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EDITORIAL.

THE SUMMER FETE.

On Whit Monday, May 18th, Lady Starmer, O.B.E., J.P., opened our Summer Fete at 11 o'clock in the morning. The skies soon cleared and large crowds of parents, O.D.s and friends from the City and County turned up to enjoy themselves and to ensure the success of the enterprise.

Staff wives, parents and their friends ran stalls which were piled high with gifts of all kinds; staff and boys looked after side-shows and exhibitions which included all the fun of the fair—plus a chamber of horrors, a railway exhibition, pony rides and bathing; Mr. F. T. Hilliger began the great task of analysing the character of nearly 300 visitors, from their handwriting; Mr. Geoffrey Wood conducted an auction, and the band of the 8th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry entertained us by kind permission of Lt-Colonel A. de V. Gibson.

This was indeed a great day; everyone entered into the spirit of the affair, and its success exceeded our highest hopes. By 8 o'clock in the evening, weary but elated, we knew that all our efforts had been well worth while and that the School would soon have a cricket pavilion for the first time in its history. We had learnt, too, a valuable lesson—that cynics should be ignored and that purposeful determination can often achieve the seemingly impossible. To everyone who helped—in whatever capacity—our most sincere thanks.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Friday, June 26th and, thanks to fine weather, we were able to use the School House lawns and the cricket field—both looking at their best.

The Distinguished Visitor was Sir James Duff, M.A., M.Ed., D.C.L., LL.D., Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, Warden of the Durham Colleges and Mayor of Durham.

The Chairman of the Governors, the Dean of Durham, welcomed Sir James and Miss Hester Duff, and then asked the Headmaster to present his report. Mr. Brett welcomed the large gathering to 'another Speech Day', but not 'just another', for it was unusual for the Distinguished Visitor to hold such a rare and happy combination of high offices. In referring to those offices, Mr. Brett wondered whether he might ever see the day when School, Cathedral, City and University might be really and truly conjugated; he wondered whether, for example, a Dean of Durham as Chairman of the School Governors could ever be elected Vice-Chancellor of the University and Mayor as well! But he thought that such a marriage might be regarded as polygamous, whereas the present gathering was a very proper and a very happy family re-union. Mr. Brett stressed how much the School appreciated and valued its close links with the University in the academic, social and sporting spheres—links which he hoped would be strengthened as the years went by.

The Headmaster then turned to the progress made with the plans he had mentioned on his first Speech Day in 1958. For months electricians, plumbers, builders and decorators had been carrying out work which was of the greatest urgency. The cost had been high and the Governors—very reluctantly—had had to raise the fees in the previous Autumn; but costs had to be met and the Headmaster instanced the 15% rise in salaries alone, between January and October of 1959. Another urgent need was a second Physics laboratory to accommodate the greater number of VIth form scientists, and it was hoped that the new laboratory would be provided during the winter months. Mr. Brett also reported good progress in introducing the new School uniform. Supplies were coming in well and it would be possible to complete the changeover by January 1960.

The Headmaster then spoke of the work of the School. The results of the 1958 G.C.E. had not been as good as he would have liked or as he normally expected. Though human material varied rather from year to year, it was important that the boys should realise that, in days of such keen competition, hard work must come first and each one of them must leave school with the best qualifications of which he was capable. He congratulated D. M. Austin and E. J. Robinson on their Scholarship successes. Mr. Brett then reminded parents that all boys could not automatically become VIth formers. He believed that there was a danger that the chief aim of education might become social and that the advocates of comprehensive schools might one day demand comprehensive Universities as well. Durham had a large VIth form of which it was justly proud, and its high standards must be maintained. He believed that Latin would more than survive on its own merits and the many Science specialists needed more than 'O' level Mathematics and English. As non-examination subjects they would be given more time in the VIth form in September.

After congratulating a number of Old Boys on academic and sporting distinctions recently won, Mr. Brett then turned to extra-mural activities. He said that boys had attended the Conference for Sixth Formers at Lee Abbey; they had been on C.C.F. Leadership Courses; the Naval Section had sent cadets on a minesweeper to Norway; Mr. de Winton had taken a party to Switzerland at Christmas and members of the Railway Club had been to Ireland at Easter. The Annual Inspection had been a great success and it had been particularly pleasing to see the newly formed Band doing so well on parade. Mr. Brett thanked everyone for their magnificent support on Whit Monday at the Summer Fete; £1,750 had been raised and the School would at last have a cricket pavilion. He mentioned outstanding musical evenings during the year and also lectures on exploration in Antarctica. Of sport he said that though the results on paper might not look impressive, the spirit had been excellent and most encouraging victories had been achieved in all games.

Finally, the Headmaster paid tribute to the Staff and their wives and to the boys. "The transition from one Headmastership to another, with all that it entails, is never an easy period for any school. This has been a busy year and we have achieved much; but it would not have been possible without great kindness, great patience and great loyalty on their part. I do want to record my deep appreciation of all that they have done."

After presenting the prizes, Sir James Duff congratulated the School on its recent record and achievements, and said that he could see that under their new Headmaster the boys were in for a strenuous time. His early career, as a schoolmaster, was amongst the happiest of his recollections and he was always pleased to be in a school atmosphere on such occasions as Speech Day. His own school was Winchester, and he wondered if anyone knew of a connection between Durham and Winchester. Dr. Fearon, who had been responsible for 'Fearon's Walk' (not Feren's Wark as many believed it to be!) became Headmaster of Winchester on leaving Durham. He was curious to know whether Dr. Fearon might have taken the 'basher' fashion from one school to the other.

Sir James was never quite sure, at a Speech Day, to whom he ought to address his remarks, but he would say just a word to the leavers. A school, he felt, had done its job properly if the boys who left were not only happy but also had some definite academic interest or bent. The loyalty and affection boys demonstrated towards their school had been maligned and cheapened but it could and should be a really worth-while thing. Sir James ended by quoting some lines written by an Old Etonian, nearly 100 years ago, which, he said, expressed far better than he could, what he meant.

The Head of School, D. M. Austin, then proposed the Vote of Thanks and the School sang 'Floreat'.

PRIZES.

Bishop Lee Prize for Divinity: D. G. C. Slight, K.S.

Hodgson Prize for English: S. St. C. Bostock.

Gawan-Taylor Prize for English Essay: S. St. C. Bostock.

Gough Prize for English Verse: P. Killick.

Ker Memorial Prize for Modern History: M. Heppell.

Jackson Prize for Latin Prose: A. J. Trail, K.S.

Ker Memorial Prize for Ancient History: D. M. Austin, K.S. X

Green Prize for Classical Sixth: D. M. Austin, K.S.

Woodard Prize for Greek Prose:

VI¹A D. M. Austin, K.S.

VI¹B T. D. Stirk, K.S.

VI² A. J. Trail, K.S.

Scott Latimer Prize for French: M. Heppell.

Bunbury Prize for French: I. C. Bond, K.S.

Metcalf Prize for Mathematics: D. G. C. Slight, K.S.

Lowson Prize for Chemistry:

S. H. Valentine, K.S.

J. C. Odling-Smee, K.S.

Henry Smith Prize for Physics: S. H. Valentine, K.S.

Music:

Senior S. St. C. Bostock.

Junior M. J. D. Hill.

The Headmaster's Prize for good progress in the Lower Sixth:

I. C. Bond, K.S.

E. G. Butchart.

W. D. Raine.

A. J. Trail, K.S.

English Recitations:

Senior D. G. C. Slight, K.S.

Middle C. M. Watts.

Junior K. Gibson.

French Recitations:

VIth D. S. Chadwick.

V¹ M. G. Gibson, K.S.

V² J. G. McK. Laws, K.S.

R. G. Ford.

Shell and Remove M. R. Rooze.

J. J. Leggott.

P. J. Michelson.

Art:

VIth J. R. Bond.

V¹ D. R. Henderson.

V² I. M. McIntyre.

Shell M. Rutter.

R. M. P. Grenfell.

The Ian Nuttall Prize for Biology has not been awarded this year.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1959.

Many congratulations to the following on their awards:—

A. P. Austin (Chorister School)—King's Scholarship.

J. B. McK. Laws (Chorister School)—King's Scholarship.
ship and an Honorary King's Scholarship.

R. D. Yarrow (Chorister School)—The Cowgill Scholarship and an
Honorary King's Scholarship.

CHAPEL NOTES.

During the week of February 16th - 20th, the Chaplain gave a series of talks on the development and work of Toc H. This was followed by addresses in Big School on February 22nd by Mr. Prideaux-Brune, Assistant Schools Secretary of Toc H, London, and

by Mr. C. V. Young, Northern Area Secretary, and as a result the School was affiliated to Toc H. A number of boys assisted at the Durham Branch Toc H Garden Fete at Hallgarth House on June 20th.

Two boys from the Upper VIth attended a House Party at Lee Abbey for a week during the Easter holiday and brought back reports of an excellent time spent by all in delightful surroundings.

Canon H. K. Luce preached a Lent Course of Sermons on "Thought, Word and Deed" during February and March.

After Holy Communion and Morning Service, at which the Chaplain preached the Sermon, Ascension Day was marked by a holiday.

The School Confirmation was held in Abbey on June 4th when thirty-seven boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Durham.

Collections have been given to the British and Foreign Bible Society, Pearson's Fresh Air Fund for Children, The Church of England Children's Society and The National Deaf Children's Society. Collections for Chapel Funds have enabled us to re-equip Chapel completely with new Hymn Books and Psalters.

We are grateful for the gift of two new pews for the South side of Chapel. This means that the permanent seating in this part of Chapel has now reached the half-way mark. Our grateful thanks are also due to Mrs. Hall of Poole House for the gift of a new altar cloth. We thank the Choir and Chapel Wardens for their help and assistance in Chapel affairs.

Preachers during the Easter and Summer Terms were:

- Jan. 18. The Chaplain.
25. The Rev. J. M. Grove, Headmaster of the Choir School.
Feb. 1. The Dean, in Abbey.
8. The Bishop of Jarrow.
22. Mr. W. Wildman, Northern Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
Mar. 1. The Rev. M. S. Crosse, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Durham, in Abbey.
8. The Headmaster.
15. The Archdeacon of Auckland.
22. The Rev. J. R. Marsden.
Apr. 26. The Chaplain.
May 3. The Archdeacon of Auckland, in Abbey.
10. The Archdeacon of Durham.
24. Mr. J. R. Northcote-Green, Headmaster of Worksop College.
31. The Rev. J. M. Grove, in Abbey.
Jun. 14. The Rev. H. O. Duncan, Rector of St. Margaret's.
21. The Rev. J. D. Johns, Chaplain of Barnard Castle School.
28. The Rev. R. G. Malden, Vicar of Corbridge.
July 5. The Dean, in Abbey.
12. The Rev. A. G. Hardie, Rector of Hexham.
19. The Headmaster.

Old Boys' week-end was on July 25th and 26th. The Headmaster preached at the Service on the 26th.

J.T.D.

EASTER TERM, 1959.

This term there were 250 boys in the School, 196 being boarders and 54 day boys. C. M. Robson was Head of School House and on March 28th two new School Monitors were appointed—G. M. Purvis and T. D. Stirk, K.S.

In addition to delightful musical evenings, reported elsewhere in this number, we very much enjoyed an excellent lecture on Gough Island given by Mr. James Hall, and illustrated by his own really magnificent coloured cine photographs.

On January 30th we had a talk by Colonel J. W. Grant, M.B.E., T.D., D.L., on the Territorial Army.

The High School Dance was held on January 31st at the High School. A select delegation from the School visited Cambridge about mid-term to attend a performance of Sophocles's *Antigone* in Greek. The Greek, like the weather and the trip, was greatly appreciated.

From March 8th - 14th we were privileged to have 'The Church and The Artist Exhibition' in Big School.

The Dramatic Society production this year was Gogol's 'Government Inspector'.

A new feature of the term's sport was the Seven-a-Side Rugger Competition in which Poolites were victorious, and at the end of term the Achilles Club paid us a visit, impressing us with their athletic skill, their fine coaching ability, and extreme friendliness. Mrs. Robson kindly presented the prizes on Sports Day when Bungites won the Bland Medal.

SUMMER TERM, 1959.

We now have 251 boys—198 boarders and 53 day boys.

G. M. Purvis is Head of School House.

Many congratulations to D. M. Austin, on being placed in the Exhibition Class at St. John's College, Cambridge, and on winning a Baker Exhibition and a supplementary State Scholarship, and to E. J. Robinson on winning an Entrance Scholarship to London University where he will go for one year, and on his acceptance by Oxford University, the year after, as a Transfer Scholar; he too won a State Scholarship.

The most important School event this term was undoubtedly the Whit Monday Fete, which was a great success. The weather was ideal, large crowds turned up, and over £1,760 was made for the Cricket Pavilion, nearly £1,300 being taken on the day itself.

On June 1st Bungites won the Music Competition and on the same evening a party of 25 Swedish schoolboys arrived for a short stay. They spoke excellent English, were very friendly, and seemed very impressed by our 'bashers'—several of which they took away with them. Air Vice-Marshal C. Scragg, C.B.E., A.F.C., inspected our C.C.F. on June 2nd.

Confirmation this year was held in the nave, not in the Chancel of Abbey, so that the whole school was able to attend. Thirty-six boys were confirmed by the Bishop of Durham.

Among several most interesting trips made this term was one to Lindisfarne where about 30 'O' level History candidates had the opportunity of learning more of that stronghold of the early Christian Church.

Speech Day took place on June 26th when Sir James Duff kindly presented the prizes.

We acknowledge with gratitude the presentation of two chapel pews, one by Mr. Frank Cadle, O.D., and his sister—in memory of their father, Mr. Charles Ernest Cadle, O.D., 1865-1870, Hon. Treasurer of the O.D. Society 1908-1923, and the other by a parent who wishes to remain anonymous.

Mr. Thomson leaves us this term after ten years in the School's service. We wish to record our gratitude to him for all that he has done for us, whether it has been in the Gymnasium or the Swimming Baths or the C.C.F. We shall miss his cheerful personality and friendship, in particular, and do wish him and his family success and happiness in the future.

The activities of builders, electricians, plumbers and decorators, referred to in the Speech Day notes, continue apace and are likely to go on for many months. Much work in all the boarding houses, in Old Caffinites, in Big School and in the classrooms will be done during the summer holidays.

News of many other events, outings and activities will be found in other sections of this number.

MR. AND MRS. SWAINSTON.

After twelve years in charge of the Grove Mr. and Mrs. Swainston hand over their responsibilities at the end of this term to the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Marsden. Happily, they will still be with us and have found a nice home on the Belmont side of Durham.

It is a great responsibility to look after a house composed entirely of young boys waiting to go to their senior houses, and Groveites past and present will acknowledge how much they owe to the sympathetic understanding and constant care of Mr. and Mrs. Swainston. We would like them to know of our deep appreciation of their devotion and to extend to them our very best wishes. We hope that Mrs. Swainston, freer from domestic anxieties and the ties of 'communal' life, will soon be quite fit again, and that Mr. Swainston will return next term refreshed and invigorated for many a happy year's service in the future.

DATES 1959-60.

Winter 1959—Sept. 18 (Friday) - Dec. 16 (Wednesday).

Easter 1960—Jan. 13 (Wednesday) - Mar. 25 (Friday).

Summer 1960—Apr. 25 (Monday) - July 20 (Wednesday).

Winter 1960—Sept. 16 (Friday) - Dec. 16 (Friday).

DR. J. R. McDONALD.

It was with the deepest regret that we learnt of Dr. McDonald's impending retirement, on health grounds, after more than thirty years' service at the School. Few school medical officers can have endeared themselves more to, or given more loyal and devoted service to, a school than Dr. 'Mac'. To express adequately the affection and appreciation felt by generations of Dunelmians past and present would be impossible, but we feel with Canon Luce who writes:

"Both by temperament and training Dr. McDonald was ideally suited for the work of a school M.O. Brought up strenuously on classics and Rugger north of the Border, and himself a man of strong Christian principles and robust common-sense, his day to day contact with the boys was the best tonic he could prescribe. The combination of this and his thoroughness and skill in diagnosis goes

far to explain the School's exceptionally good health record during his term of office. Serious cases of illness were few, epidemics were handled with the minimum of interference with normal routine, and boys learnt that it was their business to keep well and get on with the job.

"Behind the scenes, too, much patient thought and care were devoted to the needs and problems of individual boys, so that house-masters and headmasters alike profited greatly by 'Mac's' wise counsel on many aspects of their work. O.D.s will be glad to know that he is not leaving Durham, and is therefore likely to be in the future, as he has been in the past, a familiar figure on the Playground and in Big School."

We send to Dr. and Mrs. McDonald our sincerest good wishes for a happy retirement and welcome Dr. 'Mac's' partner, Dr. Desmond Walker, as his successor.

MUSIC.

EASTER TERM.

There was much music making in the School and several opportunities for seniors to attend outside concerts. Undoubtedly the highlight was the programme given by Joan Dickson and Denis Weatherley. Miss Dickson's 'cello playing more than justified her reputation as an outstanding performer. Both technically and musically her interpretations were exhilarating and completely satisfying, giving pleasure to everyone present. Coupled with Mr. Weatherley's fine voice and particularly his art in the presentation of folk songs, we had a concert which could easily be rated our best ever.

Three other concerts in Big School included the annual violin and piano recital by Mr. Connock and Mr. Newman, an Informal Concert (hardly an audience for this, unfortunately), when Mr. Keeton, both as soloist and in duets with Mr. Smithson, made his debut as a pianist; and the appearance again of a string orchestra of friends from Durham and further afield who, under the conductorship of Mr. Connock, gave great pleasure to an appreciative audience one Sunday evening. The programme included Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony and Gordon Jacob's Concertino for piano and strings, with Mr. Newman as soloist.

There were three recitals in chapel, one a very special occasion when Dr. Francis Jackson from York Minster gave an organ recital under the auspices of the Colleges Music Society. Music after chapel included a sonata by Senaillé, played on violin and organ by Mr. Connock and Mr. Newman, and an excellent short organ recital by Malcolm Perry (University College).

SUMMER TERM.

The main event was the final of the House Music Competition. It was a great pleasure to welcome back Mr. Alec Harman, former director of music here, to adjudicate. With no great wealth of talent at their disposal the music captains had done their work creditably, and the result was an entertaining evening. School House won, and so regained the cup they lost as long ago as 1947. They had worked hard for it.

A programme of Harp music and songs played and sung by Mrs. Frances Mon Jones (a real Welsh harpist in traditional costume), assisted by Miss Enid Hastings, provided an unusual and delightful

session on a Sunday evening in the sixth form room. Mrs. Jones had very kindly given us this recital at extremely short notice. We are indeed grateful and indebted to her, as also to many others mentioned in this report who have so willingly given their services to help and enrich our music making.

P.A.N.

"THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR".

D.S.A.D.S.

A cynic was once heard to say that the schoolmaster's motto is "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly." The corollary to such a statement might be that "Even if a thing is not worth doing, it is worth doing it well!"

It must be faced at the outset that Nicolai Gogol's play, "The Government Inspector", is, dramatically speaking, a poor piece of work and many might question the wisdom of performing it on the professional stage, let alone before a school audience whose appreciation of the social problems in early 19th century Russia must necessarily be limited. Gogol has not the genius of either of his near contemporaries, Tolstoy or Chekov, of making the Russian milieu significant or pertinent to the outside world. Where the author of "Anna Karenin" can point the moral of the universality of human relationships, and the playwright of "The Seagull" can satirize their conflicts, the writer of the "Government Inspector" falls between the two stools of revering humanity and debunking it.

Admittedly, Gogol has chosen an excellent theme to develop, but like a nineteenth century James Bridie, after a rather ponderous first act he gives us a promising second act, only to drift into banality and indecision in the third, which a strong, if expected, final curtain can scarcely be said to redeem.

Having said all this, it is pleasant to be able to record that the Durham School Dramatic Society's production of this so-called Russian masterpiece was one of the best and liveliest it has done in the last nine years. In a cast of twenty-one characters there were almost no misfits and the standard of memorizing lines was unbelievably high. (One prompt in three nights presupposes a discipline little short of the military in the producer). Lighting, Décor, Sets, make up, and stage management were all worthy of the general high standard of the production and if the sound effects were odd, and at times, ineffectual it was not through lack of the most concentrated effort expended by the two technicians concerned. The costumes were beautifully and imaginatively created by the Robe Mistress. (Why, one wonders, was the programme so shy in mentioning the name of Dinah Dillon, whose care and talent have so immeasurably enhanced the Society's last three productions in this field? Why, for that matter are the producer and several other devoted helpers, who do not belong to Equity—Dunelmian version—equally anonymous? Surely members of the cast themselves would be the first to advocate the disappearance of this extraordinary myth that, by some kind of magic, only the boys have achieved the finished product?).

But, of course, as the horse-holder of the Globe and Boisterous Ben of the Mermaid knew, a play, to come to life, must depend on those unreal shadow-people the players. And here the producer was well served. David Chadwick made good the promise held out last

year in his final scene as Bolingbroke in "Richard II." The preposterous flamboyance of Hlestakov, the bogus Inspector, was more suited to his talent than the heavy righteousness of the embryo Henry IV. He extracted as much humour from the part as the author allowed it, and playing with zest and enjoyment, his audience enjoyed themselves too.

D. G. C. Slight, as the venal mayor of a Russian provincial backwater, held down a very big and difficult part most creditably. Perhaps his own pleasant and naive personality won Anton Antonovitch more sympathy in the last act than he in fact deserved, but his performance at this point saved the audience from boredom and Gogol from stricture. Indeed, at no time during the performance did the evening prove tedious; the pace was even and sustained throughout, thanks often to the eccentric and equally venal entourage of petty officials which surrounded the mayor, all of them brought to life by the actors who depicted them. (The rather black-guardly judge of Kenyon and the consistently doddering School Superintendent of Eric Robinson still remain in mind after several months.) Stirk as the gruff outspoken servant of Hlestakov, Yosif, did creditably in his one big speech.

Of the women, Martin Hackett was quite sweet in the restricted part of the mayor's daughter. When he grows older he may yet prove an addition to the Society as an actor of male roles. Valentine as Anton Antonovitch's wife did very well, and made Hlestakov's dalliance with mother, as well as daughter, credible.

One of the most satisfying performances of the evening was that of Stephen St. C. Bostock as Dobchinsky, a pusillanimous landowner. It was only a small part, but in its way, perfectly done—a fitting swan-song from an actor who has given much to the Company for a number of years and whose grasp of the genre has improved out of all recognition since he first trod the boards here. Watts, as Bobchinsky, played second fiddle nicely to Dobchinsky's lead.

Yet when all is said and done, the "Government Inspector" was a producer's triumph; the finished article was the result of vigour, drive and imagination and proved itself a notable piece of teamwork under the leadership of E. H. S. Dillon. Three large audiences attended on three separate nights and were obviously delighted with the experience.

If those of us who know the producer, or members of the cast personally, felt we were on our knees as the result of nervous strain by the end of the Easter term, we were at least brought to our feet in a spontaneous movement of admiration and applause by the end of the first performance. It may be that even the more critical members of the audience feel more kindly disposed to Nikolai Gogol since his apotheosis by the D.S.A.D.S.

LIBRARY.

Our thanks are due to Canon Luce for presenting a copy of his *Modern Confirmation Manual*, and to D. C. Parr for a copy of *Andre Maurois' Life of Sir Alexander Fleming*.

Mr. Marsden has given up his post of Librarian on his elevation to higher status at the Grove, and has been succeeded by Mr. Smithson. Despite this, the main additions to the shelves seem to have been historical, including the *Cambridge Modern*, and the first section of the *Oxford History of English Art*.

In keeping with the contemporary demand for immediate satisfaction rather than the more lasting rewards of more weighty tomes, it appears that it is the magazine that is most avidly devoured. The present Librarian is constantly being approached by angry young men who demand to know why the Railway magazine, the Scout, or Flight have not yet appeared.

R.W.S.

C.C.F.

ANNUAL INSPECTION.

On June 2nd the C.C.F. was inspected by Air Vice-Marshal C. Scragg, C.B., A.F.C., R.A.F., assisted by Lieut. Commander Pattison, V.R.D., R.N.R., Capt. Murdoch, K.O.S.B., Squadron Leader Smyth, R.A.F. and Flight Lieut. Calvert, R.A.F.

In the morning the inspecting officer took the salute at the ceremonial parade. Two new features this year were the first appearance of the re-formed band and the inclusion in the parade of a difficult movement, the advance in review order by the Service Sections. The inspecting officer was pleased by the standard of turn out and drill, and he particularly mentioned in his report the performance of the band.

In the afternoon Air Vice-Marshal Scragg watched the contingent in training under cadet Petty Officers and N.C.O.s. He later addressed the contingent and congratulated all ranks on a good day's work.

THE PLATOON CUP.

This cup was found (beautifully polished) on the mantelpiece of Poole House dining hall, where it has been since it was last competed for about seventeen years ago. New competitions have been arranged, and the cup may move, but at the time of writing Poole seem likely to retain it. All but about twenty members of the C.C.F. are involved in the competitions. Each house has raised and trained teams to compete in events based upon the practical work of the various sections, and in obstacle races which are a pale reflection of the Field Gun races at Earl's Court. Having no field guns, Lieut. MacLeod has made do with antiquated bicycles.

NAVAL SECTION.

The Section has now reached the record figure of 61 Cadets.

H.M.S. "Calliope" has again generously offered us places on the weekend cruises of their Coastal Minesweeper, H.M.S. "Northumbria", and the following boys went to sea in her this April:—P. J. Evans, D. H. Seaton, P. J. N. Knowles, J. J. H. Terry, N. F. Samuel, W. L. B. Cragg, D. N. Paxton and J. F. Stevenson. It had been arranged that the majority of the Section went away in her under the command of Lt. Comdr. T. H. de Winton, for the weekend of June 13th-15th, but unfortunately "Northumbria" was not able to put to sea owing to a breakdown.

Consequently, for Field Day, the Senior Cadets enjoyed the hospitality of the Army at Bedburn and helped to play a part in the stimulating military exercise there, while the Junior members of the Section went with Lt. Comdr. de Winton to H.M.S. "Calliope".

Our boys (24 in number) were divided into three groups, and given two hours instruction in sailing in the ship's whaler. This was followed by an hour's gun drill on the 4" gun, a fire fighting demonstration, and a lecture on Radar and its operation.

Five of our boys are looking forward to joining H.M.S. "Northumbria" in her summer cadet cruise from August 15th to the 30th. She will be in company with three other sweepers and will take part in a mine-sweeping exercise in the North Sea, thereafter visiting Dundee, Odense in Denmark, and returning to Newcastle via the Kiel Canal.

ARMY SECTION.

Last term visits were made to the H.Q. of 8 D.L.I. and to the Regimental Depot at Brancepeth. At the first of these we were shown the Officers' Mess and then various new weapons were demonstrated. At the second we saw the Regimental Museum, which is remarkable, and then fired some of the new small arms. We also ate a large tea. On both occasions our hosts took great trouble to entertain us, and the visits were most enjoyable.

This term the section ran a two night camp at Bedburn in conjunction with Field Day, June 15. Good weather and good (compo.) rations helped to make this a very pleasant week-end. The training, compass-marches through difficult country by night, and an opposed river crossing by infiltration in the day, proved successful. The latter exercise was carried out on the Field Day itself, when our numbers were much increased by the addition of the Basic Section. At camp and on the Field Day it was good to have with us a number of the Naval Section, although their loss of a trip to sea was very unfortunate.

Camp this year will be at Cultybraggan in Perthshire in late July. Three officers and fifty-three cadets will attend.

SIGNAL SECTION.

Although temporarily reduced in size as a result of the revised policy for C.C.F.s the section has continued to function satisfactorily. Field Days have been enjoyed as much as ever; equipment has worked surprisingly well on many occasions; 12-set operators are again installed in Old Caffinites after a period of evacuation for repairs to that building; practically everybody is now a classified signaller, and two N.C.O.s have passed Assistant Instructor Tests.

R.A.F. SECTION.

The Section has settled down to 39 cadets, 17 of whom are proficient and are either instructing in the Basic Section or are following an Advanced Proficiency Course. The latter have been very helpful in preparing the ground for the glider shed, and we confidently hope that the glider will be here and in full operation fairly soon.

Seventeen cadets attended camp at Royal Air Force Benson, near Oxford, during the Easter Vacation. A most interesting and enjoyable week had been arranged for us, which included visits to Oxford, London Airport, and the South Kensington Science Museums. The camp personnel were most helpful and provided us with all the flying possible which amounted to an average of 3½ hours per cadet.

Our Field Day at R.A.F. Ouston on June 15th was a great success, all the cadets being given about 25 minutes flying in a Chipmunk, and many experienced their first taste of aerobatics. The major part of the day was taken up with visits to the Armoury, the Parachute Section, and to shooting .303 on the Range.

BASIC SECTION.

There are 75 boys in this section, all admitted last January, and some of them not much taller than their rifles. They did well at the Inspection and on the Field Day, and we hope to see them all pass the Basic Test next term.

THE BAND.

The Band is now well equipped with a Big Drum and six side drums and twenty bugles. Its performance under Bugle Major Bostock has already been reported and reflects credit on all members, and particularly on Mr. Battensby whose training has been so pleasant and so effective.

CAPT. A. J. THOMSON.

After ten years' service to the School C.C.F. Alec Thomson is moving on. This is not the place for any general notice of his contribution here, but we cannot let him go without a word. Smart on parade, watchful in the stores, and a resourceful swimmer in the seas of office paper, he has been a stalwart member of this contingent. He will leave much lore behind him (not least perhaps, the secrets of the Thomson Two-man Watertight Bivvy), and very many friends. We wish him and Mrs. Thomson and their family the best of luck for the future.

SCOUTS.

The Troop is very sorry to be losing two of its oldest members at the end of this term; K. G. Robertson and D. B. N. Grierson. Both have for long played a prominent part in our activities, the former having reached the rank of Assistant Scoutmaster in the last year. We offer our good wishes to them for their future careers and hope that they will manage to continue their connections with the Movement.

As a result of these and other losses the Senior Scouts will now be very much reduced in strength and this is unfortunate. Undoubtedly it is in the Senior Section that there is the widest opportunity for varied and useful activity, but without sufficient numbers it is futile to try and arrange anything elaborate. In the past, Senior Scouts have been on a variety of different expeditions; hikes, camps, training courses and competitions, and this could easily be done again. There are in the School at the present time a large number of senior boys who have been at one time or another members of the Scout Movement, and we invite them most warmly to renew their contact by joining a reconstituted Senior Section in the Autumn. They will, provided they approach the matter in the right spirit, obtain a great deal of enjoyment out of the venture.

The under-15 Scouts have continued in much the same strength of numbers as before. The scope for Junior members is not so great as that for seniors, but nevertheless a great deal more could be done given greater numbers and much more enthusiasm by individuals. Members of the Scout Movement must realise that membership of a Troop involves rather more than membership of a social club. Enjoyment there will be in the meetings, but the greater part of the enjoyment will come from one's own efforts and enthusiasm rather than from externally imposed programmes of activity.

Under a different scheme to be started in the Autumn the under-15 section of the troop will be regarded very much as a training ground for the more strenuous activities of the Seniors. It is towards the Senior Scout section of the troop that most of our future efforts must be directed .

K.D.C.

TRISTRAM SOCIETY.

Easter Term lectures included such subjects as 'Science in Industry' by Mr. Newton, 'Trawling' by R. C. Earle, 'Archaeology' by Major Gillan and 'Ophthalmology' by Dr. Milne. Two interesting visits were made to Thomas Hedley & Co., and to Ferryhill Colliery.

The Society does not meet during the Summer term but we resume our activities in September. Among the lectures already arranged is one on Highways and Traffic by Professor Fisher Cassie, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at King's College, Newcastle. It is a privilege to have outside lecturers of such calibre. and members of the society should make a point of attending and taking an active part in discussion.

J.C.O.S.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The activities of the Society were unfortunately restricted during the Easter Term owing to an acute shortage of convenient time in which the society could meet. Despite this however, we were able to enjoy some first class debates. Our most successful, "this house believes that tradition plays too great a part in our life at school" was defeated after some spirited speaking on both sides. Our next debate was in a more light-hearted vein. "This house deplores school food" was carried—but only by a small majority after a powerful speech by the opposer. Samples were provided in the interval. Other debates, including those on topics ranging from the authenticity of flying saucers to the collection of birds' eggs, were limited to junior members only and were very encouraging. The overall standard of debating is still not as high as we would have liked, but we should and will make every effort in the coming season to put this right.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY.

- Jan. 24. "Religion without Revelation"—Julian Huxley (S. St. C. Bostock).
Feb. 11. Visit to the Ben Nicholson Exhibition.
14. Musical meeting.
Mar. 4. Visit to Peterlee Church.
8—14. "The Church and the Artist" Exhibition in Big School (Central Council for the Care of Churches).
9. "Stained Glass" (L. C. Evetts, M.A., A.R.C.A., of King's College)—in open session.

RAILWAY CLUB.

The last two terms have been very successful and the Club has extended its activities in many ways. We now have a record membership and a healthier bank balance than ever before. In the Easter Term we had fortnightly filmshows and a trip to Thornaby Motive Power Depot as well as an illustrated lecture by our President, the Dean.

During the Easter holidays a party from the Club went to Ireland, details of which trip can be found elsewhere in this issue.

In the Summer Term, the first one during which the Club has had full activities for many years, trips to Carlisle, to visit a signal box, and to York, to see the Railway Museum, were main events. On the former the party was filmed by B.B.C. television and accompanied by the press. There was also a lecture given by Mr. W. Hoole, a top-link engine driver from King's Cross, followed by a lively discussion on various aspects of railways.

The Club now runs 'bus services to Middlesbrough, South Shields and Newcastle to take boys home at half-term and on Leave Sundays.

My best wishes to the Club for its future.

M.T.W.

PRINTING CLUB.

At the end of the Christmas term we were able to buy a good deal of useful equipment from the Chapter Office; this included a lot of mixed type, some of which has been sorted and has made it unnecessary to buy any new type.

For the Christmas concert we managed to bring out a programme, our boldest venture to date.

The Easter term's work began with a programme for the concert by Miss Joan Dickson and Mr. Denis Weatherley. At the end of term the Dramatic Society had the programmes for the "Government Inspector" printed by us—and also some stage money.

Work this term has been virtually brought to a standstill by the regiment of electricians, plumbers and central heaters—not to mention the people who come to take up the floorboards at the very moment when all is ready to print! However, we have managed to provide prayer-sheets for the Chapel psalters. At the time of writing, half the members have "retired" until after 'A' level, and the other half are gallantly carrying on—we wish them the best of luck.

THE CARPENTRY CLUB.

The Club room in Old Caffinites has been further improved by rewiring, central heating and more bench facilities. In the Easter term a small group enjoyed making new sets for the Dramatic Society—their size, simplicity and the fact that the cost was met by the Dramatic Society were satisfying. At the beginning of this term we were mostly occupied with making articles for the woodwork stall and the successful Tip-the-Bucket Machine for the fete. Those who have been free from the urgency of G.C.E. have made a wide range of household furniture ranging from coffee tables to a modern residence designed for a grass snake. Mr. Jopling has continued to give expert advice and encouragement.

R.H.F.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB: PET SECTION.

This branch of the club has become popular again. We now have three groups keeping hens and another group, though already looking after about twenty pigeons, is building a new hut to house more. Other members are breeding rabbits and, to add an air of originality, crows, slow-worms and domesticated rats are also thriving.

We feel that our activities are important in carrying on the old Y.F.C. work until a new, and fully organised, club is started in the future.

D.J.D.

It seems to be established that the credit for introducing the game of Rugby Football to Scotland belongs to two boys named Crombie, who learned it at Durham School. The *Durham School Register* (pp. 169-70) tells us that they were the sons of Alexander Crombie, of Thornton Castle, which is at Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire. The *Register* is better informed about them than the local records; but there still stands in the policies of Thornton Castle a large cricket pavilion, though its cricket field has long been converted to agricultural use. Alexander, the elder son, was keen on the game, having been considered in his day the best fast bowler in Edinburgh. We know from the obituary notice which appeared in the *Edinburgh Academy Chronicle* when he died in July, 1914, that he used to entertain members of the Academy XI at Thornton Castle for a fortnight's cricket in the summer holidays; and it is said that the Australian touring XI played there, though this cannot now be confirmed.

Great as may have been Alexander's prowess as a cricketer, his contribution to the game of rugger is of more permanent interest. Why he and his brother went from Laurencekirk to Durham to school is not known; it must have been a formidable journey in those days, especially as there was no Forth Bridge. But Alexander was at Durham from March 1852 to December 1853; and he was called by Hely Almond, the first Headmaster of Loretto, 'the father of the game of Rugby Football in Scotland'. His younger brother, Francis, went to Durham with him, but left it six months later, in June 1854, and went, presumably in October of that year, to the Edinburgh Academy, where he became the first captain of Football. Alexander never joined the Academy; but that did not prevent him from becoming the first captain of its Old Boys' Football Club—the famous Edinburgh Academicals.

The first date in the history of Rugby Football is 1823, when, as everyone knows, William Webb Ellis at Rugby School 'with a fine disregard of the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it', thus originating the distinctive feature of the Rugby game. The second date is 1846, when 'The Laws of Football as played at Rugby School' were put in written form. Only eight years later we find two boys importing the game from Durham into their native Scotland; and it is fascinating to speculate about the development and spread of the game from Rugby to Durham in those eight years. It must have depended entirely upon the personality and enterprise of individuals for it is not until 1868 that the Durham Register can record an independent Captain of Football. Nor was there a playground until 1844, when the School moved across the river to its present situation.

Who brought the games to Durham? *The Centenary History of the Edinburgh Academical Club*, published last year, says that after the codification of the Laws in 1846 at Rugby 'the game had now begun to spread elsewhere, partly through the efforts of Old Rugbeians who wished to continue playing after they had left School, partly through the influence of O.R.s or former masters at Rugby who carried some of the School's traditions to other Schools.' Only a handful of masters appear in the Durham Register between 1846

and 1953, and none of these appear in the *Rugby School Register* as either boys or masters; so we shall probably never know who brought the game from Rugby to Durham.

Alexander Crombie spent his working life as a Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh, but died at Wimbledon: Francis went to Trinity, Cambridge, where he was Senior Optime, and then took Holy Orders. He went to India as a missionary, but returned to a vicarage, first in Derbyshire and later, for nearly thirty years, at Ross-on-Wye, where he died and is buried. One can easily believe that the importation of Rugby Football to Scotland was not the only, or even the principal, service that these fine men rendered to their generation.

H.F.M.

CRICKET.

1ST XI.

The season is not yet over at the time of writing, and therefore this preamble will serve merely to stress the less factual details which cannot be derived from the bare description of the individual games.

First it can be said that, despite the continued lack of success, there have been several features that have made this season very much more enjoyable than 1958. Perhaps the prime factor has been the weather, but, leaving that aside, there has been a much more determined and ready approach to practice by the majority. This should be expected from a side which is young, and it has brought its own reward in the gradual improvement in the results. Many of the team are still loth to regard themselves as their opponents' equals, but at least they are coming to the conclusion that they are not so much worse. Collin too, as Captain, has developed after a tentative beginning, though he still has to learn to adapt himself more quickly to each situation.

We have suffered most of all from a dearth of bowlers. Grierson, fast left-arm, has remained the only bowler of real penetration, but he has been sadly erratic; Hopps has done better against clubs than other schools; Neesham has not yet learnt to attack the wickets. In batting the ball has been hit more firmly, but still not hard enough, with Heppell, Stirk, and Hedley showing form well above anyone last year. The running between the wickets has, even with the run-outs, been much more lively.

It is just as well to end on a cheerful note, as coaches are not always regarded as the most cheerful of souls. The fielding has improved immensely over the season, and the throwing has generally been of the highest standard. Here the competence of Robertson behind the stumps deserves mention, for if anything moulds a team in the field it is the wicketkeeper. A coach is often judged on his ability to produce a good fielding side, so it would perhaps be wise to admit—for modesty's sake—that during the period when the XI's fielding made such progress the number of fielding practices that he took was exactly nil!

R.W.S.

Wednesday, May 6th. v. DURHAM COLLEGES. Away. Drawn.

The preliminary excursion made two points abundantly clear. First our bowling did not carry enough penetration to break through good batting; secondly we had some hope of scoring runs if every player produced his best form.

Hopps was the best of the bowlers against very inept batting, while Stirk remained impassive through the initial onslaught, later to launch out into some handsome off-drives.

Scores:

Colleges 123 (Hopps 5-44, Collin 3-33).

School 69-4 (Stirk 26 not out).

Wednesday, May 13th. v. DURHAM CITY. Home. Lost by 4 wickets.

An exciting finish ended with City hitting a resounding 4 off the last ball. Again our bowling looked suspect, more particularly as could be expected, when the pressure was on at the close. Stirk was once more the mainstay of our innings, adding 73 with Collin.

Scores:

School 159 (Stirk 55, Collin 23).

City 160-6 (Grierson 2-31, Hopps 2-22).

Wednesday, May 20th. v. DARLINGTON G.S. Away. Drawn.

After overnight rain the pitch was very green. Faced by a piercing nor'easter, and a lively medium-paced attack which made the ball move and lift disconcertingly, we soon found ourselves in trouble. This was unnecessarily aggravated by the willing sacrifice of two wickets by feeble running. Stirk again did his job as an opener, but it was not until Hedley and Neesham joined forces that any real progress was made. The pitch was gradually easing out, and after our slow and laborious start, we began to accumulate runs by devious routes. Neesham showed a refreshing indiscretion in his stroke-play, riding his fortune with a series of lofted off-drives which somehow eluded the groping hands of the cover fielders. The rest of the tail all produced some shots of character, not least a straight drive from Grierson that thundered mightily onward to the boundary.

We had been slow, and only 80 minutes of play remained for our opponents to score the runs. They were soon behind the clock, but it was obvious that our bowlers were not deriving as much assistance from the pitch. Neesham, however, was able to restrict the scoring rate by keeping the ball fairly well on the wickets; Grierson remained erratic. Black and Cockburn slowly put the innings on its feet, but just at the moment when they were ready to accelerate and catch up with lost time, they both lifted their heads to Hopps. This brought the score to 50 for 3, and it proved sufficient to reduce Darlington to the defensive, even though there was nearly half an hour left. The return of Grierson, without bringing any more accuracy to the scene, at least limited the number of overs, as well as minimising the likelihood of a flurry of strokes from the new batsmen. Two more wickets fell, and the match ended without any positive effort from Darlington to pass our total.

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, b. Garbutt	16
I. Cole, run out	1
M. Heppell, b. Slater	2
B. D. Collin, run out	1
J. C. Neesham, c. Todd, b. Garbutt	27
J. C. G. Milner, b. Cockburn	0
P. W. Hedley, c. Dunkley, b. Garbutt	3
S. Foster, c. Milner, b. Garbutt	7
R. H. Hopps, b. Milner	11
P. Robertson, c. Black, b. Garbutt	5
D. B. N. Grierson, not out	7
Extras	10
Total	90

DARLINGTON

J. Dobson, b. Neesham	4
M. Black, c. Grierson, b. Hopps	26
D. Cockburn, c. Milner, b. Hopps	15
C. Milner, c. Collin, b. Neesham	6
I. Todd, b. Grierson	13
I. Stephenson, not out	0
Extras	6
Total for 5 wks.	70

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Milner	11.1	3	16	1
Slater	7	2	7	1
Cockburn	16	3	25	1
Garbutt	17	6	32	5

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grierson	13	6	22	1
Neesham	6.4	2	6	2
Hopps	9	—	31	2
Heppell	3	1	5	0

Saturday, May 23rd. v. SEDBERGH. Home. Lost by 97 runs.

On another perfect cricketing day Sedbergh made as good a start as anyone could have wished. In the face of moderately steady bowling, which betrayed not the slightest trace of hostility, runs began to come briskly. Particularly impressive was the way in which Wood played the slow bowling off back and front alike. The fifty was up in 42 minutes, the outfield being extremely fast, and the hundred in another 25. It was not in fact till after lunch with the score at 143 that we met with any success, and that too rather a lucky one. Greenshields, a left-hander, who had acted as a stolid partner for Wood, went for a hook, but only managed to snick the ball to Robertson, who took a good catch low down to his right. In spite of the gloomy position the bowlers stuck to their task well, while the fielding, if not exactly mercurial, was at least orderly. Wood continued to punish the bowling severely until he was well taken in the outfield. In his 120 he hit 15 boundaries, and gave no apparent chance.

Left with just under three hours' batting we were immediately thrust on our heels by Cole producing a call that was governed more by faith than reason. Stirk and Heppell then settled down to some stern work. Both being left-handers they were able to ignore balls outside their leg-stump which would have been very awkward for the right-hander, but by tea any chance of overtaking the Sedbergh total had gone. Stirk had one stroke of luck when the outside of his off-stump was flicked by the ball without a bail being disturbed, a masterly piece of misjudgement. Both were going well until Stirk prodded a defensive shot to short-leg. Collin helped Heppell to 54 when the latter was out to a stroke of somewhat obscure parentage. After this wickets fell at regular intervals, and only Collin stayed any length of time. Nevertheless the obsequies were enlivened by the first appearance of Hind on the XI. Not yet tainted by the serious application that is the gift of the more sophisticated he proceeded to thump the Sedbergh bowlers through the covers and over their heads to end a thoroughly enjoyable match on a proper note of belligerence.

SEDBERGH

T. F. Greenshields, c. Robertson,	
b. Grierson	58
C. E. R. Wood, c. Hopps, b. Collin	120
J. Westcott, b. Collin	14
B. Goodman, not out	2
J. Anderson, not out	2

Extras 15

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) .. 213

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grierson	15	3	46	1
Neesham	10	2	34	0
Hopps	13	—	56	0
Collin	10	—	56	2
Heppell	1	—	1	0
Hind	3	—	5	1

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, c. Watson, b. Stoddart	16
I. Cole, run out	0
M. Heppell, b. Goodman	28
B. D. Collin, b. Stoddart	19
P. W. Hedley, b. Beaumont	8
J. C. Neesham, b. Beaumont	2
I. Hind, c. Stoddart, b. Beaumont	31
J. C. G. Milner, b. Stoddart	0
R. H. Hopps, b. Beaumont	0
P. Robertson, c. Sykes, b. Stoddart	0
D. B. N. Grierson, not out	0
Extras	12

Total 116

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stoddart	18	5	23	4
Beaumont	23.3	8	47	4
Goodman	9	3	18	1
Westcott	3	—	16	—

Wednesday, May 27th. v. ST. PETER'S. Away. **Lost by 7 wickets.**

Given another good wicket to bat on we again failed to take full advantage. This time it was Cole who survived the early casualties, and he and Neesham put on 49 for the 4th wicket in the only sizable partnership. The main weakness was a reluctance to treat the bad ball with any viciousness. The bowling, apart from Woodruff, who showed a great deal of life in his first spell, was very ordinary. Dronfield later bowled left-arm slow with an optimism which our batsmen justified. All in all there was little to enthuse over in this period of play, for the Peter's fielding was very moderate.

Peter's batting, however, was by no means so moderate, and at one time it seemed that they were going to pass our total without loss. Then a fair spell of non-turning off-spinners by Heppell brought some reward, including a very good return catch from Shouksmith. But after the third wicket had fallen at 64, Ranson and Hutchinson again collared the bowling and quickly scored the necessary runs. Again our work in the field lacked bite.

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, b. Woodruff	0
I. Cole, b. Woodruff	37
M. Heppell, c. Gale, b. Woodruff	7
B. D. Collin, b. Woodruff	3
J. C. Neesham, b. Dromfield	18
I. Hind, c. McCallum, b. Dromfield	6
G. Pearson, c. Dromfield, b. Ranson	17
S. Foster, b. Dromfield	0
R. H. Hopps, c. Mackay, b. Dromfield	0
P. Robertson, c. Hutchinson, b. Dromfield	0
D. B. N. Grierson, not out	5
Extras	13

Total 106

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Woodruff	16	3	35	4
Gough	13	7	6	0
Ranson	7.2	1	9	1
Dronfield	16	5	32	5
Mackay	3	2	1	0

ST. PETER'S

J. A. Bygate, c. Cole, b. Heppell	21
J. A. Shouksmith, c. and b. Heppell	29
A. McCallum, lbw., b. Heppell	0
E. M. H. Ranson, not out	2
S. R. Hutchinson, not out	23

Extras 5

Total (for 3 wks.) .. 107

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grierson	4	—	10	0
Neesham	7	2	22	0
Hopps	14.4	3	39	0
Heppell	11	—	31	3

Saturday, May 30th. v. FETTES. Away. Lost by 8 wickets.

This was undoubtedly our worst performance of the season. The pitch was fast with a fair amount of grass, but again our early batsmen found themselves in all sorts of trouble of their own making. Grant, who returned the remarkable figures of 6 for 8, bowled left-arm fast-medium, moving the ball in to the right-hander, and therefore to our chagrin away from the left, of whom we had five. Three of them were caught in the slip area from balls which could have been ignored to advantage. On reflection 65 seems almost a respectable total, when in the early stages the scoreboard registered successively 0-1, 0-2, 2-3, 9-4. Along with the more positive disasters there came the inevitable accompaniments in that even the good shots seemed magnetically attracted towards the fielders, while our confidence in running between the wickets flagged. Heppell stayed for over an hour without ever getting into his stride, and again it was left to the later batsmen to score what they could.

Fettes in their turn approached their task in the proper way, never allowing the bowlers to settle to a length. Scott was very quick and clean in hitting anything outside the line of his leg-stump, and he was supplied with ample fodder for this shot. Hopps made a brief inroad, but three catches were put down before the match was lost. Little can be said in mitigation. It was regrettably one of those days when nothing would go right.

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, c. Dunstan, b. Grant	0
I. Cole, b. Kerr	0
M. Heppell, c. Dunstan, b. Grant	8
B. D. Collin, c. Souter, b. Kerr	2
P.W. Hedley, c. Storie, b. Watt	6
J. C. Neesham, st., Dunstan, b. Storie	7
I. Hind, c. Souter, b. Grant	11
G. Pearson, lbw, b. Grant	5
P. Robertson, c. Dunstan, b. Grant	14
R. H. Hopps, b. Grant	4
D. B. N. Grierson, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	65

FETTES

A. J. Souter, lbw, b. Hopps	10
A. McN. Scott, not out	37
A. McDonald, b. Hopps	2
D. M. H. Booth, not out	12
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wks.)	66

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grant	15.3	10	8	6
Kerr	11	2	20	2
Watt	7	4	5	1
Booth	7	4	8	0
Storie	5	1	16	1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grierson	3	—	19	0
Neesham	4	1	12	0
Hopps	7	1	26	2
Hedley	2	—	4	0

Wednesday, July 3rd. v. AMPLEFORTH. Away. Lost by 7 wickets.

Although it may not be apparent from the mere figures, it was in this match for the first time that the XI began to show real purpose and direction in its play. As a contribution towards this Ampleforth were generous enough to leave the positions of fine-leg and third-man untenanted till lunch, and this not only proved a most lucrative source of income, but also allowed us to set the score moving in the initial stages and thus escape the teething pains of Fettes. After a better start we lost 2 wickets quickly. However, stands of 23 and 46 followed which gave us a good chance of building up a large score. In this Heppell was the chief agent. Apart from some good fortune in the slips early on, he played his strokes with confidence and timing.

Hedley meanwhile offered a solidly perpendicular bat to everything. At lunch we were 83 for 3 and in a very fair position to consolidate. But now impatience and inexperience undid us. First Hedley could no longer restrain his appetite and holed out with effective simplicity. Hind did not know whether to hit or to stick, and so departed, while Heppell with visions of the magic figure of 50 to his name, having essayed a series of flowing off-drives straight to mid-off, finally decided to explore the regions of long-leg, and was promptly out l.b.w. sweeping off his off-stump. So our advantage was frittered away, and it was Hopps who enlivened the later proceedings with some Herculean pulls to leg.

Our fielding and bowling started much more tidily, and we had the encouragement of 2 quick wickets. Stephens looked shaky, but Sparling played some vintage shots of real power. At 53 he went, hooking too early, and again we seemed to have some chance. We were quickly disillusioned. Russell, a left-hander, began to play equally well off either foot, soon reducing both fielding and field-placing to a tangle. After that, although we stuck to our task doggedly, there was little hope offered by the opposing batsmen.

SCHOOL					AMPLEFORTH				
T. D. Stirk, b. Brennan	..	..	..	9	I. King, lbw, b. Neesham	..	..	..	0
I. Cole, b. Brennan	..	..	..	5	C. Stephens, not out	..	..	..	44
M. Heppell, lbw., b. Wetherall	..	..	..	48	A. Brennan, c. Robertson, b. Michelson	..	..	..	4
B. D. Collin, c. Trench, b. Huskinson	..	..	..	8	J. Sparling, lbw, b. Heppell	..	..	..	34
P. W. Hedley, c. Stephens, b. Brennan	21	..	..	..	B. Russell, not out	..	..	..	65
J. C. Neesham, b. Brennan	..	..	..	0					
I. Hind, c. Sparling, b. Wetherall	..	..	..	7					
P. Robertson, st. Tyrrell, b. Huskinson	..	..	..	10					
G. Pearson, st., Tyrrell, b. Huskinson	..	..	..	6					
R. H. Hopps, not out	..	..	..	17					
A. D. Michelson, b. Huskinson	..	..	..	4					
Extras	..	..	..	18					
Total	..	..	..	153	Extras	..	..	..	8
					Total (for 3 wks.)	..	..	..	155
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Sparling	.. 15	3	37	0	Neesham	.. 11	2	28	1
Brennan	.. 18	8	26	4	Michelson	.. 8	2	25	1
Huskinson	.. 15.3	4	45	4	Hedley	.. 6	—	33	0
Wetherall	.. 12	4	27	2	Hopps	.. 7	—	24	0
					Heppell	.. 3	—	8	1
					Collin	.. 1	—	11	0
					Hind	.. 1.2	—	8	0

Saturday, July 13th. v. GIGGLESWICK. Home. Drawn.

This match divided itself into four distinct periods. The morning provided Giggleswick with 140 runs for the loss of a single wicket—this too when the pitch was at its liveliest; after lunch—we hope not because of lunch—the innings deteriorated rapidly; then there came a confident start by Stirk and Heppell, followed after tea by alarums and excursions not calculated to give confidence.

The pitch was moist on top after overnight rain, and this made the occasional ball fly nastily. Neesham looked as if he might exploit this, but was too short, and also needed another fielder close in on the leg to catch the hurried defensive shot. Wall was particularly severe on anything short, and showed remarkable maturity for a 14-year old. After Carr had left to a smart catch at short mid-on, Grant continued the good work for his side and runs came with rather

distressing rapidity. At lunch Giggleswick were in a virtually unassailable position, but there followed the first twist of fortune. This was due to some lively bowling by Neesham, well supported by Heppell, and backed up by some first-class catching. In one period 5 wickets fell for 8 runs, so that the scoreboard now read 175 for 7. Even though it came so late in the day it was most refreshing to see what we could do when we put our minds to it.

Still we were very much on wrong side of the arithmetic, and although Cole stayed till 18 it was again left to Stirk and Heppell to do the spadework. Heppell was in splendid form, using his feet well to the slow bowlers, and driving the pitched-up ball firmly into the covers. Stirk pursued his own dogged path, gathering what runs he could by quick running and a square slash off the back-foot. At 5.22 however he was bowled round his legs sweeping, and this was the prelude to the final stage. After holding the whip-hand for the last three hours, we suddenly found ourselves on the defensive. We had no hope of winning in the 40 minutes left, and the batsmen following found it difficult to adapt their game. Instead of controlling their strokes they eschewed them altogether, and even ignored runs there for the taking. This was bad policy. With 13 minutes to go we had 6 wickets down with Grant bowling at a commendable pace. The rot, however, was stopped by Collin and Bolton, playing in his first game, who both put a resolute blade to all that was offered.

GIGGLESWICK

R. W. Wall, c. Bolton, b. Neesham	79
P. S. Carr, c. Stirk, b. Hopps	33
D. C. S. Grant, c. and b. Heppell	51
W. H. Odie, c. Hopps, b. Neesham	3
C. A. Ellison, c. Stirk, b. Heppell	0
R. W. Westhead, c. Stirk, b. Neesham	2
C. R. Spencer, c. Robertson, b. Neesham	1
D. C. Ridgeway, not out	14
J. Thornber, b. Heppell	14
R. W. Bullock, c. Heppell, b. Neesham	3
P. J. Spencer, not out	3
Extras	7

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 210

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, b. Grant	35
I. Cole, b. Bullock	3
M. Heppell, b. Bullock	50
B. D. Collin, not out	3
P. W. Hedley, c. Thornber, b. Grant	0
I. Hind, b. Grant	1
P. Robertson, lbw, b. Grant	0
D. R. Bolton, not out	4

Extras 14

Total (for 6 wks.) 110

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Neesham	21	3	54	5
Hedley	8	1	31	0
Hopps	7	—	32	1
Michelson	2	—	16	0
Heppell	17	1	70	3

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	12	3	31	0
Bullock	18	5	38	2
Ridgeway	4	1	8	0
Odie	2	—	2	0
Grant	14	6	17	4

Saturday, June 20th. v. St. Bees. Away. Won by 58 runs.

This was the first match to be played between the two schools since before the war, and we celebrated the occasion with a well-merited victory.

Again we played in ideal conditions. Again we made a dismal start. There was enough breeze to assist the opening bowlers, but this was not the main cause of dismissal. Cole repeated his error of playing round the ball; Stirk prodded the ball to short-leg; Collin played square-chested to an in-swing. Heppell looked in form until he was bowled by an awkward delivery from Graham which left him. Graham in fact was the most likely of the Bees bowlers, bringing the ball down from a good height and turning it quite sharply. Hedley

however thought differently; after a circumspect start he proceeded to hit the ball extremely hard. Neesham went after a useful stand that took the total to 55, but first Hind and then Robertson gave invaluable help in stands of 37 and 43. Hedley was now in full flood, pulling strongly to leg and thumping the ball back over the bowler's head. In one purple passage he took three 4's and a 6 off Graham in a single over. Of the rest, Bolton and Robertson played well without venom, and the innings closed for 157.

In view of the quality of the pitch this was no more than a moderate total, but there followed a whirlwind of action in the hour before tea. This included 2 wides, 3 no-balls, 8 runs off one ball, and, more important, 4 wickets. All of these fell to Grierson who had worked up a goodly pace; truth to tell, his bad balls were so bad that nobody could touch them—except the agile Robertson—while his good ones were so spasmodic that they took the enemy by storm. Add to this the many vociferous and often misguided appeals and it can easily be imagined that the tranquility of the Cumbrian coast was rudely disturbed. By tea Lees and Routledge had settled down and quick wickets were important on the resumption. It was our day; both went to smart catches, while Heppell followed this up by trapping Graham. The score was now 58 for 7, but at this moment Grierson contrived to break the heel off his boot—size 13—and had to go off for repairs. This allowed Stout and Hetherington a welcome breathing-space during which they took the score to 82. The game seemed to be slipping from our grasp when again both went within a few moments. The last pair too proved tantalisingly obstinate until Grierson returned. His first ball was one of his better variety—and a good thing too, for his heel came off again as the wicket went down!

SCHOOL

T. D. Stirk, c. Crosland, b. Laxton	6
I. Cole, b. Melrose	3
M. Heppell, b. Graham	13
B. D. Collin, b. Melrose	4
P. W. Hedley, c. Hetherington, b. Laxton	76
I. Hind, c. Cartmell, b. Routledge	5
J. C. Neesham, c. Wilcock, b. Melrose	11
P. Robertson, c. Graham, b. Laxton	13
D. R. Bolton, not out	7
R. H. Hopps, b. Graham	6
D. B. N. Grierson, lbw, b. Graham	2
Extras	11
Total	157

ST. BEES

D. G. Laxton, lbw, b. Grierson	2
S. Crosland, b. Grierson	1
R. C. Wilcock, b. Grierson	18
S. W. Morrison, c. Robertson, b. Grierson	0
S. C. Lees, c. Stirk, b. Heppell	15
I. Routledge, c. Bolton, b. Grierson	13
J. W. Graham, lbw, b. Heppell	4
G. Hetherington, lbw, b. Neesham	7
J. D. Stout, b. Heppell	11
C. Cartmell, b. Grierson	11
J. Melrose, not out	6
Extras	11
Total	99

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Laxton	24	5	60	3
Melrose	16	4	25	3
Routledge	4	1	20	1
Graham	10.4	4	41	3

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Neesham	12	1	24	2
Grierson	10	3	20	6
Hopps	3	1	6	0
Heppell	8	—	38	3

Speech Day. v. H. C. FERENS' XI. Lost by 7 wickets.

Suffering apparently from the reaction of the Bees match, we made a poor show of strokes, apart from a brief flurry from Hedley. Our opponents made light work of an attack that contained a rather lop-sided Grierson, whose cobblers were apparently unequal to their task after Bees.

Scores:

School 98 (Hedley 24, Collin 15, Hopps 15 not out).
H. C. Ferens' XI 99-3 (Hedley 2-15).

Wednesday, July 1st. v. DURHAM COUNTY PILGRIMS. Home. Lost by 91 runs.

This was the first wet wicket that we had played on this season, and the toss proved a decisive factor in the result. Pilgrims batted first and quickly put on a good score against some useful bowling by Hopps, and some excellent throwing. The wicket gradually dried out so that when we began our reply the ball was already turning. The early batsmen resisted stubbornly, but later were unable to cope with off-spin that was now turning sharply.

Scores:

Pilgrims 170-7 (dec.) (Neesham 3-46, Hopps 4-66).
School 79 (Stirk 18).

2ND XI.

By the middle of June the 2nd XI had played six matches of which they had drawn four and lost two. As a bare statistical record this may sound neither interesting nor impressive. In fact, within six weeks the team has enjoyed some remarkably interesting cricket. Their first venture, against St. John's College, was an unqualified disaster. 27 all out in 48 minutes is not a flattering score, and there was little to flatter. But the lesson was learnt and in the following four matches they did not fail to top the hundred mark, often by a handsome margin. Keen fielding and bowling supported some strong and at times adventurous batting, and on two occasions a most exciting finish was staged. Against St. Peter's, Buchan and Lithgow, for the last wicket, defied an all out assault lasting for half an hour, combining stubborn defence with a happy spirit of aggression which eased the strain for the batsmen if not for the spectators. In the match against Coatham the last over opened with the School faced with the possibility of a tie—a draw—a win or a loss. The second ball, a good one, deprived us of victory, but everyone had to agree that a closer finish would be hard to imagine.

In the match against Dame Allan's runs came slowly at first but a fifth wicket partnership between Roebuck and Middlemiss of 123 (the last fifty runs coming in 12 minutes) enabled the School to declare at 171/6. In spite of aggressive bowling by Grierson (5/22) supported by Middlemiss (3/30) Dame Allan's forced a draw.

Win (for the season is by no means over), lose, or draw, it has been a most enjoyable season. The ball has been an object to hit hard, or something to stop or to catch if at all possible. Under the captaincy of C. S. Gregg the team has played well and in a very happy spirit.

Results:

v. St. John's College at home. Lost.

School 27 (Seaman 5/8).

St. John's 40/4.

v. South Shields, away.

School 128/9 dec. (Pearson 33, Michelson 21 n.o.).

South Shields 79/6 (Middlemiss 3/53, Buchan 2/23).

- v. Darlington, away.
School 141/7 dec. (Pearson 29, Houghton 30).
Darlington G.S. 106/4.
- v. St. Peter's, home.
School 116/9 (Gregg 23, Buchan 30 n.o.).
St. Peter's 161 (Michelson 3/27).
- v. Ampleforth, home.
School 161 (Milner 76, Middlemiss 34).
Ampleforth 143/4 (Buchan 3/22).
- v. Coatham, away.
School 79 (Milner 22).
Coatham 80 (Grierson 5/23, Buchan 4/14).
- v. Dame Allan's at home.
School 171/6 dec. (Roebuck 72, Middlemiss 56 n.o.).
Dame Allan's 84/8 (Grierson 5/22, Middlemiss 3/30).

The following have represented the School:

C. S. Gregg (capt.), Berkeley, Buchan, Grierson, Harle, Houghton, Lithgow, A. D. Michelson, Mitchell, Middlemiss, Milner, G. E. Pearson, Roebuck, Trail, Watts.

COLTS.

Judging by results alone Colts have not had a successful season so far, though on two occasions, the wickets being rather fiery, our batsmen had to pay more attention to self-preservation than to run getting.

Generally the batsmen have not made enough runs to give the bowlers a fair chance, due in the main to lack of concentration; the ability is there.

The slow bowlers have bowled quite well on unresponsive wickets, but the quicker types lack strength and direction; constant efforts are being made to correct these faults.

Fielding, on the whole, has been good, though one or two boys would profit by doing a little sprinting—or even some co-ordination exercises!

Congratulations to Bolton and Hind on gaining 1st XI places.

Results:

- v. Johnston School, away. Lost.
Colts 77 (Hind 38).
Johnston 78 for 8 (Foster 6 for 14).
- v. St. Peter's, York, Home. Lost.
Colts 76.
St. Peter's 77-4.
- v. Ampleforth, away. Draw.
Colts 183 for 7 (Coulthard 42, Bolton 39).
Ampleforth 136 for 5.
- v. Coatham, away. Lost.
Colts 55.
Coatham 78 (Patten 6 for 22).
- v. Richmond, away. Lost.
Colts 75 (Minto 24).
Richmond 204 for 6.
- v. Morpeth, away. Draw.
Colts 64 for 5 (Coulthard 35 n.o.).
Morpeth 116 for 8.

The team this year has lacked that nucleus of seasoned cricketers which is usually provided by the Prep. Schools. As a result inexperience has more than once led to disaster. The bowling and fielding has allowed far too many runs to be scored too easily by opposing sides, though the latter has improved tremendously in the last two games. The batting has been patchy. Several batsmen on the side have good ability but their efforts have been in the main inconsistent. More confidence, greater care, and an ability to punish the quite numerous bad balls would have prevented the struggles which have been the rule throughout the season. Congratulations on good performances and consistency in all the matches must go to Brown, Allison, Hodgson and Pearson. Of the rest there are several who with more application and experience will become useful players in future seasons.

Results:

- v. Darlington Grammar School. Lost.
Darlington 103 for 4 dec.
Clubs 51 (Brown 15).
- v. Corchester. Lost.
Clubs 25.
Corchester 28 for 3.
- v. Dame Allan's. Won.
Dame Allan's 72 for 6 dec.
Clubs 73 for 6 (Appleby 19).
- v. Tostall. Lost.
Clubs 69.
Tostall 71 for 3.
- v. Morpeth. Draw.
Morpeth 135.
Clubs 56 for 3 (Brown 22, Hodgson 18).
- v. Hurworth. Won.
Hurworth 68 (Pearson 5 for 24).
Clubs 72 for 5 (Hodgson 15, Hooper 17, Zinovieff 16 n.o.).
- v. Corchester. Draw.
Corchester 112 for 5.
Clubs 58 for 5 (Kaufman 20).
- v. Barnard Castle. Lost.
Clubs 23.
Barnard Castle 27 for 3.

ROWING.

The number of boys rowing this summer has been limited to 100, owing to the difficulties experienced last summer in trying to accommodate all those who wished to row.

The re-racking of the Boathouse, so that four tiers of Boats can be stowed instead of only three, and the introduction of three movable trestles for the Eights and Clinkers, has proved most successful. Another useful innovation has been the building of a concrete ramp from the Boathouse door to the top step of the landing to facilitate the handling of the boats, and to prevent any further erosion of the path by rain.

Rowing this term has been organised on a rather different basis, the 100 members of the Boat Club being divided into Senior, Junior, Middle, and Beginners, with promotion and relegation from one to the other taking place every month according to ability. Partly as a result of this competition, but more as a result of the lead given by the Senior crews, a new spirit of enthusiasm has been most noticeable this season, and consequently all crews have met with greater success than for the past two years. R. H. B. Bennett was elected Captain of Boats at the start of the season, and the organisation of the various 'Rivers' has been in the hands of the senior rowers in each House.

The first race of the season took place on May 6th when Hatfield College challenged us to an 'Eights' race over the Long Course, the course being buoyed as for Durham Regatta.

The result of this race was a most convincing win for the School Eight by three lengths, and the race was photographed from three points on the course by the Tyne-Tees Independent Television, and shown in full on their sports broadcast the same evening. On the Saturday following this event, May 10th, the Tyne Eights Regatta was held at Newburn, and this year was rowed up stream from Stella to the Tyne A.R.C. boathouse, but the Eight were defeated by Tyne in the first round.

In the Wear Head of the River on May 23rd, rowed up stream from Count's House to the start of the Long Course, the School crews met with little success, first and second crews finishing 10th and 5th respectively in the Senior division, and third and fourth coming in 16th and 13th in the Clinker boat division.

The success of the Eights race with Hatfield produced an immediate challenge from Bede College for a similar 'Long Course' event, and when this eventually took place on May 27th an even more exciting struggle ensued. The School Eight again took 'Hard' side, and Austin's coxing once more took the crew safely through Elvet, a most formidable hazard which until three years ago was always considered to be impossible for an Eight at racing speed.

Bede led by over a length at Elvet and at Bow corner, but a really spirited finish by the School crew, took them through at the finish to win by 4 feet, in a time of 6 minutes. This was one of the best Eights races in which we have ever taken part and the crew were awarded their 1st Eight Colours as a result.

On May 30th we paid our first visit to Chester-le-Street Regatta but met with no success, being defeated in the second round by the 'Old Novos' after winning the race against University College.

On the same day, 2nd crew went to York for a Schools Head of the River race over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in clinker-fine fours. The boats on this occasion were all provided by the organising committee who appeared to have considerable difficulty in obtaining modern or up-to-date boats, but the School crew managed to come in 4th in spite of the difficulties of the strange boat in a time that was only 13 seconds behind the winner.

At the Tyne A.R.C. "At Home" regatta on the half-term Saturday, June 6th, three trained crews were entered for the Maiden event but the other two entries that we made were rather scratch crews, owing to the absence of boys living at a distance and unable to be present.

In the John Palmer Dalton Challenge Cup for Junior oarsmen, the combination of 1st and 2nd crews beat Nithsdale but again lost to the "Old Novos" in the semi-final.

3rd crew, who were entered for the Maiden race, rowed extremely well to get into the final by beating Cambois and Tees A.R.C. and then rowing a dead-heat with St. Joseph's College. To avoid having to sacrifice time and energy on a re-row, the Umpires decided to row a four-boat final, so although Durham failed to get higher than 4th place, it gave us the first opportunity of competing in a final for some time. The other two School maiden crews were beaten by Newcastle Dockers and Tees Dockers respectively.

Durham Regatta took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23rd and 24th in brilliant sunshine and fast rowing conditions, in spite of the complete absence of any stream owing to the lack of rain.

On Tuesday, 1st Crew were entered for the Corporation Challenge Cup and were beaten in the first round by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths by Leeds University. 2nd Crew, in the Durham City Plate (the open Senior Race) came against Manchester University in the first round, and were beaten by two lengths in a time of 6 minutes 34 seconds.

The Manchester crew was stroked by M. D. L. Huggins, who stroked the School first crew in 1954 when we went right through the season without losing a race. He afterwards rowed for the R.A.F. at Henley and for England in the European Games.

Four maiden crews were entered for the Mayor's Plate, which this year was divided into two Divisions of 18 crews each, owing to the large number of entries.

In Division A, 3rd Crew and 6th Crew were beaten in the first round by Hull University and Leeds University respectively by a quarter of a length and half a length. Hull's time of 2 minutes, 54 seconds being the fastest time of the day for Clinker-Fine boats over a Short Course.

In Division B, 4th Crew beat University College by 4 lengths in the first round and lost by 2 lengths to Manchester in the next race, and 5th Crew did remarkably well to win their way through four heats to reach the final, in which they were beaten by a bare length by Greenoch High School. To reach this final they had to beat Hatfield College, Durham Medicals and Leeds University, which they did by a minimum of two lengths, but the semi-final against University College was a grim struggle which was won by only a canvas, and the tremendous support and encouragement given to them from the racecourse and tow-path contributed greatly to their victory.

Both C. R. Crofton and P. R. Arthur entered for the Cutter Race for Maiden Scullers and both did extremely well to reach the semi-final. Crofton beat quite comfortably a sculler from Durham A.R.C. and another from Ebchester before losing by a narrow margin to a student from St. Cuthbert's. Arthur beat his first two opponents, one from Hatfield College and the other from Tees A.R.C. equally easily, but in the semi-final he met a sculler from the Royal West of Scotland Boat Club. This proved to be a very good race and the Scottish sculler won by only one length before going on to win the final.

The second day's racing saw less success by the School crews in the Maiden event, the Lady Herschell Plate, also split into two divisions on account of the record number of entries for this event, 38 in all.

With the exception of 7th crew, who beat a Chester-le-Street boat in the first round, 4th, 5th and 6th crews were each defeated in the first heat, by Manchester University, another Manchester University boat, and Durham A.R.C. In the second round 7th crew lost to Hatfield College.

In the Lady Anne Lambton Plate for Junior oarsmen, 3rd crew lost to Hatfield in round 1, and in the Grand Challenge Cup 1st crew succumbed to St. Peter's School first crew by four lengths.

From our point of view, the most exciting race of the day was the semi-final of the Lowe Bowl, when 2nd crew, rowing on Pelaw Wood side, met Durham University 2nd crew. At Baths Bridge the University had a lead of a length, which they had increased to a length and a half as they came out of Elvet, but at this point the School crew really settled down to a long striding rhythm and overhauled their opponents by the beginning of Minute Tree, making full use of the inside of the bend round Bow Corner. From there onwards the result was a foregone conclusion, and Little took his crew confidently home to a two lengths victory. The final against Bede College was another excellent race, but Bede on Pelaw Wood side led from the start, and though the advantage of the bend at Elvet brought the crews nearly level as they came out of the bridge, the College boat soon took the lead once more and went on to win by two lengths in the fast time of 6 minutes, 18 seconds.

And so another Durham Regatta, the chief rowing event of the season, has ended with no School crews bringing a cup away from the prize-giving ceremony in the Town Hall. Still every boy in the School is a Maiden oarsman, but there are two more Regattas yet to come, Talkin Tarn on July 11th and Tyne on July 18th, and enthusiasm may yet bring its reward.

The annual race against the St. Peter's Boat Club took place on the Ouse on July 1st and for the first time in the history of this race the senior crews rowed against each other in Eights. The race was over a 7 furlongs course, and the 1st and 2nd crews were combined, with 2nd four at the stern and bows, and 1st four in the centre. This proved to be quite a good combination and the race was closer than might have been expected in view of the fact that St. Peter's are having an almost record year of successes. We again went down nearly half a length on the first start and 10, and at the half-way mark were $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths behind, but from there onwards we settled down to the long striding stroke which only appears to become established on the second half of the course, and at the finish we had caught up to within a length.

In borrowed clinker-fines, which they found difficult to sit and to row at a correct oar depth, 3rd crew lost by 4 lengths to the St. Peter's 3rd crew and 5th crew, who replaced 4th crew for this fixture in view of their success in the Mayor's Plate at Durham, lost to St. Peter's by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. For these two junior events the course was over 6 furlongs.

7th Crew:

Bow, R. R. G. Jupp; 2, M. L. Milne; 3, R. H. Richardson; Str., W. D. Raine; Cox, R. Y. Kendal.

REGATTA CREWS.

1st Eight:

E. C. Good (Bow), J. C. Kenyon, R. A. Parkin, R. H. B. Bennett, J. T. Robinson, B. S. Fletcher, D. G. G. Slight, J. L. Little (Str.), D. M. Austin (Cox).

1st Four:

R. A. Parkin (Bow), R. H. B. Bennett, J. T. Robinson, B. S. Fletcher (Str.), D. M. Austin (Cox).

2nd Four:

E. C. Good (Bow), J. C. Kenyon, D. G. G. Slight, J. L. Little (Str.), M. J. C. Galloway (Cox).

3rd Four:

A. B. C. Downing (Bow), H. C. Grant, J. J. H. Terry, C. G. Thompson (Str.), R. C. Earle (Cox).

4th Four:

L. Carlyon (Bow), D. Aylward, E. J. Robinson, D. I. Hill (Str.), R. F. Petter (Cox).

5th Four:

R. A. Dixon (Bow), D. E. S. Wilson, I. P. Simpson, M. W. Forbes (Str.), G. Humble (Cox).

6th Four:

D. F. Palframan (Bow), D. S. Chadwick, I. R. Morley, P. D. Ward (Str.), M. J. Norman (Cox).

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

We started the season with four members of last season's team and were fortunate to find four strong runners to make up the team early in the season. Unfortunately, 'flu played havoc with the team after the second match.

28th Jan. v. Acklam Hall G.S. (away). Lost 42-38.

This new fixture was of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, over a frozen track. Had we had a little more time for training, the result might have been even better. Valks and Neesham were our first pair home.

11th Feb. v. Bede (Sunderland) G.S. (away). Won 21-60.

Over laid road only and rather hilly, Grant, Neesham and Valks were first home followed by Carlyon, Pearson and Dickson; then Milner arrived before the 1st of our opponents.

18th Feb. v. R.G.S., Newcastle (home). Lost 49-28.

Newcastle had practically the same team as last year and ran very strongly. The ground was in excellent condition. Coleman of R.G.S. was first home in the splendid time of 17 minutes, 3 secs., Carlyon was our first man.

25th Feb. v. Darlington G.S. (away). Lost 51-34.

Darlington fielded two strong teams, one for experience only, and won easily. Valks ran well as he had done in all the events to date.

4th March v. N.E. Counties Inter School C.C.

Run over the Acklam Hall track and with a team depleted by 'flu. We finished 5th out of ten teams, R.G.S. winning with 83 points to our 206. Conditions were good, though the start with 80 competitors was somewhat crowded. Valks was our 1st at 18th, closely followed by Grant and Carlyon.

The School team consisted in the main of Grant, Neesham, Valks, Pearson, Carlyon, Milner, Dickson, Foster. Also ran, Crofton, Valentine, Dixon and Potter.

Last season's colours: Grant, Neesham, Pearson.

Full colours were awarded to Valks and Carlyon; Half Colours to Milner and Dickson.

THE HOUSE RUNS, 11th March.

Senior.

A fine clear day with conditions good. Valks led off in a fast start but was caught up by Neesham and Grant at the top of Potter's. Grant and Carlyon went ahead in the wood and finished 1st and 2nd respectively, in 18 minutes, 35 secs.

Poole 24 pts; Caffinites and School House equal, 29 pts.

Junior.

The juniors ran an exceedingly fast race, being only 3 secs. short of the record. Coulthard set a fast pace and was not overtaken till Mount Joy where Hart and Foster took over. Hart ran a beautifully timed race and went on to win with Minto and Price close behind.

School House 20 pts; Caffinites 21 pts; Poole House 45 pts.

ATHLETICS.

'Flu reduced the value of this year's season and prevented us fielding a team in the Triangular Match; Barnard Castle had also to withdraw.

The highlight of the term was the visit of an Achilles Club team led by Mr. Arthur Selwyn. They spent two nights here and on Monday, 23rd March, we had an impromptu match; after tea they coached us most expertly.

The visitors were R. D. D. Van Rossum; G. S. Harrison; D. I. B. Smith; R. Bhatia; M. C. Penney; C. A. D. Stott; P. S. Mackenzie; J. D. Holt; R. J. T. Givan; G. Denny.

Sports Day was fine and the events went off smoothly. Mrs. Robson presented the prizes.

Results:

Seniors.

100 yds.—Robson, C. M., Middlemiss; Parr; Michelson. 10.6 secs.

220 yds.—Parr; Carlyon; Middlemiss; Michelson. 25.8 secs.

440 yds.—Carlyon; Robson; Michelson; Milner. 55.2 secs.

880 yds.—Carlyon; Hart; Valks; Milner. 2 mins. 10.1 secs.

1 mile—Valks; Grant, Milner, Pearson. 4 mins. 46.8 secs.

Hurdles—Robson; Purvis; Grant; Grierson. 15.6 secs.

Discus—Grierson; Crawford; Valks; Buchan. 102 ft. 4 ins.

Long Jump—Middlemiss; Robson; Crawford; Michelson. 19 ft.

1 in.

High Jump—Middlemiss; Purvis; Buchan; Crawford. 5 ft. 2 ins.
Relay—Poole; School; Caffinites.

Middles.

100 yds.—Ford; Appleby; Britton; Houghton. 11.6 secs.
220 yds.—Ford; Britton; Appleby; Harle. 26.1 secs.
440 yds.—Harle; Coulthard; Appleby; Dickson. 58.2 secs.
880 yds.—Dickson; Coulthard; Murley; Price. 2 mins. 12.6 secs.
1 mile—Dickson; Price, Coulthard, McLaren. 4 mins. 55.3 secs.
Hurdles—Hill; Walton; Britton; Hind. 17.4 secs.
High Jump—Ford; Seaton; Hindmarsh; Murley. 4 ft. 9 ins.
Long Jump—Ford; Appleby; Lamb; Britton. 18 ft. 6½ ins.
Relay—Caffinites; School; Poole. 1 min. 50.2 secs.

Juniors.

100 yds.—Armitage; Roberts; Minto; Alder. 12.2 secs.
220 yds.—Armitage; Minto; Stacey; Roberts. 26.9 secs.
440 yds.—Minto; Armitage; Roberts; Alder. 60.4 secs.
Hurdles—Minto; Armitage; Roberts; Armstrong. 11.2 secs.
High Jump—Armitage; Armstrong; Roberts, Malden. 4 ft.
Long Jump—Armitage; Roberts; Alder; Minto. 14 ft. 11 ins.
The Victor Ludorum was won by C. M. Robson.

Results of the Bland Competition:

School House 293; Caffinites 185; Poole House 165.

FIVES.

Results:

v. Jesters. Lost 51-120.
v. Glasgow University. Won 157-116.
v. Durham University. Lost 90-181.
v. Merchiston. Lost 44-101.
v. O.D.s Lost 58-120.

The following played for the First IV: M. Heppell, B. S. Fletcher, D. I. Middlemiss, P. Robertson, M. J. P. Urwin, B. D. Collin.

Heppell and Robertson reached the Quarter-finals of the Public Schools' Championships at Whitgift in April, beating pairs from Eastbourne and Giggleswick. Heppell also reached the quarter-finals in the Singles.

M.H.

SWIMMING.

This year we have increased our number of fixtures by three matches. We have had six this term against:—

Darlington Grammar School on April 25th. Lost 23-55.
Lost the polo match 4-1.

Royal Grammar School on May 6th. Lost 20-91.
Lost the polo match 4-0.

Durham Colleges on May 9th. Lost 26-46.
Lost the polo match 4-2.

Bede Grammar School on May 30th. Won 70½ - 41½.

Johnston Grammar School (under 16) on June 10th. Won 27-15.
Won the polo match 6-0.

Sir William Turner's on July 14th.

Owing to rowing and cricket, the activities of the teams have been restricted somewhat and it is difficult to take on grammar schools which treat swimming as a major sport. Our junior team is quite keen and promising and I have great hopes of them in the future. There is hope of a match against the City next autumn.

This term we have tried to start life saving classes. Several pairs started training at the beginning of term but some are, unfortunately, dropping out. The exam is for the Bronze Medallion and the coaches are: Hill, D. J.; Little, J; and Grant, H., who have already attained this standard. Next year we hope to take life-saving more seriously.

BASKET-BALL.

Despite the fact that on occasions our practices clashed with rugby, five of the seven fixtures arranged were played.

Although unsuccessful in gaining victory, promise was shown by all concerned—especially Robertson, P., in his accurate shooting, and Dunn and Mosley in their solid defence.

Results:

v. Bede Grammar School, away. Lost 87-113.

v. Wolsingham Grammar School, away. Lost 57-63.

v. Bede Grammar School, home. Lost 78-95.

N.E. Basket-ball Tournament.

1st round lost to Wolsingham 6-8.

2nd round drew with Bede 6-6.

3rd round won against Ryhope 8-2.

4th round lost to Darlington 'B' 7-8.

O.D.s at home. Lost 47-110.

Boys who played:

Pearson, G. E. (Capt.); Robertson, P., Hooper, L. R. W., Hart, N. T., Dunn, M., Mosley, J. R., Harle, R. W., Grierson, D. B. N., Robinson, J. T., Michelson, A. D., Craven, W. C., Hampton, K. G., Craig, D.

On behalf of past and present Basket-ball teams I should like to thank sincerely Captain A. J. Thomson for all he has done for the School and to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Richardson who comes next term.

G.E.P.

WINTER-SPORTS PARTY.

A party of 13 boys went for a fortnight's ski-ing holiday over the New Year and early January to Davos in Eastern Switzerland.

In order to save expense, a building contractor's hostel was taken over for accommodation, and to avoid an undue amount of cooking, a local restaurant was asked to supply the evening meal for the whole period of our stay.

This arrangement proved highly satisfactory, and in spite of the complete lack of any comfort in the hostel (for instance no easy chairs and no hot or even warm water at any time), a most enjoyable holiday was spent by all. The ski-ing facilities at Davos are second to none in the whole of Switzerland, and an almost unlimited variety of runs are available. But unfortunately, weather conditions were extremely bad, and several feet of snow fell during our stay, closing many of the runs including the famous Parsenn, owing to the danger of avalanches.

One boy succeeded in passing the Swiss Silver ski-test, after only 10 days' instruction, and another 8 were successful in the test for the Bronze Medal.

RAILWAY CLUB TRIP TO IRELAND.

11 members of the Railway Club set out in the earliest hour of an April Monday morning from Newcastle for Dublin via Stranraer and Larne. The crossing was unexpectedly calm and on arrival in Dublin we were fit to take on a newcomer from Westminster who rapidly endeared himself to us as 'Frog'. A strenuous afternoon was spent in Inchicore repair works and on the Hill of Howth Tramway before we retired to Dublin Youth Hostel where several members had their first taste of hostelling (and cooking!). All survived the night, and the next morning we retreated north-west via Portadown and Strabane to Donegal where we spent the remaining time, mainly touring the County Donegal Railways which, alas, have been dying slowly, albeit romantically, for the last eight years.

Conditions here necessitated 7 a.m. rising and a walk to the nearest rail point of two miles which could easily have been three, had the railway staff not proved amenable to the suggestion of making six special stops at a level-crossing. Whether members spent their time riding in railbuses on ill-maintained, decaying tracks, periodically blocked by cars, or nostalgically 'pulling off' signals in abandoned signal boxes to encourage the ghost trains to revisit their old haunts, or hiking around the beautiful Donegal mountains; all were agreed that they had enjoyed themselves. The party's thanks are due to the secretary but for whose untiring efforts the trip might never have occurred, let alone achieved such success.

O.D. NEWS.

O.D. RUGGER MATCH.

The annual fixture against the School will be played on Tuesday, December 15th. Anyone who is interested in playing should contact R. W. Smithson during next term.

LONDON O.D. DINNER.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Cafe Monaco on the 20th March. The principal speaker was the Headmaster, and the following O.D.s were present:—

O. B. Richardson, J. V. Cowgill, C.M.G., Ridgeway Brown, Rev. Morley H. Wells, E. Watts-Moses, C. Mayes, H. C. Ferens, J.P., D. C. Davies, A. S. Oakley, M.B.E., S. Dunn, Lieut. Col. H.R.E. Willis, D. H. Sanderson, J. E. H. Dykes, Dr. W. G. Oakley, J. K. M. Sanderson, D. R. Cole, W. S. Paulin, Rev. L. G. F. Dykes, B. Aarvold, His Honour Judge C. D. Aarvold, O.B.E., G. S. Hamilton, M. R. Le Fleming, W. L. Crick, D.S.C., Rev. G. MacKenzie, M.B.E., G. H. P. Grenfell, T. D., S. G. Hall, R. G. Heppell, D. F. Summerson, G. D. Sanderson, H. A. L. Haymes, G. C. Richardson, D. P. Sinnott, W. B. Robinson, H. H. Grey, Lieut. Col. T. M. Gray, D.S.O., M.C., R.M., M. A. P. Ferguson, W. W. Ruff, J. A. Brett, P. Jack, R. I. Pitt, R. P. M. Bell, H. G. Bowles, Dr. G. M. Bell, W. M. Dixon, J. A. Wintersgill, R. W. Taylor, G. C. Reay, P. N. Kershaw, M. A. Nathan, Rev. F. A. E. Chadwick, T. H. D. Green, Capt. B. A. Black, R.A.M.C., D. W. Limon, M. A. Morris, A. H. Crute, J. R. C. Lee, E. S. Whitehouse, G. Nathan, A. T. Douglas, T. M. Ridley, D. J. Hall, J. Hall, D. E. Bucknall, D. H. Odling-Smee, G. E. Pattie, D. B. Wigfield, I. Charlton.

The Headmaster was the guest of the Cambridge O.D.s at their Annual Dinner, held on Saturday, April 25th. The Chair was taken by Mr. P. Hunter Blair, and the following O.D.s were present :—

Mr. J. A. Brett, Mr. R. P. M. Bell, Mr. A. F. R. Brown, Mr. J. c. H. Dykes, Mr. G. D. S. Galilee, Mr. E. Garth Moore, Mr. S. G. Hall, Mr. R. R. H. Newson, D. E. Bucknall, R. I. H. Charlton, M. W. Evans, J. N. Everett, I. D. Gregg, J. M. Knowles, D. H. Odling-Smee, J. M. Owen, G. E. Pattie, M. A. Pearson, P. E. Rans, G. R. S. Ritson, R. T. Shepherd, W. L. Taylor, B. M. Webster, D. B. Wigfield.

GENERAL NEWS.

REV. J. E. LINTON (1930-37) was installed as Vicar of Beltingham by the Archdeacon of Northumberland, after spending six years as Vicar of St. Aidan's, Lynemouth.

COL. H. L. SWINBURNE (1913-15) has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the 17th Battalion, the Parachute Regiment (D.L.I.), at Gateshead. Among his many other offices he holds the post of magistrate on the Hexham Bench.

D. A. ROBSON (1944-49) has taken up a Regular Commission in R.E.M.E.

R. M. LINDSLEY (1920-23) is President of the Sunderland Law Society during the current year.

E. WATTS MOSES (1909-14) was Chairman of the Sunderland Trustee Saving Bank for 1958.

G. M. FORDY (1947-52) is being admitted to the first professional membership examination of the Institute of Builders, for the Licentiate Diploma, in September.

D. S. WALKER (1951-55) has been awarded the Herbert Ruse Prize by the Law Society in the intermediate examination.

B. DEWHURST (1944-45), as many will have read, was awarded the first prize of £2,500 in the Sunday Times competition for architectural ideas for developing the National Gallery site. After leaving the RAF he had a remarkable sequence of successes in his studentship. He won the Leverhulme Scholarship to the Architectural Association's School at Bedford Square. There he won a further set of awards, including the S.A.D.G. medal. Since then he has moved to America, having won a scholarship to Harvard. He is now working with a Boston firm.

R. W. SMITHSON (1943-48) is captain of Northumberland County Cricket for the current season.

H. N. WOOD (1902-04) was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

H. B. COCHRANE (1919-23) was elected Rector's warden at the Annual Vestry meeting of Hexham Abbey.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

The Secretary has received news of O.D.s in South Africa from two sources, C. L. B. Whall, the local secretary, and Major-Gen. Stanley Arnott, who has just returned from a trip out there.

Of particular interest to older O.D.s will be news of Hamilton Price, at Nakuru, Kenya.

Whall writes :—

“The information was conveyed to me in a letter from his wife. She writes that her husband recently underwent a very serious operation on his eye, the only remaining one, as she puts it. He is now 85 so must be one of the oldest O.D.s. in Southern Africa. She goes on further to say that his memory is not as good as it used to be so it was very hard for her to get accurate information from him regarding his life at the School.

Mrs. Price tells me that she thinks her husband left about 1889 or so and went to Durham University, which is borne out by the facts contained in the last School Register.

He later lived in Burma for some 30 years. Both he and his wife drove ambulances during the First War and in the last war he commanded a company of the Home Guard in Somerset.

She concludes her letter by telling me that they celebrated their 55th Wedding anniversary on 3rd. December last year.”

Arnott in his turn has forwarded notes on some O.D.s, which may be of interest to their contemporaries.

Durban, Natal.

- (1) C. L. B. WHALL (1909 to 1913).
Local Secretary for Old Dunelmian Society, South Africa branch. Now retired from business. Has collected names of most O.D's in South Africa, Rhodesia and Kenya, and has been in touch with them by letter.
- (2) M. C. W. FLINT (1912 to 1916).

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

- (3) HERBERT GREENWAY (1910 to 1914).
Now in Salisbury as Manager of Colonial Banking and Trust Company Limited. (Was very anxious to receive the new list of members O.D. Society which is about to be issued.)

Kenya Colony.

- (4) (a) *Nairobi.*
A. T. G. THOMAS (1917 to 1921).
Now is Medical Officer of Health for Municipality of Nairobi.
- (5) (b) *Nakuru.*
S. O. V. HODGE (1904 to 1910).
Now retired from Kenya Civil Service and is farming near Nakuru. In addition he breeds race horses near his farm in a very lovely part of Kenya.
- (6) T. L. NICHOLSON (1919-1922).
- (7) C. P. NICHOLSON (1921-1924). } Brothers.
Both farming near Nakuru.
- (8) F. B. GOUGH (1898-1902).
was farming near Nanyuki. On passing through the town which is situated on the Equator, I learnt of his recent death.

NORWAY.

L. D. Wang (1918-23) has written to say that he will gladly welcome a visit from any O.D. who should be visiting Oslo, and in particular any contemporary. His address is Drammersveien 104 D, Oslo, but during the summer he is away from the city, and can then be contacted by telephoning 53 8340.

BIRTHS.

GOSSMAN—On April 2nd., to Margaret Heather, wife of Dr. H. Gossmann (1939-43), a daughter.

KERRICH-WALKER—On January 2nd., to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Kerrich-Walker (1932-35), a son.

TWIDLE—On December 10th., 1958, to Ruth Carol, wife of Surgeon-Lieut. R. S. H. Twidle (1945-51), a son.

MARRIAGES.

BOURN—On Saturday, June 6th., T. Bourn (1945-50), to Miss Ann Pace, at Benwell.

COOPER—On Saturday, January 10th, E. A. Cooper (1939-44) to Miss Susan Keenlyside, at Alnwick.

KING—On March 21st., I. King (1947-52), to Miss Ella Anderson at Bridge of Allan.

LISTER—On February 24th., G. R. L. Lister (1947-52), to Jear Harker, at St. Lukas Church, Ratnapura, Ceylon, by the Bishop of Colombo.

RIDLEY—On June 20th., T. M. Ridley (1947-52) to Miss Jane Dickinson, at Longhoughton.

STIRRAT—On March 3rd, J. Stirrat (1922-24), to Miss Jill Gassrod of Capetown, S.A., at Glasgow.

WILSON—On May 18th, D. S. Wilson (1947-51), to Miss Margaret Shilling, at Derby.

ENGAGEMENT.

FARRAGE—E. P. Farrage (1949-52) to Miss Patricia Hinckley.

DEATHS.

CUMBERLEGE—On December 29th, 1958, Rutland Farrington Cumberlege (1890-95), at Newcastle.

WOTHERSPOON—On November 15th., 1958, Allan Wotherspoon (1905-08), at Crewe.

OBITUARY.

R. F. CUMBERLEGE.

Canon Luce writes :—

The eldest of six Dunelmian brothers, R. F. Cumberlege came to the School as a King's Scholar in 1890 and left in 1895. He became School Monitor and Captain of cricket. He held an exhibition at Trinity Cambridge, took a second in the Classical Tripos, and won a Rugger blue. After 17 years as a master at Fettes, he was headmaster of the Newcastle Preparatory School (N.P.S.) for more than a quarter of a century.

The steady stream of his boys who came on to Durham was abundant testimony to his outstanding qualities as a schoolmaster. All of them admired and respected him, and owed much to his influence ; he gave them, in particular, a robust and energetic common sense which enabled an unusually high proportion of them to rise to leading positions in the School. When war broke out he and Mrs. Cumberlege, no longer young, shouldered the arduous task of removing what was normally a day school to a country house in north Northumberland. No one who visited them there could fail to be impressed by the indomitable cheer

fulness with which every difficulty was faced and surmounted ; but the strain told on them both, and they retired soon after bringing the school back to Newcastle at the end of the war.

Cumberlege was a quite admirable Old Boy. Second to none in loyalty to Durham, his outlook was open-minded and progressive, and always based on firsthand knowledge of the School's needs and aims. Those who knew him well greatly valued the wisdom of his counsel as well as the warmth and generosity of his friendship.

H.K.L.

H. F. Macdonald writes :—

At Fettes he was a tremendous success, alike in the classroom, where he taught the most exacting of all classes—the lowest—, on the games field, where he coached highly successful XV's which included, many players who were later to win fame as blues and internationals, in the corps, in the Shakespeare Society and as a House Tutor. He was the most modest of men, and was both liked and respected by boys and masters.

Old Dunelmians are urged to supply items of news of general interest about themselves or other O.D.s for inclusion in "The Dunelmian."

News should be sent either to The Editor, The Dunelmian, Durham School or to R. W. Smithson, Poole House, Durham.

Please also notify changes of address.

VALETE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

EYLES, M. R. MV¹; came 1955¹ 2nd XV 1957-8; Swimming Team 1957-8.

ELLIOTT, C. G.—VI¹.B.; came 1954¹; 1st XV 1957-8 ; Basketball Team 1956-7-8 ; Capt. 1958 ; Athletics Team 1957-8 ; 1st VIII and 2nd crew 1958 ; 4th crew 1957.

OPENSHAW, J. D.—VI² ; came 1955³ ; Monitor ; Head of School House 1958³ ; 2nd XV 1958 ; Athletics Team 1957-8 ; Basketball Team 1957-8 ; Swimming Team 1956-7-8 ; Capt. 1958 ; 1st VIII and 2nd crew 1958 ; 4th crew 1957.

PATTERSON, J. H.—MV¹; came 1954³ ; Leading Seaman R. N. Section.

BAIRNSFATHER, B. B. (D)—VI¹.B.; came 1953³.

LODGE, D. J.—(D) MV¹ ; came 1955¹.

EASTER TERM.

ROBSON, C. M.—VI² ; came 1955³. Monitor ; Head of School House 1959² ; 1st XV 1958 ; 2nd XV 1957 ; Athletics Team 1957-8-9 ; Captain 1959.

CAFFINITES.

CHRISTMAS TERM.

ASKEW, J. G.—I ; came 1955³ ; 2nd XV 1958.

CHARLTON, C. D. P.—I ; came 1953³.

LISTER, D. D. L.—I ; came 1955³ ; Basket-ball team 1956-7-8 ; School Swimming team, 1958.

TRUSSON, W. D.—I ; came 1955³.

CROWTHER, R. M. (D)—I; came 1954³; 2nd XI 1958; 1st XV 1958;
1st running VIII 1957-8; School Swimming team 1956-7-8;
Basket-ball team 1956; 2nd Fives IV 1958; Senior Mile Cup.
HASTIE, N. M. (D)—MV²; came 1956³.
SHOTTON, J. B. (D)—MV.¹; came 1956¹. 1st XV 1957-8; 1st XI 1958.

POOLE HOUSE.

EASTER TERM.

HINCKLEY, W. (D)—VI²; came 1954³.
LAWSON, T. C. (D)—VI²; came 1956¹.

AVETE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

EASTER TERM.

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ALDER, R. M. H.—son of H. Alder, Esq., The Glebe, Dalton-le-Dale,
Seaham.

CAFFINITES.

EASTER TERM.

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THE GROVE.

EASTER TERM.

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SUMMER TERM.

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Lane, Hetton-le-Hole.
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