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THE EDITORIAL

This, our editorial for 1969, is directed at the estimated 2% of the school who bother to read it. Though short, it could have great influence on the school as a whole.

We feel it is time to emphasize the Sixth Form attitude to the whole question of academic study. It is time that the senior part of the School started to build a tradition of hard and serious work, both in the classroom and the study. It must be remembered that those in the lower part of the school will always be influenced by their seniors, thus it is essential to introduce this new attitude immediately.

We do not wish to discourage any of the flourishing out-of-school activities, which are so essential for constructive relaxation. On the other hand, we have not yet found the happy medium between study and relaxation, which is so very vital.

Perhaps in the new year we shall be able to build up a solid and well-earned reputation within the School for hard work and study.

COLLEGE NEWS

At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to no fewer than five members of the Common Room. Mr. J. F. Brown, who contributed so much on the sports field in the way of coaching, has taken up a teaching post in Scotland, and we wish both him and his wife the best of luck in the northern climes. Mr. C. D. Anderson, who was a most enthusiastic cricket coach and economist, has left the profession for the City, where he is working for a firm of Stockbrokers. It is however, pleasant to record that he and his

wife are not lost to us irrevocably, as they live across the river at Twyford and are frequently to be seen on the touchline.

Mr. C. J. Gummer is working for an external degree with a view to returning to the profession in due course; Mr. S. J. Chidlow has joined the State Education System, and Mr. C. Wills, who contributed to much in the sphere of Art, is as far as your correspondent knows living at home outside Henley.

In September we welcomed one old and four new members to the Common Room. Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby, who was headmaster of Christ's College, Blackheath, has rejoined us for a temporary period to help hammer home historical facts in the classroom. It is just like old times seeing him and his wife strolling round the grounds again. Mr. J. H. Ducker, who with his wife and family had spent some time in Africa before deciding to return home, teaches History, English and French. Mr. T. H. Jones, who hails from Keele University, teaches Geography; Mr. D. S. Partridge, from St. Luke's, Exeter, teaches Economics and English; Mr. D. John has taken over from Mr. Wills in the Art Department.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Partridge on the occasion of his marriage on December 27th, 1969.

In the Summer we held a most successful Ball at College and from the proceeds were able to purchase a brand new Minibus for School use.

During the course of the year the re-roofing of the main building has been completed, two new hard tennis courts have become operational, and the stable yard area has been asphalted.

COLLEGE OFFICIALS

September, 1969

Head of School .. I. K. F. Robertson*

BURR

WELSH

EVERETT

SKIPWITH

Head of House

D. B. Leake*

J. Hamilton*

I. K. F. Robertson* G. J. St.C.

Pringle*

House Prefects

N. P. F. Turley

D. M. Hawkes*

D. A. F. Hey

R. D. Newton

M. J. A. Donald

T. J. T. Wright

J. H. Mathews

K. R. Mitchell

G. P. Smith

A. H. Dean

W. J. E. H.

C. J. Caralps

Stevenson

* denotes School Prefect

Sports Captains ..

Rugby Football

.. ..

R. D. Newton

Rowing ..

.. ..

R. D. Newton

Hockey ..

.. ..

K. R. Mitchell

Cricket ..

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D. M. Lansdowne

Squash ..

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D. M. Lansdowne

Shooting ..

.. ..

J. S. Bingley

Fencing ..

.. ..

H. V. M. Birch

Boxing ..

.. ..

K. R. Mitchell

Golf ..

.. ..

D. D. B. Whitham

SALVETE

| BURR | WELSH | EVERETT | SKIPWITH |
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| <i>January</i> | | | |
| D. L. Gordon | | A. L. Klinger | |
| W. B. Henry | | N. F. Marchant | |
| N. G. Mount | | | |
| <i>May</i> | | | |
| P. D. M. Carson | | R. J. Douglas | S. Akhavan |
| | | | A. J. Rant |
| | | | D. Tchang |
| <i>September</i> | | | |
| M. A. Alireza | E. Alireza | A. G. M. Burghes | T. D. Beaumont |
| P. Andersen | T. D. Blair Fish | J. M. P. Clayton | M. D. A. |
| A. C. Clark- | A. J. B. Clayton | J. B. Cozens | Carmichael |
| Kennedy | K. C. Cooke | J. P. M. Ferro | S. R. Coston |
| A. R. Crawford | M. J. Holman | T. W. Gore | P. J. Jackson |
| A. D. Fergusson- | J. C. Inglis | K. G. Halsey | S. C. Mitchell |
| Edgar | S. O. Kabotsky | M. J. M. Hodson | J. K. Muir |
| P. A. Lewis | M. D. Stewart | P. M. Hullah | M. C. N. Pike |
| P. E. Percival- | G. F. Thomas | N. R. Sargeant | J. A. N. Russell |
| Smith | C. Viney | | |
| | M. M. Williamson | | |

VALETE

| BURR | |
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| J. J. Baverstock | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); Head of House; 1st XV; Rowing IV; Coxswain in C.C.F.; to Surveying Course after "A" levels. |
| J. W. Turner- | U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); School Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing |
| Lashmar | .. VI and VIII; Cosxwain in C.C.F.; to "A" levels. |
| J. S. Cullis | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); House Prefect; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Wine Selling. |
| J. A. Yates | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; 1st XV; Hockey XI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to "A" levels. |
| A. B. Docker | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); House Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing VI and VIII; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Further Education. |
| A. Thorne | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); to Further Education. |
| J. M. Smith | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Banking. |
| A. T. Hope | .. 3rd Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Sierra Leone to complete education. |
| D. N. Caston | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3); Capt. of Cross Country; A/Sgt. in C.C.F. |
| S. D. Lewis | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to complete education. |
| J. A. Burgess | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); 1st XV; 1st XI; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Africa. |
| G. D. Taylor | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); 1st XI; Hockey XI; Squash V; L/Cpl. in C.C.F. |
| H. V. M. Birch | .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); Capt. of Fencing; Shooting VIII; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Agriculture. |
| WELSH | |
| N. J. C. Godwin | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6); Head of School; Capt. of Rugger; Capt. of Boxing; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to "A" levels. |
| A. R. H. Spence | .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7); School Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing IV and VIII; Capt. of Fencing; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Further Education. |

C. W. Hunter-Smart .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); School Prefect; Rowing IV; A/B. in C.C.F.; to Agricultural Commerce.
M. B. Williams .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (10), "A" (2); House Prefect; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
J. A. F. Ashburnham U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); Capt. of Cricket; 1st XV; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Cirencester Agricultural College.
N. M. Lyttelton .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3); 1st XI; Cross Country VIII; A/B. in C.C.F.; to the City.
L. R. J. Buchanan .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3); 1st XV; A/B. in C.C.F.
A. J. Emck .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5), "A" (1); A/B. in C.C.F.; to Art School.
T. F. Wells .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Agriculture.
A. C. Monnington .. 5th Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
R. F. G. Allum .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
N. B. Swann .. 5th Form; G.C.E. "O" (3); A/B. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
C. C. L. Swann .. 5th Form; A/B. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
F. J. Roper .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); Squash V; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.

EVERETT

H. Wyndham-Smith .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (9); Head of House; Capt. of Hockey; Capt. of Shooting; 1st XV; D. of E. Gold Award; Cdt. U/Officer in C.C.F.; to Business Studies Course.
G. R. Bell .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6), "A" (2); House Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing IV; D. of E. Gold Award; L/Sea. in C.C.F.; to Advertising.
I. D. H. Towle .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7), "A" (1); House Prefect; Capt. of Cricket; 1st XV; Hockey XI; Squash V; D. of E. Bronze Award; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
J. N. V. Sheppard .. L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); D. of E. Bronze Award; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Commercial Training Course.
R. E. Alexander .. L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (3); Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
R. R. Marchant .. L/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
A. N. P. Meagher .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (1); L/Cpl. in C.C.F.
N. F. Marchant .. 3rd Form; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Burford School.
N. D. Eveleigh .. G/VI; G.C.E. "O" (2); Cpl. in C.C.F.; to practical Agriculture.

SKIPWITH

C. P. Newton .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (7); Head of House; Capt. of Boats; 1st XV; Shooting VIII; D. of E. Gold Award; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; to Shuttleworth Agricultural College.
M. H. R. Tomlinson U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); School Prefect; 1st XV; Rowing VIII; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
M. G. Mackenzie-Charrington .. M/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Capt. of Golf; Rowing VI and VIII (cox); D. of E. Bronze Award; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; to Business Course.
C. G. Butler .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (5); House Prefect; Rowing IV and VIII; D. of E. Silver Award; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Hotel Management.
J. E. Richards .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (6); Cross Country VIII; Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
J. C. Gingell .. U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4), "A" (1); Shooting VIII; Cpl. in C.C.F.
N. W. Reynolds .. 5th Form; G.C.E. "O" (1); Boxing VIII; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education.
P. H. Doeg-Smith .. G/VI; Cross Country VIII; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to A.E.C.

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| A. D. Polak | .. | G/VI; L/Cpl. in C.C.F.; to Further Education. |
| C. J. Caralps | .. | U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); House Prefect; 1st XV; Hockey XI; Boxing VIII; Cdt. in C.C.F.; to Further Education. |
| J. S. Bingley | .. | U/VI; G.C.E. "O" (4); Capt. of Shooting; Sgt. in C.C.F.; to Stockbroking. |

PRIZE WINNERS

Form Prizes

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| 3C | D. L. Gordon |
| 3B | N. F. Marchant |
| Junior Art Prize | N. F. Marchant |
| 3A | D. A. Youngs |
| Music Prize | D. A. Youngs |
| 4C | N. V. Patterson, D. Massaquoi |
| 4B | R. G. Lester |
| 4A | P. J. Soward |
| 5th Form English | M. D. Reid |
| History | M. H. J. Hale |
| Geography | M. H. J. Hale |
| Science | M. A. J. Hale, M. R. Hayman, S. Wellby |
| Mathematics | R. M. Menko |
| French | M. D. Lloyd |
| 6th Form History | J. A. F. Ashburnham |
| Economics | G. R. Bell |
| Music Prize | J. V. Cooper |
| Junior Reading Prize | L. J. Phemister |
| Junior English Essay Prize | J. R. Lazenby |
| Junior General Knowledge | G. J. Heath |
| Senior General Knowledge | R. R. Marchant |
| Senior Reading Prize | A. Thorne, M. B. Williams |
| Barron Essay Prize | M. B. Williams |
| Senior Poetry Prize | M. B. Williams |
| Senior Art Prize | A. J. Emck |
| Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Medal | G. R. Bell, R. D. Newton |
| Headmaster's Special Prizes: | |
| J. W. Turner-Lashmar, C. W. Hunter Smart, J. A. Spence, | |
| M. H. R. Tomlinsen, C. P. Newton, J. J. Baverstock, | |
| H. Wyndham-Smith | |
| Classical History Prize | N. J. C. Godwin |
| Head Prefect's Prize | N. J. C. Godwin |

SPEECH DAY

If Speech Days are judged to be a success or otherwise according to the weather, then we have had more than our fair share of successful ones over the years and we were more than grateful for the sun this year as we celebrated our Tenth Anniversary as an Independent School.

The day began with our Commemoration Service, at which the Reverend G. Tomlinson, Canon of The Priory Church, Lancaster, was the preacher. Afterwards, all were encouraged to visit the many exhibitions, which in themselves showed how far the School had advanced in such a short time. The standard and variety improves year by year, and this time they reflected very real credit on all who were involved in presenting them.

Then at 3 p.m. the Chairman of Governors, Mr. F. R. Good-

enough, having welcomed everyone in general and the guest speaker, The Rt. Reverend Eric Knell, Bishop of Reading, in particular, to the main event of the day, reminded us that last year he had said "in a rash moment" that he would say a few words about the effect the Newsom Report would have on Shiplake College. This, of course, he was unable to do owing to the non-existence of any forthcoming concrete proposals. He was, however, able to say a few words on what had happened so far, the major point being that there appeared to be a lack of unanimity in the report. After giving some facts and figures with regard to comparative costs of State and Private education, the Chairman closed this section of his speech by saying "It may be that this time next year we shall have a rather clearer idea of what is intended".

He then turned to the School itself and gave a survey of what had been done in the way of maintenance—the terrace has been re-built; the water tower has been re-roofed; the Stable Yard has an asphalt surface and the main building is scheduled for re-roofing this summer. He also looked to the future and amongst other things held out hope for more accommodation for teaching staff in the grounds. Finally, he welcomed Mr. H. Barrow, Mr. A. Southorn, and Professor R. Wilson to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Goodenough was succeeded by the Headmaster who, after commenting on the vast strides the School had made in ten years, pointed out that there is still much to be done. In surveying the past year, Mr. J. D. Eggar commented on the "A" and "O" level results which maintained the average of passes of the past few years and put in a plea to parents to let their sons stay on for the VIth Form rather than remove them at the end of their "O" level course. In general, the School had enjoyed greater success than heretofore, especially in Rugger and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Headmaster then turned his attention to the parents who, he said, had been most generous. The mother of a boy who had recently left had given £200 for the improvement of the range, an Old Boy had given £100 for travelling grants and the Everett House extension could not have been completed without the generosity of the parents of boys in that House.

During the past year, Mr. Eggar reported, four boys had been accepted for the Grenfell Mission to Labrador, and glowing reports had been received from the authorities, which was most encouraging.

In conclusion he paid tribute to those members of the Common Room who were leaving—Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Gummer and Mr. Chidlow, after which he looked to the future, adding "it is vital to have a disciplined element in our society who have been taught proper moral standards, who do not refuse or run away from responsibility, who understand the difference between truth and falsehood, and who can take defeat and

win well. These are qualities we must aim for, and I am sure, with your help, they will be achieved”.

Then, after presenting the prizes, the Bishop of Reading, having referred to the friendliness of the natives on this side of the river, said that his main preoccupation was looking after 200 parishes and visiting, among other establishments, schools of a very varied nature, all of which did a grand job in their own way. Such visits had their amusing side, too. “After one of these expeditions, after a fortnight, I got back home, and among the correspondence there was a big envelope containing a lovely home-made brochure covered with brown paper and strung together with ribbon, and it was a memento from one little School I had visited, done by the children; on each page a lovely picture—more or less lovely—done in colours, supposed to be of me, some pictures less flattering than others. And half way through, I was joined by the Vicar—an impressive figure in a black cassock, and me in this kind of get-up with a shepherd’s crook in my hand, and the last picture was a very touching one, because it was drawn by a child from the village playground, looking over the wall at our retreating figures. A rather impressive big black behind, and an equally impressive purple one, and there we were. At the bottom it said . . . ‘And so the Bishop said good-bye to us and he went up the lane with the help of a crook . . .’” He always enjoyed presenting prizes, he said, because it gave him a chance of studying the books that were chosen by the prizewinners. “Honestly, may I congratulate you on the type of books and the great variety of those that have been chosen. It bears out what I first saw when I came into the School this morning—the exhibition of Art and Crafts your boys have been doing. I think it is absolutely marvellous and quite unique. I haven’t come across the proper balance in any other School that I find in this one, the balance between what might be called the technological side of things and the artistic side, but there is no difference really between the two. They are parts of one whole, and that is not always realised today.” The Bishop endorsed this latter statement by saying that throughout history it is not only the practical men of affairs and politicians who have made us what we are, but the artists, the builders and creators as well. “I maintain that these are the people who have done at least as much for the good name of our country all through the centuries as all the practical businessmen of affairs; certainly much more than our politicians and statesmen.”

It is true, he said, that we live in a troubled world, “But I believe that in the new and rising generation so often their dissatisfaction does not show itself in rioting in the streets, though it sometimes does, but deep down in the hearts of people growing up now is a longing for better things other than the welfare state and our politicians can provide. I came across—I am not sure it is quite the thing to speak in one School of what happens in another,—but I came across a poem by a little boy of 10, in a Prep. School

in Berkshire, of which I happen to be a Governor; it was in his School Magazine, and I couldn't credit that a child of 10 had written it. I asked the Headmaster and he said, 'Would you like to meet the boy?', and I did. I said, 'Did you really write that?', and he said, 'Yes, Sir'. 'Have you written anything else?' 'Oh, one or two things', and he didn't seem to worry. The Headmaster told me afterwards that the boy was very good at his books and at games, just a normal little boy. What this child of 10 wrote was this:

"I ran away from life one day
While lying in my bed;
I ran away from life one day
Just like when one is dead;
I ran away to ancient days
When life had just begun;
I ran away to ancient days, when Adam had a son;
I ran away to future days, when men no longer fought;
I ran away to future days, when vengeance was not sought.
When I returned to present days, I was so shocked to see
The change from good in all mens' ways, to bad, with evil glee.
Oh, woe betide the present days when men are off to war;
Oh, woe betide the present days, when every man wants more.

Yes, when every man wants more. Without preaching any kind of sermon, isn't that the cause of all our troubles today? Everyone is out for himself and every man wants more. But today, you see, it is so heartening to be at a School like this and to see what the boys are doing under the guidance and leadership of their Headmaster and his Staff. To see how they produce beautiful things with their hands as well as developing a lot on the other side as well. We are all one whole person, we are meant to be, and there is a man who, some years ago, said: 'Whatever things are true, and honourable, and just; Whatever things are lovely, and pure, and are well spoken of, think on these things.' "

The Bishop then concluded by offering his congratulations on our tenth birthday, and "all good wishes for our happiness and success in the years ahead!"

So the main event of the day came to a close, quickly followed by tea and a general exodus until 10.30 p.m.

CHAPEL NOTES

Compulsory Services at School can never be wholly acceptable, because, to most people, the idea of forced worship is almost repugnant. Nevertheless, it is hard to see, as a matter of collective conscience, how such Services could be entirely removed. A small community such as a School can and must provide opportunities where all can worship together. As most people will admit, such services at Shiplake are minimal compared with many other and larger Schools—so grumble occasionally by all means, but try to understand that the School has a duty towards you!

Attendance at Holy Communion on Sunday seems to have settled into a small but very steady pattern. We are always hoping

the numbers will grow and each new Confirmation provides a further opportunity.

It is encouraging to be able to comment once again on our strong link with the Parish—not only have we continued to join together once a month, but we are now able to worship twice a week in the Parish Church—a welcome contrast to the difficulties of a hastily converted dining-hall.

The Chapel Committee has favoured the supporting of a single Charity each term, which is a good idea, but it is disappointing to record that over the last two terms our collections have suffered a decline. I am sure it is not that there is no desire to give, but simply that not enough thought is given to provide for the occasion—however, in spite of this, we did have a successful Harvest Festival for the old people in the Henley almshouses and the Carol Service provided £43 as a contribution for the restoration of these same houses.

There were in Lent some readings from “The Man Born to be King”—it was some time since these had been done and there were many volunteers for parts—unfortunately we could not do as many plays as we had planned as the ‘flu came along and put an end to most things for that time.

Once again we have been reasonably fortunate in having so many excellent sermons and we are extremely grateful to those preachers, clergy and laity alike, who often come considerable distances to join in our worship and talk to us. Amongst those we welcomed this year were The Reverend Canon G. Tomlinson, Vicar of The Priory Church, Lancaster; Mr. R. Sale, Headmaster of Brentwood College, and The Vicar of Sonning. We look forward next term to a four-day visit from Brother Paul David of the Society of St. Francis. He is at present working in the East End of London.

The following were confirmed in Shiplake Parish Church on Friday, November 14th, by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester:

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| David Alastair Shirley Adams | David Paul Blandford Mills |
| Nicholas Bartman | Peter Anthony Nichols |
| Timothy Richard Blount | Duncan Price |
| Anthony George Britton | Stephen Ralph Raby |
| Julian Anthony Burleton | Christopher Michael Ryder |
| Adolfo Peter Buylla | Richardson |
| Andrew James Campbell | William Bower Ritchie |
| John Vincent Cooper | Edmund King-Leun Thong |
| John Nicholas Cottrell | Simon Paul Varnals |
| David Thomas Dalzell | Charles Peter George Wild |
| Robert Duncan Hay | Richard Adrian Stephenson Willis |
| Guy Nicholas Mercer Hodgson | Richard James Woodford |
| Paul Adams Huntington | Alan Paul Nicholas Yates |
| David Geoffrey Johnston | David Alexander Youngs |

As usual, many thanks are owed to all those who help with the Chapel, the Masters' wives and Sister, who painstakingly arrange the flowers each Sunday and see to the Altar linen; the Servers; the Choir, who I think deserve special mention this year; and particularly N. J. Chiswell, who competently and uncomplainingly trains and supervises a new Chapel Squad each term.

CHAPEL CHOIR

The pattern of Chapel Choir activities has followed that of previous years with one welcome innovation, that of joining forces with the choir of the Parish Church three times a term. This arrangement has turned out to be to the mutual advantage of each choir. From our point of view it is certainly more rewarding to sing in the Parish Church than it is in the Tithe Barn; in fact the acoustics of the Barn make the performance of anthems almost an impossibility. As far as our own Choir is concerned, the treble line has been stronger and more enthusiastic this year than it has been of late. The other parts have worked hard, particularly the tenors, and their work has been harder because none of them possesses that rare gift of a natural tenor voice. In fact, work on the Carol Service progressed so badly that we felt it necessary to import a professional tenor for the occasion. Although this caused some uneasiness at first, it was ultimately agreed that it was better to accept a little professional aid and keep the service up to its usual high standard than to assert our independence and let the quality of the singing suffer. As it turned out, the addition of an extra voice acted like seasoning to a good dish, producing a better performance from the old trusted ingredients, and giving a vitality to the whole ensemble.

BURR HOUSE

The year 1969 has been one of aspirations and frustrations. In the Spring Term we reached the final of the Senior Hockey and looked set for a fairly comfortable win when we were leading 3—1 at half-time, but in the event Everett ran out the winners by 4 goals to 3. The Junior Hockey League, in which we were lying 2nd, was terminated by a 'flu epidemic, which occasioned our surrendering the Flats to the Sick Bay with the result that the tenants of these dormitories were flung to distant, foreign parts of the school empire if they were not, in fact, languishing between the sheets themselves. Our one success of the term was the retaining of the Music Shield. S. M. Barham and J. V. Cooper excelled in the solo parts, the latter being awarded the Music Prize on the strength of his performance, the brass ensemble—D. M. Lansdowne, G. D. Taylor, D. N. Caston, J. V. Cooper, and A. P. Buyla—were placed second, and the house gave a lusty rendering of "The Yeomen of England."

In the Summer Term we reached the finals of the Junior Tennis, and Junior and Senior Cricket, but came away empty-handed, although we would have won the Senior Cricket if it had not been for a most untimely declaration. Enough said! We were out-classed in the Swimming Gala and Athletics, but easily retained the

Shooting Shield as we were the only house to complete the course. Despite all these disappointments, though, morale remained high, and there was never any lack of determination.

At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to J. J. Baverstock, J. W. Turner-Lashmar, J. S. Cullis, J. A. Yates, A. B. Docker, A. Thorne, J. M. Smith and A. T. Hope. They took away a combined total of thirty-one "O" levels, while Cullis and Thorne were successful in Economics and English respectively at "A" level.

At the beginning of the Winter Term we welcomed a brand new prefectorial body comprised of D. B. Leake, N. P. F. Turley, M. J. A. Donald and G. P. Smith, and during the course of the term A. H. Clark-Kennedy was appointed Sub-prefect and awarded his House Award Tie, as were H. Zylstra and J. W. Lundie.

On the sportsfield we again were well poised for some success as we reached both rugger finals but again on the day we failed to make a break through and so had nothing to show for our efforts—we somehow just fail to do ourselves justice when it comes to the big test. I hope that 1970 will herald a new and successful decade for us in this respect. In the second half of the term the Juniors got busy and gave their Dayroom a face lift and next term the Seniors are going to repaint their quarters, so the huts enter 1970 looking cheerful and somewhat more congenial than they have done for a year or so.

News of Old Boys is somewhat lacking but I can report that N. A. Row is at Warsash Navigation School prior to going to sea with the Merchant Navy; Cullis is selling wine; Turner-Lashmar has been working on a construction site at London Airport; Yates is working for "A" levels, and Thorne hopes to have a job with Unilever, while Docker is at Oxford Technical College.

At the end of the Summer Term we said farewell to Mr. C. J. Gummer, who had been our House Tutor since 1967. He will be sadly missed as he always had the interests of the boys at heart. His place has been taken by Mr. D. S. Partridge, to whom we extend a warm welcome and heartiest congratulations on the occasion of his marriage on December 27th, 1969.

So another year is ended, and with its passing D. N. Caston, S. D. Lewis, J. A. Burgess, G. D. Taylor, and H. V. M. Birch have left, all of whom contributed something to College life before they left. But despite this exodus we now look forward to 1970, hoping to put right what went wrong on the sports field in 1969.

WELSH HOUSE

The main feature of 1969 has been the "Studies" project. An appeal was launched in the Summer Term to parents and old boys of the House, and at the same time a Sponsored walk

was arranged for the first part of the Autumn Term. The aims were the following: to convert as many dormitories as possible into rooms for 2 or 3 boys each, by providing partitions, built-in cupboards and shelves; secondly to convert the old clothes room into a kitchen, now known as the "Commonroom"; thirdly to partition off the roof-studies so that these should become as sound-proof as possible, and to make them suitable for use as reading-rooms and quiet study. Through the generosity of parents and exertions of boys, it was possible to get started with all these projects, and rooms for the 6th and 5th forms became habitable (though not quite complete!) by the beginning of the Autumn Term. We hope to complete the whole scheme during the Christmas holidays.

Our top-heavy numbers have made our efforts in Junior Competitions rather weak, though we are beginning now to level out. In the Spring Term we had a close struggle for the Senior Hockey Shield, just being beaten by Everett in extra time, retained the Squash Shield very easily, and were a close second in the House Music Competition. A word here must be said for the energy of the Captain of House, N. J. C. Godwin, who directed the House song (the Volga Boatmen) which won in its section. The Seniors also did well in the Summer Term in Cricket, Swimming and Tennis; L. Buchanan and T. J. Wright virtually won us the Cricket Shield, G. Creighton headed a very strong swimming team, and we had the majority of the School Tennis VI, notably D. Geerke, A. H. Dean, S. Wellby and D. J. Hopkin. Once again we retained the Debating Shield, which we have never lost, with a particularly impassioned speech by G. Creighton.

At the end of the School Year we had a very large leave. N. J. C. Godwin, Captain of House and Head of School, has done an enormous amount to build up the House, and there were few activities that he was not involved in, if not organising. He was ably supported by C. W. Hunter Smart, A. Spence and M. B. Williams. Two other leavers must not be omitted by name, Mr. C. D. Anderson, who has been House Tutor for three years, will be much missed. His help with the cricket and his understanding and amiability will always be remembered by us. Mrs. Rankin, the House Matron, has decided to take up teaching again. We shall miss her sympathy and efficiency. We are very happy to welcome Mr. J. H. Ducker as House Tutor, and Mrs. Cooke as Matron.

The winter term has been a very difficult one, but we have had excellent leadership from the new Head of House, J. Hamilton. We have not had good teams and lost in the first rounds of both rugby competitions, but did very well in the senior cross-country run. The term ended on a festive note with another House Entertainment, which has now become a feature of ends of term. The sketches, both amusing and serious, have shown talent and provided considerable entertainment.

EVERETT HOUSE

Not only have the studies been completely finished but we have also in use a Hobbies/Cooking area. We are still heavily in debt and have yet to tile the floor of this additional room—I hope that those who have joined the House since our original extension appeal will be able to help raise sufficient money to repay our loans and to complete the project. I would hate to think how we should have managed this year without the extra accommodation! All those in the Sixth Forms have a bed/study area and all those in the Fifth Forms have a study area.

The House Library continues to expand and we even have a full set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Mrs. J. Robertson kindly presented a cup to the House—this is presented each three weeks to the boy in the 3rd or 4th form who has contributed most to the life of the House and School during that period. So far Clayton, Cozens, Ferro and Douglas have held the cup.

We said our farewells to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown at the end of the Summer Term. They have been missed this term and we would like to put on record our thanks to them for the presentation of a Board which will record the names of the Heads of House. We welcomed Mr. T. H. Jones as House Tutor and also Mr. J. C. Smith. We also said farewell at the end of the Summer Term to Hugh Wyndham-Smith who had been a tower of strength as Head of House. Ian Robertson took over as Head of House and Head of School in September. The House Prefects up to July were: G. R. Bell, I. D. H. Towle, I. K. F. Robertson. Present Prefects are D. A. F. Hey, J. H. Mathews and W. H. E. H. Stevenson.

In sport the Senior Rugger team put up a very good show against Burr. The fact that we lost to a side which had a number of First Fifteen players was no disgrace. In the Junior Match we had a very convincing win over Burr. We also gained the Junior Cross Country Shield. Our display of shields continues to prove that we are a very united House in all spheres of our activities here and that success comes not from having one or two very able people in a House but from the fact that the whole House works together in harmony.

SKIPWITH HOUSE

In writing these notes I will break with tradition and start with a summary of our academic results over the past year. At “A” level our results were a little disappointing, but perhaps this will spur the present Upper Sixth to do that little extra work which makes all the difference between a near miss and a good pass. On the other hand our “O” level results were very encouraging, with A. Childs-Clarke, M. Hodgson, M. Hale, N. Chiswell and M. Reed passing a sufficient number to gain entry to the Lower Sixth. Perhaps other members of Skipwith in VI General, who did not do so well, will follow their example and after the Christmas exams be able to join them in the Sixth Form. Lower down in the

House there has also been some consistent work done by quite a number of boys and we must congratulate all those who won prizes in the House.

On the games fields Skipwith has again been predominant in representing the School. K. R. Mitchell and C. J. Caralps played hockey for the 1st XI and both were awarded their colours; K. R. Mitchell has been appointed Captain of Hockey for next season. C. P. Newton, our Head of House, was Captain of Boats, a position incidentally which his brother, R. D. Newton, has been asked to take over in the New Year. Skipwith also provided five members of the College 1st VIII, namely M. H. R. Tomlinson, C. G. Butler, G. J. St.C. Pringle and the two Newton brothers. We also provided the hard core of both the Colts and Junior Colts squads. In the Summer we again swept the board in the Senior House Rowing and thus retained the Shield for yet another year.

Due to the fact that such a large majority of the Skipwith talent was "absorbed" on the river, there was an acute shortage of "dry bobs" to represent the House on the cricket field. Even after K. R. Mitchell's graphic lecture entitled "An oarsman's introduction to the art of cricket" we still managed to be dismissed for a meagre score by Welsh House.

At the end of the summer we bid farewell to our Head of House, C. P. Newton, who I now believe is celebrating his new found freedom with another ex-member of the House, C. Butler, by cruising in the 'Med'. M. H. R. Tomlinson, who was deputy Head of House, also left us, but I hear it rumoured that he is now back—in some form of disguise. Our other prefect, M. G. Mackenzie-Charrington, has also gone but I have no information about him at present. We were also sorry to see the departure of J. C. Gingell, J. Richards, A. D. Polak and P. H. Doeg-Smith (in the case of the latter we offer our deepest sympathy to A.E.C.!).

In the Christmas Term the command of the House was taken over by G. J. St.C. Pringle; although he now looks after the "riot act" and keeps a "vigilant eye" on the House, he is ably assisted by R. D. Newton and K. R. Mitchell. With the creation of the new work areas in the Tower, we have found we can depend upon greater co-operation from the Lower Sixth and perhaps some new appointments will be made next term.

Skipwith has once again upheld its reputation on the rugby field, providing the Captain of Rugby, R. D. Newton, and G. J. St.C. Pringle, C. J. Caralps, N. Gingell, K. R. Mitchell and M. Hale. In the first round of the House Matches we extracted vengeance on Welsh House for our humiliation in the Cricket, by beating them 53—0.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to C. J. Caralps, who will be greatly missed both on the games fields, at the barber's and in the J.C.R. I feel the vermin of the college will welcome the departure of J. Bingley and his arsenal of weapons. Anyway, we wish them every good luck for the future.

“THE KITCHEN”—ARNOLD WESKER

Willingness to experiment is a vital part of a Dramatic Society's tradition and the 1969 production of “The Kitchen” has maintained the variety of fare put before us in recent years. These have included outdoor productions and conventional indoor plays on stage behind a proscenium arch. This year Mr. David Welsh had the happy idea of mixing audience and actors on the floor of the great hall and using most of the wall space as a backcloth. This venturesome experiment gave an acting space fifty feet wide and on the production nights this was vigorously exploited.

The world was a stage to Shakespeare but for Arnold Wesker it has become a kitchen. Like Wordsworth he has tried to make the language of everyday life into the language of poetry and, like Bernard Shaw, Wesker provides a preface and character studies, but not on the Shavian scale. It is these notes, together with the producer's thoughts, that provide the basis for what must be one of the most successful printed play programmes ever devised by a school. Wesker's own words spoke for the play; Mr. Welsh explained his approach; there was even a plan of the set including the cooks' locations to guard against the audience becoming lost as the result of the phrenetic activities in the Kitchen.

This was a good play to choose for school production. So many plays provide eight to ten significant parts and a brief crowd scene in which the enthusiasts make their all too rapid entrances and exits. The Kitchen provided some thirty speaking parts of varying size and the fifteen lesser characters are on and off stage almost continuously. This is an excellent way of giving an initial chance to those who will become a dramatic society's mainstay two years hence.

As in modern life the Kitchen lacks heroes and heroines and with so large a cast it is far easier to give general impressions than to single out individual performances.

With Wesker, following the argument is more important than watching the action. This is why Wesker's plays have been outstanding radio successes. During the professional stage production all the cooking and serving was mimed. Rightly realising that an hour of mime was beyond the competence of his cast Mr. Welsh introduced a colourful range of literally raw materials. However, this move from mime to realism rather shifted the emphasis from the allegorical to the representational.

From desultory early morning activities the work of the Kitchen builds up to the organised chaos of serving lunches to numerous customers off-stage. During the afternoon some of the cooks lounge in the kitchen discussing their dreams. In the evening, again the frenzied rush to cope with orders. As the pace of work intensifies so do the clashes of personality and the individuals' rebellion against conditions of work. Here was the weakness of the production; indeed the cast shouted and snarled at each other with vigour but

where was the smouldering anger or where the menace of defiantly chosen words uttered with intimidating control? Where the range of hostile responses?

T. J. T. Wright, M. D. Lloyd and G. J. Creighton did achieve some variety of expression but G. J. Heath as *Max*, S. M. Barham as *Peter*, and I. H. Matthews as *Hans* always contended at the extreme of vocal range. Varied human natures in conflict were insufficiently conveyed in tone of voice.

The relaxed calm of the afternoon discussion served to underline the need for some muted characterisations earlier on. At last pathos, escapism and optimism were allowed to come across. Earlier on aggressive acting had stilled much of the humour. Too often one was left with the impression the cast thought the play was called "Shout back in Anger."

Nonetheless, the cast as a whole successfully overcame one of the main hazards of the play—practically every speech is a one line remark. This demands the prompt taking up of cues and well timed entrances. In these respects the performance had all the marks of being very well rehearsed and there was no doubt about the zest of the whole cast.

The producer sat at ease amongst the audience instead of lurking backstage waiting for things to go wrong. This confidence was well merited for Mr. Welsh's cast undoubtedly conveyed their commitment to their various tasks. Of this the audience were left in no doubt. Now that the hurly-burly is finally done, the abiding impression is that this was Shiplake's most wholehearted dramatic venture to date.

THE CAST

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| <i>Magi (kitchen porter)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | D. Massaquoi |
| <i>Max (butcher)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | G. J. Heath |
| <i>Bertha (vegetable cook)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. O. Kabotsky |
| <i>Molly (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. J. Douglas |
| <i>Winnie (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. D. Dostal |
| <i>Mangolis (kitchen porter)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | D. Tchang |
| <i>Paul (pastry cook)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | M. D. Lloyd |
| <i>Raymond (pastry cook)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | M. A. Humble |
| <i>Hettie (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | T. D. Blair-Fish |
| <i>Violet (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | A. J. B. Clayton |
| <i>Anne (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. V. Smith |
| <i>Gwen (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. A. N. Russell |
| <i>Daphne (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. C. Inglis |
| <i>Cynthia (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | A. H. M. Burghes |
| <i>Dimitri (porter)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | G. P. Smith |
| <i>Betty (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. C. Mitchell |
| <i>Jackie (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | P. J. Jackson |
| <i>Hans (fry)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. H. Mathews |
| <i>Monique (waitress)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. R. Raby |
| <i>Alfredo (roast)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. R. Lazenby |
| <i>Michael (eggs)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | T. J. T. Wright |
| <i>Gaston (grill)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | A. G. Ridell |
| <i>Kevin (fried fish)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. M. Menko |
| <i>Nicholas (cold buffet)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | G. J. Creighton |
| <i>Peter (boiled fish)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. M. Barham |
| <i>Frank (2nd chef, poultry)</i> | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. D. Hay |

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| <i>Chef</i> | P. T. Broughall |
| <i>Head Waiter</i> | A. G. Britton |
| <i>Marango (proprietor)</i> | G. Welbrock-Smith |
| <i>Tramp</i> | P. M. Kidson |
| <i>Producer</i> | D. F. K. Welsh, Esq. |
| <i>Assistant Producer</i> | Mrs. A. Lethbridge |
| <i>Stage Manager & Prompter</i> | D. M. Hawkes |
| <i>Make-up</i> | Rev. B. W. Wilks |
| <i>Wardrobe</i> | Miss M. Grayson, Mrs. D. F. K. Welsh |
| <i>Lighting Effects</i> | Col. W. H. C. Travers |
| <i>Sound Effects</i> | G. P. Smith |
| <i>Props. Manager</i> | J. C. Smith, Esq. |
| <i>Scenery built by</i> | J. W. Whittington, Esq. |
| <i>Scenery painted by</i> | D. John, Esq. |

MODERN JAZZ

Having read the notice advertising the appearance of the Mike Westbrook Band at Henley Grammar School, I decided to apply for a ticket to go and see the performance.

My 10s. ticket unfortunately entitled me to a seat in the front row of the hall just a few feet away from the stage, but as the evening progressed I grew accustomed to the volume of the music.

The Mike Westbrook Sextet consisted of Mike Westbrook, piano; Mike Osborne, alto saxophone; Dave Holdsworth, trumpet; Paul Rutherford, trombone; Barry Guy, bass, and Alan Jackson on drums.

During the first half of the set the sextet played three numbers, one being "Marching Song," and they were all superbly played, which I feel is largely due to their ability to work together with mutual understanding. By being in the front row I could notice the expressions of real feeling of the face of each musician and his desire to communicate directly with the audience.

In the second half of the set, the band performed a number called "Metropolis," a composition written by Mike Westbrook about London and perhaps his most famous one. This was the main item of the programme. The band have performed "Metropolis" with groups ranging in size from five to eighteen musicians, exploring in different methods a version different from the basic composition.

R. Luckock.

THE FLYING SCOT OF 1969

There can be no doubt that Jackie Stewart is the Formula One World Champion for 1969. He won six out of the twelve Grand Prix Championship races this year, not quite equalling the late Jim Clark, who gained seven wins. Jackie is an ideal champion, and I think he will suit his office admirably.

The most important ingredient that he has, probably only seen in the past in Clark, Moss, and Fangio, is that this shrewd Scot has the ability to get out in front of everyone else and win the race. This uncommon ability is vital in good racing drivers.

Through 1969 Jackie was kept on the track by the excellent management of Ken Tyrell and the Matra team at the East Horsley timber yard in London.

A very strong bond was formed in 1969 between Stewart, Tyrell, Matra and Dunlop and this team, through sheer determination and hard work, rightfully won the World Championship and the Constructors' Cup for 1969.

Throughout the season Stewart's podgy little Matra MS80 was powered by the well-proven Cosworth V8 engine, which has virtually dominated the Formula One scene. In the summer a Matra-Matra V12, designed by George Martin, was tested at Albi by Stewart but nothing much came of it. Also a 4-wheel drive car was developed and run quite efficiently and with certain competition by Matra's second driver, Jean-Pierre Beltoise.

Sad to say there will be no Matra on the Grand Prix circuits next year for the French missile research firm cannot find the money to finance the racing car team, owing to a shuffle round in the French Government. About three weeks ago Jackie had remarked, "A Matra with a Ford engine would be a Fairy Godmother for next year . . . but I don't think there is a chance." Jackie wants a Cosworth powered car, Tyrell headed, and shod by Dunlop: result—MARCH—a brand new engineering firm at Bicester headed by ex-BRM man Robin Herd. They have already produced and supplied a chassis for Ken Tyrell and Stewart will be driving. It will of course be powered by a Cosworth V8. "The question is," said Stewart, "is March going to be the thing . . . ?" I think it will be. After all the new World Champion would not go and sign up with a brand new team if there were not a very strong chance that it would be a success.

Jackie Stewart has employed the large American firm of Mark McCormack to manage his financial affairs and they are doing so excellently. The Stewart family, Jackie, his wife, Helen, and their two young children, Paul and Mark, have been unfairly accused by some people of tax evasion as they live in an expensive house near Geneva. Far from it, in fact; Jackie just wanted to live quietly and in peace. However, that is almost impossible, for he is constantly in the public eye; needless to say he fits in very well with his long hair, mod dress and gold buckle shoes.

"I haven't a clue when I shall retire from racing. I am now 30 and I think that the next three or four years are the most important in a racing driver's life. I hope I am going to race for a few more years yet." So our new World Champion sums up his near future and I wish him all the best of luck.

S. J. M. Catliff.

I think of the sun and see the shade,
I think of freedom and see four walls,
I think of love and feel the pain,
I think of peace, but in vain,
I think of life and see a prison,
Then I think again and realise what I'm missing.

M. Hawkins.

You take me for a warrior alive or dead,
Who has no brain and has no head,
Whose life is spent between four walls
With a mind that always falls;
Falls amongst graves and falls amongst mounds,
And will never stop falling until I'm under the ground.

M. Hawkins.

I cannot speak because I am dumb,
I cannot walk because I have no legs,
I cannot love because I have no sense,
I cannot see because I am blind,
I cannot think because I have no head,
I cannot live because I am dead.

M. Hawkins.

The sun creeps slowly below the trees,
Casting off its orange and yellow rays,
Rays which make the clouds somewhat the same.
Large masses slowly drift over my head.
Then the day darkens and night invades,
The air gets black and my hands are cold,
I walk up and down the pavement, confused,
Yes, somewhat confused.

Cars cast off their gases which penetrate my lungs;
Beyond in the distance, planes take off,
Aboard passengers, pleased, maybe,
Flying to a world of sun and sea.
A world in which people love maybe.
But my view is blocked
And I cannot see through.

O here is the bus which is to take . . .

Ah, never mind that place; enjoy freedom while you can.

M. Hawkins.

MUSIC NOTES

The Summer Concert, coming as it did immediately after Speech Day, suffered from insufficient preparation; nevertheless it

represented another term of solid progress. The Band played a "Song without Words" by Mendelssohn, and "Colonel Bogey," which it appeared to, and in fact did, play with great aplomb. Even with its new look in the shape of reduced personnel it was more than apparent that there were still a few boys who were being carried by the rest. One day, perhaps, every single player in the band will consider it a duty to start to practise his part in good time, and to continue to practise it methodically up to the actual day of performance. The Male Voice Choir, too, suffered from under-rehearsal, but the chief fault here lay in a certain uneasiness between the choir and the accompanist. However, most of the audience enjoyed the richness of tone it managed to produce. Other items in the programme were more polished and convincing, particularly the playing of the flute quartet (by Tcherepnin), the flute duet (by Devienne), and two movements from a Mozart Divertimento for three clarinets. By way of novelty we heard three versions of Bach's "Prelude in C," Elizabeth Humphries singing the second in the guise of Gounod's "Ave Maria," and three pieces for jazz group. Another instalment of the now familiar Domestic Music and a farewell guitar solo by N. J. Godwin served to complete the programme.

The Christmas concert, as tradition now demands, was given to the accompaniment of a roaring log fire and this served to give a warmth and bonhomie to the whole proceedings, as well as putting the performers much more at their ease. Perhaps we sometimes underestimate the power of creature comforts such as these to engender a happy atmosphere and a good spirit in the School: indeed the Great Hall seemed a really friendly place. The Henley Band turned out in force to augment that of the School and in such an atmosphere of co-operation the band pieces went with verve and flow, particularly Sousa's "Liberty Bell," which ended the programme. The main items were alternated with various wind solos and ensembles. The contribution of the light music group—jazz and blues numbers—was particularly enjoyed and we hope that this group will go from strength to strength. On the adverse side it must be admitted that the programme gave the effect of being rather hastily thrown together. There were, however, many difficulties in arranging this concert, not least concerning those boys who are diffident about appearing in public and cannot be persuaded to do so under any circumstances. They must remember that this ordeal is a valuable training for the contingencies of later life, and frightening though it may be, every time is easier than the last, and the self-assurance that one ultimately gains is worth the effort involved in the process. Oddly enough it is often the seniors who get cold feet on this score—they must remember that their continued support and goodwill is perhaps the most vital factor in sustaining Music in the School: the example they give to the younger boys cannot be overestimated.

THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the year only two new members had to be appointed even though all resignations were accepted.

The following papers were given by members and outside speakers in the course of the year. A. Spence gave an interesting talk on "Road Safety," which with the aid of a film gave an account of how safety factors are incorporated and tested by car firms.

J. A. Yates talked about "Diocles and the Games," which explained how the Roman Games originated. The paper was well presented and delivered.

A. L. MacLean-Watt, Esq., gave a paper on "Japan." This lecture explained how Japan's economy is arranged and how the people live. He had first hand knowledge of the subject, and produced slides and a Japanese girl-friend!

M. B. Williams delivered a paper on "Lepidoptera." The Society was told about the various types of butterflies and moths and how they are caught, and he demonstrated his skill in setting.

H. E. Wells-Furby, Esq., talked at some length about "Rotary International." He explained how the Rotary Club was formed and how it functioned.

N. J. C. Godwin returned as our first old boy speaker. He gave an account of a holiday spent with J. Ashburnham in Greece. This was illustrated by photographs he had taken.

D. M. Hawkes gave a paper on "Bridging through the Ages." He used slides and a working model which built an arch without central support.

G. J. St.C. Pringle talked about his hobby of Weapons. He showed how he became interested in collecting weapons and then showed us some of his collection.

J. Hamilton spoke on "The Modern Agricultural System." With the aid of photographs and pieces of farm machinery, he showed the course of events in the year on a modern farm.

C. Brock, Esq., gave a paper on the "United Nations Association." He told us how the United Nations Organisation was supported by various other organisations and how through the U.N.A. the man in the street could have his say in the U.N.O.

Besides these papers there have been discussions on "Religion," "The Moon," "Euthanasia," and "Heart Transplants." The standard of discussion has considerably improved and the majority of members join in.

There have also been two Society Outings, one each term, to see "The Cocktail Party" and "The Magistrate." The superb acting of Alec Guinness carried and clarified the obscurities of T. S. Elliot's play, and members who had no previous experience of the author found themselves engrossed. By way of contrast, "The Magistrate" presented no such intellectual difficulties, but the acting of Alistair Simm wrung the most out of the stylised and occasionally "corny" comedy of Pinero.

In the Easter Term there was the annual Society Dinner. The Speaker was the Rt. Hon. Jeremy Thorpe, M.P., who gave a convincing speech on "The World Situation" from the point of view of the Liberal Party. The Junior Commonroom entertained him to beer after the dinner and he talked with the members for a considerable time.

For Speech Day the Society produced a series of exhibitions on Music. The subject was divided into categories, and the history of the music, along with those singers most associated with it, were displayed. The categories were as follows:—

Orchestral by Turner-Lashmar and Newton; Operatic by Drummond-Forbes and Towle; Classical vocal by Hawkes, Haas and Marchant; Ancient Greek Music by the President, D. F. K. Welsh, Esq., Yates, Godwin and Williams; Blues by Godwin and Ashburnham; and Folk by Docker, Williams and Hunter-Smart. Much time and work was put into the display; tape-recorders had to be used in every section, and sound-proofing was a problem. However, though the results were rather cacophonous from outside the building, the individual sections proved quite harmonious!

J. Hamilton,

Hon. Sec. Sixth Form Society.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Spring Term saw the public appearance for the first time of Mr. R. A. Esau and Mr. S. C. Oxlade. The motion was that the fair sex should be equal with men in pay and treatment. After much lively debating between the two principals and Mr. G. J. Heath and Mr. R. D. Hay, the debate was thrown open to the floor. Passions grew and arguments flourished but all to no avail, as far as the proposers were concerned—the fair sex were relegated to second place by two votes.

The second meeting took place on Sunday, February 9th, when forty-two members attended to debate the truth or otherwise concerning U.F.O.'s. Mr. Hay was completely convinced, and said so, but Mr. Heath produced visual aids in the form of photographs and decried the whole issue. Mr. P. A. Nicholls and Mr. S. R. Raby spoke up on behalf of the proposer and opposer respectively, after which there were many comments from the floor of the house. In the end deadlock was reached with the scoreboard reading 20 votes for the motion, 20 votes against the motion, and two sitting stubbornly on the fence.

At the last meeting of the term, Mr. Heath spoke in support of the motion that "Crime Does Pay," while Mr. Hay opposed him. This was perhaps the weakest debate of the term, a view supported perhaps by the fact that only 24 members attended. In the event, the motion was thoroughly defeated, much to the relief of the chairman.

At the beginning of the Winter Term it was decided to change the name of the Society to the Debating Society, as the Senior Debating Society has been incorporated, to all events and purposes, in the Sixth Form Society. As a result, the committee remained the same with Mr. Heath as vice-chairman, Messrs. Hay and P. E. L. Hunting on the committee, and Mr. N. Bartman as secretary, Mr. Raby having resigned.

The first debate concerned Television and its evil influence on Society. Mr. Hunting spoke for the motion and Mr. Heath against. Again, it was a lively affair, but not enough speakers were forthcoming from the floor. In the event, the motion was defeated by three votes.

At the second debate we welcomed Mr. G. W. Wright and Mr. H. E. Wells-Furby, who spoke as opposer and proposer respectively on the motion that "Boarding Schools Should Be Abolished." It was all great fun with many rapier-like thrusts of wit, interspersed with moments of solemnity. My Hay seconded Mr. Wright and Mr. M. M. Gilliat seconded the proposer. After several speeches from the floor and a summing-up by each of the main speakers, the motion was put to the vote. Seven voted for the motion, and 25 against, so it was a great day for Shiplake!

At the last debate of term we could muster only 19 members to listen to four notable characters fighting for the parachute. It was lighthearted and gay but somehow it never got off the ground, if you will excuse the expression. In the end a fictitious character called Prince Sahib Ramsend was awarded a safe return to earth.

During the term we tried to arrange two debates with other schools but unfortunately neither materialised. Still, knowing my committee as I do, I know that they will not give up trying, and my thanks are due to them for all their efforts during the past year.

M.M.G.

GREEK CLUB

During the year the Greek Club read plays, including *Euripides*, *Helen*, *Women of Troy*, *Philoctetes*. We also read some Plato—a selection from the *Phaedo*, *Phaedrus* and *Crito*. This caused considerable discussion and on the whole we were not convinced by Plato's argument once we had unravelled it! However, the dialogues were generally appreciated.

In preparation for the main activity of the Easter Term, we read all the Aristophanes comedies which have been printed in Penguin editions, including *Wasps*, *Poet and the Women*, and *Frogs*. We chose the first part of *The Frogs* as our production. Godwin provided the music, but otherwise all the words were authentic, except for a short conclusion we had to invent as we were omitting the second half of the play. We trust the audience got as much fun from it as we did.

FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society continues to be, at least numerically, one of the most thriving in the school. Among the films seen this year were Monsieur Hulot's Holiday, All Quiet on the Western Front, The Seven Samurai, and The Innocents. In addition the Society organised, at the request of the 6th form, a special showing of the 1936 Olympic film.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

After a busy summer this has been a close-season term for the Society, and few boys have been active. We now have a room in the Tower, but this has only been visited by a few boys. Earlier in the term we had a very successful excursion to Holland Park, London, to the National Butterfly and Moth Exhibition. We brought back a variety of specimens, including chrysalis of the Atlas Hawk-moth, and we are awaiting developments. The Woodlands badgers have been seen, and we shall have an expedition at the end of term to try to photograph them. Angling has been the most popular activity and the standard of this is rising. We continue our membership of the Association of School Natural History Societies.

M. Hayes-Fisher.

CAMERA CLUB

The Photographic Society now has a new name and a permanent room. We have one of the new society rooms in the Tower and we are in the process of fitting formica bench-tops. We would like to thank Col. W. H. C. Travers for making such an excellent job of the wiring.

The number of keen members is small and we would appeal to others to come forward next term.

G. J. Heath.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Club, which exists through the Easter and Autumn terms, carries on with enthusiasm by no means diminished by its lack of numbers. We are junior members of the Henley Stamp Club and have also been to a stamp auction organised by the much larger Reading Society.

We have had the chance to see what collecting can be, whether restricted to special lines such as ships, or shoes, or sealing wax, or may be to the layout of a collection and the best possible present-

ation of show pieces. Like everybody else we suffer from shortage of money when it comes to buying the latest catalogue, which one should do annually and cannot afford, but perhaps we also find that there is more satisfaction in locating a wanted specimen at a reasonable price and in realising that there is still a value to be placed on a penny when it will buy a stamp to fill a vacant place.

May we take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Travers from all the Club for her time spent with us and the outside interests which she has brought to our activities.

SHIPLAKE COLLEGE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Chairman - - R. MENKO
Secretary - - M. SHAW
Treasurer - - N. CHISWELL

During the past year we have made two interesting visits. The first was to the Henley Brewery, where we were shown how beer is made. At the end of the tour we were invited to sample some of the final product. The second visit was to the Associated British Maltsters establishment at Wallingford. This was a very useful and interesting visit.

Last Autumn we were given a very interesting lecture by Mr. Lee on the forestry scheme in Ghana. Throughout the year we have had several films from Shell and B.P. They have been on oils and their by-products and also on power-boat racing. We have had two films from British Leyland on the B.M.C. "mini" tractor and on the Austin Gypsy. We have had several films from Massey Ferguson on the Multi-Flow Combine Harvesters and on the new range of M.F. tractors.

Owing to Oxfordshire Show being in the middle of C.S.E. Exams, we only managed to enter two teams in the tractor driving; unfortunately neither of the teams came in any position of consequence. We paid a visit to the Royal Dairy Show, which was interesting and very good. We got into the second round of the Junior Quiz, but had to withdraw because the second was held during the Christmas holidays.

M. A. Shaw,
Secretary.

LIBRARY NOTES

This has been a quiet year in the Library as all the cataloguing was completed over twelve months ago. Even so, C. P. Newton, followed by R. J. D. James, as Head Librarian, continued the good work behind the scenes. This term James proved a good canvasser and managed to obtain the services of M. A. Alireza, G. M. Broughall, A. C. Clark-Kennedy, A. R. Crawford, A. D.

Fergusson-Edgar, N. G. Mount, and P. E. Percival-Smith as Junior Librarians. Our thanks are due to them and the other librarians for all the work they do in their spare time for little reward.

During the year we received the following presentation volumes, for which we are most grateful:

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| <i>The Dam Busters</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>The Phantom Major</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>The Abominable Snowman Adventure</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>Gideon's River</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>Best Ghost Stories</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>So Disdained</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>Islands in Danger</i> | | given by C. P. Newton |
| <i>Am I too Loud?</i> | | given by J. C. Smith, Esq. |
| <i>Masters of the Keyboard</i> | | given by J. C. Smith, Esq. |
| <i>Treasures of Britain</i> | | given by J. K. Muir |

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all librarians for their efforts during the past year.

M.M.G.

THE MODELLING CLUB

This term I took over as head of the modelling club from I. K. F. Robertson, who became the new chairman of the Sixth Form Society.

Modelling has always been a favourite pastime of mine, but I seldom had the time to spare for it. Now I have taken my chance!

At the beginning of this term, the Everett House Hobbies Room became the new meeting place for our club. It is a very suitable room as far as modelling goes with long desks, making balsa working easier, and plenty of cupboard space for storage.

The members this term were mainly Everett House Juniors. The models under construction varied from reasonably easily constructed Airfix models to the very complex balsa model of a glider. Although most members were juniors, their knowledge of model-making is very creditable.

H. Zylstra.

SAILING CLUB

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| <i>Officers:—Captain</i> | - | - | G. P. Smith |
| <i>Committee</i> | - | - | H. Zylstra |
| | | | G. J. St.C. Pringle |
| | | | M. Clegg |
| | | | J. Stevenson |
| <i>Boatswain</i> | - | - | D. S. Cooke |

A great deal of sailing has been done this year, and more boys than ever are bringing their own boats. A House Sailing Competition was organised, but unfortunately the wind let us down on two

Sundays and racing was impossible. The standard of helmsmanship is rising and the plan is to start matches against other school. Mr. Jones has been giving demonstrations of capsizing drill.

We would like to thank Captain E. F. R. Byng for all the work that he has done for sailing and canoeing over the years. Although he has formally retired as Commodore, he keeps a friendly eye on things, and we are most grateful.

G. P. Smith.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Another successful year can be recorded. Gold Awards were received by: G. R. Bell, W. J. E. H. Stevenson, C. P. Newton; Silver Awards: N. J. Chiswell, J. N. Falk. Bronze Awards: I. R. Baldry, P. F. Baldock, A. G. Britton, J. D. Hincklieff, R. D. Hay, D. G. Johnston, R. G. Lester, M. A. Shaw.

Last Easter a very large party again visited the Lake District where we had three silver and two gold groups. For the first time, one Gold group did their Expedition on bicycles and despite last minute panic putting bicycles in working order they were successful. Whilst the actual Expeditions were all successful several people failed this section of the Award because they failed to write up their logs! ! The weather was very cold and there was a generous covering of snow everywhere. We were fortunate in having the help of H. Wyndham-Smith, G. R. Bell, J. Bartholomew, D. Guillaume and M. Tomlinson. Wyndham-Smith put in a great deal of effort and skill in producing a film of our exploits and we hope to be able to add to this next year. The film lasts ten minutes and is well worth seeing—it shows, despite the hard going, how much all those who took part enjoyed themselves. A further visit is planned for next Easter—the numbers of those who volunteer to help with the organisation of these Expeditions each Easter is proof of their success.

At the end of the Summer Term a Silver group completed successfully an Expedition on bicycles in the Oxford area. There was also a Bronze Expedition in the Fawley area and we are grateful to the Chaplain for the use of the Rectory grounds.

A great deal of hard work continues to be done by Mr. Morris in training and testing for the P.E. Section of the Award and we are grateful to him for his help. The Pursuit section still proves to be the section which most people fail to complete in reasonable time. A large number of boys have only small sections of their Award to complete, yet they often cannot be induced to put in the final effort—help here would be very welcome from parents.

I hope we shall have a new entry in January and there are a few places available in the Easter Expedition for those who are not sure what the Award Scheme offers and would like to find out before committing themselves to membership.

C.C.F. NOTES

ARMY SECTION

At the end of the Summer Term and after our B.A.O.R. attachment, we said farewell to Mr. Anderson. Mr. Partridge has kindly stepped into his place.

H. Wyndham-Smith was our first senior cadet to be promoted to the rank of Cadet Under Officer, a reward for his efforts and leadership as C.S.M. during the Annual Inspection.

The following cadets attended courses during the year:

January:—Cpl. M. P. Z. Haas and Acting Leading Seaman G. P. Smith attended the Eastern District Signals Course at Waterhead and were both awarded the Signals Classification.

February:—Sgt. R. E. Alexander and Cpl. A. G. Ridell attended the Drill Course run by the Royal Anglian Regiment at Bury St. Edmunds.

April:—Sgts. Alexander and R. F. G. Allum attended the Southern Command Cadet N.C.O.'s Leadership Course at Wretham Camp, near Thetford.

August:—Sgts. Ridell and K. R. Mitchell attended first a course at the Army School of Physical Training and then the Leadership Course at Frimley Park.

The Recruit Test was held for the first time in December, 1968. Recruit P. J. Soward distinguished himself by being placed first over-all. D. Massaquoi came first in drill and turn-out and R. D. Hay first in shooting. D. P. B. Mills was the best recruit in the second test held in October.

The Annual Inspection on March 14th was made by the Deputy Controller of Aircraft (Royal Navy), Rear Admiral P. A. C. Illingworth. His report was good, and he was delighted to find that the organisation and conduct of the day's proceedings had been delegated mostly by the cadets themselves. This was made possible because of the willingness of the senior cadets to assume responsibility and also because of the enthusiasm and alertness of all cadets throughout the day's activities. The parade was again held in the morning, the Contingent's newly formed Bugle and Drums Band playing during the march-past. In the afternoon an amphibious exercise was mounted with the Naval Section landing part of the Army Section from the river, the remainder of the Army Section ambushing the landing party as it advanced into the College grounds.

There was no Summer Annual Camp but instead a party was attached to the third Battalion the Royal Green Jackets stationed at Celle, near Hanover. A full account of this visit appears elsewhere.

NAVAL SECTION

The Easter Term was largely spent on preparation for our General Inspection. By borrowing boats from neighbouring C.C.F. and S.C.C. Contingents, we were able to provide a suitable fleet to land a party from the Army Section in a simulated amphibious assault on the School. Inclement weather, with the river rising to

about three feet above normal, caused a last minute change of plan for both the landing and Jackstay, and all praise must go to the senior cadets, who ran the whole project themselves, for carrying out these changes with great efficiency. The Inspecting Officer—Rear Admiral Illingworth, R.N.—was suitably pleased with the final result, and seemed to enjoy himself throughout the inspection.

A smaller "combined operation" was mounted on Speech Day, when we provided water transport for an Army platoon to "rescue" a spy from an enemy held position.

At Easter, we took delivery of our own 16½ ft. G.R.P. dinghy, for use and instruction in sailing and pulling, so that, with our motor boat, we are able to spend more time afloat on the river.

Our Field Days were not all that successful—a day at Ravens Ait in the summer, which should have been spent on practical boat-work, was badly upset by intermittent thunderstorms, and our hosts at H.M.S. *Bellerophon*, Portsmouth, in the Autumn, rather failed to provide all the interest and facilities for which we had hoped.

Now that the Section has become established, a more definite programme of preparation for the C.C.F. Examinations has been put into effect, with the result that 13 cadets passed Naval Proficiency in the Summer Term. At the time of writing, the results of the Autumn Term Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency Exams are not known, but it is hoped that they will provide enough qualified senior ratings to carry on with the instruction themselves.

We were sorry to lose Cadet Cox'n J. J. Baverstock in July. He had proved himself a most capable and efficient senior rating.

VISIT TO THE 3rd BATTALION THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS AT CELLE

The party, two officers and twenty cadets, left Shiplake by coach early in the morning on Wednesday, July 9th, for Harwich, to embark on the M.V. *Prinz Hamlet*, which departed to Hamburg at mid-day. The Headmaster kindly got up to see us safely on our way.

The coach arrived at Harwich at 10 o'clock and, after delivering a bag belonging to L/Cpl. Falk at the Railway Station, dropped the party at the Navy Yard. This left time for a stroll into Harwich for coffee before we embarked.

The journey out had the usual effect on many passengers and we only partially survived on the Avomine tablets provided by Sister. All appeared to have recovered, however, when the ship docked at Hamburg's Pauli Pier at 9 o'clock in the morning, some of us having eaten a large and expensive breakfast after no food the previous evening.

After disembarking, we went by bus to the Central Railway Station to catch the train to Celle. Sgt. G. P. Smith assisted nobly to overcome the language problem and got us onto the correct platform.

We arrived at Celle at half-past eleven, were met by Captain Grimshaw, the O.C. of H.Q. Company, and we were then transported to Trenchard Barracks in a Land Rover and 3-tonner. This transport remained with us for the rest of our stay, much to the delight of L/Cpl. P. H. Doeg-Smith.

Before Lunch the cadets were issued with bedding and shown their quarters in the H.Q. Coy. wing. We were also introduced to the C.O., Lt.-Col. D. B. Alexander-Sinclair, to whom we are all very grateful for arranging such an interesting visit. He also very kindly invited Cadet Under Officer H. Wyndham-Smith to stay in the Officers' Mess, an invitation which was readily accepted. After lunch, at our request, the party was given instruction in the use of the S.L.R., G.P.M.G. and S.M.G. by Col. Harrison of H.Q. Coy.

On Friday morning we were taken out to Horsten Range where the cadets fired the S.L.R. and G.P.M.G. We returned to Celle for lunch and fired the S.M.G. on the 30 metre range in the afternoon. It rained all day, the sort of weather which until recently has dogged the Contingent on range days.

On Saturday, after a morning of instruction in radio and line equipment by Cpl. Wortley and trips around Celle in the Command A.P.C. and a scout car, the party (less Sgt. K. R. Mitchell who stayed behind to wicket-keep for the Regiment's cricket team) visited Belsen Camp. We returned to the barracks via Celle, where we parked outside the Castle of the Duke of Brunswick and Luxemburg, which was unfortunately closed. Celle itself is a very fine old town and the birth-place of George I.

On Sunday afternoon 2/Lt. Campbell organised an Orienteering exercise for the cadets on the outskirts of Celle in pinewood. This exercise proved too difficult for most of the cadets and demonstrated once again our weakness in map-reading. Two groups, however, acquitted themselves well.

On Monday we were taken out to the East German border by 2/Lt. Whitworth and a member of the British Frontier Control Staff, whom we met at Uelzen. We saw a lot of the country and were fortunate to see two East German patrols as well, as one of their working parties was carrying out maintenance work on the ditch behind the wire. We had a break for lunch in Brome, where we sampled some of the local beer, which was much appreciated as it was a hot day to be in battledress.

On Tuesday morning we went to Ohr Park, near Hamelin, with the cadets from Milton Abbey school, who were attached to the 2nd Royal Tanks, and joined C Coy, practising floating A.P.C.s across the Weser. The officers and a few of the senior cadets were allowed to command the vehicles during the crossing. After the odd error, we all appeared to have got the hang of it. In the afternoon we relaxed before preparing for a joint night exercise at Holne with Milton Abbey. This exercise we organised ourselves. It consisted of night patrols and ambush, using blank ammunition and flares. Rifleman Grant, our Land Rover driver, demonstrated

the loading and unloading of the S.L.R. with blank before we started and then volunteered to look after the more dangerous pyrotechnics. Shiplake managed to overcome the Milton Abbey ambush and then having shown the opposition how to react in this situation, later, after ambushing the Milton Abbey patrol, melted away in the darkness leaving the Milton Abbey cadets searching in the undergrowth somewhat mystified until they realised what had happened.

Wednesday and Thursday were also spent in the company of Milton Abbey. We visited the R.A. and R.E. units on the Wednesday and the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment on the Thursday. Wednesday morning was rather dull as we were allowed only to look at the Abbot self-propelled guns, so to improve matters Rifleman Grant was sent back to Celle to collect swim suits, and whilst Milton Abbey visited Belsen, our cadets made use of the open air swimming pool at Holne. The afternoon with the R.E.'s proved much more enjoyable since the cadets were allowed to drive the heavy plant about the yard.

Most of the Shiplake party had a rest on Thursday morning, a last chance for shopping in Celle. Some of the enthusiasts, however, went to Holne in the Land Rover and covered themselves in oil assisting with routine maintenance of Chieftan tanks. When the rest of us arrived at Holne before lunch, there was just time for a ride on the tanks. The ride for some, however, proved longer than expected as one tank failed to stop at the gate and arrived out on the range, much to the consternation of the Range Officer, who had to put the Cadets on a Stalwart so that they could be carted back for lunch. In the afternoon we went out to the range to watch the tank firing.

We all felt Friday had arrived too soon, and in fact we nearly did not get away as planned, as the drivers of the 3 tonners were late, and we had to scramble to catch the Hamburg train for the boat back to Harwich.

R.M.L.

SHOOTING

The Spring Term was as usual set aside for the *Country Life* Competition, and in order to gain as much pre-match competition we involved ourselves in five postal matches, the results of which were as follows:—

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| February 15th | | Shiplake College 737, Wellington 771. |
| | | Shiplake College 737, Reading 770. |
| February 22nd | | Shiplake College 738, Allhallows 764. |
| | | Shiplake College 738, Radley 765. |
| March 3rd | | Shiplake College 678, Rossall 778. |

The results were most disappointing, and the worst feature of the VIII was its grouping. On the day, however, the VIII shot well, especially in the Landscape and we improved by eleven places on the previous year, being placed 71st ex. 137. Even so, it must be added that if we had grouped well we could have been as high as 47th!

The VIII consisted of: H. Wyndham-Smith (team captain), J. S. Bingley, H. V. M. Birch, J. C. Gingell, S. D. Lewis, C. P. Newton, R. D. Newton, T. J. T. Wright.

In the Summer Term we fired the Empire Test and out of 153 who fired, 37 qualified as Marksmen, 46 as First Class, and 35 as Second Class. In the House Competition based on this test, Burr retained the Shield with an average of 60.189. The other three houses failed to complete firing by the closing date.

At last we have good news to report from the range. Thanks mainly to a most generous gift by a parent, supplemented by funds from the C.C.F., we are now in a position to build a permanent Firing Point. At the moment we await planning permission and then we can go ahead. This edifice, when complete, should help immeasurably to improve the standard of shooting at College.

BOAT CLUB

At the end of the Easter Term, in a borrowed eight, the School 1st crew raced in the Schools' Head of the River Race from Chiswick to Putney on the ebb tide. Conditions were good with a slight cross wind. The School started at 88th and finished at 46th. It was a fair performance but the rate of striking was too low for most of the course to make a great impression in this event. During the course of the summer the seniors trained in fours during the week and borrowed a shell eight in Henley in order to row on Saturday afternoons. This was useful experience and using the same boat we raced at Reading and Marlow Regattas. At Reading Amateur on May 31st Shiplake beat Norwich School 1st VIII and Westminster School 1st VIII in the Public School Eights but finally lost to St. Edward's I by one-third of a length. At Marlow we beat Marlow Rowing Club in the Junior Eights but lost to Clifton College 1st VIII by 3 feet.

Meanwhile the Colts Fours and Junior Colts Fours were given racing experience at Reading Junior Regatta and at Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta, where they reached several finals. At Reading, in the Novice Fours, our third Four beat St. George's College "B" and Windsor Grammar School "A" in the semi-final but lost to St. George's "A" in the final. In the Junior Fours, Shiplake Junior Colts "A" beat Cokethorpe, Pangbourne Nautical College, South Hackney and Eastbourne College in their heats to lose by 3 feet to Weybridge in the final.

In private races the Colts beat the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, at Marlow and also raced at Pangbourne with credit. It was found convenient to row the boats up and down the river to Regattas and fixtures and thus avoid the inevitable delays involved in boat transport. The disadvantage of this is that boats are vulnerable to damage if left at Regattas before and after racing. The restricted four *Sam* was pushed off a rack at Reading and her rudder damaged.

The season ended with our own domestic House Regatta in which there was keen racing in fours and sculling boats. Skipwith were fortunate in having a number of senior oars and there was never much doubt about the result in this class, but in the sculls Welsh did well to win.

During the last week of the Summer Term a party of boys worked to repair and revarnish about half of the fleet. This has proved most valuable since a number of these boats have been in use during the winter. The Quadruple Sculler has been painted and overhauled and is now in use for the Junior Colts down at Henley. The Boat Club are looking forward to the purchase of a racing eight during the coming year as a result of the Appeal and would like to place on record its thanks to all those parents and friends who have contributed so far. The appeal has not closed: £450 is still required—and a number of social events are planned for next term and the summer to raise this.

In the meantime the seniors hope to appear at Regattas again, this time in fours, in order to keep the flag flying.

The 1st VIII in the 1969 season was:

(bow) W. J. E. H. Stevenson, 2, M. H. R. Tomlinson, 3, C. G. Butler, 4, A. B. Docker, 5, C. J. St.C. Pringle, 6, R. D. Newton, 7, C. P. Newton (stroke) A. R. H. Spence, (cox) D. Nesteroff.

(J. W. Turner-Lashmar rowed in the Schools' Head of the River).

D.H.D.

CRICKET

In terms of results, the 1969 season was disappointing. The 1st XV played 13, won 5, lost 5 and drew 3. However, I feel it was another year of progress for Shiplake cricket. The approach to the game continued to be more professional.

It was unfortunate that the side had to meet Lord Wandsworth's College after only a few days' practice. The School reached 90 after being 0—3, but failed to prevent the opposition winning by 2 wickets. As usual the boys batted deplorably against the slow lobbs of Messrs. Eggar and Esau in the staff match and lost by 6 runs. Radley 3rd were at last soundly thrashed; the School 171—6 dec. — Radley 90. Mitchell made a superb 66 n.o. The first game v. Reading School 2nd XI was a disappointment—154 in 130 minutes; the opposition played out time — 70—8.

The visit to Crookham with four reserves proved unsatisfactory. After an opening stand of 75, the School were all out for 130. Rain won the day with Crookham 30—2. Cokethorpe were quickly disposed of by 8 wickets, Buchanan batting efficiently for 48 n.o. Four indifferent games took the edge off the side with disastrous results. Bearwood bowled us out for 60, and won by 6 wickets despite a fine spell of seam bowling by Wright. A first visit to Leighton Park brought a victory one minute before a violent storm flooded the pitch. A good innings from Lansdowne and another useful spell from Wright brought victory. The visit to Redrice was a disappointment. They scored 105, 20 more than should have

been allowed by a more intelligent Captain. The School struggled to 100, losing by 5 runs.

Morale recovered with a sound win over Abingdon at home. The next day the S.O.A.'s visited Shiplake for the match of the season. They were 92—5, but inexperience allowed them to escape, declaring at 204—8. However, sound batting, especially by Taylor (47) took us to 185—9. Against the Oratory, Taylor played a superb innings of 78, but later batsmen failed to press home the advantage. Two missed chances enabled their low quality players to defeat us by three wickets with two minutes to go. In the final match, the O.V.s, strengthened(?) by the master i/c., were bowled out for 89. Taylor made the result inevitable, making all bowling look simple (69 n.o.).

What then of the players? It was a well-balanced side on the whole, but there were too many disappointments. Towle proved an adequate captain but his inability to succeed with the bat caused frustration which resulted in some strange decisions on the field. His fielding was magnificent, whether close to the bat or at mid-off. Lansdowne improved as a batsman, certainly as a spin bowler, and was once again a superb cover point. Taylor, the most gifted player in the side, never settled to play an innings until the last few games, when the gods began to favour him. His bowling was a great asset.

Buchanan and Hayman improved as openers; the latter however needs to speed up in all he does. Godwin, the remaining batsman, had a season he would rather forget. Burgess, a young all-rounder, made strides and found faith in his ability. Mitchell was a powerful hitter, but an indifferent wicketkeeper. Of the bowlers, Wright was a great success with his ability to move the ball in the air and off the damp wickets experienced in the early part of the season. Neither Ashburnham nor Lyttelton had any degree of success and both were mediocre in the field.

In short, this was a useful side that could and should have done better.

The Colts had an unbeaten side, as did the Wanderers. In the House Matches, Welsh won the Senior in an exciting game, made so by an unfortunate miscalculation by the Burr Captain. Everett, a powerful junior side, were too good for anyone else.

Finally a comment on the School's cricket. Despite the calls of other activities Shiplake Cricket is progressing well. The 1st XI's approach is more mature and the Colts are showing a sense of urgency. It is a pleasure, too, to play in the Wanderers side with the real cricket lovers. As always we owe a great debt to all who help with cricket, especially a thank you to the Chaplain, who has now handed over the Colts after a long spell in charge, and to George Alder for his wickets. Mr. Gummer and I are both departing, so take this opportunity of wishing our successors every good fortune and a hope that they will not suffer as many near "heart-attacks" as we have.

1st XV RUGBY

With five improved fixtures from the 1968 season and only a hard core of five old colours, this promised to be a testing term. My original apprehension was not eased by the fact that two of the 1968 Colts colours, one of them playing in the key position of hooker, decided to "drop out" in the first week of term.

The "drop out" mentality permeates every facet of modern society; it is a negative philosophy whose hallmarks are lethargy and cynicism and it is a great shame that two of the greatest premiums of youth, enthusiasm and physical fitness, should be sacrificed with it.

We started the term with a vigorous training schedule and having established a basic stamina we concentrated on sprint training. Our fundamental aim was that we should be fitter than any other team we met and that the pack, which was light and small, would be doubly fast and mobile. With four matches to play in the space of two weeks there was no time to waste, but, by necessity, time to lay strong or weak foundations for the remainder of the season.

In our first match against Reading School, we won in the second half, playing up a steep slope. Geerke set the pace with a fine kick ahead try and, on two occasions, Creighton reaped the dividend of following up Caralps' breaks. Wellby, an able all-round utility player, began to learn how to hook, and Stevenson fostered the ball at the front of the line-out.

On the following Saturday we entertained Redrice School 1st XV which was comprised of nine old colours and six of the Colts side which had comprehensively beaten our Colts in 1968. Stamina, courage and tenacity won us the day by 11 points to 9; a day on which 8 of our points were scored in the last 10 minutes. This was a match in which Mitchell excelled, scoring a quick conversion under the posts and winning the match with an incisive and determined run from the base of the scrum a few minutes later.

The next two matches, v. Pangbourne and Radley, provided many opportunities for fast, open Rugby and a total of 58 points were scored by our three-quarters.

On Saturday, October 11th, we travelled to Reed's School, Cobham, and lost our only encounter of the season 6—12: an encounter that provided some of the hardest schoolboy rugby I have seen and which could have been won.

In the next match, v. Abingdon School, the three-quarters ran amok and scored 45 points and on the following Sunday a competent Old Viking XV was comprehensively defeated 29—16.

It was at this stage of the season that we lost three very talented players. All I need say is that in the preceding seven matches they had scored over 20 tries between them.

The team's morale was shattered and the only logical thing to

do was to increase almost ruthlessly the daily training routine: this was achieved amidst sibilant protest.

Phillipps was switched to hooker from wing-forward where he had been playing in Falk's place for two matches. Massaquoi was stolen from the Colts XV to play first centre and Burgess came in on the wing.

Bearwood Collage came to Shiplake on November 8th and went away defeated by us for the first time ever. In a match that was won by 15 points to 14, Caralps kicked four superb penalties and Hale scored one of the most important tries of the term after Lansdowne had made a brilliant blind-side break.

On the following Saturday we entertained St. Edward's 2nd XV and defeated them 6—0. This was perhaps the crowning achievement of the term, for we had played their 4th XV in 1968 and had expected to play their 3rd XV this season.

In the final match of the term we defeated Newbury R.F.C. School XV by 24—8 on an ice-bound pitch: the three-quarters maintained their balance and scored some stylish and spectacular tries.

It is difficult to make some sort of comment about the players without swelling their heads forever.

Newton proved himself a good captain, but above all a good player. He was strong, determined, a hard tackling flank forward. Pringle was silent, indomitable, rarely seen, always in the thick of it, working. Caralps scored 109 points in tries, conversions and penalties and was a strong, evasive centre with an intuition of half openings and interceptions. He must be one of the finest Schoolboy place kickers in the country. Turley proved his versatility when moved from full back to No. 8. He controlled the ball nimbly with his feet and could always be seen foraging in the loose, covering in defence and linking with the three-quarters. Geerke had a mixed season and was happier when moved from fly half to the wing; he was always full of running and scored some good tries.

Mitchell at scrum half spent the term ruthlessly destroying the work of his opposite numbers and if his pass was not perfect, the number of tries scored by the three quarters shows how often his pass was effective. He, personally, produced many devastating runs and his enthusiasm was commendable.

Wellby proved himself an adroit hooker and was tenacious in every aspect of the game. Phillipps proved his versatility but shone as a foraging flank forward. Hayman was solid, strong and reliable, and on one occasion sprinted the length of the field with the ball at his feet. The props, Gingell and Stevenson, gave the greatest support to the hooker, and in their own ways proved great assets to the side, Gingell with his strength in the loose maul and Stevenson by gaining possession in the line-out.

Whenever required, Neale, A. J., matched up to the occasion and should do well next year.

Falk, at blind side wing forward, played consistently constructive rugby and he has developed a useful knowledge of the game. Zylstra was indispensable at full back and his fielding of the high ball was a pleasure to watch. Lansdowne proved an invaluable asset at fly half. He is an intuitive player who made many fine tries.

It was a joy to watch the fast, evasive running of Creighton at second centre, and, on the wing, Hale contributed effectively to attack and defence. Hawkins, who looked promising at the start of the season, was injured after a few matches and his place was taken by Chiswell, and later by Burgess, who proved himself determined and resourceful. Massaquoi, who was brought in from the Colts, acquitted himself well amongst his seniors.

It only remains for me to say that I am proud to have been associated with this team, and that I hope they have found the success they have achieved an adequate compensation for all the hard training, and my own inability to be easily satisfied. In all they have set a standard of the game by which succeeding generations of Shiplake rugby players will be judged.

Team:—Newton* (Captain), Pringle*, Caralps*, Turley*, Geerke*, Falk*, Stevenson*, Mitchell*, Zylstra*, Hayman*, Gingell*, Hale*, Wellby*, Lansdowne*, Philipps*, Creighton*, Burgess*, Hawkinst†, Neale†, Massaquoi†, Chiswell†.

* 1st Colours

† 2nd Colours

RESULTS:—

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| Sept. 24th | v. Reading School 2nd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 19—6 |
| „ 27th | v. Redrice 1st XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 11—9 |
| Oct. 1st | v. Pangbourne 2/3 XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 37—0 |
| „ 4th | v. Radley 3rd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 21—6 |
| „ 11th | v. Reed's School, Cobham 1st XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | lost | 6—12 |
| „ 22nd | v. Abingdon School 3rd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 45—0 |
| „ 26th | v. Old Vikings XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 29—16 |
| Nov. 8th | v. Bearwood College 1st XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 15—14 |
| „ 15th | v. St. Edward's 2nd XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 6—0 |
| „ 29th | v. Newbury R.F.C. Schools XV | .. | .. | .. | .. | won | 25—8 |
| Played | .. 10 | Won | .. 9 | Lost | .. 1 | | |
| Points for | .. 214 | Against | .. 71 | | | | |

2nd XV RUGBY

The 2nd XV fixture list is slowly lengthening: this season three matches were originally arranged and for next season as many as eight are envisaged. The idea is to increase the competition at the top and to provide a pool of players drilled by weekly matches. It is significant that as many as 21 boys played for the 1st XV this term, and that those boys who filled places in the team played good rugby.

The 2nd XV played a spirited game against St. Bartholomew's 3rd XV on October 18th and won by 14 points to 11. Chiswell played a notable game at full back; he tackles very bravely and should mature into a good player next Season.

On November 8th, Bearwood College 2nd XV gave us a 59—0 thrashing, but the final match of the term v. Henley Grammar School culminated in a 15—6 victory.

I should like to make special mention of the old stalwarts Smith, G. P., Hey and Hawkes, who gave constant support and who were all seriously considered for places in the 1st XV.

Team:—Smith, G. P. (Captain), Chiswell, Strange, Hopkin, Hawkes, Leake, D.B., Hey, Taylor, Dodd, Banks, Roper, Wills, Ridell, Mathews.

RESULTS:—

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|---|-----------|
| v. St. Bartholomew's 3rd XV | won 14—11 |
| v. Bearwood College 2nd XV | lost 0—59 |
| v. Henley Grammar School 2nd XV | won 15—6 |
| v. Newbury R.F.C. Colts XV | cancelled |

COLTS XV RUGBY

When a team has had such a run of lost matches as the Colts have this year, it is difficult to give an explanation without the appearance of making excuses. With not too good a record of success last year, when most of the present team played as the Junior Colts, it was perhaps to be expected that this year's Colts team would not be a record breaking one. It was evident that this factor was uppermost in the minds of some of the team right from the start, and this undoubtedly goes some way to explaining the lack of success this term. This is not to say, however, that there was a general lack of team spirit, an easy suggestion to make to explain a team's failure, but, as is usually the case, an over-simplified and unfair analysis of the team's attitude. For, while there have been those one or two whose own personal spirit has been poor, the attitude of the majority of the team has always been good and, even in the most depressing of circumstances, they have continued to play to the best of their ability.

Perhaps the greatest single factor to account for the team's weakness this term has been a general lack of individual skill, particularly in tackling and falling on the ball. There were those whose defence was of a high standard all the time, notably Jones, who with his quiet leadership and fine example of defensive and attacking rugby made a good captain. Apart from this, only Baldry stands out as a player who fought, tackled and ran with consistently good form, though he unfortunately missed a few matches due to a leg injury. Apart from these two there were many who, from time to time, made a fine display, but these were only infrequent in their occurrence. Adams tackled very well when he worked himself into the right mood and by the end of term was throwing some good long passes to Lazenby at stand-off, who has slowly learnt to run fast and catch the ball. But his defence will need to be much more sure and his running in attack far more determined and thrustful if he is to develop into a good fly-half. In the centre, M. Shaw

developed into a good player, showing real promise in attack and defence. Massaquoi, until he began to play for the 1st XV, never developed any real thrust in the centre and was always suspect in defence when his mood suited him to be so. Apart from these, the backs were always weak and it was largely through their inability or unwillingness to tackle that such large cricket scores were run up against the team on so many occasions. Both Corrie and Soward on the wings showed excellent promise on occasions, but until these two overcame their dislike of hard defensive play they will never become 1st XV material. Only occasionally did the backs look dangerous, as in the first, hard-fought match against Reading, and in that against St. Edward's "B" XV. But apart from these two, in every other match it was outside the scrum that the match was lost. The fact that we had such a shortage of players of Colts age made it necessary for us to play in the team those who by ability and temperament were quite unsuited to play in any team. These one or two weak links were exploited again and again by our opponents.

This was particularly disappointing for the forwards who, though light compared with all the opposing packs, played with consistently good spirit.

In the set scrums, G. Hodgson outhooked the opposition more than half the time, even against the loose head and against much heavier packs. The line-out play improved steadily and we had an even share of the ball in those matches where we were fairly evenly matched with our opponents.

The fact is that in the matches against Henley Grammar, St. Bartholomews, Bearwood and Wellington, the team found themselves completely outclassed. Once the rot set in, it was difficult to stop in these matches. Against Redrice only did they show the form of which they were capable, when they won by 35 points to 5. It was a great pity that this team had, in my opinion, far too many matches for one thing, and for another that steps were not taken to ensure that they were matched against more even opposition, though this is very difficult to ensure. No team learns anything by losing so many matches so heavily. We may say what we will about individual performance and team spirit, but it would be ludicrous to suggest that the Colts would have stood a chance against some of the teams they have played this year, whatever their spirit, any more than it would have been to suggest that the 1st XV could have beaten the Springboks.

JUNIOR COLTS XV RUGBY

It has been a rather frustrating season in that the team never realised its full potential. After a good win against a strong Marlborough J/Colts "B" XV, we came up against sides that were very often worse than ours, but that had the one big advantage of

size. Our scrum was very often out-jumped in the line-outs, and this meant that our potentially strong three-quarters did not have much of the ball.

The one major weakness that was apparent for most of the season was an unwillingness to tackle low. Every member of the team proved that he could tackle low, but Campbell, Mitchell, Clayton and Broughall were the only players who were consistent. At half-back Campbell and Mitchell worked well together on occasions and Mitchell especially made some enterprising breaks. Broughall ran well and developed as a player during the season. Akhavan showed that he was capable of running strongly at inside centre, but very often he spoilt a good movement by failing to pass the ball soon enough. On the wings, Welbrock-Smith and Alireza, A., played well on occasions, but they were rarely given the opportunity to have a long run.

The scrum was chosen from nine or ten players and there wasn't much to choose between them. Henry was perhaps unfortunate to be left out in the latter part of the season, but although his hooking was at times very good, his play in the loose was spasmodic. Hodges, Holman and Beaumont all worked well in the loose, but it seemed that they were not all using their weight in the set scrums. Elmer seemed to develop well during the season, but he was not as fit as he should have been. The back row, Youngs, Patterson and Clayton, all played hard although they were not often seen. It was obvious that they were doing a great deal of work in the loose and Patterson and Clayton often tried to link up with the three-quarters. Clayton, as pack-leader, had a difficult job because he was usually leading a pack that was on the retreat, but he did his job with quiet efficiency. Mohammad Alireza proved to be a very useful player because he was utilised both as a three-quarter and as a lock forward. In both positions he played well, although his tackling was a little suspect. At full-back Nicholls played well most of the time, but he never looked really safe. With a little more confidence and concentration he could develop into a competent full-back.

Looking back on the season I feel that we were unlucky to lose at least three of the matches and the margins in the others did not do our team justice, except in the case of the match against Pangbourne where we came up against a side that was better than ours in all aspects.

It was encouraging to see that at no time did they give up, and the improvement over the season was very noticeable. It wasn't a marvellous season as far as results go, but on the whole it was enjoyable and, more important, encouraging for the future.

The Junior XV, captained by Guillaume, played one match but were soundly beaten.

The final composition of the team was:—Nicholls, Welbrock-Smith, Broughall, G., Akhavan, Alireza, A., Mitchell, Campbell (Captain), Elmer, Hodges, Holman, Alireza, M., Gore, Youngs, Patterson, Clayton, J.

Also played:—Beaumont, Henry, and Alireza, E.

D.S.P.

HOCKEY NOTES

The 1969 hockey season was a very mixed one, in which the weather played an important part and was by far the most inclement since hockey became a major sport at Shiplake. The term started off well. We had a very good January and played three matches in ideal conditions. After that it meant fitting in matches here and there when the weather was not too atrocious. Because of snow and ice we only played one match between February 1st and March 1st; thereafter we managed to fit in three more, despite waterlogged pitches. On top of this we lost more than the usual number of players because of illness, so that in the circumstances it was very difficult to field a cohesive side.

In the beginning our hopes were high since we had quite a number of talented young players joining a group of experienced members of last year's team, of whom H. Wyndham-Smith, the captain, was the spearhead. In the event almost every member of Game 1 was called upon at one time or another to represent the school in the seven games played.

The first two matches against Chiltern Casuals and Crookham Court gave the team time to settle down and although we won both it was not without some anxious moments. In the third match we played Henley Hockey Club and here we began to show teamwork against an experienced side. Although we only drew 3—3, things were beginning to look brighter. Sadly the weather now took over and the remainder was to be like "the curate's egg."

Our next game, against St. Edward's School, was played on a frozen pitch and although both teams tried to make a game of it, it was difficult to keep the ball on the rectangle and a goalless draw resulted. We played Reed's School in early March and although the team was badly weakened through illness we gave a most creditable performance. Here we suffered the only defeat of the season.

Although we beat Wellington Occasionals ten days later, conditions did not favour good hockey and a draw against a strong Old Vikings team within the week was much better than we had expected.

Mitchell in goal was a tower of strength while the full-backs, Hopkin and Yates, if sometimes venturesome, did provide a solid last line of defence. Taylor at centre-half controlled much of the centre of the field and his taking of penalty corners proved invaluable. Creighton, Birks and Caralps all showed that they could be constructive wing-halves. In the forwards Wyndham-Smith was tireless and set a good example to the others. If he had one fault, it was that he tried to do everything himself. Towle and Godwin also tried hard around goal. Dean, Phillippis and Falk were young forwards who showed much promise and should be very useful next season. Others who played were Sheppard, Cullis, Ashburnham, Wright and Hawkins.

The 2nd XI drew their first match (2—2) with Henley Hockey

Club 3rd XI and a strong "A" XI beat Bluecoats School. The Under-15 XI only played one match, against Crookham Court, which they won easily, while a weak Under-14 XI were easily beaten by Reed's School.

We were not able to complete the Junior League but by the end Everett were so far ahead on points that they could not have been overhauled and were therefore awarded the shield.

In the Senior Competition the semi-finals were played on such heavy pitches that extra time was needed in both games to get results. Eventually Burr beat Skipwith and Everett beat Welsh. In the final Everett ran out winners of a very close contest and they owed much to their captain, Wyndham-Smith, who seemed to pop up everywhere.

My final memory of the 1969 season was the sight of Wyndham-Smith, flat in the mud of the Burr goalmouth, shouting "Go in" as he watched his shot roll slowly in for the winning goal in the dying seconds of the match.

1st XI from:—Mitchell, Hopkin, Yates, Creighton, Taylor, Birks, Caralps, Godwin, Wyndham-Smith (Capt.), Towle, Phillips, Falk, Dean.

Full Colours:—Mitchell, Hopkin, Yates, Taylor, Wyndham-Smith, Caralps.

1st XI RESULTS:—

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| v. Chiltern Casuals XI | won | 2—1 |
| v. Crookham Court 1st XI | won | 2—0 |
| v. Henley Hockey Club 2nd XI | drawn | 3—3 |
| v. Radley College 2nd XI | cancelled | |
| v. Bearwood College 1st XI | cancelled | |
| v. St. Edward's School 3rd XI | drawn | 0—0 |
| v. Lord Wandsworth College 1st XI | cancelled | |
| v. Henley Grammar School 1st XI | cancelled | |
| v. Reed's School 2nd XI | lost | 0—2 |
| v. Wellington College Occasionals XI | won | 2—0 |
| v. Reading School 2nd XI | cancelled | |
| v. Old Vikings XI | drawn | 2—2 |
| v. Common Room XI | cancelled | |

J.B.W.

TENNIS CLUB

We started off the term having one hard court and one grass. To aid us we were loaned the Henley recreation hard courts. The new courts were started early in the term and were finished just after half-term, but due to the hot weather we were unable to use them. Also we had the old hard court resurfaced.

A greater number of boys played major sport tennis and the standard was a great deal higher. The following represented the school:

In the First Six: Geerke (Capt.), Wellby, Creighton, Dean, Hopkin, Caralps and Culshaw.

In the Colts Six: Creighton (Capt.), Dean, Hopkin, Culshaw, Birks and Hodgson.

In the Junior Colts Six: Johnston, Cottrell, Shaw, P., Shaw, M., Swann, N., and Varnals.

The First Six beat Oratory and Reading. However, they failed to beat St. Edwards.

The Junior teams played 5 matches, won 1, lost 4. Rain cancelled 2 matches. Our best result was against Wellington Colts, in which the Colts won 6—3.

Colts colours were awarded to Culshaw, Creighton, Birks and Hodgson.

In the House Match Finals, Welsh defeated Everett in the Seniors and Everett defeated Skipwith in the Juniors. At the end of the term we sent a Senior pair up to the Boys' Schools L.T.A. Junior Championships, S. Wellby and D. M. Geerke. They were beaten in the first round by Surbiton, 2—0.

SQUASH

The Spring Term of 1969 provided us with nine matches altogether. Out of the nine we won four and lost five. The Seniors, many of whom were also Juniors, consisted of D. M. Lansdowne (captain), G. D. Taylor, D. M. Geerke, S. Wellby and D. J. Hopkin. In the House Matches the teams were reduced by 'flu' which over-ran the school but the Shield was competed for. Burr and Skipwith were knocked out in the First Round, and Welsh beat Everett in the Final.

The Autumn Term proved very disappointing. Potentially we had, from the previous year, a strong Senior team but with two key members absent in the second part of the term, when most of the senior matches were played, our strength was considerably reduced. Out of the seven matches played, none was won. The team consisted of: D. M. Lansdowne, S. Wellby, D. M. Geerke, G. D. Taylor and R. J. Culshaw, with D. J. Hopkin and N. W. J. Randle. The Junior team was very weak.

D. M. Landsowne.

BOXING, WINTER TERM, 1969

Boxing as usual this term took place on Tuesdays, in the Gym at 2.30, lasting until 3.15. Mr. Morris took it with the help of K. Mitchell, the captain of boxing, and R. James, the Hon. Sec. of boxing.

There were about 20 boxers in all, varying from quite light to quite heavy weights. The first match we had was against Winchester College; six boys went but we only had five bouts, and we won four of them. The next match we had was against Eton College; eleven boys went but there were only nine bouts in all and we only won two of those nine. We were meant to have a match with Pangbourne but this was called off because it was to take place just before the play and a lot of the cast were in the boxing team.

The boys who took part in the matches were:—(Capt.) Mitchell, K. Broughall, P., Broughall, G., Massaquoi, D., Gordon, D., Buylla, A., Mitchell, S., Henry, W., Beaumont, T.

The following are members of the Boxing Club who did not have a match:—Caralps, C., Ridell, A., Alireza, A., Alireza, E., Chiswell, N., Cooper, J., Crawford, A., Pike, M., Jackson, P., Russell, J.

As we hope for nine matches next term, everyone should have a match.

R. J. D. James,
Hon. Sec. of Boxing.

SWIMMING

With the dates of the end of the Summer Term gradually coming forward we find the open-air swimming season getting correspondingly shorter: it is doubtful whether we got much more than five weeks' use out of the swimming pool this year. The result of this seems to be to limit swimming activities to the Swimming Sports, though it must be admitted that pressure on good swimmers from other directions is another factor which inhibits swimming activities. Next year we must try to get at least one outside fixture.

The final result of the Swimming Sports was: Welsh 63 points; Everett, 38; Skipwith, 36 and Burr, 32. Records were set up by Banks, who did the Senior Backstroke in 43.9 seconds, and the Welsh 4 by 2 team, which completed the course in 1 minute 41.9 seconds.

GOLF CLUB

With more senior boys playing golf this year we were able to arrange for the first time in the history of the school matches with other schools. We played against Wellington College and Bradfield College in the Winter Term. Six boys played in the team against Wellington and five against Bradfield. Although we lost both matches, the standard of play was fairly even. Our captain, J. A. L. Wills, beat the Wellington captain and T. J. T. Wright won in the match against Bradfield.

T. J. T. Wright,
Secretary.

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