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## SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1957-58

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## EDITORIAL

Much has been written in the past about "brotherhood" at various schools. It is our opinion that too many words may cover a lack of this spirit. Perhaps the finest proof of brotherhood would be if, as happens annually in a famous independent school, on one day the headmaster and staff should take the day off, leaving the school captain and prefects in charge of administration and lessons. If this experiment were successful, then brotherhood and discipline would be actively fused in the life of the school.

Such a state of affairs is most unlikely ever to come to pass. It could hardly be tolerated in a state-controlled school. All the same, it is worth remembering as an ideal. When any member of the school, in however humble a capacity, is prepared to take responsibility and carry through a useful project to completion, he is contributing just a little towards such an end.

### GENERAL NOTES, 1957-58

This year we are pleased to welcome the following members of staff:

Miss Astbury, Miss Preston, Mrs. Marrow, Mrs. Haste, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Gambling, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Aldrick and Mr. Keeling. We wish them a long association with the School. We congratulate the Headmaster and Mrs. Rouch on becoming grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill on the birth of a son and Mr. and Mrs. Jaques on the birth of a daughter. We must also offer good wishes on the occasion of the following weddings: Miss Cress-well to Mr. Stacey, and Miss Mingins to Mr. Wright. Dr. L. G. Bray, of the Science Department, had conferred upon him the Degree of Ph.D. in the Faculty of Science (Physical Organic Chemistry) by the University of London. Two student teachers joined the staff during the Spring Term, Miss Cleverly from Bristol University and Mr. Murray from Oxford.

During the Autumn Term, the long awaited fixture between the School Staff and 1st Rugby XV took place, with disastrous consequences, for Mr. Brooks injured his shoulder, and Mr. Lodge broke a leg. However, a new School record was set up when the Rugby XV defeated Dursley G.S. by 54 points to nil.

Also in the Autumn Term, the influenza epidemic was felt at Thornbury. Of a School population of 659, in the first week of October 182 were absent. Even our hardy groundsman, Mr. G. Strong, was absent for a considerable period, his place being taken temporarily by Mr. B. Yeend.

With such vast numbers, there is an ever increasing need for improved accommodation, yet the new Woodwork room does not seem forthcoming. Work was at last completed in the Autumn Term on the Girls' Shower Baths and Changing Rooms; also by considerable ingenuity it was made possible to separate the Domestic Science and Needlework Rooms.

Because of the numbers of pupils in the School, for the first time the Houses were split into Senior and Junior sections, and it was therefore necessary to elect Junior House Captains. For the first time, too, the sixth form syllabus has included a General Studies Group where certain members of Staff gave a background to their subject, with particular reference to its growth through the nineteenth century.

Usual School Excursions have taken place, reports of which will be found later in the Magazine. Apart from these, the Sixth form English Set attended the Bristol Old Vic's production of "Hamlet" at the Theatre Royal. During last summer holidays B. I. Nott and R. J. Howell, studying German, hitch-hiked their way through Germany. Mr. Peter Masefield's kind offer of a trip in a "Britannia" was enjoyed by the Headmaster, Mrs. Rouch and ten prefects, and in the Summer Term a School party visited the Royal Show. Members of the sixth form are eagerly looking forward to the Summer holidays when a large party under Mr. Hill will spend over two weeks in Austria.

The School has been visited by various speakers. A Naval Liaison Officer talked on careers in the Navy, and the Upper fifth forms were addressed by a speaker from I.C.I. who spoke on careers with that company. In November Sir Charles Woolley, K.C.M.G. spoke about the Commonwealth, describing many of his interesting experiences as governor of Kenya and Cyprus. In the Spring Term, the School was visited by a party of Head Masters and Mistresses from Iran, who were spending some three weeks touring English schools.

J. P. Drabble, a school prefect, has been offered a place on the British Schools Exploring Society in the 1958 Expedition to Labrador, a trip lasting for some six weeks. Drabble gained the highest award possible, Honours 1st Class, at the Outward Bound course at Aberdovey Sea School, which he attended in July 1956.

Several School prefects have been accepted at University. A. 1. Harding at Reading, B. G. Keedwell and D. H. Price at London, R. 1. Howell at Birmingham, D. 3. Morris at Liverpool and A. C. B. Nicholls at Nottingham. Others will be attending Training Colleges, Elizabeth James at Birmingham, Ann Beard at Portsmouth, Ann Rea at Weymouth, Eileen Smith at Salisbury and A. 3. Phillips at Loughborough.

## **SPEECH DAY, 1958**

by Linda Manning Form VI (I)

The address at this year's Speech Day was given by Sir Douglas Veale, former registrar of Oxford University, who raised the question in his address of whether education was keeping pace with the demands of modern society. He said it was the duty of the universities to meet the demands of the country by producing suitable leaders. Universities had the means and facilities for providing students with the necessary wider education.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that the past year had been one of frustrated hopes for the school. Promises made three years ago had not been fulfilled. The only extension had been one classroom, although two classrooms, a woodwork and domestic science room, and an advanced physics laboratory had been promised. He said that the annual output of technologists must be doubled by 1970, but many grammar schools were teaching science under handicaps which were crippling today and would prove disastrous tomorrow.

The chairman of the Governors, Rev. R. O. Rawstorne, was anxious to allay the fear that children in the lower forms would be compelled to attend the new Filton Grammar School. Although unable to give a definite answer, he assured parents that the Governors were doing all they could to comply with their wishes.

The School Captain, in a neat vote of thanks, requested a Speech Day Holiday, which was readily given by Sir Douglas Veale. After the speeches there were displays on view in the Art Room, Biology Laboratory, History Room, Geography Room, and a Woodwork display in 2A form room. For parents' entertainment part of the Howard versus Clare, Senior Cricket House match was played, and at five o'clock they were able to watch a physical training display by both boys and girls, and country dancing by the girls. These were organised by Miss Preston and Mr. James.

## **SCHOOL PLAY, 1957**

by the Editor

The School Play this year was "An Italian Straw Hat", a modern adaptation by Thomas Walton of the French original by Labiche and Michel, which was first performed in Paris in 1851. The play, a comedy with the accent on farce, had all the sparkle and wit associated with the lighter French Theatre, allied to a great deal of broad slapstick comedy, and the cast succeeded in communicating their pleasure and enjoyment to the audiences. As is usual with farce, the players are merely caricatures having little depth of character.

The story of the play tells how a bridegroom goes for a ride in the country on his wedding morning and at a wayside inn, his horse eats an Italian Straw hat in an orchard. The hat belonged to a lady who was dallying with a Captain of Zouaves and they follow the bridegroom to his flat, declaring they intend to remain until he replaces the hat to save the lady from embarrassing questions from her husband. As the bridegroom agrees to replace the hat, his bride, her father, uncle, and cousin arrive and determine to follow the bridegroom everywhere. In searching for the hat they go first to a milliner's. She turns out to be a former friend of the bridegroom, anxious to resume their association; then they visit a society hostess who mistakes the bridegroom for an Italian tenor, hurry then on to the home of the husband Of the original owner of the hat, and eventually to his own home, where everything is resolved in a happy ending.

B. J. Nott made a handsome figure as the harassed bridegroom Fadinard, A. C. B. Nicholls a drooping eccentric nursery gardener, father of the bride, and always suspicious of the bridegroom. A. 3. Harding was amusing as a deaf uncle, who misinterpreted all that was said to him. Annette, Madame Beaujolais, whose hat caused all the trouble, was well portrayed by Ann Jenkins, as was Captain of Zouaves, the peppery army colonel, by R. G. Collins. Valerie Mountain was a tearful and reluctant bride. Linda Manning gave an outstanding performance as the Countess, the Society Hostess, showing a vivid personality and fine stage presence. I. P. Drabble developed a pleasantly confident manner, and gave an enthusiastic rendering of his ballad. Indeed, the musical interludes were all outstanding, especially the solos by Drabble, Linda Manning and Nicholls. J. L. Caswell was a serious Monsieur Beaujolais, and Jeanne Pearce, a vivacious Clara. M. W. Darlington played Bobby, the bride's cousin, always willing to take the bridegroom's place, and R. Blenkinsopp portrayed Tardiveau, Clara's elderly cashier, also a volunteer in the National Guard. Other parts were taken successfully by R. 1. Howell, Gillien Jones and Betty Jones. The scenery and lighting by Messrs. C. A. Jaques, K. Jenkins and 3. Birtles were most effective, and played an important part in the success of the production. We should also like to offer our congratulations to the producer, Mr. B. T. Hodge.

## THE JUNIOR PLAYS

The Junior Plays were performed this year on Friday, March 28th. 3A and 3B presented 'Wireless and Sich-like' in which Audrey Wright and Catherine Haste deserved particular mention for pleasant voices and clarity of diction. The cast all acted vigorously and R. Pearson made a praiseworthy attack upon the part of the grandfather. Members of the Fourth Forms were lively and amusing in 'Le Télégramme'. One remembers a good impression of off-hand officialdom from Cleeve and Hawker, and Whitehouse, the member of the public who suffered from their inefficiency, was suitably distraught. Shaw's 'Poison, Passion and Petrification' is a one-act farce with some original situations and some telling lines. Anthea Orr delivered hers with particularly good effect, and the whole production was a hilarious piece of fooling, which the school received with enthusiasm, though the elegance of manner demanded by Shaw's text was naturally beyond the range of fifth form actors.

We should like to thank the producers, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Marrow and Mr. Hampson respectively, and also Mr. Jaques, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Wright and their helpers for their work with stage management and make-up.

## FOUNDERS SERVICE

by Joan Jennings, Form VI (2)

On October 24th 1957, Founders Service was held in Thornbury Parish Church. The Archdeacon of Stourbridge gave the address, and described the confession of Achan after the triumph of Jericho, taking this story to illustrate the importance of the individual for the general well-being.

Tradition springs from the lives of individuals and is as delicate as it is strong; it is easier to destroy than to create. Tradition grows by giving itself away, the Archdeacon continued. Doubly happy are those who inherit tradition in an ancient school, but even above that there is the tradition of the great Christian faith. The Archdeacon concluded by saying that this can be implemented in our lives by taking our good gifts and using them to serve others.

Outstanding was the quality of the hymn-singing by the School, and the excellent performance of the choir, who sang the anthem, "With a Voice of Singing", by Martin Shaw.

## SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service was held at Thornbury Parish Church on Thursday, 19th December 1957, and was attended by a number of Governors, parents and friends. The service was conducted by the Reverend R. G. Rawstone, Vicar and Chairman of the School Governors. Among the lesser known carols were Warlock's "Adam lay y— bounden", "Break Forth. O beauteous Heavenly Light", "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came" and "Sussex Carol", all sung by the School Choir. This year, treble boys and recorders were included, and combined in "Merrily to Bethlehem".

## **MUSIC, 1957-58**

by A. C. B. Nicbolls, Form VI (3)

This year has seen a great revival in the musical activities of the school. We welcome Miss I. P. Astbury as Head of Music, and hope that she will allow us to enjoy her leadership for a very long time.

The School Choir was re-formed at the beginning of the year and has shown an exceptional willingness and spirit. Rapid progress was made with the anthem for Founders' Day—"With a Voice of Singing"—and this proved a most effective part of the service. After half-term, preparation was made for the Carol Service in December. Two of the carols were sung by a group of treble boys, one being accompanied by a newly formed recorder group, and the choir gave a creditable performance.

Although the Spring Term is usually reserved for the Music Competition, this year the choir met twice a week to prepare items from Haydn's "Seasons". An evening performance was given in May for parents and friends. It was well received by the audience, and certainly would be popular as an annual event. This was the climax to the musical year, and with Mrs. Wright as accompanist, the soloists and choir gave a most pleasing performance. The chief credit for this must be given to Miss Astbury, whose leadership has been an inspiration to us all.

## **HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION, 1958**

This year, great changes were made in the Competition. The number of items was halved and, although we were sorry to lose the humorous Senior Boys' Duet (popular since its introduction in 1952), the Music Captains were given more time to prepare competitors in the remaining classes. The formation of a school recorder group caused the recorder class to rise in importance, and the Senior House Choirs were asked to learn two test pieces.

After the preliminary judging, Howard were leading with 225 points, and only 23 points separated the three Houses. The competition began with the House Choirs and a high standard was maintained throughout the afternoon. No marks were announced between the items, and everyone was held in suspense until the end, when Mr. Hemmings, the adjudicator, gave the result. The winners for the fifth successive year were Howard House with 403 points, Stafford had 381, and Clare 351. We should like to thank Mr. Hemmings for his able adjudication.

## **LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, 1957-58**

President: J. L. Caswell

Secretary: Susan Corbin

Although the Literary and Debating Society has been handicapped by the attraction of other school activities, there has been an enthusiastic, if small audience, at every meeting held.

More people than usual came to disprove that "The younger generation of today will prove inefficient in running the England of tomorrow." Before a vote was taken, several members of the audience offered their opinions. The motion was heavily defeated. Other debates held included

“The peace of England has gone forever”, and “State schools repress individuality.” The panel of members of staff in the “Any Questions” session held, had their wit and knowledge tried by the questions from the audience. Later in the term a discussion was held on the recent school play, “An Italian Straw Hat”. Many members of the cast were present and Caswell, taking the chair, found it sometimes difficult to keep order. When put to a vote, it was found that the previous production, “Rogues in Paradise” was considered preferable as a school play.

Once again a team represented the school in the Bristol Schools’ debating competition and they were loyally supported by members of the Society and sixth form.

## **FILM SOCIETY 1957-58**

by R. P. Entwistle, Form VI (1)

A wide variety of films has been shown this year. During the Autumn Term, we enjoyed three foreign ones, all Russian. “Battleship Potemkin” and “Peter the Great” were historical, but the third Russian film was a cartoon. Other films shown during the Autumn Term included “The 39 Steps”, “Night Mail” and “Louisiana Story”, a film about the life of a young boy in the marshes of Louisiana, and what happens when oil is discovered on his father’s land. The highlight of the Spring Term was the film version of the school play, “An Italian Straw Hat”. Also shown were “Treasure of Sierra Madre”, and “Oliver Twist”. At the beginning of the Summer Term came a showing of Sir Laurence Olivier’s “Hamlet”. The members of the Society would like to express their thanks to Mr. Hill, who has given up so much of his time in their interests.

## **ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **LARRY LITTERBUG**

by A. Williams, Form 2A

Larry Litterbug to the seaside went,  
Upon a holiday he was bent,  
On arriving there he bought some sweets,  
And scattered the papers in the streets.  
Proceeding with haste to the sandy shore,  
He there began to scatter more,  
His lunch-bags to the wind he threw,  
And so his litter grew and grew  
The dustman following with his bin,  
Picked Larry up and threw him in.  
“Got you at last!” he shouted with glee.  
“You’re going where all the litter should be.”

## **SPACE TRIP** by Sheila Durrant, Form 3A

I walked along the Milky Way.  
And viewed the Pleiades.  
The Great Bear and the Little Bear.  
Those shining galaxies.

The Heavenly Twins went hand in hand,  
Old Sirius scratched his pelt,  
And there stood great Orion.  
Three diamonds in his belt.

Then Whizzo! An onrush of Martian contraptions!  
Balloons from their mouths writ with comical captions!  
And saucers a-flying, and shooting Stars shooting,  
And space-ships advancing with screeching and hooting!

And when the din had ceased at last,  
The Milky Way was bare,  
Except for Venus. brushing out  
The star-dust from her hair.

## **ON SEEING FRUIT IN A BOWL**

by Annette Tyrrel, Form 3beta

They range from sanguine shadow of Autumn's russet kiss  
Stained with the darker hue of blood,  
To the rich orange of the ripened corn.  
The yellow of the sun,  
And flames that creep as one.

Behind is topaz yellow.  
Mingling with the deep brown of rotting leaves.  
All leopard spotted, and still further back  
One sees grapes,  
Colours more vivid than their rounded shapes.

They hold the purple of a dewy twilit walk,  
Of trees bowed down before the rushing ~wind.  
The green of summer meadows  
And the sweet intoxication of the wine,  
That drips like honeyed nectar from the vine.

Oh. what a wealth of colour I can see  
A paradise beyond the bounds of thought

The world is spread before me in one glance  
And holds me. in an awe-struck lasting trance.

## THE TIME MACHINE

by Wendy Dyer, Form 4B

Mr. O'Brien was an ordinary little Irishman. He wore glasses perched on the end of a snub nose, which made his eyes seem too close together, and his ears too *far* apart. He was short and fat and his legs were a little bandy; he had a tuft of hair on the top of his head, and some curly locks, on the sides. Mr. O'Brien had a patient manner, and a calm temper, but he was very superstitious. In his left top pocket, in his best flannel shirt, was sown a black cat. On the silk band on his queer bowler hat, was a little horseshoe, embroidered in white. In fact he was never without lucky charms.

One fine April morning, as he took a walk in the sun, he saw a square box lying in the grass. He picked it up carefully and sat by the side of the road to examine it. First he looked at it one way, and then another. Next he turned it upside down, and saw a dial, on which was a needle, pointing to a figure right in the middle. "1957," read Mr. O'Brien; "now what can this be?" Again he scrutinised the figures, and then he saw some more: '1666 A.D.; 100 B.c.; 2078 A.D.; 4077 A.D. What contraption is this?"

Inquisitively, he pushed the lever to 100 B.C. Then, still clutching the box, he saw the earth first turn upside down, do a pirouette, jump over his head and, with a final shudder, settle down again. To his surprise, he was in quite a different place, in a city unlike any he had seen before. There were flat roofs to the houses, and no windows, only a door. People lined the streets dressed in togas of white, red or green, with sandals strapped to their feet. Suddenly a fanfare sounded, and four Roman Centurions marched into the street, followed by a row of scribes and elders, carrying tablets of wax and rolls of cloth. These were followed by more soldiers and politicians. Soon a magnificent black steed came into view, and as soon as the Romans saw it and its rider, they let out an enormous cheer. Women threw petals at the feet of the horse and men and boys ran alongside it. Little children jumped up and down and laughed. The horse had a gold saddle and its rider wore a purple cloak, over a breast-plate of silver. He was a general of some sort, who had obviously won great favour with the people. Following him were minstrels, singers and dancers, jugglers and acrobats, all in a rainbow mixture of red, blue, purple and green clothes. Next came athletes, running and jumping from side to side, and then more soldiers in chariots and on horses. It all looked very splendid.

But meanwhile, through all the splendour, Mr. O'Brien was wondering just what had happened. He was quite certain he was awake, he was sure he was not day-dreaming, because before, in day-dreams, he had only dreamt of finding money, nothing like this. His little brain started doing a miraculous amount of thinking. It was magic! It was gremlins! Yes! that's what it was! No! It couldn't be! His cat, his horseshoe, they'd stop it if it were. The box, it was the cause of all the trouble. Tafferty had told him about things called Time Machines, but he had never believed him; Tafferty had told him of one he had. O'Brien looked down at the box. Again he turned the dial; this time forward to 2078 A.D. If it was a Time Machine, he would visit another date, forward in time.

He twisted the dial, and again the world turned itself inside out, and crept back to its normal position. O'Brien saw another street, near a river. The houses were of all shapes and sizes, round and square, long and short, and of all colours. Little helicopters flew round and

about. On the river, were tiny circular objects like submarines; they sank and floated, and took off into the air. Jet rockets flew above, and a television boomed: "The presidents of Venus have agreed to join the kings of Mars and Pluto in a discussion of the recent disturbances on the moon." A little girl came up hand in hand with a doll which walked and talked on its own, boys played football with Robots, and Mr. O'Brien had had enough. He turned the needle to 1957. Again the world seemed to upset itself, and he was back in his own country, clutching a pot of blue geraniums. 'Well, what on earth has happened? I must see a doctor. I must.' And he hurried down the road, still holding the flowers.

A CHIMNEY'S LAMENT  
by R. Blenkinsopp, Form VI (2)

Life's no joke,  
A grey existence in a hell of smoke;  
No choice of dark or light, or cold or heat;  
Of coke smoke, coal smoke, charcoal smoke or peat.  
A fire is lighted in the humble croft,  
The searing sparks are leaping out aloft  
Each one a torment to my very soul,  
All caused by granite mingled with the coal.

And so the collier's carelessness  
Has made my life a wilderness,  
Heaven cannot come, 'til all the fires  
Are fed by fuel which comes through wires.

**BACKWARDS**

by Ann Jenkins, Form VI (2)

Jonathan sighed as he looked around him. It was one of many sighs, sighs partly for the condition of his equal, and lower fellow creatures, but mostly for himself. His chain was certainly longer, than those of some unfortunates. But, what was more important to him, it was a lot shorter than those of the many fortunates.

He saw the madness and the unfairness of the state in which money is the all important factor of a man's life. It was not just, that a particular man should be allowed a chain of three thousand links just because he possessed three thousand pounds. Jonathan was tired of the small radius of life which his chain allowed him to experience, and he longed to see beyond that, into the world of the rich man with the long chain, the huge radius. That man must see the wonderful things of life, and never long for wider circles, never feel the agony of not being able to move on as much as he would like, for he can be content with his own round of life.

Jonathan sighed again before he turned to go into his sleeping compartment. That night, he did not sleep straight away, but lay thinking of those other worlds beyond his reach. The more he thought of them, the more he longed for freedom.

Suddenly he was aware of another being standing beside him, yet he was not afraid. Then the wonderful thing happened. The stranger told him that he had come to take Jonathan on a journey. It must be a journey in one of two directions, either forwards or backwards. Only one way would lead to the desired place, and it was for Jonathan to choose. Strangely enough, Jonathan felt himself hesitating. He wondered why, for he had always longed to go forward into the rich man's land,

and yet, now that he had the chance to go, he hesitated. Then he knew why. There had always been a vague feeling that he had missed something in his restlessness. He had forgotten that there must be a centre to every man's circle. To get to that centre would mean turning and going back, but he knew that something magnificent was awaiting him there, better than anything that could be found forwards. He turned to the stranger and said, "Backwards." His man-made chains ceased to exist, and he saw God.

### **THE PATH TO HUMAN FORM**

by R. J. Howell, Form VI (2)

Once upon a time, ambling along the path of evolution, came an old piliferous primate. Some way back along the path he had begotten others such as himself, two sons, who had now overtaken him and left him far behind. Let us also leave our plodding old friend, who with an ever-slowng step nears his grave just over the hill, and by adding a few extra cells to our brain leap forth to fall in with his two sons.

Here they are in the prime of life, hurrying along, whither they know not, why they know not; this only they know, that they must hurry, and each that he must outstrip the other. How can they tell, as we who come after can tell, that it is the cry of unborn humanities from within, propelling them along the road?

Let us now consider the two souls before us. Both are equally capable in some directions, as is seen by their equal pace, but there are marked differences. Travelling on the sinister side is a creature furtive in appearance; his eye is held by the earth, so that he is quick to notice the evil asp squirming into the undergrowth; he smiles at the perfidious stinking ditch streaked with blood from some recent carnage; he dwells lustfully on the gloomy black forest and the possibilities therein. Turning to the other side, we behold a creature that at once rouses love from her couch within us. His soft warm eyes are amused by the dexterity of the spider weaving his web; his heart melts at the beauty of the pearly dew drop caught thereon; he is overcome by the trill of the lark high in the sunlit sky.

Look ahead! Do not our hearts pound within us with fear? The path penetrates a black cavernous rock. See how thin lips curl to a smile. Let us leap o'er this evil place ere we faint with misgiving. Behold! But one remains, travelling sinisterly, his long curved fingers dripping blood, while his tongue darts out and from time to time licks the pure red remnants of his brother. Therefore are we by nature evil, yet is there not a pure red blood within us, by which we live?

### **OCTOBER THOUGHTS, 1956**

by Daphne Jefferies, Form VI (2)

Stately trees,  
Quiet street,  
Gun rattle,  
Rush of feet,  
Blonde head,  
Clothes torn,  
Bandage red,  
Face worn.  
Afterwards.  
Pick up the dead.  
Lay them deep  
In earthen bed.

## **LONDON VISIT 1957**

By Helen Haste, Form 5A

On 25th October, forty-five boys and girls set off from Bristol with Miss Walker, Miss B. Cook, Mr. Williams and Mr. Aldrick in charge. The day was fine and the journey enjoyable.

After lunch in the grounds, we visited the Natural History Museum, the Imperial Institute, where some saw a film, the Science Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Tea at Lyons Corner House was followed by a visit to Wyndham's Theatre, to see "The Boy Friend". While waiting to go in, we sat on wooden seats in a narrow alley among blazes of neon-lights, for we were in sight of at least three of the well-known cinemas. We were also entertained by a busker. "The Boy Friend" was a lighthearted musical, which delighted everyone. On the 'bus to Highgate Hill and the Youth Hostel, we caused quite a stir, for it is not often that people ask for "forty-five halves, please!"

On Sunday we set off early for Madame Tussaud's. We were impressed by the waxworks of famous statesmen and it was quite difficult to believe that they were not real. Some of us entered the ghostly Chamber of Horrors, but except for the torture, it was a little disappointing. We then walked to the National Gallery, where, regrettably, a few found interest only in the warmth and comfort. However, most of us were impressed by the pictures. In the afternoon we walked to Buckingham Palace through Hyde Park, and then back through Admiralty Arch. We attended the service in St. Martins-in-the-Fields in the evening, where we sat above the choir. The sermon by the Reverend Austin Williams was an inspiring part of a most interesting service.

Monday found us at the Tower of London. By conversation with an official we learnt a great deal more about the history than is actually presented. We saw the Crown Jewels and devised several ingenious but unfortunately impracticable plots for stealing them. We then went by river ferry to St. Paul's Cathedral. There we saw the crypt, the Whispering Gallery and the Stone Gallery, the best of which we were unable to appreciate as rain spoiled the view. Later, we were given a choice of walking to the "Discovery", or going shopping; the "Discovery" party later visiting the Festival Hall. Those who went shopping returned to the rendezvous via Piccadilly Circus, and we set off to the Ambassador's Theatre to see Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap". The play is well contrived and most enjoyable.

As Tuesday was our last day, we were rather rushed, with little time to see Westminster Abbey. The member of Parliament for South Gloucestershire, Captain Corfield, very kindly gave up his time to take us on a most interesting tour of the Houses of Parliament, a lovely finale to a wonderful weekend.

We wish to thank Miss Walker, Miss Cook and the other members of staff and hope that they enjoyed it as much as we did.

## **BRISTOL—BORDEAUX EXCHANGE, 1958**

by Penelope Britton and Janet Arbon, Form 5A

We set out on a cold frosty morning, but at Temple Meads at three-thirty a.m. all was a buzz with the noise of high pitched chatter. We were to travel in groups and everyone was milling around looking for the group leaders. At last the big moment came; a loudspeaker announcement asked us to go onto the platform and to take our places

in the train. After farewells and requests to "Please write when you get to Paris", we left Bristol. The long journey was just starting and was to last for over twenty-four hours. The first leg was soon over, but many, I feel sure, thought it passed too slowly. On our arrival at Paddington we found a dozen or so coaches waiting to take us to Victoria for the Newhaven train. After two hours travelling through countryside, now bathed in spring sunshine, we arrived at the port. Passports were hurriedly produced and hand-luggage taken down from the rack, as we all scrambled to be first aboard the ferry, through the customs and up the gangway. The sea was blue and calm and a white cloud of gulls followed in our wake, which trailed away to England. Dieppe, a little French port with a sheltered harbour, came into sight at about three-thirty G.M.T., and so our own watches had to be set forward to Continental time. We disembarked and boarded the waiting train, which was on the quayside, and which we noticed was very clean and very modern. When we got into the country, we also noticed the tremendous speed. We arrived at Paris on schedule. We were then whisked through the streets of Paris, by coach, to our respective hotels. Our group was accommodated in 'Hotel Parisiana'. This was in the students' quarter on the left bank of the Seine, known as the Latin Quarter. Our hotel was not a spectacular building, but we were all very pleased with our sleeping arrangements and with the very comfortable beds, to which we were looking forward!

The next day, Saturday, March 21st, we were given a free morning and we decided to spend it just wandering around the streets of Paris, near to our hotel and buying postcards to send to our waiting parents. Then we were taken on a conducted tour of Paris and visited SacréCoeur, which is an impressive church, built on a hill and overlooking Paris. It is a white-domed building which is approached by numerous steps. Afterwards we returned to our hotel, where we were given supper; then we turned in early, as next morning we were to be up at 6 a.m. to begin the long train journey to Bordeaux.

At six o'clock we went down to breakfast for rolls, coffee, butter and jam. Our coach came promptly and away we went to the station to catch the train for Bordeaux. It was very hot and as soon as we were on the train all coats and berets were discarded. As we travelled further south the vineyards grew more frequent and a ripple of excitement passed through us, as we approached Bordeaux railway station and the end of our journey. At Bordeaux we were taken first into a large waiting hail, and then off we went either to a boarding-school or to the homes of our new-found French families.

During our stay in Bordeaux we were taken on several excursions. The first was to a newly opened radio station. The second was to Nerac and Condom. At Nerac we looked around the museum and then walked along the banks of the river, which at that time of the year were very pretty. Later we ate a picnic lunch in a very modern market-place. After Nerac we went to Condom and here we had a distant view of the Pyrenees. We were very interested in the cathedral and the old town. We found ourselves privileged visitors; the townsfolk provided buns, cakes and lemonade for us. That night we arrived home very late, tired after an exciting day. The next trip was by boat up the river to Pouillac and on the way we were entertained by gramophone records. We visited the château and saw wine being made. At the wine merchants we were shown the cellars and were told the wine was of good vintage. April 20th, the day on which our visit ended, came too quickly and once again we

assembled at Bordeaux station to return home. The time had come to say goodbye and we were all very sad to leave our friends. After our farewells, we boarded the train and with a jerk it pulled out of Bordeaux and we were "en route" for home.

We arrived in Bristol at eleven p.m., the day after, tired and travel stained, our money spent and holiday over, though perhaps not entirely over, for memories will long remain.

## **CROSCOMBE, 1958**

by J. P. Simons, Form 5A

The thirteenth annual Youth Hostelling visit to Croscombe was made during a week-end of the Summer Term. The party of forty-five, led by Mr. and Mrs. Wright, and Mr. Gwilliams, travelled by coach to Wells, the last stage of the journey to Croscombe being walked, by way of an introduction to the rigours that were to come!

On Saturday, in variable weather, a walk of fifteen miles failed to quench any enthusiasm. We visited Maesbury Castle, a formidable Romano-British encampment. The walk continued westwards along the limestone ridge of the Mendips via Horrington Hill to Biddlecombe, where we ate lunch. From here a stiff climb brought us to the peak of Pen Hill, exactly 1,000 feet above sea level; despite the poor visibility which prevailed, this point afforded magnificent views to the south and west. Continuing westwards, we reached Ebbor Gorge, a deep, spectacular wooded valley. From here, footpaths brought the party to Wookey Hole, and thence to the tiny city of Wells. Here, we enjoyed a break for tea, and a visit to the Cathedral. A pleasant stroll back to Croscombe rounded off the day.

On Sunday morning we took a coach to Glastonbury to visit the Tor and the Abbey. From the top of the Tor, shipping in the Bristol Channel, thirty miles away, was plainly visible. The coach then transported the party to Wookey, where the well-known caves, which need no description, were visited. The walk from Wookey to Cheddar Gorge, across the scarp face of the Mendips, was a draughty but exhilarating experience. At Cheddar, the tourist home-bound coach awaited its exhausted but ever-cheerful burden.

## **STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, 1958**

by Frieda Mott, Form Up. 5C

On the evening of Friday May 9th, a school party, consisting of members of the Upper and Lower Fifth forms under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey, Miss Hunter and Mr. Gambling, went by coach to Stow. At seven o'clock the coach dropped us, with the exception of Miss Hunter and some fifth form girls (who went on to prepare cocoa) within two miles of the hostel. On arrival we had sandwiches and cocoa and then we went on a short local walk. By nine o'clock we were back at the hostel, amusing ourselves in the common room before going to bed.

The next morning, after an enjoyable breakfast, we did our-respective duties and then, carrying sandwiches and raincoats, we set off for Bourton-on-the-Water. Whilst crossing a field we had to wade through a stream to avoid a bull. At Bourton we had a short break and then went to inspect the model village. After admiring this exquisite craftsmanship we continued on our way to Lower Slaughter, and here we ate our dinner and took a rest. It was now about two o'clock and we proceeded to Upper Slaughter. By five-thirty we were back at the hostel

and after dinner we were allowed to visit the fair which was taking place in front of the hostel.

The next day, after breakfast and duties, we were all picked up by the coach which carried us to the quaint Cotswold village of Naunton where we left the coach to walk to Chedworth Roman Villa. On the way we were passed by the Head Master, with Mrs. Rouch and Miss Rees. We all met for dinner and followed this with a game of rounders which the boys won. Our visitors then left us and we continued our walk. At the Villa we spent an enjoyable hour, some studying history, and some sunbathing. At three-thirty we rejoined the coach at Fossebridge, and we should like to thank the members of the staff concerned for providing us with a most enjoyable weekend.

### **ST. BRIAVELS, 1958**

by Valerie Hargreaves, Form Up. 5B

A party of thirty left Thornbury for St. Briavels at 5 p.m. on Friday May 8th. We went first to Berkeley from where we took a train over the River Severn to Lydney. Now came the moment we had been waiting for, when we started our seven mile walk to the castle of St. Briavels where we were to spend the night. En route we stopped for a picnic tea at the Scowles, a very picturesque area. In which there are many ancient mines, By nine o'clock we were all very pleased to see the old grey castle in the hills ahead.

The next morning, our enthusiastic party set off at a brisk pace for Symond's Yat. After walking several miles up and down hills, and through the Forest of Dean, following the River Wye for the most part, we arrived at the Yat. It was a steep climb to the top, but the majority of us managed it. Our hard work, though, proved well worth while as we were all tremendously impressed by the view of the winding river with its meanders (pointed out by Mr. Lodge), which are supposed to be some of the best in the country. After a boat trip along the Wye it was time for us to return to our hostel.

After being conducted around the castle, supposed to be haunted by the ghost of one of William the Conqueror's soldiers, we said goodbye to our very hospitable warden and started our fifteen mile walk to Beachley. We had lunch at the top of Devil's Pulpit overlooking Tintern Abbey and then marched on, following the river all the way to Chepstow. Here we were shown over Chepstow Castle whilst we waited for the remaining section of the party. The last stage of our journey was now very close at hand, as we were to return via the ferry to Aust. Immediately we got on to the boat it began to pour with rain and what with this and the rough water, we became very wet; nevertheless it was great fun! We arrived on the other side at 6.0 p.m., after a very tiring but enjoyable weekend for which we would like to thank Miss Walker, Mr. Lodge and Mr. Williams.

### **SNOWDON FIELD WEEK, 1958**

by Mary Burke and Sylvia Gerrard Form VI (1)

This year a party of sixth form pupils from the Biology and Geography departments, accompanied by five members of staff, spent a very enjoyable week in Snowdonia. The main purpose of the trip was to study the work of ice in a highland region, though other aspects of Geography were also considered. The party left Thornbury on Thursday April 3rd at 8 a.m. and we travelled via Gloucester to Ross-on-Wye.

From here we followed the Wye Valley, leaving the coach at Rhayader to walk to the source of the river at Plynlimon. The journey was continued through Machynlleth, Dolgelly, and Beddgelert. We arrived in Llanberis at 7 p.m.

On the Friday morning, we awoke to find the mountain slopes covered in snow. However, this did not dampen our spirits, as Thompson showed by going for an early morning plunge in Llyn Padarn. We set out prepared to climb the Glyders, the steepness of which was made worse by the driving snow. Once at the top of the Glyders we arrived at the Devil's Kitchen, down which we climbed to Llyn Idwal. During the descent of the Devil's Kitchen we noticed icicles nine to fifteen feet long. We then travelled by coach up the Nant Ffrancon Valley to the Menai Straits, where we spent the afternoon collecting marine animals and plants.

Saturday dawned cold and grey. On account of this it was decided that we should tour the coastal towns and castles of North Wales. We started the tour at the Roman Settlement in Caernarvon and then we visited Caernarvon Castle. Then we travelled via the coast road to Conway, where we spent an hour exploring the town and the ruined castle, and examining the construction of the bridges, across the mouth of the Conway. During the afternoon we walked round Great Orme's Head to Llandudno and from there back to Llanberis via the Conway Valley.

The following day we attended morning service at the quaint old church in Bettws-y-Coed. Then after a short break for lunch the party was divided into pairs. Couples left the coach at five minute intervals, and so the Mapwork and Biology competition began. The competition was won by Sylvia Gerrard and G. Organ.

Monday proved to be the perfect day for our ascent of Snowdon. We left the hotel at 9 p.m. and travelled by coach via the Pass of Llanberis to the Oorphwysta hotel. Here we began our climb up Snow-don, past Llyn Lydaw, the disused copper mine, and Glaslyn. Following the track we scrambled up the steepening slope to the Pyg Track, which led us to the railway lines, and at last to the summit. The view was magnificent; stretching right before us were the mountains of Snowdonia and in the far distance the Menai Straits glistened in the sun. We then descended the ridge which led us down to Beddgelert. Here we visited the tomb of Gelert, who was the favourite hound of a Welsh prince. The story goes that the prince came back to find the cradle which the dog was guarding overturned. Seeing no sign of the baby, and blood upon the hound, the prince drew his sword and slew his favourite, Gelert. When the cradle was righted, the baby was discovered, alive and unharmed, and on the floor was a dead wolf that the hound had killed in protecting his young master. The prince never forgave himself for killing Gelert: he called the place of his burial, Beddgelert, and never smiled again.

Tuesday morning we went to the slate quarries at Penrhyn, where we were shown around by the oldest employee. We then drove up the Nant Ffrancon Valley, which is the best example of a glaciated valley in the British Isles. Later, at Bettws-y-Coed, we left the coach to walk and to study some of the lakes in the region. Mr. Bell left the leadership to members of the party, who took it in turns to direct the others over the mountains. It was not surprising that we arrived back at the hotel exceptionally late and very tired that evening.

Our last complete day. Wednesday, was usefully spent in conducting

a transect of the Conway Valley. Once again the party was divided into pairs. Each pair were given a section of the valley to examine thoroughly. This project was followed by a visit to the Forestry Commission at Bettws-y-Coed. We were shown the young trees in the nurseries, and were given an explanation of the lay-out of the forest. We then went back to the Forestry School and were given a very interesting lecture on the prospects of working with the Forestry Commission.

Thursday morning, with heavy hearts and sore feet, we left Llanberis and travelled home via Llangollen and Shrewsbury. About five o'clock we arrived back in Thornbury. The trip was very successful and except for a few blisters and sprained ankles we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We should like to thank Mr. Bell, Miss Rees and other members of staff, for making the trip so enjoyable and memorable.

## **AN EASTER VACATION COURSE**

by C. Riddiford, Form VI (1)

This Easter I was fortunate in being selected to go on a one week engineering course, organised by Messrs. Daniels Ltd. Also taking the course were three other Grammar School sixth formers, a public school boy and a technical school boy, two of whom came from Devon and Cornwall.

The object of the course was to give us a first-hand knowledge of factory life, with the administration, working conditions and facilities available to apprentices. The course could be divided into two main parts, informed talks and works visits. Also, there was a little practical work in the apprentice school.

Our first lecture was an introductory one on industrial organization by the works manager, who not only gave us a complete picture of the general organisation, but also explained to us the available machinery for settling industrial disputes. The other talks were given by the heads of departments, notably the Design, Progress, Planning and Work Study departments. The research and metallurgical departments came as rather a shock to us, as the former was in a small modified machine shop, and the latter in a little room where one metallurgist and his assistant did all their work in connection with the foundry. The research department was more inventive than scientific, its members being engineers and craftsmen.

During the works visits we learnt something about the principles and stages of construction of such varied products as air cleaners required in factory chimneys, presses for plastic moulding and small, compact power-saws.

We who went on the course feel indebted to Miss Lucas, the Personnel Officer, and Mr. Wilkins, the Apprentice Supervisor, who organised and ran it, and also to the Principal of Stroud Technical College, Mr. Stubbs, not only for pointing out the need for technical education today, and the responsibilities of the Grammar Schools in this respect, but also for taking us on a conducted tour of his magnificently equipped college. I would finally like to thank Messrs. Daniels Ltd., who not only suffered our presence on this most instructive course, but also provided us with free meals in their canteens and free accommodation in the neighbourhood.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

We congratulate the following on their academic successes:

Honours (Old Thornburians)

A. C. Darby, B.Sc., 2nd Class Honours, Chemistry, London.

A. Fowell, B.Sc., 2nd Class Honours, Engineering, Nottingham.

P. Fowell, B.Sc., 2nd Class Honours, Chemistry, Manchester. Examination Results—Universities, 1958

J. E. Riddle, 1st Class Honours, Engineering, Birmingham.

C. Cooper, 2nd Class Honours, Music, Reading.

I. T. Jackson, 2nd Class Honours, Geography, Birmingham.

L. Watkins, 2nd Class Honours, Chemistry, Manchester.

C. Davies, 2nd Class Honours, Physics, Manchester.

B. D. Thompson, 2nd Class Honours, Zoology, Southampton. Southern Universities Joint Board  
“A” Level, 1957

Marilyn Avent—Geography, Biology.

Elizabeth Cannock—English.

M. J. Challenger—Chemistry, Physics.

ne Codling—English, History.

J. Davies—Physics.

P. Dickinson—Chemistry (D), Pure and Applied Mathematics (D), Physics (State

Scholarship).

Sheila Fairman—Geography.

M. G. Hanks—Physics (D), Pure Mathematics.

P. H. Hawkins—Chemistry, Physics.

R. F. Jackson—History, Geography (S) (County Major Scholarship).

B. G. Keedwell—Chemistry (S), Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics (County Major  
Scholarship).

Betty Knapp—History, Geography.

Mary McIntyre—History, Geography.

Jennifer Morse—English, History, Geography (County Major Scholarship).

D. J. Morris—Chemistry, Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics.

A. C. B. Nicholls—Physics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.

G. H. Organ—Geography, Biology, Chemistry.

Patricia Parfitt—Geography.

D. H. Price—Chemistry, Physics (S), Pure and Applied Mathematics.

W. J. Pullin—History, Geography.

A. C. Slade—History, Geography.

Kathleen Stephens—English, History.

C. A. Tanner—History, Geography.

R. I. Wells—Chemistry (S), Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics, (County Major  
Scholarship).

Gillian White—Biology, Chemistry.

Mary Wilson—English, Art (5).

Joan Wright—English.

M. G. Wright—Chemistry, Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics (County Major  
Scholarship).

D: Distinction. S: Scholarship Level.

G.C.E. “0” Level, 1957

(Candidates with four or more passes)

Susan M. Benson, Patricia M. Breen, M. H. Brown, D. Burgess, Mary M. Burke, Wendy A. Campbell, D. Carter, Anne K. M. Clark, Judith M. Clarke, Rosemary C. Clews, R. G. Climmer, Barbara Cole,

D. C. Cole, R. W. C. Collett, R. J. Cowler, D. C. Cullimore, C. R. Curtis, M. W. Darlington, A. W. D. Davies, F. P. F. Drake, Mary L. Earner, Judith M. Elliott, R. P. Entwistle, C. W. Evans, Jennifer Evans, Sylvia M. Gerrard, Joan A. Gingell, Elizabeth A. Grey, Hazel V. Grey, R. J. Hill, A. N. Hitch, Valerie Holman, M. James, A. R. Jenkins, Gillian R. Jones, M. D. Jones, Patricia M. Jones, Jillian M. King, Sheila Lee, Anne Legge, Anita Lewis, Janice C. Lloyd, Muriel H. Malpass, Linda B. Manning, K. J. Marsland, J. J. Martin, A. E. Mellor, K. C. Molony, Jeanne Pearce, G. S. Peck, J. V. Pullin, G. B. Purnell, R. J. Pym, G. Richards, C. L. Riddiford, R. W. Simpson, D. H. Skuse, J.E. Smith, Joan Thomas, J. V. Townsend, Yvonne M. Underhill, D. F. Waring, P. C. Willcox, Myra A. Wilson, Diane P. M. Woodham, Carole A. Worthington.

Commercial Certificates, 1957

Christine Jeanes, Eileen Jenkins, Susan Noble, Gillian Skuse, Jill Varney, Pauline Wright.

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## NEWS OF OLD THORNBURIAN'S

E. Thompson, after serving in the police, has returned home from Kenya. Captain Hugh Thomas, and his wife Miriam (née Craik-Smith) have returned home from Hong Kong. John Blenkinsopp, in Cyprus, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Henry Smith has returned home from Singapore. Roger Jackson, 2nd Lieutenant in the Gloucesters, is now in Kenya. Colin Browning is at the Shade School of Fine Art in London. Jessica Hewlett is reading French at the University of Leicester, and will be visiting France soon. Anne Weeks, upon completion of her training college course in July, will begin teaching at Downend. When Raymond Browne finishes his National Service in the R.A.F., he will attend York Training College. Heather Thomas is teaching at Newton Abbott Secondary Modern School, Maureen Watts is nursing at Bristol Royal Infirmary. A. C. Shade, at present in Ceylon, and Colin Tanner, are now serving in the R.A.F. and will enter Loughborough Training College upon completion of their National Service. At the B.A.C., David Waring and Alan Chater obtained "B" grade posts, and Michael James a "C" grade post. Pauline Stitt is working at the B.A.C., and Barry Cooke at Fisons, Avonmouth. Pauline Payne is in the Westminster Bank at Westbury-on-Trym, and at Totterdown, Robert Tucker is also working in a Bank. Jeannette Loveridge, has qualified as an ophthalmologist at B.R.I. Gillian Skuse is working in the Thornbury R.D.C. offices. Gordon Spratt won first prize and the championship in a ploughing contest at

Almondsbury, run by Olveston Y.F.C., and John Ford is farming at Severn Beach.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes for the future to the following weddings: Barbara Hedges, Carol Staley to Michael Spratt, John Staley, Barbara Bidwell, Muriel James, Anne Williams, Jeanette Loveridge, Shirley Hawkins to B. Powell, Joan Blythe, Rhoda Poole, Doreen Riddiford, Catherine Skinner to John Lydford, Angela Vizard to Derrick Harris, Donald Malpass, Doris Hooper, Mary Vickery, Donald Carter; and to the following engagements: Jennifer Bidwell, Helen Hard-castle, Sheila Blair to Colin Tanner, Pamela Peacock, Anita Adams to J. Hobkirk, Leslie Watkins, Judith Robson, Andrew Fowell, George Davis, Margaret Caswell to Derek Hawkins.

Births: Mary McInnes (née Rouch). a daughter, Peter and Vivien Thompson (née Mortimer) a son.

## VALETE

### School Captains:

Mary Newman

B. G. Keedwell

### School Vice-Captains

Elizabeth James

R. I. Davies

### Lower Sixth:

Janice Lloyd

Carole Worthington

A. Davies

Sylvia Gerrard

S. Harding

R. Harris

K. Long

D. Reardon

R. Simpson

G. Summers

D. Trueman

W. Yelland

### School Prefects:

Diana Watkins

Joan Jennings

Ann Rea

Ann Beard

Jacqueline Prudhoe

Elizabeth Jones

Gloria Boxwell

Eileen Smith

Pamela Bennett

Margaret Shellard

Anne Clark

G. H. Organ

D. J. Morris

A. C. B. Nicholls

D. H. Price

M. C. Gregory

A. J. Phillips

R. J. Howell

D. J. Thompson

I. P. Drabble

A. J. Harding

G. G. Carey

### Upper 5A:

Gillian Arberry

Diana Milner

Margaret Roberts

Elaine Short

C Mann

K. Jones

C. Curley

A. McCoy

D. Rowe

### Upper 5B:

Margaret Anholm

Sheila Barnes

Linda Barrows

Jennifer Brown

Valerie Mountain

Judith O'Neill

Gillian Lawrence

C. Beeks

R. Challenger

D. Cullimore

R. Cowler

### Upper 5C:

Jacqueline Tedder

Susan Corbin

Valerie Buck

Anita Clark

Carol Everitt

Marguerite Shattock

Grace Rae

Pauline Rundle

Wendy Hopes

R. Court

R. Hughes

M. Jefferies

O. Lloyd

D. Meek

K. Mossman

R. Powell

R. Pym

A. Wits

R. Sparrow

## UNIVERSITY LETTERS

The Editor,

University College, Swansea.

Dear Sir,

I am coming to the end of my first year at the University, here at Swansea. Situated in Singleton Park, the University College of Swansea has an unrivalled view of the broad sweep of Swansea Bay from Mumbles Head to Porthcawl, and on a clear day one can see the North

Devon Coast, with the Lundy Island light at night. The College grounds are almost adjacent to the foreshore at Brynmill, a great advantage to students during warmer weather. Most students, however, seem to prefer the picturesque and secluded bays of the Gower Peninsula.

The main building of the College, known as the Abbey, has attached to it a wealth of history, the Singleton landlords now having been displaced by the University Registry and the Arts Department. When the College was brought into being in the early 1920's, all the Science Departments were housed in semi-permanent buildings. A Natural Science block was opened two years ago, a Chemistry building is under construction, and this is to be followed by an Applied Science building, three new hostels and an up-to-date Union House.

Perhaps the first unusual feature which strikes the stranger at the College, is the large number of overseas students who are studying here. As well as those taking the more usual round of subjects, there is a class of students following a special course in Social Studies, instituted here by the United Nations Organisation and attended by young people from some of the more backward countries of the world. In recognition of the international feeling here, a coloured student from Sierra Leone has been voted President of the Students' Union for next year.

In common with Universities elsewhere, the College boasts a large variety of clubs and societies, with interests ranging from sport to politics, from mountain-climbing to swimming. The facilities here are excellent and cater for most sports, the amenities including a large heated swimming pool. As we are a constituent college of the University of Wales there is a great rivalry in inter-college activities and the playing fields are seldom unoccupied in the afternoon.

In closing I would like to send my best wishes to the staff and pupils and express the hope that soon I shall not be the only Thornburian here.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. WRIGHT.

St. John's College, Cambridge.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

The achievement of one of my earliest ambitions to become a member of this University, has often been a source of wonderment to me, and not once in this year have I regretted that seemingly small amount of work which, presumably, got me here.

Cambridge is more than an end: it is a beginning: the opening of vast new opportunities for learning and thinking—particularly thinking: it is a perfect time for evolving and rejecting personal theories on almost any subject, including philosophy, religion, politics and the arts. In the privacy of one's rooms, in company with good coffee and a small circle of friends, it seems possible to talk and think finely and clearly. Unfortunately Cambridge life generally is often false and superficial and it is rarely possible to put into practice the theories one may propound, I think this is because the rate at which one is obliged to work, whether with one's 'fingers-to-the-bone' as a Scientist, or in merely mooning about with books as that lowest form of undergraduate existence, the Arts Man.

In working here, as a Scientist, one is constantly aware of the tradi

dons of the University. The outsider hears more perhaps of the Cavendish than any other Institute, and amusing anecdotes of its inmates are legion. We hear of Cockcroft and Rutherford building vacuum apparatus of old petrol pumps sealed with plasticine; or of Wilson, of cloud chamber fame, who never paid more than £5 for any piece of apparatus, and of whom one of his collaborators said, "If only we had had a magnet, we should have discovered the positive electron before the Americans".

But perhaps more important for the undergraduate than knowing how to work, is knowing how to relax. This is a beautiful city, its buildings unspoiled by industry, and architecturally far more congenial to the eye than Oxford's crumbling façades. We have of course the incomparable Backs, where many an hour is spent watching or indulging in the wet and dry sport of punting. On the sports fields, too, though many international and county players are blooded here, there is plenty of room for the dabbler, room to watch, to play and to learn. This, with the many academic, political and musical societies extant, absorbs a great deal of time.

Altogether, we enjoy a very free and broad society, wherein individual taste may be indulged, sometimes surfeited, and where both tradition and initiative are the watchwords.

Yours sincerely, JOHN P. DICKINSON.

## **HOUSE REPORTS**

### **CLARE HOUSE REPORT**

**Captains: Joan Jennings and J. P. Drabble**

Clare House had a very high standard to maintain this year as we rather 'swept the board' on the games field in '56-57. Although we have lost most of our coveted shields, Clare's spirit still remains on the games side and in other activities and we have high hopes of retaining the Athletics Shield at the end of term. This year the house was divided into Senior and Junior sections, and we thank Susan Robins and G. Jones for their able captaincy of the Junior House.

We welcome Mr. Gambling who joined our House this year and we are sorry to say good-bye to Messrs. Hampson, Birtles and Williams. We wish them well in their new posts. We sincerely hope that Miss Walker, who became our housemistress last September, has found her new office enjoyable, and we are very grateful to her and Mr. Johnson for their hard work and encouragement.

### **HOWARD HOUSE REPORT**

**Captains: Diana Watkins and B. J. Nott**

Howard House has had a very successful year and has gained the Hockey, Tennis and Senior Rugby shields. Also, we have retained the Netball, Music, and Junior Rugby, Association Football and Academic shields.

This year has been the first time for the House to be divided into Senior and Junior sections. However, we hope that this will not affect the House spirit. The Junior House has had a good beginning and has been ably led by Miss Hunter and Mr. Jenkins who were assisted by the Junior Captains, Margaret Phillips and D. Rymer.

We hope that the new members of the House will support all activities with enthusiasm. The House welcomes Miss Preston, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Keeling. We are sorry to say good-bye to Mr. Thomas so soon and wish him every success in the future.

## STAFFORD HOUSE REPORT

Captains: Gloria Boxwell and J. L. Caswell

Although we have no large array of shields, we in Stafford are on the road to recovering our former glory. We still retain the Swimming Shield and Physical Training Shield, and we have regained the Senior and Junior Cross Country Shields. It is encouraging to note that all these trophies rely on team-work rather than individualistic efforts. The division of the House into Senior and Junior sections resulted in our having separate Junior and Senior parties, both of which were as successful as ever.

We are pleased to note that we are not losing any of our members of Staff and hope that this will contribute to new found successes next year.

## WHITSUN HOLIDAY HISTORY QUIZ—1958

### QUESTIONS

- How many wives had each of the following?  
(a) Henry VIII; (b) Solomon; (c) Attila; (d) Edward V;  
(e) Mohammed.
- How did each of the following commit suicide?  
(a) Hitler; (b) Lord Castlereagh; (c) Cleopatra; (d) Boadicea;  
(e) Hannibal; (f) Capt. Oates; (g) Seneca; (h) Aegeus.
- Which General won battles at?  
(a) Copenhagen, Aboukir, (b) Austerlitz, Marengo, Jena;  
(c) Blenheim, Ramillies, Ouderarde; (d) River Boyne;  
(e) El Alamein; (f) Naseby, Worcester, Marston Moor;  
(g) Pharsalus; (h) Arbela, Chaeronia.
- In what countries did the following events occur?  
(a) The Hegira; (b) St. Bartholomew's Day;  
(c) Massacre of the Innocents;  
(d) The Vespers; (e) Crossing the Rubicon;  
(f) Great Trek; (g) The '49;  
(h) Jameson Raid; (i) Sarajevo;  
(j) Battle of Harper's Ferry;  
(k) Boxer Rising; (l) Tennis Court Oath;  
(m) Defenestration of Prague; (n) Easter Rebellion;  
(o) Well of Cawnpore.
- What names are, or were, the following better known by?  
(a) Josip Broz; (b) Vissaninovich Djugashvili; (c) Boz;  
(d) Schickelgruber; (e) Bronstein; (f) John Johnson; (g) Codes.
- Who was monarch in Britain at the time of?  
(a) Jack the Giant Killer; (b) Little Jack Homer;  
(c) Fire of London; (d) Black Death; (e) Robin Hood;  
(f) Babington Plot; (g) Popish Plot; (h) Cato Street Conspiracy;  
(i) Tolpuddle Martyrs; (j) Great Exhibition; (k) Boston Tea Party;  
(l) Morton's Fork; (m) South Sea Bubble; (n) Geddes Axe.
- Which English king or queen had ?  
(a) The Longest Reign; (b) The Shortest Reign;  
(c) Earliest Accession; (d) Latest Accession;  
(e) Most Husbands; (f) Most wives;  
(g) Most children; (h) Most stepmothers;  
(i) Youngest wife; (j) Shortest life; (k) Longest life.

8. Who said:
- (a) Oh my country! How I love my country!
  - (b) Die, my dear Doctor? That's the last thing I shall do.
  - (c) Do not hack me, as you did my Lord Russell.
  - (d) A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs.
  - (e) I hate all Boets and Bainters.
  - (f) If thy heart fails thee, climb not at all.
  - (g) I desire you would use all your skill to paint my picture truly like me ...remark all these roughnesses, pimples, warts and everything you see.
  - (h) Brother, I am too old to go on my travels again.
  - (i) Backs to the wall!
  - (j) Remember!
  - (k) Fight on!
  - (l) Thalassa! Thalassa!
  - (m) O God of battles, steel my soldiers hearts.
  - (n) Peace! Peace!
  - (o) Situation excellente: J'attaque.
9. Who wrote:
- (a) The First Blast on the Trumpet against the monstrous Regiment of Women.
  - (b) The Communist Manifesto. (c) Mein Kampf.
  - (d) The Gettysburg Speech. (e) Journal of the Plague Year.
  - (f) Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation.
  - (g) Pilgrim's Progress, (h) The Rights of Man.
  - (i) The Republic. (j) The Odyssey.
10. In which country would you find:
- (a) The Mikado; (b) The Czar; (c) Gestapo; (d) Samurai;
  - (e) Janisseries; (f) OGPU.
11. Who was king of France for only one day?
12. What is the Longest Cemetery in the World?
13. How did these words originate?
- (a) Bolshevik; (b) Boycott; (c) Cardigan.
14. What was a Jihad?
- The Competition was won by:**— 1st: Janet Roberts 4A. 2nd: Marilyn Teucher 4A. 3rd: Pat Heal 2A.
- Mr. Stacey's decision as to alternative answers must be accepted as final.

## SPORTS

### RUGBY FOOTBALL REPORT, 1957

**Captain: J. P. Drabble**

The First Rugby XV had a successful season, living up to last year's expectations. Of the ten matches played, seven were won.

The pack settled down early in the season and afforded few troubles as it contained several reliable players remaining from last year's team. The threequarter line, however, found difficulty in playing together, and most of their tries came from individual movements. The highlight of the season was the Old Thornburians' match, as this was the first time the School succeeded in winning. The School team played exceptionally well against a heavier and more experienced side.

The second XV maintained the good standard of school rugby by

winning all but one of their ten matches, thus providing much hope for next year. On the other hand, the Colts XV had a poor season owing to weak tackling and lack of weight in the scrum.

For the second time, a school side was knocked out in the first round of the Clifton seven-a-side tournament, and it is obvious that the school has much to learn in the art of seven-a-side rugby.

Four members of the first XV, Keedwell, Drabble, Phillips and Jenkins represented Bristol Public and Grammar Schools at rugby during the school holidays. Keedwell and Phillips brought us more credit by playing for Gloucestershire Schools.

### RUGBY RESULTS

	Opponents			Venue	Result	
Kingswood Grammar School	...	...	...	Away	Lost	8—18
Fairfield Grammar School	...	...	...	Away	Won	11—6
Cathedral School ...	...	...	...	Away	Won	14—0
Dursley Grammar School	...	...	...	Home	Won	54—0
Marling Grammar School	...	...	...	Away	Lost	9—42
Fairfield Grammar School	...	...	...	Home	Won	13 - 6
Cathedral School ...	...	...	...	Home	Won	6—3
Cotham Grammar School "A"	XV	...	...	Home	Won	14—3
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	...	...	...	Away	Lost	0—8
Old Thornburians XV	...	...	...	Home	Won	6—0

## HOCKEY REPORT, 1957-58

**Captain: Gloria Boxwell**

Although the School was unfortunate in losing five of its most outstanding hockey players, this season the high standard of play has been maintained. Of the sixteen matches, nine have been won, one drawn and six lost. The team was evenly balanced, the forwards and defence being equally strong, which resulted in more open games. The climax of the season for the first eleven came when they defeated the staff by five goals to four after being two goals down at half-time. Jennifer Brown and Gloria Boxwell played for the Gloucestershire Junior Second Eleven in their match against Glamorgan.

Although the second eleven have experienced many changes throughout the season, they met with equal success, winning nine of the fourteen matches played. This year the Colts team was re-formed and although they had played only one previous game, they entered the Gloucestershire Schools Junior Tournament and reached the final.

### 1st XI RESULTS Autumn Term

	Opponents			Venue	Result	Score
Redland Ladies	...	...	...	Home	Lost	0—4
Chipping Sodbury G.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	5—0
University 1st XI	...	...	...	Home	Lost	1—4
Redland H.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	2—0
Cirencester G.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	6—2
Gloucester H.S.	...	...	...	Away	Lost	1—3
Dursley G.S.	...	...	...	Away	Drawn	5—5
Stroud H.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	10—0

<b>Spring Term</b>						
University 1st XI	...	...	...	Home	Lost	2—5
Redland Ladies	...	...	...	Away	Lost	0—3
Redland H.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	6—2
Redmaids' H.S.	...	...	...	Away	Lost	1—2
Dursley G.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	3—2
Badminton H.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	3—2
Gloucester H.S.	...	...	...	Home	Won	4—2
Staff ...	...	...	...	Home	Won	5—4

## **CROSS-COUNTRY, 1958**

**Captain: D. J. Thompson**

The Cross Country Championship was won by Stafford House, with 29 points, with Howard House second (20 points) and Clare House third (6 points). In the Intermediate race, E. Gray broke his own school record for the course with the fine time of 18 minutes, 20.9 seconds.

The individual placings (1st ten in each race) were as follows:

<b>Senior</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Junior</b>
1 P. Pewsey (S)	1 E. Gray (C)	1 L. Price (S)
2 B. Purnell (H)	2 R. Millhouse (S)	2 D. Hunton (H)
3 R. Harris (S)	D. Edwards (S)	3 C. Brown (S)
4 D. Reardon (H)	4 D. Wright (C)	4 B. Curtis (S)
J H. Roberts (H)	5 R. Reeve (C)	5 T. Gunning (C)
6 J. Morris (S)	6 I. Willis (H)	6 J. Morris (H)
7 R. Collins (H)	7 J. Hortop (S)	7 J. Sansum (C)
8 D. Rosser (C)	8 I. Lowe (H)	8 O. Elson (S)
9 R. Entwistle (H)	9 H. Reed (S)	9 A. Welch (S)
10 A. Parfitt (S)	10 B. Page (S)	10 J. Hatton (S)

A cross-country match was held on the 5th March with Chipping Sodbury Grammar School. Thornbury Grammar School won by 35 points to 43. Three Thornbury runners shared first place, P. Pewsey, R. Harris and E. Gray.

## **ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REPORT, 1958**

**Captain D. J. Morris**

After an encouraging start to the season, with a good home win against Cotham Grammar School, the Soccer XI failed to come up to expectations. An erratic season produced some good wins, but also unfortunately featured some dismal performances. Eleven matches were played, four of which were won, four drawn and three lost.

The team played their best football with a full-strength half-back line, as against Bristol Technical School, and Chipping Sodbury. However, Davies, due to injury, was sadly missed in the centre-half position, as in the Dursley match, the revised half-back line being far less effective. The forwards did not settle down into a successful combination as expected, only rarely showing real form. Their play as a whole lacked purpose and a sad deficiency in shooting power was most evident. A sound win against Bristol University 3rd XI, together with a well earned double over Chipping Sodbury, were the best features of the season. The team played well against a powerful Old Thornburian side, but in the following match against the Staff a lack of cohesion was evident; heavier but less skilful opponents with their more direct approach work proving the better side.

A. J. Phillips was selected to attend the F.A. Schools Week, but an injury prevented him from participating.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS 1st XI

Opponents	Venue	Result
Cotham Grammar School	Home Won	5—3
Dursley Grammar School	Home Drawn	2—2
Bristol Technical School	Away Drawn	2—2
Bristol University 3rd XI	Home Won	4—1
Bristol Technical School	Home Drawn	1—1
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	Away Won	4—2
Dursley Grammar School	Away Lost	1—4
Cotham Grammar School	Away Lost	1—3
Old Thornburians XI	Home Lost	0—1
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	Home Won	3—2
<b>K.L.B.G.S.</b>	Home Drawn	1—1
School Staff	Home Lost	1—2

### School 1st XI v. Old Thornburians

School 0      Old Thornburians 1

W. T. Humphries, captaining the Old Boys, won the toss and the School kicked off on a beautiful sunny afternoon. A dry pitch and a light ball were largely responsible for the fast exhibition of football produced in the first half, throughout which the Old Boys attacked almost continuously. However, on only one occasion did they break through the tight School defence, when P. Williams scored.

With this narrow lead, the Old Boys never looked certain of victory, and the School side produced their best football in the second half, when shots from Reardon, Roberts and Phillips were well saved by D. Elliot in the visitors' goal. For the Old Boys, D. Hawkins came near to scoring with two powerful shots, but Thompson looked very secure.

Two strong and compact defences, A. Davies being outstanding for the School, were responsible for the low score, but the Old Boys were well worth their win by the odd goal.

Teams:

**School XI:** Thompson; Pym, Harding; Marsland, Davies, Morris; Phillips, Reardon, Roberts, Rosser, Keedwell.

**Old Thornburians XI:** Elliot; Davis, D. Hawkins; P. Hawkins, Lewis, Pritchard; Walker, Rosser, G. Hawkins, Humphries. Williams.

## NETBALL REPORT, 1957-58

**Captain: Mary Newman**

The improved standard of play has been maintained this season, and of thirty-three matches played, twenty-one have been won.

The 1st VII played consistently well and saw Netball at its best when defeated by the University 1st VII. The most exciting match was against Redland High School, where the result was uncertain almost until the final whistle. The standard of play was also high in the Under 14 VII, who lost only two of their twelve matches. The Under 13 VII improved with match experience, winning six of their eleven matches.

This year the School sent a Senior and Under 15 team to the Gloucestershire Schools Netball Tournament. The Seniors worked well as a team and reached the top of their section, so entering the semifinal. The Junior team also played well and won all their matches. With more concentrated practice and faster movement up the court, the teams should do even better next season.

## RESULTS 1st VII

Opponents	Venue	Result
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	... ..	Home Won 16—13
Kingswood Grammar School	... ..	Away Won 15—7
University .....	... ..	Home Won 16—11
Redland High School ("A" team)	... ..	Home Lost 14—15
Gloucester High School	... ..	Away Lost 10—17
University	... ..	Home Lost 3—30

## ATHLETICS REPORT, 1958

**Captains: Joan Jennings, J. P. Drabble**

Although we lost some outstanding athletes last year, the high standard of school's athletics has been maintained. Thornbury was once more well represented in the Bristol Schools' Championships, held at Oldland Secondary School. As a result of this meeting, three girls and eight boys were chosen to represent South Gloucestershire in the Gloucestershire Schools' Sports. A. Carter and R. Harris have been selected to represent the county in the South-West Region Championships.

In the inter-schools meetings with St. Brendan's College and the Cathedral School, Thornbury teams have been unsuccessful; however, despite defeat, the matches have proved most enjoyable.

## SPORTS DAY, 1957

As always, the weather proved fine for the Annual Sports Day. The winning House was Clare, and the prizes were distributed by Dr. E. M. Grace. Despite the Bristol Omnibus strike, it was pleasant to find so many parents and friends attending.

## SWIMMING SPORTS, 1957

**Captain: Margaret Bracey**

Despite transport difficulties, the Swimming Sports were held at the Blue Lagoon, Severn Beach, although the "Distances" had to be cancelled. The high standard of previous years was maintained, with Stafford House retaining the Swimming Shield and Relay Cup.

In the Bristol Schools' Swimming Sports, Carol Wright and Audrey Wright reached the semi-finals in the Junior Back Crawl. Thornbury were unable to enter a team owing to a leg injury to one of its members.

## TENNIS, 1958

**Captain: Linda Manning**

This year the team were lucky in retaining four of last year's members. It has been a more successful season and although the team were unsettled at first, they improved as they gained confidence. Their stroke play and strategem have gained much from the coaching of Mr. Johnson. They would do better, however, with more attack and net play.

## RESULTS

Opponents	Venue	Result
Bristol University 2nd VI	... ..	Home Lost 0—9
Kingswood Grammar School	... ..	Home Lost 0—9
Redland High School ...	... ..	Home Won 5—4
Dursley Grammar School	... ..	Home Lost 3—6
Redmaids High School ...	... ..	Home Won 9—0
Colston Girls School .....	... ..	Away Won 5—4
Cirencester Grammar School	... ..	Away Lost 3—6
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	... ..	Away Won 6—3

## CRICKET REPORT, 1958

**Captains: B. G. Keedwell, A. J. Phillips**

The cricket side has had a most unsatisfactory season. Of seven matches played, three have been won, two drawn and two lost.

The side, possessing some useful batsmen and bowlers, has been able to bat all the way down. The tail has had to wag on many occasions when the recognised batsmen have failed. Yet the school's strongest asset has been the pace bowling of Collins and Riddiford, which has taken nearly all the wickets. On only a few occasions has the slow bowling been able to shine.

The ground fielding has been good, but vital catches have been dropped close to the wicket, for the school possesses no adequate slip fielders. At the time of going to press, we look forward to matches against the Parents' XI and Old Thornburians' XI.

### RESULTS

Opponents	Venue	Result
Dursley Grammar School	Away	Drawn (76-8 dec, 27-8)
Queen Elizabeth's Hospital	Home	Lost (33, 35-1)
Cotham Grammar School	Home	Drawn (73-8, 91)
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	Away	Won (84-9, 83)
K.L.B.G.S.	Home	Won (81, 52)
Wycliffe College 2nd XI	Away	Lost (42, 44-2)
Clifton College 3rd XI	Home	Won (54-3, 53)

### WHITSUN HOLIDAY HISTORY QUIZ—ANSWERS

1. (a) 6; (b) 700-1,000~ (c) According to legend—300-400;  
(d) 0; (e) 12.
2. (a) Shot; (b) Cut own throat; (c) Bitten by an asp;  
(d) Poisoned; (e) Poisoned; (f) Walked into blizzard;  
(g) Slit wrists in warm bath; (h) Threw himself over a cliff.
3. (a) Nelson; (b) Napoleon I; (c) Marlborough;  
(d) William III; (e) Montgomery; (f) Cromwell;  
(g) Julius Caesar; (h) Alexander the Great.
4. (a) Arabia; (b) France; (c) Judea; (d) Sicily;  
(e) Gaul—Italy; (f) South Africa; (g) California, U.S.A.;  
(h) Transvaal; (i) Bosnia (Yugoslavia) (j) U.S.A.;  
(k) China; (l) France; (m) Bohemia; (n) Ireland;  
(o) India.
5. (a) Tito; (b) Stalin; (c) Charles Dickens; (d) Hitler;  
(e) Trotsky; (f) Guy Fawkes; (g) Horatius.
6. (a) **Arthur**; (b) Henry VIII; (c) Charles II;  
(d) Edward III; (e) John or Richard I; (f) Elizabeth I;  
(g) Charles II; (h) George IV; (i) William IV;  
(j) Victoria; (k) George III; (l) Henry VII;  
(m) George I; (n) George V.
7. (a) Victoria; (b) Jane Grey; (c) Henry VI;  
(d) William IV; (e) Katharine Parr; (f) Henry VIII;  
(g) James II; (h) Mary Tudor; (i) Richard II;  
(j) Edward V; (k) Mary (wife of George V).
8. (a) William Pitt; (b) Henry Temple (Lord Palmerston);  
(c) James, Duke of Monmouth; (d) James I; (e) George I;  
(f) Queen Elizabeth I; (g) Oliver Cromwell; (h) Charles II;  
(i) Haig; (j) Charles I; (k) Grenville of the "Revenge";  
(l) Greek soldiers in Xenophon's Persian Expedition;

- (m) Henry V (according to Shakespeare);  
 (n) Lord Falkland during English Civil War; (o) Marshal Foch.  
 9. (a) John Knox; (b) Karl Marx; (c) Adolf Hitler;  
 (d) Abraham Lincoln; (e) Daniel Defoe; (f) Venerable Bede;  
 (g) John Bunyan; (h) Thomas Paine; (i) Plato;  
 (j) Homer.  
 10. (a) Japan; (b) Russia; (c) Germany; (d) Japan;  
 (e) Turkey; (f) Russia.  
 11. Henry V. 1830.  
 12. Great Wall of China. (Dead workmen buried in it.) [“Catacombs” a good try!]  
 13. (a) Russian word—majority of Social Democrats. Became Communist Party.  
 (b) From Capt. Boycott—Irish land agent sent to Coventry for evictions of Irish Tenants.  
 (c) Knitted garment for Lord Cardigan—led charge of Light Brigade.  
 14. A sacred war of Moslems v. Christians—equivalent of Crusade.

## STOP PRESS

### SCHOOL 1st XI v PARENTS XI

In fine hot weather the Parents opened the batting against the School. With a sound 46 Mr. Burden was the mainstay of the Parents' batting. The Parents were held to a total of 91 by the accurate pace bowling of Riddiford and Collins. In reply the School lost three cheap wickets and it was left to Morris (44 not out) and Rosser (36 not out) to give the School a comfortable victory.

Parents XI	SCORES	
Mr. Burden, ct. Morris, b. Riddiford		46
Mr. Malpass, b. Collins		
Mr. Knapp, ct. Keedwell, b. Riddiford		6
Mr. Welsh, b. Reardon		0
Mr. Bradley, ct. Morris, b. Riddiford		5
Mr. Pearce, st. Rosser, b. Blenkinsopp		10
Mr. O'Neill, b. Riddiford		0
Mr. Rogers, ct. Collins, b. Riddiford		2
Mr. Carey, b. Collins		11
Mr. Taylor, not out		0
Mr. Richards, ct. Rosser, b. Collins		4
<b>Bowling:</b> Riddiford 15-8-5-26	Extras	6
Collins 12.5-5-3-12		
Reardon 3-1-1-9		
Blenkinsopp 5-3-1-14	Total	91
 <b>School XI</b>		
Reardon, ct. Burden, b. Malpass		0
Morris, not out		44
Keedwell, hit wkt      b. Malpass		3
Phillips, b. Knapp		7
Rosser, not out		36
<b>Bowling:</b> Mr. Malpass 15-1-2-40	Extras	2
Mr. Knapp 15-4-1-23		
Mr. Taylor 3-0-0-18	Total (for 3 wkts.)	92
Mr. Burden 2.3-0-0-9		

Result: School won by seven wickets.

## SCHOOL 1st XI v OLD THORNBURIANS XI

Although interrupted by rain, the match proved most entertaining. Batting first, the Old Thornburians did not lose a wicket until 41 runs were on the board. P. Hawkins was then bowled by Collins. Three more wickets fell for the addition of only 20 runs. D. Hawkins, the Old Thornburians' captain joined Sheppard and the score quickly moved to 85. Sheppard was dismissed for a very lively 43. The Old Thornburians declared at tea giving the School the target of 145 runs for victory.

Making a steady start against accurate bowling, the school opening batsmen remained together for half an hour for 15 runs. Keedwell joined Morris and these added a speedy 20 runs. Although Rosser and Phillips batted confidently against a varied attack, but over a hundred runs in three quarters of an hour proved to be out of their reach.

### SCORES

<b>Old Thornburians</b>		
P. Hawkins, b. Collins		28
K. Sheppard, ct. Collins, b. Reardon		43
L. W. Stovold, ct. Reardon, b. Collins		4
H. Thomas, b. Riddiford		0
J. Narbett, ct. Phillips, b. Collins		0
D. Hawkins, ct. Reardon, b. Collins		27
W. Humphries, ct. Blenkinsopp, b. Collins	11	
C. Shearing, not out		18
A. Davies, not out		10
	Extras	3

**Bowling:** Riddiford 7-1-1-28

Collins 15-1-5-89

Reardon 8-0-1-24

Total for 7 declared 144

### **School XI**

Reardon, run out	11
Morris, ct. Shearing, b. Davies	16
Keedwell, run out	6
Rosser, not out	25
Phillips, not out	33
	Extras 5

**Bowling:** A. Davies 5-1-1-7

G. Davis 7-3-0-13

E. Redden 7-3-0-18

C. Shearing 6-2-0-21

H. Thomas 4-0-0-11

Total for 3 wickets 96

Result: Match Drawn.

## TENNIS RESULTS

School VI lost to Parents (4-5).

School VI lost to Old Thornburians (4-5).

Margaret Bracey has been accepted at London University.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

L.J. Griffiths 2nd Class Honours, Geology, Oxford University.

C. Radford, after graduating at London University has been accepted for a three-year post-graduate scholarship at Wadham College, Oxford to read for the degree of Ph.D.