
SAUNDERS G.H. *Open Schol., University Coll., Durham.*
1924 CARR J.M. *Open Schol., University Coll., Durham.*
MINCOVITCH P. *Open Schol., University College,*
Durham.
1925 ORD R. *Open (Theoburg) Schol., Pembroke*
Coll., Oxford.
State Scholarship.
1926 DAWSON C.M. *Open Exhibit, Emmanuel Coll., Camb.*
MASON J. *Lord Kitchener Post-Memorial Schol.,*
St. John's Coll., Cambridge.
MUNRO H.C. *David's Coll., Cambridge.*
1927 ADDISON H.S. *St. John Stepienewski' Scholarship.*
Pembroke Coll., Oxford.
State Scholarship.
HUTTON J.A. *Entrance Schol., Beile College,*
Durham.
1928 BOWE W.D. *Open Schol., King's Coll., London.*
BROWN J.L. *Open Schol., Durham.*
McLAUCHLAN J.C. *Open (Lewis Gibson) Schol., Gonville*
and Caius Coll., Cambridge.
SCOTT G. *Open Schol., Durham.*
1929 BURDON T.W. *Open Exhibit, King's College, London.*



HONOURS

- 1929 GILLIS J. *Open Major School, Trinity Coll.,
Cambridge.*
*"Stewart of Remondin" Open School,
State Scholarship.*
ROBINSON J.S. *"Ulterior" School, King's Coll., London.
State Scholarship.*
- 1930 WELCH B.L. *Open Major (Junior Honors) School,
Brasenose Coll., Oxford.
State Scholarship.*
- 1931 DITCHBURN E.W. *University College,
Oxford.*
HINKLEY W.T. *Open School, St. John's Coll., Durham.*
PORTER J.L. *Open Major School, Christ Coll., Oxford.
Lord Kitchenor Nat. Memorial
Scholarship.*
- 1932 BALMER W.E. *Deanship Coll., Cambridge.*
PRATT B.M. *Open (Leavis & Hudson) School,
Magdalene Coll., Cambridge.*
- 1933 BUNDRED W.E. *Open Entrance Primary, University
College, Hull.*
MCGUINNESS G.F. *Open Scholarship, Beale Coll.,
Durham.*
- 1934 WHITFIELD G.A. *Open (Byra Beauchfield Lindsay)
School, Sheffield.*
- 1936 WHITFIELD J.W. *St. John's College,
Cambridge.*
- 1937 DAWSON C.M. *Open Exhibit? King's Coll., Camb.*
McKEE J.H. *Open Exhibit? Jesus Coll., Oxford.*
- 1938 CRAGGS J.W. *State Scholarship.*
MARTIN R. *Open School, Hartford Coll., Oxford.*
RICHARDSON C. *Open School, Beale College,
Durham.*
- 1940 KAY R.H. *Open Major School, Merchant Coll., Camb.*
McFARLANE J.W. *Open Exhibit? St. Catherine's Society,
Oxford.*
MERSKY D. *Open Exhibit? Trinity Coll., Camb.*
- 1941 KENT R. *Open Exhibit? Durham.*

the society has been dependent on a small but keen nucleus of members.

Modern painting has been a particular attraction, and exhibitions of surrealism and cubism were arranged to follow interesting talks on these topics.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. Harrison for all his invaluable assistance and advice.

A very cordial invitation is extended to all those who have an interest in the subject to join us in our future meetings.

D. HANNINGTON, (Sec.).

MUSIC SOCIETY REPORT

The Society, although not among the more well known institutions in the school, has continued to flourish quietly—despite its somnorous character — providing a refuge for devotees of the modern English school of music from the more debased standards prevalent elsewhere. The long-overdue revival of English music in the concert halls has been mirrored, and was indeed partly presaged, by this musical barometer of the country's opinion. The series of concerts devoted to English music which was broadcast by the B.B.C. earlier this year had, so to speak, already been given in Room 17, where a feature of many Friday evenings has been the rendering of a work by Elgar, Vaughan-Williams, Delius, Holst or Walton. A due sense of proportion has, of course, been maintained by an adequate representation of other modern composers, in addition to the ever popular Beethoven, Brahms, etc.

Attendances have fluctuated as usual, but an encouraging omen has been the high proportion of junior and middle school members, auguring continuance of the society after the departure of the present Sixth Form.

Our thanks are once more extended to Mr. J. Kirk for his encouragement and assistance.

P. BETTESS (President), VI Upper.

F. C. ARIS (Vice-president), L VI Sc.

E. B. KIRTLEY (Hon. Sec.), L VI A.

LIBRARY REPORT, 1963-64

Since the last library report there have been two notable changes in the library organisation. The first is that a new and much more efficient book record system has been introduced; the second is that the books have been sifted and the better material put into one bay.

Many new books have been bought this year, the largest additions being to the history section and to the senior fiction section. Many of these books are of the hard-backed Penguin-type and they seem to be very popular with the Sixth Forms. The only new periodical ordered this term was the 'National Geographic Magazine' which has proved to be very popular.

Finally, I should like to express the thanks of all the junior librarians to Messrs. Noton and Shrimpton for their interest throughout the year.

K. LEWIS (Hon. Sec.).



THE ORDEAL

I had been asked to do it, and, although I didn't want to, I had to consent.

I pulled open the door and pushed them roughly inside. They seemed helpless. When I was quite sure that they were all packed inside, as tight as can be, I slammed the door, and then it started. They began to be pushed, jostled, shaken, and battered against each other. I watched through the glass panel in the door, full of amusement. Water poured forth, shielding them from my view for a moment. The red button then flashed on. I realised what it was for, and jumped up to do my part. I then returned to my position in front of the glass.

They were still jostled about, but now more fiercely. I felt sorry for them now. They looked sick, worried, and very much 'under the weather'. What an experience to go through! I was then suddenly jolted from my seat, as white froth poured over them.

They must have been in terrible shape now, and it was not yet over. More water poured forth. The light flashed on again, causing me to rise again from my seat.

The froth and water poured down again. I was watching intently, when suddenly they began to disappear. A whining noise came and went. Where had they gone? I began

to be very worried, then they returned again as suddenly as they had gone.

What a relief! Now they stopped being jostled, and just lay there thoroughly exhausted.

I hurriedly went to the handle and opened the door. A wave of warm air instantly met me.

I then proceeded to take the washing from the machine and transfer them to the spin dryer.

I would certainly come again.

B. ROBINSON, U5(2).

DRAMA CLUB NOTES

Since the new stage has been installed in the Girls' School hall, we have been very busy transferring our fittings to it. This has involved a tremendous amount of hard work and the Club is very grateful to those volunteers who gave up so much of their time to this unattractive task. All the properties of the Boys' Drama Club are being taken across, so that in the end we should have a first rate theatre available. The use of the hall by outsiders remains a great problem, and hampers the work of preparing for the school play.

Boys willing to help either back-stage or in acting are very welcome.

J.L.J.

LA RESURRECTION

Aux bois, aux champs, aux ruisseaux,

Nous pouvons la voir—

Le ciel bleu, la verdure, le soleil d'or,

La résurrection.

Les arbres morts vivent encore,

Les fleurs qui ont dormi—

Elles se réveillent, alors nous apercevons

La résurrection.

Les petits animaux qui sont—

Pendant les mois d'hiver—

Restés, cachés dans la terre s'avancent, et puis,

La résurrection.

D. REED, LVI Arts.

BEDE DRAMA

This year's production was "The Fire-Raisers" by the Swiss playwright, Max Frisch. He called his play 'a morality without a moral', yet a moral comes out strongly and clearly in the First Act and may be comprehended from a short extract in Scene Four, where Biedermann, 'Honest Fellow' (Boyman in this production) says: 'If I report those two (i.e. the fire-raisers) to the police, then I know I shall make enemies of them. What's the good of that? One match, and our whole house will be in flames. What's the good of that? But if I go and invite them to supper—and they accept my invitation . . .' Clearly Frisch is pointing out the

folly of appeasement. He works in allegorical fashion. It has been convincingly suggested that this was prompted by the futile attempts at appeasing Hitler made by the Austrian Chancellor before the Second World War.

The Second Act, called by Frisch an Afterpiece, is difficult to understand and certainly must entitle one to place Frisch in the category of dramatists like Beckett and Ionesco of 'The Theatre of the Absurd', whose mysterious and esoteric symbolism requires more competent exegesis than the present reviewer would presume to give: à chacun son interprétation.

But to the school production itself. Of the actors, two are especially to be commended for their interpretations: F. Johnson, who played Godfrey Boyman, and J. Longstaff as Eisenring. The former was on stage for virtually the whole play and without a confident and convincing performance from him interest would have flagged; he certainly enjoyed his cigar, if not his goose. J. Longstaff showed the value of his long experience in the Drama Group by his complete assurance, timing and diction. Schmitz was played, rather self-effacingly on my night, by J. Falconer, whilst the small part of the policeman alternated between D. Carter and D. Pounder. The women's roles were played adequately, if not curvaceously, by K. Armitage as Mrs. Boyman, D. Thompson as Anna and D. L. Dobson (uncharacteristically (s)he did not speak) as Mrs. Knight, whilst G. Keith was the Doctor of Philosophy and B. L. Wilson led the Chorus of Firemen, whose chant was in classical unison.

Our thanks are due finally to those members of staff involved, Messrs. A. N. Shrimpton (Assistant Producer), K. Longstaff, J. P. Linton, and R. Johnson, to those boys concerned with backstage work, and not least to Mr. J. L. Jolly, who produced the play with his customary verve and is to be commended for his courage in attempting a play of this nature.

J.P.W.

SUNDERLAND JUNIOR EMPIRE THEATRE SOCIETY

Since its inauguration in September, 1963, the Junior Empire Theatre Society has flourished with such vigour that the present total membership stands at some 2,300 juniors aged from 12 years to 19 years, our own school having about 80 members. Members come from as far afield as Washington and Durham.

The aim of the Society is to promote not only a passive interest in the entertainment that the live theatre has to offer, but to encourage active participation in theatre functions, through the Drama section and through active discussions among members themselves.

Society functions are not confined to Drama: two dances have been successfully held, and meetings on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings have provided entertainment ranging from a quiz programme, in which a university professor came in his pyjamas, to a folk-music evening. In the

future, such entertainment will include illustrated discussions on 'pop' and classical music, jazz, judo and poetry. It is also hoped that a trip will be arranged to the Edinburgh Festival this summer.

A. A. POTTS (Sec.).

FOOTBALL FEVER

I must go back to Roker Park, to find my coat and shoes,
And all I ask is a free way in, so I can pick and choose.
The breeze is strong, the litter great and the papers flying,
And an empty stand that looks so bare and the wind
a-sighing.

I must go back to Roker Park, for the sound of the Roker
Roar.

It's a loud roar, and a wild roar you never heard before,
And all I ask is a goal on time with the seconds dying;
The hands wave, and the hats fly and the losers crying.

I won't go back to Roker Park, the risk is much too great.
My hat is off, my coat is off, I'm almost at the gate.
I can't get out, I can't get in; a barrier's in my belly.
Oh! how I wish I was at home looking at the telly.

A. SUMBY, 3A.

THE FOOTBALLER

(WITH APOLOGIES TO W. B. YEATS)

Although I can see him still,
The muscular man who goes
To a green field for the kill
In red and white striped clothes
At three to win the game,
It's since last week I began
To observe the very same—
This shrewd and mighty man,
Thro' the game I looked at the feet
Till I hoped that I would be,
When I play for my own team,
As tough and clever as he:
The opposing team that I hate;
The home team that I love;
The manager in his seat;
The tactics much improved;
And no fouler brought to book
Who has won a sarcastic yell.
The forward with a poke
Aimed at the opposing goal;
And the biased crowd that cries
The war cries of the cretin,
The victory of the wise,
And all opponents beaten.

P. SMITH, 5A.

SOCGER 1st XI REPORT



Playing Record

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
28	22	5	1	109	41

The 1963-4 season has been one of the most successful in recent years, the team having played 28 games to date, losing only one of them. After an unsure start, in which the first four games were drawn, the team settled down to play a winning brand of football which won 22 of the next 24 games. The school's sole defeat was suffered at the hands of Bishop Auckland G.S., who narrowly won 3-2. The school has been successful in winning a place in

the final of the Tyneside Grammar Schools' Cup, beating Blyth G.S. 3-1 in the semi-final, after having failed at this stage in the previous five seasons.

This season the team has called on the services of 19 players, most of whom were newcomers, as only Storey, Stephenson, Lightfoot, and Waters remained from last season's team. The defence usually comprised Hudson and Wigham at full-back, and Storey, Stephenson and Taylor

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filled the halfback positions, with Glasper filling the gap left in goal by Potts's departure at Christmas. The forwards were made up of Lowe, Goldsmith, Lightfoot, Robinson and Waters, who between them scored most of the team's 109 goals. Rumley capably filled gaps in defence and attack, while other reserves fitted in well.

Colours were re-awarded to K. Storey, and new awards made to K. Stephenson and D. Taylor.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Stockdale for the active interest he has taken in the team.

Appearances: Taylor, Waters (23); Lowe, Wigham (26); Hudson, Robinson (25); Goldsmith (24); Storey (23); Lightfoot (22); Stephenson (20); Potts (15); Rose (14); Glasper (13); Rumley (10); Warriner (3); Davis, Ellison, Fenwick, Wright (1).

Goal Scorers: Lightfoot (32); Waters (18); Lowe (16); Goldsmith (13); Storey, Robinson (7); Rose (5); Taylor (3); Rumley, Warriner (2); Fenwick, Stephenson, Wigham (1); Houghton (o.g.).

J. D. TAYLOR, Secretary.

UNDER 15 SOCCER

Captain: N. Matthams.

Vice-Captain: B. Anderson.

The full record to date is

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	14	3	1	66	18

This has been a most successful season so far; the team-spirit has been good and the football on occasions has reached a most commendable standard to which the results above bear clear witness. It was unfortunate that the team was deprived of the services of D. Davison through injury, but the reserves have been so good that we were hardly below strength when deprived of those boys representing Sunderland Boys. The team looks set to do well in Division A of the Sunderland and District Schools' Football Association, and should top it if serious lapses are avoided. It has also reached the semi-final of the Cochrane Cup, with successes over St. Aidan's, St. Thomas Aquinas and Castle View.

It is particularly pleasing to note the success of the captain, N. Matthams, who not only captained Sunderland Boys, but also played for Durham County Schoolboys and gained a place in the England trial at Hull in the North v. North Midlands game. Three other members of the team also represented Sunderland Boys—B. Anderson, K. Morris and R. Greig.

It would be invidious to select individual players for special mention, as the success of the team has been due to the combined efforts of the team as a whole.

Appearances: D. Oliver (17), R. Eds (16), T. Hutchinson (15), K. Morris (16), N. Matthams (12), P. Wilkinson (17), W. Mudd (17), B. Anderson (11), R. Findlay (17), R. Greig (6), M. D. Parker (17), D. Davison (8), P. Harris (5), A. Bute (4), J. Potts (7), B. Sayers (2).

Reserves: M. Harrison, T. Armitage, D. Trout, R. Hodgson, A. Surtess.

Goal-Scorers: R. Findlay (20), W. Mudd (18), B. Anderson (8), M. D. Parker (4), D. Davison (3), R. Greig (3), P. Wilkinson (2), P. Harris (1), R. Ede (1), K. Morris (1).

J.P.W.

UNDER 14 SOCCER

This team has existed again for cup-ties only and still maintains an interest in the Duncan White Cup, although it was defeated in the Tynside Grammar School Cup by Southmoor T.S. in the second round. R. Greig has represented Sunderland Boys this season and T. Hutchinson, D. Davison and Greig have played for the Sunderland Under 14 team.

R.G.

UNDER 13 SOCCER

This team has again had a successful season under the captaincy of C. Randolph. The initial selection was difficult, as in the past, owing to the high numbers of talented soccer players, but a winning side was obtained, many goals being scored in the first part of the season. On dry grounds the soccer played has been of a very high standard, but the team had difficulty in coping with the heavier conditions later, and consequently suffered 4 defeats. The team spirit and cohesion between the players has been an outstanding feature this season, and this must be attributed to the captain, Randolph, and vice-captain, M. Tuddenham. The basic strength of the side lay in the half-back line of J. Price, Randolph, and R. Lister. Other regular members of the defence were E. Dent, J. Barnes, and K. Ure, while the attack has been composed of C. Gunning, I. Craigs, J. Carter, M. Tuddenham, K. Keatings and A. Boal. F. Birch played in many games and proved to be a very able reserve in all positions.

League record (to date):—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
13	10	1	2	44	17	21

Goals have been scored by:—

Price 11, Boal 8, Tuddenham 6, Craigs 4, Gunning 4, Keatings 4, Carter 4, Pratt 2, Randolph 2, Birch 1, Lister 1.

R.G.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Across—1, Different; 9, Educate; 10, Hen; 11, Lie; 12, Yes; 14, Depart; 18, Boar; 19, As; 20, Animate; 22, He; 23, In; 24, Extradite.

Down—1, Dehydrate; 2, Ide; 3, Fun; 4, F.C.; 5, Eager; 6, R.T.; 7, Eel; 8, Theme tune; 12, Yarm; 13, Stated; 15, Eon; 16, Paint; 17, Use; 21, Aha; 23, It.

MARCIA FUNEBRE

(DEATH OF A STATESMAN)

After the interruption of the heroic hopeful theme
 By a sudden unexpected discord
 Came the diminuendo
 Above whose fading chords were heard atonal sounds
 As the brash intruder—god demanded sacrifice
 Of sensation and public shame.

And the demand was not unheeded
 As tired old men who wore the uniform of an outmoded
 justice
 Sought to regain their lost integrity
 Whilst Runnymede's hopeful isle
 Rings to the cries of deluded men
 Thinking to prevent a noble echo
 With their worldly crescendo of material considerations.

E. B. KIRTLEY, LVI Arts.

EASTER VISION

Tiny droplets of water ran down her white face: her hair
 clung to her forehead in fine wet strands. She raised her
 hand to brush it back, but the wind blew it forward again.
 She showed a slight aggravation, but never once shifted her
 horrified stare from the spectacle in front of her.

The boy lay there . . . dead. She knew he was dead, but
 the fact having registered seemed unable to spur her into
 any action. She was stunned, as though, even if she were
 able to think of any appropriate action, she would be unable
 to perform it. She contemplated the terrible body, the
 twisted legs and that arm, fractured past recognition but
 still vainly grasping the hub of the wheel. Blood covered
 the boy's clothing: it stained the wheel and the pavement.
 This appalled her. Not that blood was new to her in such
 quantities. It was not: but always blood from a living, warm
 person. There was a sort of ugliness about blood which was
 probably cold, and from a dead body.

She had noticed the crowd of shocked passers-by that had
 gathered at her side, frozen, glancing one to another inquir-
 ingly, not one any more capable of acting than she. Her
 brown eyes fidgeted; she saw the broken wall, the folded
 mass of car metal, and the huge black outline of the lorry
 on its side against the back of the car . . . all exhausted of
 momentum.

Then, as her eyes once more fell to the boy and she saw
 his face with that piteful look in his wild eyes, her expres-
 sion suddenly changed. It was still horror, but an ominous,
 more meaningful horror. And suddenly she saw it all again,
 that terrible plaintive face that had haunted her one restless
 night when she awoke screaming. That had been nine days
 ago . . . Good Friday.

Somehow she was aware of a question being directed at
 her from the general murmur behind her; turning she saw
 vaguely some uniformed figure inquiring something. Her

startled look did not alter, but her lips parted involuntarily, and the words escaped, "Oh yes . . . I have seen him before."

R. F. TEMPLE, USA.

RUGBY REPORT, 1963-64

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
14	6	0	8	129	144

At the outset the prospects for the season seemed bright, with eleven players from last year's senior team being again available, and indeed early results appeared to bear this out, with notable victories over South Shields and the Sunderland Training College. However, after a particularly commendable performance against Dame Allan's, our form began to pall and unfortunately a number of matches in which we might have shown our strength were cancelled owing to the weather. Morale was not helped by the departure at Christmas of the team captain, A. Neilson,



who had been showing splendid form. But R. Chalk proved a most capable substitute in the second row and his line-out work especially was appreciated. The forwards were generally belligerent and in many cases their abundance of attacking spirit was commented upon by the opposition, the particularly strong play of Messrs. Ritson, M. McHenry and Hughes doing a lot to earn this praise. The three-quarters showed fluctuations in their form, but generally reached their best in our own harder matches. In this department the high scoring performances of the two wingers, D. Blyth and F. Smith, deserve special mention, the former for his jinking runs, the latter with his direct attacking approach. After a doubtful start K. Lewis proved a most capable full back, although his apparently casual approach was often a source of dismay to onlookers. In the county seven-a-side tournament at Billingham a strong school side was considered rather unlucky to be eliminated in the early stages by Dame Allan's. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Berry, Mr. Rippon and Mr. Almond, without whose valuable assistance no matches could have been played.

The Under 15 team were most disappointing. The forwards were never together, often too lethargic and were particularly weak in defensive covering. Outside the scrum tackling was weak and there was an obvious lack of cohesion. Hutton (capt.), Milburn and Batty were generally good, but their efforts were often wasted by poor backing up.

The Junior 'A' team had a good season and there is much promising material here. Robson (capt.), Charlton, Watt, Dodds, Laidler and Dixon showed consistently good form and were well backed up by their colleagues. But goal-kicking was weak.

The Junior 'B' team was even more disappointing than the

under 15's. Lack of fire and spirit in the forwards and slow passing in the line were the chief faults. We hope for much better times next season with Wilson (D.), Hutchinson, Mellor (N.) and Fortune leading the recovery.

The playing records are set out below, but weather conditions and the state of the ground reduced considerably the number of games played.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
U. '15'	11	4	7	0	82	184
Junior 'A'	11	8	2	1	126	69
Junior 'B'	12	2	9	1	36	105

W. BLYTH (Sec.).

PEACE ON THE MOORS

The rannle behind the shooting butt,
Smelling the cartridge cases cut;
The pheasant now subdued in nest;
None are left now but the best.
The male stags meeting for the fray,
Which will be left by end of day?
The fox on this unknown terrain
Holds the fowl, cut in twain.
The water vole beneath the bank
Digs his tunnel dark and dank.
The moor looks peaceful from above,
But below there is no love.

R. KIRTLEY, 4(2).

A STORY OF LOVE AND INTRIGUE

One day Collen Chyma decided that at all costs he would escape from the Palisade. He crept stealthily out past the guard cells and was making his way through some Woody tissue when he espied a beautiful young girl. "By, she's a cute . . . ickle thing," he thought to himself, and without further ado he asked her what she was called. "My name's Poly Saccharine," she replied coyly. "How about coming out tonight, Sugar?" he said. "I know a nice place in Cambium Town and, if we catch a Sieve Tube to the centrosome, we can be there in twenty minutes." When she accepted he was delighted, and rushed off to get ready. He had a quick wash with a bit of spongy mesophyll, combed his root hairs, put on a starched shirt and told his mother, Paren T. Chyma, that he would be home late. He then set off.

They went to a night club and, as she sat down, Poly said, "By, what nice phloem rubber cushions mycetes got!" "Yes," he replied. "These modern plastids are marvellous." The waiter pored out a glass of wine. They ordered a salad of fresh carotinoids and nice red stomatas and, as they ate, they listened to the famous Woody Bast and the Xylems singing 'Venus in Blue Genes.'

Afterwards they decided to walk home. It was very romantic, with the medullary rays of the moon shining down on them. But Collen thought Poly looked uncomfortable, and asked what was wrong. "Mi . . . tos. is cold," she retorted.

"And I have a cold in the nose. Vita.min.ute I think I'm going to sneeze . . . Tissue!!!"

This temporary set back in no way chilled Collen's passion. "Darling," he said, "after what has transpired between us tonight I feel I want to marry you. Will you be my wife?" Poly consented and they were married within the week by the Welsh vicar, Di Cotyledon. They decided on a touring honeymoon, and we shall leave them as they ride away on their pericycles with their vascular bundles on their backs.

By D. P. RICHARDSON and C. K. MARSHALL,
U VI Sc.

UNDER 15 CRICKET REPORT

The Under 15 cricket XI had another very successful season, winning both the league and the Swan Cup. The only defeats the team suffered were at the hands of a very strong South Shields team in friendlies.

During the season the most exciting match turned out to be the final of the Swan Cup, when Castle View were defeated by one run. In the other league and cup games the team won fairly easily on most occasions, but they had a very close game with Monkwearmouth, when they just won by 8 runs.

During the season Butc, Totter, and Gracey did most of the bowling, Gracey being top of the averages, bowling 96.1 overs and taking 9 wickets at an average of 4.44 runs per wicket. Trotter came second, bowling 82.4 overs and taking 30 wickets at an average of 4.80 runs per wicket. Butc bowled 72 overs, taking 25 wickets at an average of 5.12 runs per wicket.

The batting was not very consistent, with only Spendley managing to get decent scores in most games and he finished top of the batting averages with an average of 17.87. Second top was Warriner, with an average of 5.71. Spendley and Warriner represented the town. The only other notable averages were Oliver with 5.44, and Matthams with 5.50. The wicket-keeping was capably shared during the season by Hall and Jenkins, Jenkins taking over when Hall was unavailable.

Other players who helped the team to be so successful were Morris, Edwards, Walton, Ellison, Robinson and Curzon.

B. SPENDLEY, Sec.

SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB REPORT SEASON 1963

Captain: D. Scott.

Vice-Captain: K. Storey.

The 1963 season was a very good one for the school, nine matches being played, out of which seven were won and one



drawn. The highlight of the season was a day match against Edinburgh Royal High School, at Ashbrooke ground, in which the school scored 187 for 5 dec., Kirk 72. Edinburgh replied with 119 for 8, the school just failing to force a result. It is hoped that this match will become a regular feature of the coming cricket seasons.

The school team had two good opening bowlers in Scott and Lightfoot, who took 31 wickets for 180 runs and 19 wickets for 138 runs respectively. They were ably supported by Kirk who, with Birtwisle and Johnson, was the mainstay of the batting, the three players finishing the season with runs and averages of 131-21.8, 208-34.7, and 81-13.5 respectively. Capable assistance was also given by Storey and Neath.

New colours awards were made to Brandt, Johnson, Neath and McClement; re-awards were made to Birtwisle, Kirk, Storey and Scott.

Our grateful appreciation goes to members of the staff, in particular Mr. McClement, who has now retired from his well handled job of master in charge, for their help in the season.

W. B. McCLEMENT, Cricket Secretary.

SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING REPORT

Since the commencement of the last school year, the swimming team has taken part in numerous events. In the Tyne-side Grammar Schools' Gala we came fourth, in spite of one or two absences.

The senior team repeated its previous year's success despite Monkwearmouth's advantage of possessing their own swimming pool. As usual in the Sunderland Schools' Gala, the school gained a large proportion of the certificates, Derek Lambert winning all five senior events, while Derek Pounder and Anthony Minchom were successful in their respective age groups. The school gala was exceptionally well attended and again ran smoothly.

The life-saving class began again after Summer Term with a large number of younger members, all of whom passed the examinations in December. Many of these have continued attending in order to take higher awards. Allied with the lifesaving have been the A.S.A. Personal Survival Awards, which seem to serve as an incentive to many boys to learn to swim better because a high number enter each term.

In the lifesaving competition for the A. C. Cox Memorial Trophy the school came second, and in the same competition for the Arthur Mothersdale Trophy the team won, but could not go forward to the County Final as the entry had been handed in too late. At the moment a team is being trained for both trophies.

The school swimming club has been ably run by Mr. Baxter and Mr. Bell, who have done much to encourage the younger swimmers, while Mr. Petrie has given his valuable support to the swimming and lifesaving teams.

B. TIMNEY (Captain).

CYCLE

The gas cloud span;
 A central sphere formed.
 The planets began
 To circle the sun, newly formed.
 Molten rivers flowed,
 Atmosphere glowed,
 New moons circled
 Planets as they hurtled.
 Some exploded,
 Others eroded;
 On Earth life was born
 When the sun came forth one dawn.
 Races to their peak arose,
 Then fell into a deep repose.
 Wars took place
 Amongst the human race;
 Hopes and dreams expire,
 Terror and cruelties retire.
 The sun contracted
 And then to a gas cloud expanded.
 The gas cloud span as before,
 And with it life began once more.

J. SILVER, SB.

A Book Review of

FIG POKERY WORK

By Lord Fortesque Johnston

Reviewed by

Bruce Hammal, Form 4B

According to this book Pig Pokery Work is a rapidly developing industry in Outer Mongolia. This work needs very skilled men, who must be trained in the art by special instructors before they have any chance at all of getting a job in one of the factories there.

The only tool used by these Mongolians is a poker. This may make the job sound unskilled, but it is the way that the poker must be manipulated when poking the poke that requires every bit of a man's skill.

A good deal of the beginning of this book deals with the Mongolians and their habit of chewing mangelwurzel skins, before the author actually gets on to the Pig Pokery Work itself. But, when he does reach the main subject, he gives a very detailed description of it.

First of all a man takes a poker and with it he fashions out of papier maché a bag, which he pokes and pokes until it becomes very thin. Then he places some sacking round it so that, when the papier maché dries, it has the sacking stuck on the outside. This is called a poke. The poke is then sent on to another worker, with a tray full of assorted pigs, who places a pig in the poke (a pig is not in fact the animal pig, but a small novelty). The poke containing the pig is then sealed with glue, stamped 'Made in Outer Mon-

golis', and dispatched to the village shops to be sold to the Village Idiots. To us one of these^a articles would be known as a lucky bag, but to the Outer Mongolian Village Idiots it is known as a Pig in a Poke.

^a The Pigs in the Poke, not the Outer Mongolian Village Idiots.

GYM CLUB REPORT

This year the gym club was again divided into Senior and Junior sections. The latter under Mr. Rippon enjoyed a most successful year, with over 20 members attending each week. Support for the Senior Club, under Mr. Petrie, was, however, lamentably poor, with a mere 4 or 5 people present each week. This was partly due to the loss of members at the end of last year, but there seems to be a general lack of interest in gymnastics in the Senior school at the moment.

Attempts are still being made to secure new gymnastic equipment, the main target being a safety belt, something essential to much of the more advanced work.

Awards this year have been postponed until the Summer term.

M. McKENZIE, Sec.

TENNIS REPORT, 1963

The school team under the captaincy of D. A. G. Laws enjoyed moderate success in a number of friendly matches and in the Durham County Grammar Schools' Tournament. Apart from Laws and M. Victory, who provided a formidable first pair, and who were undefeated throughout the season, the school was unable to call upon a settled team. Twelve players in all were selected, but the absence of Davis and Pearlman in the Saturday matches considerably weakened the team. The inevitable readjustment of the team in nearly every match contributed to our reverses.

Victory was chosen to represent Durham County, an acknowledgment of his tenacity and shrewdness of play throughout the season. Colours were awarded to him and re-awarded to Laws, who won the school championship without too much difficulty in defeating Victory.

The following players represented the school:

Laws, Victory, Davis, Pearlman, Shaker, Hughes, Lawson, Rawson, Porteous, Clayburn, Lewis and Landau, S.

M. S. L. DAVIS, Secretary.

TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

It was decided among certain members of the Sixth Form that Table Tennis should be introduced as a Society in the School. With Mr. J. P. Wylie and Mr. J. Robinson backing us in this venture, the Headmaster gave us a generous amount with which to buy equipment. The response exceeded our expectations, so we decided to form a team to play friendly matches with teams in the Sunderland and District League. The results were as follows:—

GAMES

P.	W.	D.	L.
5	5	0	0

Neath (12), Ware (11), Landau, S. (5), Shaker (5), Lowe, G. (3), Landau, R. (1), Mr. J. Robinson (1).

Our match with the masters proved most entertaining, with Mr. Rippon and Mr. Robinson providing the only successes for the Staff against Shaker and Landau, S. The result was a 10—2 victory for the boys. Our most outstanding player of the season was C. Neath, who is a Sunderland Junior player, and who won all his games, but credit must also go to R. Ware, S. Landau, R. Shaker and G. Lowe for their good performances.

I hope that more members of the school will take an interest in Table Tennis and that the Society will continue to flourish next season.

K. ARMITAGE (Sec.).

THE PROLOGUE OF FATE

The drops of rain rolled down the window
 Like slow weird majestic carriages,
 As in your eyes after staring long,
 Or saying "goodbye".
 The world outside was moving, bustling,
 Seething in perpetual motion;
 And I should live restrained, restricted
 Inhibited like a caged monkey,
 Like a child having lost the innocence of birth:
 Locked in a cage of parental love
 And saved from the worldly things of life,
 And then a fight, a long lingering fight,
 A bloodless, psychological fight,
 A fight to release the chains,
 The heavy constraining chains of life,
 And join the rat-race world—for what?

P. CURTIS, US(2).

TERRORISM

Things are never what they seem for kittens. When I put some Kit-e-Kat in a bowl for mine, he promptly knocked the bowl over and slashed savagely at the meat. He then dived for cover and observed the meat from under the couch.

He lay flat on the floor, watching for the slightest move. When he thought the meat wasn't looking, he wriggled closer to the ground, stuck his tail in the air and pounced.

He overshot by about two feet, landed and looked round for the meat. He saw his tail creeping up on him from behind, and in a flash he had turned and sunk his teeth into it. He issued a long screech and ran for his life. He was stopped dead by the kitchen door (which was closed), turned, leapt on to the couch, emitted another howl and dived on to the carpet. He hit the floor, looked round for the tail, saw it and dashed into the corner. He then clawed

the wall-paper to pieces, slumped to the floor, and went to sleep.

This is how he got the nickname "Meow-Meow Terrorist".
A. MCGOWAN, 4B.

BASKETBALL REPORT, 1963-64

During the season the team tasted success, disappointment and satisfaction. The full record for the season is:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	17	0	1	1,072	563

The only defeat was at the beginning of the season when an under-strength team was beaten by a strong Tynemouth side, while the most outstanding game was the beating of Durham University, 122 pts.-84 pts.

The match which, undoubtedly, gave the team most satisfaction was the final of the 'Tynside Grammar Schools' Cup, in which the team, when down to four men in the last few minutes, pulled back four points and then scored another three to defeat Tynemouth narrowly and win the Cup for the fourth successive year. Unfortunately, both the Harlequin and Darlington trophies were conceded to Tynemouth.

The entire school team represented Sunderland in the E.S.B.A. and A.B.A. championships. The team did well to reach the last eight in both competitions. With a bit of luck they might well have made the semi-finals of the A.B.A. competition, but were narrowly defeated (55-53) by Doncaster.

Stephenson as captain always set a good example to the team, and we would also like to thank Mr. D. Rippon for all the time, energy and coaching he has put into both the Sunderland and the School teams. The scorers for the season were:—

Spoors, 346 pts.; Lightfoot, 134; Lawson, 121; Swanson, 119; Algie, 88; Guy, 75; Chalk, 54; Stephenson 50; Hepple, 36; Pearson, 18; Porteous, 6; Ellison, 5; Curzon and Waters, 4.

UNDER 15 BASKETBALL REPORT

This year the school entered two Under 15 teams in the league. Of these the 'A' team was the more successful, finishing the season undefeated, and three times reaching 100 points in a game. The 'A' team narrowly won the Tynside Grammar Schools' final, beating Rutherford Grammar School by 2 points.

Both teams were entered for the Cowan Terrace Trophy. The 'B' team were beaten in the first round by a strong Castle View team, who went on to reach the final against the Bede 'A' team. Bede triumphed by 25 points to 18, thus keeping the cup in this School for the fourth year in succession.

Seven members of the 'A' team received town colours, namely D. Vine; D. Batty; N. Mathews; P. Milburn; W. Mudd; T. Walder; and B. Anderson. D. Vine was elected Captain for the season.

The 'B' team finished fifth in the league, winning 6 of

the games played, but showing improved form at the end of the season.

The 'A' team with individual scores were: D. Batty (captain), 100; D. Vine, 174; N. Matthams, 58; P. Milburn, 105; W. Mudd, 144; T. Walder, 46; B. Anderson, 72; and K. Morris, 66.

The team owes most of its success to Mr. R. I. Petrie, who coached and trained the team throughout the season.

The 'B' team, coached by Mr. C. Bell, were P. Wilkinson (captain), E. Walton, I. Cook, D. Boyes, M. Harrison, F. Robson, J. Silver, A. Surtees, M. Parker and G. Hogg.

'A' team results:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
14	14	—	—	835	231

'B' team results:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
14	6	—	8	375	406

D. BATTY (Secretary).

THE INTRUDER

It was noon and the Pacific Ocean lay glistening like a highly polished sapphire; part of the tremendous volume of its waters lapped against the sun-bleached, loose-textured sand of a lagoon. In this sand, intense activity was taking place; minute creatures and other organisms scurried to and fro, each with a definite purpose.

In the midst of this scene there appeared a large body, that of a man secured to a life-buoy. Closer and closer it came, until eventually the sea flung it into the shallower water.

The tide receded rapidly, the wet sand dried quickly, and so, too, did the body. As the sand dried, the creatures approached, and began afresh their tasks; the body, to them, was a mere obstacle, and was by-passed.

The man may have been dead from his ordeal; he may have been unconscious. The creatures did not know, did not care; they had their tasks, and carried them out, in spite of the tragic circumstances of the newly-arrived human being.

K. YOUNG, L. VI Arts.

BADMINTON CLUB

Although no matches were won against other schools this year, some were lost by very narrow margins, and one may reasonably say that this has been a year of consolidation, bearing a promise of greater success in the future.

The following have represented the school:—J. Beason, K. Blyth, G. Duffy, A. Erskine, P. Fenwick, K. Lewis, K. Shuker, R. D. Watson.

FEAR?—YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT IT!

What would we think if the world were square?
 If trees, like a spring breeze in winter,
 Did not exist; if blowing your nose were
 A sacred action? Were there no such thing as sleep,
 Would it delay the final realisation
 That the end has begun?
 Could it stop the strife and hatred,
 Or the last sunset; red West and Red East
 These twain meeting, kept apart so long?

Now, in the final day before the night
 Wherein the horror lies, proud men
 Seeking greatness and despising truth
 Forcibly achieve their object. While others
 In fear of terrible warfare strive for peace,
 And lift their terror-crazed eyes to the sky
 In remembrance of some forgotten custom.
 Then curse, and hope on in vain.

While in ignorance the starving millions
 Wish they, like tummy-rumbling Westerners,
 Were suffering from indigestion.
 Then the innocently oppressed, dreaming
 Of licensed liberty lifting their load,
 And waiting for a chance to break their halters
 Or their necks;
 Usually their necks.

Presidents feverishly work to construct
 A more destructive weapon than their counterparts.
 The mists of fear thicken, and sicken them with terror.
 Shadows lengthen, storm clouds grumble, and fear
 Makes the people turn to idle pleasure;
 They seek the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow
 But can't find the rainbow.
 "Who will lead us?" they cry,
 And rush on unled.
 They had a leader once!

Night falls.
 Quickly.
 Total darkness—yet there is no rest;
 They rush on madly
 Towards the brink of the chasm;
 Terror breeds terror—the storm is breaking.

When it is over, what will remain?
 Who can say?
 Who can guess?
 Is it enough only to know
 The sun will never rise again . . .
 . . . Never rise again.

N. CONROY, L. VI Arts.

CROSS COUNTRY

House Championships

To try to stimulate some interest in the sport, the House Championships were held in December, the competition, for the first time, being split into three. There was a large entry in each section. Results:—

Senior: 1, Durham; 2, Lumley; 3, Hylton; 4, Raby. Champion: A. Warriner, USB (H).

Intermediate: 1, Hylton; 2, Lumley; 3, Raby; 4, Durham. Champion: T. Butler, 5(3) (L).

Junior: 1, Lumley; 2, Hylton; 3, Raby; 4, Durham. Champion: J. Carter, 4(2) (H).

It has proved impossible to run a school team regularly, and the sport is in danger of dying out completely, as few even of the Intermediates have shown keenness.

We have had fixtures against Monkwearmouth Comprehensive School, R.G.S., and St. Aidan's, and have run without distinction in the Sunderland Schools' Championships and in the Inter-Grammar Schools' Competition.

B. Mileson (USB) ran well in the Town Championships (3rd in the Intermediate race) and was the first Sunderland boy home in the Durham County Championships.

D.A.T.

SNOW

(A GRAMMARIAN'S APOLOGY)

Sunderland. Nine-fifteen on a cold Sunday morning in February. A cold, dark bedroom. A bed, and in that bed a furtive R. McKeith. Painfully rising from his place of rest to fling open his curtains. Snow! There it was stretched out over all the familiar sights. Like a mantle of white. Dancing over roofs and lawns. With a twinkle here and there. Snow! A familiar gate was now transformed into a glistening sheet of white. And the garage; as if it were wearing a new suit of pure silk. Not only had the snow altered many appearances with a new white complexion, but it had also altered the functioning of many vehicles. Mr. Villier's car is croaking away furiously. Its wheels are spinning round and flinging up handfuls of snow. Mr. and Mrs. Toby are frantically pushing and tugging away at their old car, which has frozen to a standstill.

Up on the gutters the icicles are dripping. The window ledges are covered with glistening, creamy powder. Snow, snow, snow. Everywhere. Obscuring landmarks. Disguising everyday surroundings, and lightening and brightening the streets. The sky is tinted yellow-brown. Laughter can be heard in the streets. Old men wheezing in their meeting haunts. Children snowballing on their slow, slow way to church. And all this caused by snow; the white thing that



falls from the sky, in Sunderland, on Sunday, in February,
in the morning . . . Snow!

R. E. K. McKEITH, 3A.

THE FOX

How I envy the fox;
The wonderful red, cunning fox,
How wonderful to be the star of the hunt;
And to hear the blood-curdling baying
of the hounds!

Who but the fox sees the kill as it really is?—
How wonderful to be disembowelled
alive by blood-thirsty curs!
I'm sure I would love to have my brush
and my mask proudly paraded in
front of the crowd.

How wonderful to be chased for miles;
to get weaker and weaker,
And to feel that first thrilling bite
on the back!

And how wonderful to have my
"earth" blocked up bye and bye,
And to know that the young ones
will very soon die!
Oh! how marvellous to have no one
to go home to!
I'm just dying to hide
terrified under a bush,
And to wait for the last wonderful rush.
I'd love to be a fox;
But poor, not rich . . .
And to die disembowelled in some filthy ditch.

R. D. BELL, 4B.

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Sunderland, on Friday, 27th September, 1963, at 7.30 p.m. Mr A. J. B. Budge, M.A., presided over the meeting, which was attended by the Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Ass. Hon. Secretary and 22 other members.

The reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were both read and confirmed. Club reports were given by representatives of the individual clubs.

The procurement of premises for a social club was again a major topic and it would appear, through the auspices of the Rugby section, that considerable progress is now being made towards this aim.

Following the main business of the evening, Mrs. A. J. B. Budge, Mrs. R. T. Ayre and Mrs. R. N. Dumble were invited to join the meeting and Mrs. Budge presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Ayre. There followed presentations of cheques to Messrs R. T. Ayre and F. A. Jennens, by Mr. R. N. Dumble, in recognition of their services to the school following their recent retirement. Mr R. N. Dumble then presented a brooch to Mrs. Ayre and a television set to Mr. Ayre to mark their many years of service to the Association and for the high esteem in which they are held.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our social functions met with great success this year. The annual dinner dance in particular was well attended and the change of venue to the Roker Hotel appeared to meet with approval. The motor car treasure hunt instigated for the first time this year, despite the inclement weather, was well attended and proved very popular. It is hoped that the unstinting efforts of the Rugby section to provide a social club come to fruition this year, for it should prove a valuable acquisition to all Old Bedans to have a common meeting place.

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the Annual Meeting in September, 1963, the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. R. T. Ayre) reported a considerable drop in the number of subscriptions received, 160 as against 260 in the previous year, despite at least two reminders to defaulters. An unusually small profit on the Dinner-Dance also did little to repair the loss on the year's working of £46 10s. 6d. The Association's assets on 31/8/63 were £396 6s. 2d. If any members have not paid up when they read this, the Treasurer hopes that they will forward their subs. without delay. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. R. T. Ayre, 7 Broad Meadows, Sunderland.

NOTES ON SOME OLD BEDANS

"The Sunderland Echo", at a time when local papers are losing not only character but very identity, enjoys exuberant vitality. It seems especially appropriate that the man directing its affairs should be an Old Bedan, Kenneth Lister, who left in 1942. Mr. Lister got his early experience of the news business in Forces Broadcasting in Italy during the

war; he joined the "Echo" staff on demobilisation and was promoted, through the Sub- and Assistant-Editorships, to Editor in April of last year.

By an extraordinary coincidence the chairman of two kindred scholastic organisations this year are Old Bedans. J. S. Robinson, a Gilchrist Scholar of King's College, London, and now Headmaster of Hemel Hempstead Grammar School, is President of the Incorporated Association of Headmasters; F. Jeffrey, O.B.E., another graduate of King's College, London, where he took a First in Geography, now in charge of the Junior Grammar School Department of Methodist College, Belfast, is Chairman of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters.

Perhaps few Old Bedans have been so distinguished all round as J. W. McFarlane. He went up as an Exhibitioner to St. Catherine's, Oxford, in 1939. He had been an outstanding games-player at school and crowned his achievement with a Soccer Blue at the University. He has been senior lecturer in German and Scandinavian Studies in Newcastle University and is a scholar of international repute, especially on Ibsen. He has recently been appointed Professor of European Literature and Dean of the School of European Studies at the University of East Anglia.

One of the best Cambridge Soccer players in recent years, according to some judges, is G. Clayton. He got his first Blue two years ago and has been elected Captain of the University Club for next season.

A. A. B. Metcalfe, reading Classics at St. John's, Cambridge, has won the Nunn Travelling Scholarship; he will be able to do some research in Sicily as a result.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Emeritus Professor G. R. Goldsbrough, an Old Bedan who was Professor of Mathematics at King's College, Newcastle.

David Macrobey, whose sixth one-man-show this was, has held an exhibition of his action-paintings in the "Six Bells", the Chelsea resort of artists and kindred spirits.

Some news of our Cambridge economists seeps through: John Bryce is at the Treasury arranging your income-tax; Alan Armstrong has returned to the University to teach; Alan Simmons and Dixon Hawkins are building up Lever Brothers.

The Peter Batty who produces "Tonight" for the B.B.C. is the Old Bedan.

One who has distinguished himself as a journalist is Alan Brien. He is the Dramatic Critic of the "Sunday Telegraph" and the author of the witty articles in the "Spectator" called each week "Afterthought".

OLD BEDANS' A.F.C., 1962-63

The Old Bedans' Soccer Club continues to flourish, with two teams in the North Eastern Amateur League.

The First XI were this season defeated in the Durham Amateur Cup by Sunderland Harlequins by 2 goals to 1, and

also in the North Eastern Amateur League Shield Competition by the same team, 3 goals to 1.

Despite these setbacks the First XI are at present top of the League with the following record:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
21	17	2	2	82	23	36

It is hoped that they will complete the Season as League Champions.

The Second XI have been less fortunate, mainly due to a shortage of players. Many school soccer players are lost when they proceed straight from School to a University, but I should like to take this opportunity of asking any soccer players who are interested to contact me, at my home address set out below, when notice will be given of practice dates.

O. Topel, Hon. Secretary, 7, Harewood Gardens, Sunderland.

OLD BEDANS' R.U.F.C.

The 1963/64 season has been one of mixed fortunes, the 1st XV having just about broken even, the 2nd and 3rd XV having had less success.

Results to date are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
1st XV	20	9	11	—	139	159
2nd XV ...	20	5	9	6	137	157
3rd XV	13	1	10	2	43	250

The first XV have had a continuous stream of injuries throughout the season and because of this early promise has not been fulfilled. In the Durham Senior Cup the XV were beaten 6—0 by Stockton in an early round, Stockton having gone on to end up as beaten finalists.

The 2nd XV have lost matches by narrow margins, when the result could easily have gone the other way.

Owing to injuries and lack of players the 3rd XV has never really had a chance and this is the reason for the poor record.

On the Social side the club held a dance early in the season at the Barnes Hotel and trips were arranged to Harrogate (N.E. Counties v. All blacks) and Murrayfield (Scotland v. England). These occasions were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The Club look forward to next season full of hopes. It is intended to run a Colts XV for members joining the club from school, and the Club House should then be available.

May I appeal to all former playing members to support the club, and also ask all boys leaving the school to join the Rugby club by contacting J. H. Thompson, Hadrian Lodge, North Lane, Willington, Co. Durham, or myself.

You will all be made most welcome.

J. R. FEATHERSTONE, Hon. Sec.

'Tregenna', 8, Hillcrest,
Middle Herrington, Co. Durham.

BEDAN ARCHERS

Old Bedan bowmen (and bow-women) have kept in practice during the winter months shooting indoors in the School basement corridor. From April to October they can be found on most Saturday afternoons at the targets on the cricket field, where anyone interested in taking up the sport is invited to come and have a preview of archery in action. Information can also be obtained from the Club Secretary, Mr. H. E. Bruce, 37 Hunter Terrace, Sunderland.

OLD BEDANS' BADMINTON CLUB

We have had a reasonably successful season, and have continued to attract young members. As we have two excellent courts, we have room for more members, and anyone interested should contact D. A. Thompson, 4, Humbledon View, Sunderland. Tel. 58825.

The new season will begin on Wednesday, 7th October.

LONDON BRANCH

OFFICERS FOR 1964

Chairman: Brian Suggett.

Secretary: D. Malcolm Stiff.

Treasurer: G. Stoker.

These officers were elected at a meeting on 28th October, 1963. Brian Suggett had arranged the meeting at the Green Man Restaurant and entertainment afterwards in the theatre of "The Financial Times". Our thanks were extended to Mr. C. G. Lister, who had felt obliged to give up his Secretary's office.

We recorded our sorrow at the death of Maurice Share, a distinguished man-of-law and an enthusiastic and much loved member of the Branch.

It was further recorded that the Branch was deeply grateful to R. T. Ayre, who more than any other person, perhaps, had encouraged the London Association. All wished him well at his retirement and hoped that it would be possible for Mr. and Mrs. Ayre to be guests at one of our future meetings.

Membership during the year had remained static and it is clearly imperative that we should obtain some new blood. It is hoped that School representatives will acquaint leavers of our existence and that the latter will take note of my address and get in touch with me. The address is: "179, Moffat Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey". We hope to arrange a lively programme for next year.

D. M. STIFF (Hon. Sec.).

CAMBRIDGE OLD BEDANS' ASSOCIATION

In the second year of its existence the association has expanded to a total of 24 members, of which 17 are undergraduates, 3 are dons, and 4 are town members. Of necessity the membership is rather fluid, as most people stay in Cambridge for only three years, but we are trying to build up a nucleus of members from the town. We are quite sure

that there are more than four Old Bedans living in Cambridge, but we have not been able to contact them all. If there are any who have not been contacted but who would like to join, I should be very grateful if they would get in touch with me at King's College.

Elections were held in the Michaelmas Term for the society offices. Dr. Alan Cowey remains Senior Treasurer and last year's secretary, A. A. B. Mescalle, was elected president. P. D. Lathan was elected secretary and A. Thompson, treasurer.

We are still having teething troubles and little in the way of activities have been organised apart from the annual dinner, which was held in the Lent Term in King's. We welcomed as guests the Headmaster and Mr. R. T. Ayre. Agreement was unanimous that the dinner was a big success and it is hoped that next year's dinner will be as successful.

Again may I say that it is extremely difficult for me to find out Old Bedans in the town, and I should be grateful if anyone who would like to join would get in touch with me as soon as possible.

P. D. LATHAN (Hon. Sec.).

ATHLETIC SPORTS, MAY 6th, 1964

Senior, High Jump.—1, Herring; 2, Gribble; 3, Guy. Height, 5ft. 1in.

Middle, One Mile.—1, Butler; 2, Milburn; 3, Proud. Time, 5mins. 28.9secs.

Middle, 80 Yards Hurdles.—1, Morris; 2, Charlton; 3, Kinnair. Time, 12.0secs.

Middle, Triple Jump.—1, Godfrey; 2, Morris; 3, Sayers. Distance, 28ft. 1½ins.

Open Three Miles.—1, Mileson; 2, Kinnair; 3, Massey. Time, 17mins. 49.4secs.

Senior, 110 Yards Hurdle.—1, Strong; 2, Bryant; 3, Edwards. Time, 17mins.

Junior, 80 Yards Hurdle.—1, Craigs; 2, Bosl; 3, Dunningham. Time, 12.9.

Senior, Pole Vault.—1, Ross; 2, Herring; 3, McKenzie. Height, 9ft. 6ins.

Middle, High Jump.—1, Morris; 2, Godfrey; 3, Hill. Height, 5ft. 1in.

Junior, Long Jump.—1, White; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Turner. Distance, 14ft. 9½ins.

Senior, 880 Yards.—1, Mileson; 2, W. Blyth; 3, Keighley. Time, 2mins. 16.2secs.

Senior, Javelin.—1, Swanson; 2, Lightfoot; 3, Bute. Distance 129ft.

Middle, Discus.—1, Batty; 2, Robson; 3, Proud. Distance, 94ft. 7ins.

Junior, 880 Yards.—1, Carter; 2, Hill; 3, Layton. Time, 2mins. 35.9secs.

Senior, Discus.—1, Bryant; 2, Stephenson; 3, Swanson. Distance, 96ft. 0½ins.

Reed Cup—High Jump.—1, Porter (Stanley G.S.); 2, Reay (Hodeargate G.S.); 3, Bell (Ryhope G.S.).

Middle, 880 Yards.—1, Butler; 2, Milburn; 3, Proud. Time, 2mins. 23.5secs.

Middle, Pole Vault.—1, Morris; 2, Pounder; 3, Clark.

Senior, 220 Yards.—1, Stephenson; 2, Harrison; 3, Robson. Time, 25.1.

Senior, 100 Yards.—1, Stephenson; 2, Keith; 3, Harrison. Time, 10.4.

Middle, 100 Yards.—1, Godfrey; 2, Greig; 3, Williamson. Time, 11.0.

Junior, 100 Yards.—1, Hamell; 2, Tudderham; 3, Craigs.

Junior, Shot.—1, Brown; 2, Cogden; 3, Wheatman. Distance, 38ft. 9ins.

Senior, Triple Jump.—1, Keith; 2, Ross; 3, Glasper. Distance, 40ft. 9ins.

Middle, Javelin.—1, Batty; 2, Milburn; 3, Ridley. Distance, 117ft. 8in.

Middle, 220 Yards.—1, Greig; 2, Robson; 3, Hutton. Time, 27.1.

Junior, 220 Yards.—1, Tuddenham; 2, Craigs; 3, Hill. Time, 31.2.

Middle, Long Jump.—1, Greig; 2, Godfrey; 3, Williamson. Distance, 17ft. 5½ins.

Senior, Shot.—1, Harrison; 2, McHenry; 3, Simson. Distance, 38ft.

Senior, 440 Yards.—1, Stephenson; 2, Anderson; 3, Ross. Time, 63.3.

Middle, 440 Yards.—1, Hutton; 2, Robson; 3, Cook. Time, 62.2.

Junior, 440 Yards.—1, Tuddenham; 2, Hill; 3, Hinchcliffe. Time, 71.2.

Junior High Jump.—1, Freeman; 2, Fenwick; 3, Craigs. Height, 4ft.

Middle, Shot.—1, Betty; 2, Matthans; 3, Walton. Distance, 34ft. 8ins.

Senior, Long Jump.—1, Keith; 2, Ross; 3, Stuart. Distance, 20ft. 10ins.

Senior, One Mile.—1, Mileson; 2, Blyth; 3, Massay. Time, 5mins. 12secs.

Junior, Relay.—1, Raby; 2, Lumley; 3, Durham. Time, 61.2.

Middle, Relay.—1, Lumley; 2, Raby; 3, Hylton. Time, 52.5.

Senior, Relay.—1, Lumley; 2, Durham; 3, Raby. Time, 49.8secs.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

House—1, Lumley, 279; 2, Raby, 220½; 3, Durham, 168½; 4, Hylton, 114.

INDIVIDUAL

Senior—Stephenson (Durham); Middle—Morris (Lumley); Junior—Craigs (Raby).

