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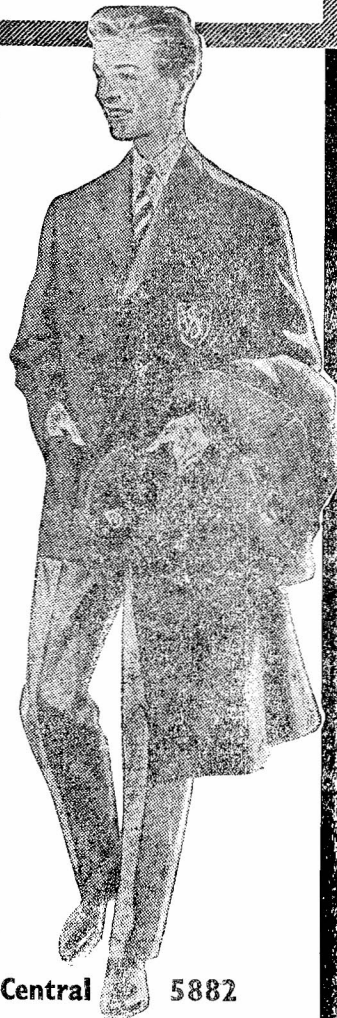
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THE HEADMASTER

Although Mr. Malcolm P. Smith is by this time well-established as our Headmaster, it is our privilege to welcome him officially to the School.

Mr. Smith was educated at Manchester Grammar School and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took a first-class Honours Degree in Modern Languages. After three years in the Civil Service, he spent seven years on the Staff of King Edward VI Grammar School, Aston, Birmingham, and then after a short stay at Felsted School, he went back to Manchester Grammar School for the four years prior to his becoming Headmaster of Woking Grammar School.

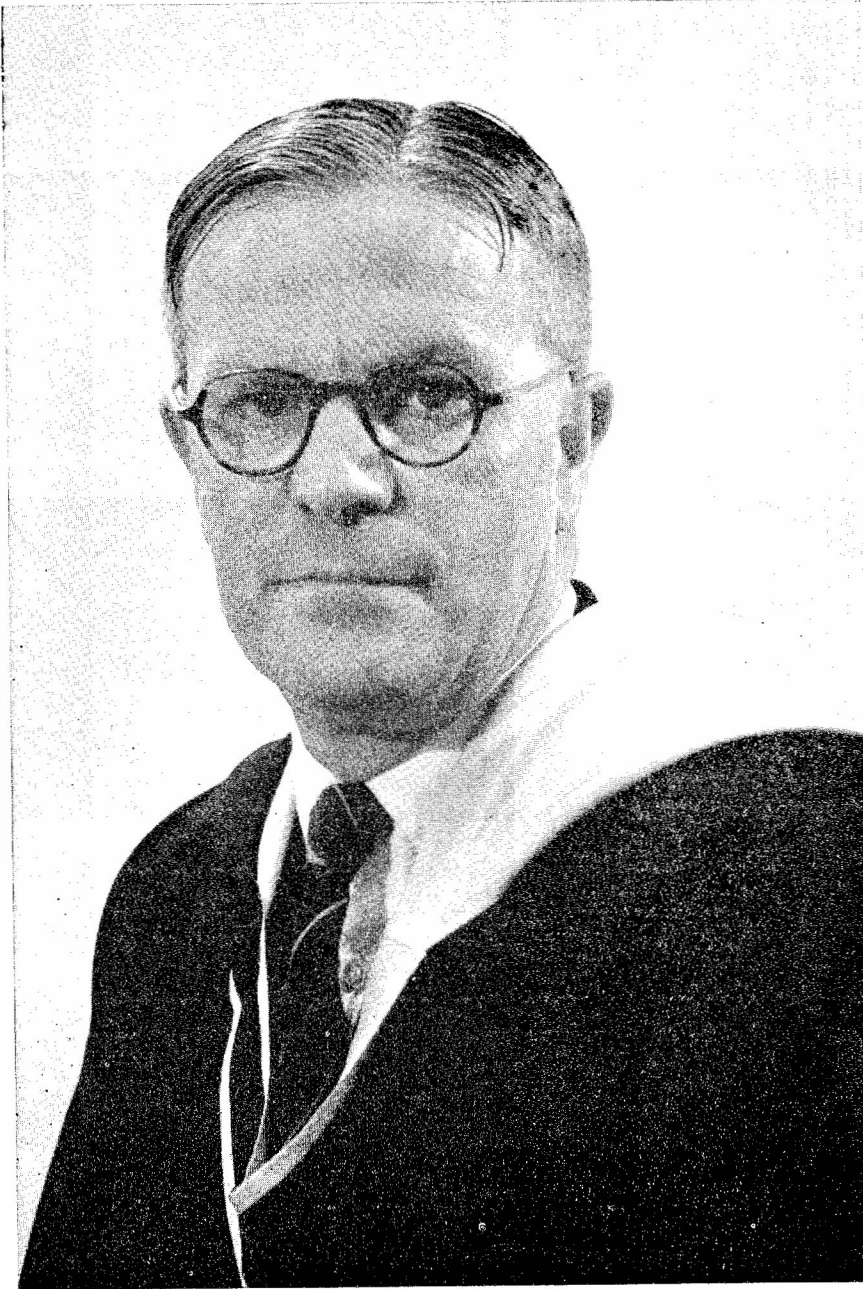
We express the hope that he may be happy here and that we may give him reason to be well satisfied with the Liverpool Institute.

EDITORIAL

A cascade of coins, a cluster of geometrical instruments, a flask and tripod, a tenon saw, a violin, a globe of the world, and a pile of voluminous books. No, this is not Lot 661 at Sotheby's (dare we associate such unpretentious bric-à-brac with that august establishment?) nor do they constitute the list of "objects" for an edition of "Twenty Questions." Instead, they comprise the detail of Mr. Reed's modified reproduction of the School Badge, which forms the main feature of the cover of the Magazine and, indeed, has done so for the last three years. By drawing people's attention to this, the Editors are endeavouring to express their fervent wish that the cover design with its wide variety of objects, reflecting as they do the diverse nature of School interests, epitomises the spirit of the whole Magazine, just as a good wine should keep the promise of its bouquet. We hope the Magazine will not be a "whited wall."

Too much stress, however, should not be laid on School activities in the Magazine at the expense of the academic aspect of School life. The Editors feel it is within their prerogative to say a word about this. "That a soul be without knowledge, it is not good," is one of the School's cherished beliefs. But we must be careful to note what kind of knowledge we assimilate and, indeed, what we mean by knowledge. There are schools which seem to conduct their education along the lines of a modern factory; their pupils are passed along a conveyor belt, continually being fed with numerous potted facts, and often specialised ones at that, which have been carefully filleted, digested, regurgitated and then administered on a spoon, and are turned out more or less completely assembled to the same specifications, with an occasional faulty product here and there. Regrettably, many of the pupils are under the impression that they have been properly educated.

Now there is a knowledge that is richer and wider than our present, purely intellectual knowledge, than the knowledge of facts, of causes and results; that is the practical knowledge of the comparative values and standards of life, which is activated by both an intellectual and a moral passion and seeks after the eternal and the absolute. This is what Socrates meant by that compendious dictum, "Virtue is knowledge;" no man would do bad, if he could foresee its consequences. Similarly, the theme of most of the novels of a writer of our own time, D. H. Lawrence, is the gradual degeneration of this instinctive knowledge, as opposed to the rational kind, or as he put



Mr. M. P. SMITH

it, "the death of the living intuitive faculty." A modern educationalist would probably call it the "development of character" or "the broadening of the mind." The nearest approach to this ideal so far is the current philosophy of a "liberal" education, unfortunately only a philosophy and not a reality. How few are the schools which teach this knowledge, the art of how to live to the best advantage! We trust the Magazine goes some way to foster it.

In September we welcomed our new Headmaster, Mr. Malcolm P. Smith, M.A., (Cambridge, Trinity College). In his address to the new boys at the beginning of this school year, Mr. Smith said that he shared their fears and apprehensions as he himself felt that he was a "new boy." On behalf of the whole School, the Editors sincerely hope that the Headmaster no longer entertains such feelings and will enjoy a happy and successful period of office.

CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR

In September we welcomed the following new members to the Staff: Mr. E. J. Byrne (Padgate), Mr. W. R. Clark, D.L.C. (Loughborough), Mr. J. Nicholson, B.Sc. (Liverpool), Mr. W. A. R. Richardson, B.A. (Oxford, St. John's College); Mr. D. Wilson, (Bangor) and M. F. Le Gros (Lille).

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Gavin on their marriage and wish them every happiness.

P. S. Jones (6AM2) has played in three matches, in Germany, for the Merseyside Grammar Schools Football XI.

D. R. Lathen (M6A) and D. W. T. Hughes (6BM2) have both played hockey for Lancashire Colts.

J. Park (M6A) has been selected to represent England at Basketball.

On the afternoon of 6th November, G.C.E. forms enjoyed the film of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," which was shown in the School Hall.

On Wednesday, 15th November, members of the Sixth Form assembled in the School Hall to hear a talk by Mr. Ahmed, from Pakistan, about Pakistan's place in the Commonwealth.

On Thursday, 7th December, Mr. R. A. Basoah, from Ghana, talked to members of the Sixth Form about Ghana and World Affairs.

In November, boys from the Upper and Lower Modern Sixths attended a performance of Molière's *Le Malade Imaginaire*, given by the Troupe Française, at the Royal Court Theatre.

We congratulate C. Morgan (6AM1) on being awarded First Prize in the Boys' Section of the Oral Competition, organised by the Foyer Français of Liverpool.

Speech Day was held on Wednesday, 13th December, in the Philharmonic Hall, when the prizes were distributed by Professor L. Rosenhead, C.B.E., Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., Professor of Applied Mathematics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool.

On Thursday, 7th December, A. J. Cowan, J. Hall and M. J. Mills were invited by the Lord Mayor to a reception at the Town Hall commemorating the success of the Liverpool Schools City Swimming Team in winning the Lancashire Schools Swimming and Diving Championship Shields.

On the evening of Monday, 18th December, a concert of Christmas Carols, including Christmas music from Handel's "Messiah," was given by the Choral Society, in the School Hall.

During the last afternoon of term, a Service of Lessons and Carols was held in the School Hall.

Performances of the School Play, "The Servant of Two Masters," by Carlo Goldoni, will be given in the School Hall, on the evenings of Wednesday—Saturday, February 21st—24th.

The Music Club Concert will be held on the evening of Thursday, 29th March.

The Editors wish to thank those who responded so well to the appeal for original contributions. Many articles of considerable merit have had to be withheld through lack of space.

We congratulate the following on their academic achievements—

J. ARMSTRONG, an Open Scholarship in Mathematics, at Christ Church, Oxford.

D. LENNARD, an Open Scholarship in Mathematics, at New College, Oxford.

D. E. WILLIAMS, an Organ Scholarship, at Jesus College, Oxford.

D. M. CATTRALL, an Open Exhibition in Mathematics, at Hertford College, Oxford.

J. P. ROBERTS, an Open Exhibition in Natural Science, at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

C. MORGAN, an Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

R. Y. SHARPE, an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Wadham College, Oxford.

P. R. MACGUIRE, an Open Exhibition in Classics, at Queens College, Oxford.

H. W. B. DAVIES, an Open Scholarship in Mathematics, at Keble College, Oxford.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Tuesday, 19th December, the last day of term, the following service of Lessons and Carols was held in the School Hall:—

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night ... The School

First Lesson: Isaiah 9; 2, 6, 7. *A Fourth Former*—M. Garland (4Sc.)

The Noble Stem of Jesse—German 15th Century ... The Choir

Second Lesson: St. Luke 2; 1—7 *An Upper Fifth Former*

Gabriel's Message—An old Basque carol ... P. F. Ainsworth (USB).

Patapan—Anonymous ... The Choir

Third Lesson: St. Luke 2; 8—20 *The Head Boy*—R. E. Tysoe (6AM2).

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing ... The School

Fourth Lesson: St. Matthew 2; 1—15—*A Master*—Mr. J. G. Rogers.

The Infant King—From an old Basque Noel ... The Choir

Fifth Lesson: St. John 1; 1—14 ... The Headmaster

Lullay—Holst ... The Choir

O Come All Ye Faithful ... The School

A Prayer

THE BENEDICTION

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held on Wednesday, 13th December, 1961, in the Philharmonic Hall, when the main speaker was Professor L. Rosenhead, C.B.E., Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., Professor of Applied Mathematics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Rosenhead.

After the address of welcome, delivered by the Head Boy of the School, R. E. Tysoe, Mr. M. P. Smith presented his report as Headmaster.

Having welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Professor and Mrs. Rosenhead and the other platform guests, he paid tribute to the late Mr. Lawrence Holt, a member of the governing body for forty years, who donated many gifts to the School. He then referred to the academic successes of the School, during Mr. Edwards' last year as Headmaster, the School gaining for the first time eleven open awards to Oxford and Cambridge, nine of these being for mathematics. The Headmaster expressed his faith in examinations, not only as a test of academic ability, but also of character and morale. He impressed upon the

School the need for justifying selection for such a school as our own.

He said that he had been pleasantly surprised to find such a wide variety of interests in such cramped premises, and felt that every boy should be able to find some activity suited to himself.

The Headmaster then acknowledged his debt of gratitude to the members of the staff, for their loyal support, especially during the period when a strike of school masters was contemplated, the majority of the masters rejecting the idea, and all of them expressing distaste for it. He gave his support to the proposed move of the School to Aigburth, but hoped that its soul and identity would be preserved. If this was borne in mind, he felt sure that the School could look forward to the future with hope and confidence.

The choir then sang 'Adam Lay Ybounden', by Boris Ord, and 'Torches', by John Joubert.

The chairman of the governors, Professor R. A. Morton, was especially pleased to see Mr. Edwards at the School's Speech Day, looking so well, and went on to congratulate Tysoe on the delivery of the address of welcome, this year in English for the first time. Professor Morton then referred to the history of the Liverpool Institute Schools, published twenty-five years ago; he felt that the several hundred copies of the History should be brought back into circulation, so that more people could learn of the history of the Liverpool Institute Schools. He also suggested that the History should be used as evidence when proposals as to the form of the new school at Aigburth were being considered, but whatever decisions were taken, Professor Morton was sure that some people would disagree with them, and it was the job of the governors to act as referees in such matters. After a call for a new edition of the History, the chairman finally welcomed all the guests of the School.

In the following interlude the choir sang 'Nobody knows de trouble I see' and 'Peter, go ring dem bells', by Philip G. Wilkinson, before the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Rosenhead.

Beginning his address, Professor Rosenhead said how indebted to Mr. Edwards he was for having so ably supervised the education of his son at the Institute. He then described how he sometimes thought of a school as a laboratory, where boys became young gentlemen, and how a headmaster could be regarded as a master-magician, but the reputation of the School depended, not on any teachers, but on the boys themselves. With regard to examinations, he emphasised their importance as criteria by which the competence of such professional people as doctors can be measured. An examination, he said, should not be regarded as an imposition, but as a challenge; at the same time, examinations are not everything. Although they are important, as shown by the number of older people now entering examinations for the General Certificate of Education, they are of little consequence in themselves without qualities such as goodness and kindness. Ideally, character and academic prowess should be fostered together, and a school should try to develop this combination, but cannot succeed without the co-operation of the boys.

Professor Rosenhead went on to describe Science, not only as a series of discoveries useful to mankind, but as an influence on people to cast off their superstitious attitudes. He then progressed to the subject of specialisation, whether in Science or the Humanities, and stressed the importance of a balanced education, and, once more, the necessity for close co-operation between boys, parents and teachers.

In conclusion, Professor Rosenhead offered encouragement and best wishes to school-leavers.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. P. R. Clarke and seconded by S. J. Norris, who presented a book to Professor Rosenhead. The School then sang 'The Yeomen of England' by Edward German, and the proceedings closed with the School hymn, 'Lo, The Sound of Youthful Voices'.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

This has been a particularly active year for the Old Boys' Association: we could not let the retirement of our Chairman pass without marking it appropriately with a Presentation Dinner. Over 80 Old Boys met to honour J. R. Edwards at the Exchange Hotel, where Alec Tunnington Esq., O.B.E., J.P. presented a handsome canteen of silver cutlery and a set of silver condiments on behalf of the many hundreds who had subscribed to a special fund launched earlier in the year. The principal speakers—Dr. C. McGibbon, A. Durband, and P. Kennerley—paid tribute to Mr. Edwards' devoted service to the School and its Old Boys' Association. Liobians at Oxford, Cambridge, and in London had held similar dinners in Mr. Edwards' honour. The last of the ceremonies was at Ladies' Night on November 11th, when Mr. E. A. Orlans presented Mrs. Edwards with a double string of cultured pearls. At the same time he extended the sincere good wishes of the Association to our new Chairman, Mr. M. P. Smith, and to Mrs. Smith.

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CLUB REPORTS

Here are the reports of the sporting clubs, as submitted to the A.G.M.:

FOOTBALL

At the end of last season the Club finished as holders of two trophies, won by our Second and Third Elevens, and having had three players chosen for the Liverpool Old Boys' Amateur League representative side to play against the Lancashire and Cheshire Amateur League.

This season, with a membership of about fifty-five players we hope to do better and so far, our four teams are lying first, second, sixth and second, in their respective leagues. Over the past season or two, we have welcomed new players, on their leaving School, to our ranks, but not so many as we would like. We hope, in the future that more boys, on their leaving school, will condescend to join us.

The social side of the club has improved a great deal and in the past year we have had two successful socials and a hot-pot supper. These functions have enabled the club members to meet one another more often, a thing which has been missing since we left Mersey Road, and to which, one day, we hope to return.

W. Thomas (Hon. Sec.)

CRICKET

Season 1961 was the most difficult for the Liobians' Cricket Club since the dark days of the early 'forties, but somehow the difficulties have been—at least temporarily—overcome and another happy playing season was enjoyed, although, alas, by too few players.

Some twenty-five matches were played, and the majority of these were won, but the club is all too dependent on the performance of two or three stalwarts, and if they failed, or were absent for some reason, the results were calamitous. Even this, however, cannot explain the side's only scoring fifty against the School, and then compiling one hundred and eighty against a strong competition side, the next day—or making one hundred and seventy-five against Bootle, and then being dismissed for thirty-nine by Clan Line.

Despite, or perhaps even because of, these unpredictable performances, everyone enjoyed his cricket very much, but some new blood from the School is absolutely essential if the Club is to maintain its high standing in local cricket circles.

Our thanks, for making a happy season possible at all, are due to the School, the Headmaster and the Groundsmen, for their support, interest and hard work. A sound fixture list is already in existence for season 1962. Provided a couple more reasonable playing members are available to take some of the weight off the shoulders of the present stalwarts, we hope to fulfil it adequately.

T. W. Slade (Hon. Sec.)

TENNIS

In its second full year of operation, the Tennis Club maintained its large junior membership but failed to increase its senior membership. Although this state of affairs was not anticipated when the club was founded, there is, nevertheless, much satisfaction to be gained from the fact that so very many boys are now playing tennis because of the club's existence. We can only hope that the juniors of today become the seniors of tomorrow.

Finance is still a worrying problem to their new club, which is still facing heavy expenses in order to keep abreast with dilapidation.

This year, unexpectedly, we had to replace a pair of posts—and the outlay of £25 may well turn an expected profit into a deficit.

A. Durband (Chairman).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

J. B. Evans (1944—1953) captained Lancashire 'A' Hockey XI and has played for the Senior County Side.

Eric Richards (1945—1953) is Assistant District Officer, Lilongwe, Nyasaland. He is married and has a baby boy. Mr. Richards is returning to the United Kingdom early in 1962.

J. McCabe (1950—1957) now studying at Royal Manchester College of Music, has been awarded the following prizes:

The Royal Manchester Institution Medal for Composition; The Edward Hecht Prize for Composition and the Hilary Hawarth Prize for Accompaniment.

Dr. Harry Shecter (1939-1945) has been appointed staff pathologist and director of laboratories at the General Hospital at Saginaw, Michigan, U.S.A. He emigrated to Canada in 1951.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES

The Editors wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines, with sincere apologies for any omissions:

Calder High School Magazine, The Alsopian, Wallaseyan, Hillfoot Hey High School Magazine, Esmeduna, Essemmay, Childwall Valley High School Magazine, Ruym, The Suttonian.

EUROPEAN TOUR

The National Youth Orchestra was founded in 1947 by its present Musical Director, Dr. Ruth Railton, and for the first few years it owed its existence to subscriptions from various organisations and individuals. Since 1952, however, it has been subsidised by the "Daily Mirror." The full complement of the orchestra is between 140-150 players, all aged between 13 and 19, although only 110 members took part in the recent European tour. Rehearsing only three times a year during school holidays, for a course of

eight days duration—usually an extra week or two in the summer—the orchestra assembles in a different part of the country on each occasion, the members themselves being chosen from throughout the British Isles.

This year's summer course was held at Canterbury, where a concert in the Cathedral provided a fitting climax to our week's work. Rehearsals took place between 9-30 a.m. and 7 p.m., with breaks of varying duration during the course of the day. Sectional rehearsals were held under the guidance of distinguished professors while for "full" rehearsals the orchestra united under the baton of Norwegian conductor Oivin Fjeldstad.

On August 29th, the day after our Cathedral Concert, the first phase of our 5,000 mile tour began, when, in two Air Safaris' charter planes, we left Manston Airport, near Canterbury, for Hamburg. After an excellent lunch on the plane we arrived at Hamburg Airport in the early afternoon, to depart more or less immediately for our hostel, pursued by the inevitable barrage of newspaper and television reporters. On the first evening of our 3-day stay in Germany a tour of Hamburg docks had been arranged, following the pattern of our highly successful concert tour of Germany of two years ago, in the summer of 1959.

The following day was typical of the majority we spent abroad. It began with a morning rehearsal in the concert hall which was followed by a compulsory rest period in the afternoon, and the day then culminated in an evening concert. Our third day in Germany differed slightly from this routine, however, as that was the day of our Berlin concert. After a short flight from Hamburg in the morning, with lunch provided on the plane, a rehearsal was arranged in the afternoon. Tea was provided at the Kongress-halle, which was only a stone's throw from the Brandenburg Gate and the Soviet sector of the city. It was unfortunate that on this occasion we saw little of the city itself, whereas on our former visit we had the opportunity of a sightseeing tour of both the Western and Eastern sectors. Immediately after the concert, which was extremely well received, our planes took off once more for Hamburg, where we spent the night, before embarking on the next stage of the tour.

On September 1st we took leave of Hamburg, flying via Copenhagen, where we stopped for lunch while re-fuelling took place, arriving in Moscow about 9 p.m. local time. Coaches transported us from the airport to our hotel in the centre of the city; this was the Hotel Ukraine, 30-storeys high—one of Moscow's seven skyscrapers—where all foreign delegations are received. Space does not permit me to describe the hotel in detail, except to say that the room which a companion Double Bass player and myself shared was extremely comfortable, overlooking the main street at the side of the hotel. The food was also excellent, being basically similar to Western European food.

The next day was our first full day in the capital of the Russian Soviet Socialist Republic, the first day of our ten-day visit to the Soviet Union, which was to include also Leningrad and Kiev, the two other major cities of the country, and as no concert was to take place on that day, a morning tour of the city had been arranged. Three extremely well-informed Intourist guides pointed out local places of interest, and we saw the new University on Lenin Hills (another of Moscow's skyscrapers), the Lenin Central Sports Stadium, Gorky Recreation Park, the Bolshoi Theatre and, at one side of Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, to mention but a few. During the course of the morning several stops were made when we were able to leave the coaches and photograph at will. Also during the tour we passed the Tchaikowsky Concert Hall, at which we were later to play, Tchaikowsky's birthplace, Chekhov's house, and a Planetarium—one of thirty-eight in Russia. In the afternoon we had a rehearsal in the Tchaikowsky Hall, returned for supper at 6-30 p.m. and spent a quiet evening in the hotel.

On the following day we were to give our first concert in Moscow, and we looked forward to the evening's performance excitedly, if not a little ner-

vously. We did not know how the Russian audiences would react towards us—all we knew was that we had to give of our best and to make the evening a success; after all, that was the purpose of our mission, and above all, we had to prove that we could give a performance of Tchaikowsky's Fifth Symphony rivalling that of any professional Russian orchestra! After a rendering of the respective Russian and British National Anthems, the Union Jack and Soviet flag hanging together on either side of the platform, the concert opened with Weber's overture, 'Oberon,' this being followed by Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto in A*, the solo part being played by a 16-year-old Middlesex school boy Anthony Pay. The first half ended with Benjamin Britten's 'Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra,' which was exceedingly well received; and the programme was brought to a close by the symphony. At the end of the performance the applause resolved itself into a rhythmical handclapping which is a gesture of immense satisfaction on the part of the audience. Two encores were necessary before the applause finally subsided, the first being a movement of Elgar's Enigma Variations, 'Nimrod,' the second, a repetition of the fugue from the 'Young Person's Guide.'

The concert over, we were addressed by the Minister of Culture, speaking through an interpreter. He complimented us on our choice of programme and mentioned also how much the Muscovites had enjoyed the concert. More exchanges of this kind should be made, he added. Earlier in the day we had been formally welcomed to the city by Mr. Shashkin, the director of 'Gosconcert,' which is a department of the Ministry of Culture. We were the guests of Gosconcert while in Russia, and we later received a badge from Gosconcert, featuring a grand piano, over which is inscribed 'CCCP.' Also, after the concert the British Ambassador had a few words to say to us.

The procedure on the day of our second concert in Moscow was much the same as it was on the day before. The concert was again enthusiastically received and on this occasion was televised, Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 17* taking the place of the former evening's *Clarinet Concerto*, the soloist being an 18-year-old pianist from Leeds, Allan Schiller.

Our fourth day in Moscow, being 'free,' began with a visit to the Kremlin, which included a conducted tour of the 'Palace of Arms' built by the monarchs to house their treasures. Although time did not permit us to tour the remaining Kremlin buildings, these were pointed out to us, together with interesting details of their construction and history: the Great Kremlin Palace built for Tsar Nicholas I, where now are held sessions of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. and of the R.S.F.S.R. and congresses of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; the 15th century Assumption Cathedral, the chief church, where Tsars and Emperors were crowned (also the burial place of Ivan the Terrible); Ivan the Great's bell tower, in which the Tsar Bell, the largest in the world, was to have been hung; also the Tsar Cannon, the largest in the world, which has never been fired.

The morning ended with a visit to the Lenin Mausoleum in Red Square, where lay the sarcophagus of V. I. Lenin, principal leader of the October Revolution and founder of the Communist Society, together with that of Marshal Stalin whose body has recently been removed from its resting place in the mausoleum, which it had occupied since his death in 1953.

In the afternoon we had our last glimpses of Moscow, and at 4-20 p.m. left by train on a sixteen hour overnight journey to Kiev. After a poor night's sleep on the train, we arrived at about 8-30 a.m. and breakfast at the Hotel Ukraine, Kiev, was a welcome prospect. A rehearsal in the afternoon, following a short tour of the city, preceded the evening's concert, and comments regarding this concert are much the same as those made in Moscow. A concert on the following day was received as enthusiastically as the first.

Our third day in Kiev, third city of the Soviet Union and capital of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic began with a river trip and ended on the 6-50 p.m. night train bound for Leningrad. This journey took 26 hours, the first part being spent in sleeping with the major part of the following

day also being spent on the train. The time passed remarkably quickly, and after arriving in Leningrad at about 9 p.m., we spent the night in the Astoria Hotel.

During the course of our stay in the city a sightseeing tour had been arranged, and among other notable places of interest we saw the Peter and Paul fortress, built by Peter the Great (after his victory over the Swedes in 1703) to defend his newly-restored possessions on the shores of the Baltic. In 1712 he transferred his capital to St. Petersburg, after much peasant labour had been cruelly used in its construction. Later, the city had its name changed from the German for 'Petersburg' to the Russian 'Petrograd,' and after Lenin's death in 1924 the city became known as 'Leningrad,' where the Revolution of October 1917 was started. We also visited the cruiser 'Aurora,' where the gun at its bows fired on the Winter Palace before Bolshevik troops stormed it. In addition we saw the imposing Admiralty building, built in 1704 by Peter, whose 230 ft. tower is a well-known landmark in the city. Although he had many faults, Peter was a great lover of art and was responsible for founding the Hermitage, the biggest museum in the Soviet Union, the growth of whose collection now necessitates the use of four buildings, the oldest of these being the Winter Palace. A non-compulsory visit to the museum proved exceedingly interesting and an afternoon was eagerly spent in exploring a few of its treasures.

Two concerts were given in Leningrad, and after the second of these on the eve of our last day in the Soviet Union, a heart-warming farewell was extended to us as our coach prepared to leave the concert hall. This was the only time we saw the Russians show any emotion, and how much our visit had been appreciated was clearly evident.

Next morning found us on a train bound for Helsinki, a comparatively short journey, but much time was taken up in crossing the Russo-Finnish border. In Helsinki we had a change from hotel life. For the two nights of our short stay there we were to be accommodated in private houses. This was quite an experience in itself, but what added to the novelty was that, although most of the orchestra had been billeted with English-speaking families, our hostess knew no English—nor did the rest of the family. We, of course, knew no Finnish. Nevertheless, by a process closely allied to telepathy, we succeeded in spending our time constructively, and I can honestly say that this was by no means one of the least interesting experiences of the whole tour.

Time did not permit us to enjoy a detailed tour of Helsinki, but we did see a film of the city showing it during the different seasons of the year. The afternoon of our single complete day in the city was spent rehearsing for a concert in the evening, and the following morning, after being brought by our host to the Air Terminal, we took off for Stockholm. After a meal on the plane and a subsequent rehearsal on arrival in Stockholm, our final concert of the tour took place on the same evening. The morning of Friday, September 15th, saw us on board the two charter planes which, for the last two weeks had served us so well and transported us across Europe, and now, finally, were returning us home.

I. D. Cockburn (M6A)

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The School 1st XI started the season on a successful note with a win over a Staff XI. This game proved to be most enjoyable and our thanks are due to Mr. Alan Acourt who kindly consented to come along and referee the game.

Since this game, the 1st XI has met with very little success although at the time of writing the team is beginning to play more constructive football. Unfortunately, the side still lacks a consistent goal scorer.

Although we have seldom won a match, however, all members of the team are enjoying their games, especially those against Bolton School and Manchester Grammar School.

Against Bolton School, the School team was up against a strong, good footballing side and the game resulted in a 3—1 defeat for the School.

Against Manchester Grammar School, the lack of an opportunist goal-scorer was very well shown. The School were quite as good as Manchester in mid-field play but lacked punch in front of goal.

The Second XI has been somewhat more successful than the First XI, though they also have been very inconsistent.

The Third XI, as always, continue to enjoy their games, although seldom meeting with much success.

The Junior teams continue to show a great deal of enthusiasm and often much skill. In fact, the Junior teams have proved to be the most consistent of all the School football teams.

P. S. Jones is to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Merseyside Grammar Schools side, which played several games in Cologne.

Once again our thanks are due to those members of the staff who sacrifice their Saturday mornings to come and officiate at our games.

R. E. Tysoe.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI has lost five of last season's experienced players and has been weakened as a result. At the start of the term, the 2nd XI was composed mainly of last year's Colts, but it has since been strengthened by the inclusion of a number of older boys.

In the opening match of the season, the School side, playing together for the first time, were beaten 4—1 by the Pigmies Hockey Club. There then followed an unlucky 4—1 defeat at the hands of the Collegiate School.

A week later we defeated Sefton Hockey Club by 4 goals to 0, greatly improving the morale of the side, which probably helped the next Wednesday when, in a well fought game, we lost 1—0 to the Pelicans Hockey Club.

The following match was against Napiers H. C. and we lost 7—3, to a good side.

The next week we beat Bolton School decisively by four goals to nil in a match in which we held the upper hand almost from the start.

We then came up against Castner Kellner Hockey Club, the game being one in which each defence was too strong for its opposing forward line, and the result was a goal-less draw.

Just before half-term we were soundly beaten by a strong side from the Malayan Teachers' Training College at Kirkby, the score being 9—0.

The 2nd XI has been captained by M. H. Hadfield and despite the fact that they have not yet won a game, they have played enthusiastically in all matches.

Practices have been held for boys under 15 years of age with a view to forming a Colts XI to play local school sides during the latter part of the season. Although we have only one pitch at the moment, we hope by next season, if not after Christmas, to have a second, which will enable us to run a reasonable number of fixtures for a Colts XI.

D. W. T. Hughes and D. R. Latham are to be congratulated on being chosen for the Lancashire Colts XI this season.

All players wish to thank Messrs. Hollis, Gavin, Rogers and Richardson for their support and help in umpiring matches and superintending practices. Also we wish to thank the groundsmen who look after the pitch and the equipment.

The first XI consists of : L. H. Moore, D. W. T. Hughes, D. W. Jones,

P. J. Taggart, D. R. Latham, R. O. Hynes, I. Taylor, A. J. Cowan, D. M. Cattrall, G. D. Dover, R. D. Harrison.

The results up to half-term were:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st. XI—	8	2	1	5	13	25
2nd. XI—	4	0	1	3	3	19

D. W. Jones.

RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL

Last year we had one team, which had a successful season. This year we have two teams, an under 15 XV and a team of Second XV standard. Team spirit has again been intense, and more boys have become interested in the game. We now have a School Rugby jersey, incorporating red and green hoops, and a Rugby pitch at Mersey Road, where we hold practices every Saturday morning. We have fourteen fixtures this season.

We have had reasonable success so far in our games with other schools. Our practice games seem to produce Rugby of a higher standard. In games with other schools, our play has been somewhat ragged; the temptation has been to abandon skill and intelligence in handling and developing movements in favour of boot-and-rush tactics. The Under 15 XV were unfortunate to lose 6—3 to a strong team from the Holt G.S.; against Hillfoot Hey G. S. they achieved a convincing 12—6 win. The Senior team, which contains several extremely promising players, and which always practices and plays with immense zest, won their first game against Hillfoot Hey, 9—6.

We are anxious to recruit more players, especially boys from the Lower and Upper Fifth Forms. Many who now play have discovered to their surprise that Rugby is a satisfying skilful game, which any able-bodied boy can enjoy. Learning Rugby at School, of course, can lead to a boy's joining a club when he leaves. One of our members already plays for Liverpool R.U.F.C.

During the term, the following elections were made: Senior Captain, I. J. Ferguson; Vice-Captain, R. J. Temple; Secretary, B. J. Sellick. Junior Captain, A. R. Martinez; Vice-Captain, J. J. Donaldson. The Selection Committee consists of the following: I. J. Ferguson, R. J. Temple, A. R. Martinez, J. J. Donaldson, B. J. Sellick, J. D. Chambers, S. Elsworth and N. W. McNaughton.

Once again, our thanks are due to Messrs Baines and Davies for their unflinching support and expert advice. Without them, we should not be in the promising position in which we now find ourselves.

I. J. Ferguson.

RUGBY FIVES

In matches against other schools the School team maintained its local supremacy during the 1960-61 season. Birkenhead School, Calday Grange and Wigan Grammar School were beaten 10—2, 12—0 and 10—0 respectively. The best contests, as usual, were fought out between members of the School. In the Senior Singles Final J. Park beat Mr. Rowell, 15—8, 9—6. In the Junior Final M. Ryan beat A. R. Prince. The Handicap Doubles was won by Mr. Rowell and D. Dowling. In the House Competition, Owen won the Senior Final and Lawrence Holt the Junior.

The game retains its popularity with masters (six of whom play regularly) and with boys of all ages. Many boys now take advantage of the opportunity to play during gym periods. For the older boys, who for the most part have far too little scope for physical activity, the value of the exercise provided by a vigorous game of Fives can hardly be exaggerated.

D. W. Rowell.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Each of the three teams has had to rely upon a nucleus of 5 or 6 runners. Their willingness to train and their fighting spirit have enabled the School to honour its fixtures and, in the case of the Senior team, to achieve fair success. It is a pity that they are so few in number. Are there less boys nowadays of the requisite mental toughness to take up this grimmest of all sports, the satisfactions of which, however, are very real?

The Under 14 team has so far this term won only one fixture, though there have been fine individual performances. F. Atherton, for example, came in ahead of the entire St. Edward's team on their course.

The Under 16 team has won and lost an equal number of fixtures. In the Memorial Cup Race it was 8th out of 19 teams, and in the Booth Cup 9th out of 21.

The Senior team began the term with a decisive victory over Quarry Bank. We had the first 5 places, and the individual winner was a newcomer to the School—J. C. Cooper. Since then this team has beaten St. Mary's College and the Collegiate School, and has lost to Calday and St. Edward's. In the Cup Races it has run very well indeed. It was 3rd out of 11 teams in the Cumella, 4th out of 22 in the Waterloo Road Race, and 2nd out of 11 in the Sangster. In this last race our points total was the same as that of the winners, St. Anselm's College, but they were placed first because their last scoring man was one place above ours. Our 4 counters were R. R. Lyon (3rd) J. R. Owens (5th), B. Jones (10th) and J. C. Cooper (16th). Dedicated training and the element of luck so necessary in races where the entry is very large could enable this team to win the Senior Northern Schools Championship for us for the first time ever.

D.W.R.

CRICKET 1st XI—1961

The 1st XI had a most successful season on the whole. Apart from losing to Manchester and drawing with Merchant Taylors' the team won every match, often by most convincing margins. Unfortunately, four games were cancelled and another abandoned after only two overs had been bowled but for the rest of the time the weather was kind and there were few delays.

The School began by beating Calday by two wickets. After the School had scored 135 for 8 against the Liobians in the next game, the latter were dismissed for 23, Chambers taking four wickets for no runs.

Liverpool Cricket Club were defeated twice. In the second game the School were set 116 to win and prospects seemed poor when two wickets fell for only nine runs. However, Archer (66*) and Donaldson (25) took the score to 87 and there was no difficulty in scoring the final runs.

Sefton Cricket Club also succumbed twice, first by a wicket, in a very close game, in which Chambers took 5 wickets for 20 runs and Sissons scored 42. In the second game victory was more convincing, the School passing Sefton's total with only four wickets down.

Cowley and St. Mary's were then defeated, Donaldson scoring 51 for the School in the game with the former. Against Birkenhead, the School scored 172, Chambers (45) and Donaldson (76) sharing a first wicket partnership of 126. Birkenhead were all out for 134 runs and another victory was recorded.

Against Oldershaw the School scored 189 for 9 declared. In seventeen overs, the entire Oldershaw XI were dismissed for only 18 runs. Ferguson took six wickets for six runs and Chambers four for seven.

The final game of the season was against the Liobians. The School scored 168 for 4 declared (Chambers 51, Archer 62) and dismissed the opponents for 113.

Two further games were played during the season. One, a new fixture against the Staff of Liverpool University, was played during G.C.E. examinations and a team short of five regular members could not resist the opposition. The other game was against the School Staff who fielded a weaker side than usual; although an easy victory for the School was anticipated and obtained, the match was made entertaining by a feast of runs. The School scored 296 for 5 declared in two and a third hours, and the Staff were dismissed for 160. Chambers had his best match of the year, first scoring 64 runs and then taking 8 wickets for 30 runs.

From the above account one can clearly see how much the side owed to Chambers. He scored 366 runs and took 56 wickets in this, his fifth full season with the 1st XI. He has been captain for the last two seasons and it is fitting that his final year should have been so successful. His complete record for the 1st XI is worthy of mention.

Batting: 72 innings, 14 times not out, 1,248 runs, 21.51 average.

Bowling: 412.2 overs, 87 maidens, 1,327 runs, 123 wickets, 10.80 ave.

His first appearance for the side was in 1957, when he played as a medium fast bowler. In 1958 he played as an opening batsman and in the last three years he has been a most useful all-rounder, his bowling now being slow leg-break.

Several other players also deserve mention; Archer and Donaldson for their batting and Ferguson for his bowling. Cricket is a team game and so credit must go to the other players who played their parts, large or small. In fact, so well did they play as a team that 10 players appeared in all but one game.

Unfortunately many of the best players will not be here for 1962 but it is hoped to find new talent from the 2nd XI.

Messrs. Brierley and Wass were well pleased with the best season for many years, and also with the exemplary conduct displayed at all times both on and off the field.

AVERAGES

Batting—	Inns.	Not out	Runs	H/Score	Avg.
N. A. Archer	14	3	423	120*	38.45
J. K. Chambers	14	2	366	64	30.50
R. A. Donaldson	13	0	294	76	22.61
P. G. Sissons	12	1	160	42	14.55
P. A. Radcliffe	11	3	102	32	12.75

* Signifies not out.

Bowling—	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
J. K. Chambers	122.3	22	341	56	6.09
I. J. Ferguson	141.2	51	280	35	8.00
P. W. Duncan	101.4	30	217	16	13.56
D. J. Newton	88	26	230	15	15.33

Wicketkeeping—

P. A. Radcliffe—Caught 10; Stumped 8.

Results—	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Abandoned
1st XI	15	12	1	1	1
2nd XI	12	5	5	1	1
Colts XI	10	1	5	4	0
U.14 XI	3	1	1	1	0
U.13 XI	5	0	1	4	0

G. R. Mordaunt.

LAWN TENNIS

Once again the School lawn tennis team has had a successful season. After drawing with Prescott and sustaining a heavy defeat at the hands of Merchant Taylors' the team settled down and maintained a fairly high standard of play throughout its remaining matches.

Severe defeats were inflicted on Quarry Bank (5—1), St. Francis Xavier's (5—0) and Bluecoat (5—1). Hillfoot Hey were beaten (4—2) on their courts, and the School team was again leading in the return fixture, when the match was abandoned because of rain.

The season ended on a successful note when the Staff were defeated in a close and most enjoyable contest (7—5). Several other matches were arranged but, for various reasons, had to be cancelled.

The usual team was F. G. Davidson (captain), D. Winchester, C. D. Miller, N. A. Archer, P. A. Radcliffe and J. G. Smith, but G. M. Bain and K. Corkish also played.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr Edge for the helpful advice he has given the team at all times.

N. A. Archer.

GYMNASTIC CLUB

The Senior Gymnastic Club meets on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. under Mr. Goodall's supervision. This year there is also a Junior Gymnastic Club for Boys in the Thirds and Fourths, which is taken by Mr. Clark, on Tuesdays, at 4 p.m. Competition in the Junior Gymnastic Club is keen, and if its members continue to be enthusiastic, they should reach a high standard.

The Senior Gymnastic Club is continuing trampolining, mat work and box work in about equal proportions, and members are becoming very proficient in these branches of gymnastics. The membership of the Senior Club has dropped, and any boys in the Upper School who are interested in gymnastics will be welcome.

Thanks must be given to Messrs. Goodall and Clark for the time they devote to coaching members of the Gymnastic Club.

D. W. Walton.

SWIMMING

The publication of the last School Magazine left the School Swimming team with three matches before the end of term, only one of which took place at our home baths. The fact that all three matches were won reflects great credit on the team, as it is so much more difficult to win away from home.

The first Friday in June saw our annual journey to Port Sunlight baths for a match with Wirral Grammar School. Our seaweed weather-forecaster had once again succeeded brilliantly, for the afternoon was warm and sunny. On learning that the temperature of the water was 84 degs. F, several sceptical members of the team refused to believe it, until they were pushed in by the less doubtful. The conditions appeared to inspire the whole team and a victory was gained in fine style.

The last two matches of the Summer Term were both against Calday Grange Grammar School. The first of the two, held at Calday, was a hard fought affair, resulting eventually in a win for the School. This victory was attributed by some to the unusual clarity of the water—several people maintained that they could actually see the bottom of a bath for the first time in their lives.

With the added advantage of our home baths, the second match at Picton Road provided a much easier victory for the School Team, and the term ended on this successful note.

The beginning of the new School year saw a number of changes in the organisation of School Swimming.

We welcome to the staff Mr. W. R. Clark, who is already relieving Mr. Spencer of some of the heavy burden of work that he has handled alone over last few years. We must hope that under the guidance of both Mr. Spencer and Mr. Clark, the School Swimming team will accomplish even greater feats than those of the past.

The introduction, this year, of two Secretaries and a separate Vice-Captain has resulted in a further division of the weight of responsibility than the posts of Vice-Captain and Secretary formerly entailed. These positions are filled this year by W. R. McConnell, Vice-Captain, and Secretaries N. G. Brooks and S. Elsworthy. D. W. Walton has been appointed Life-Saving Captain, in recognition of his long service as Chief Instructor of the School's Life Saving Section.

The changes in leadership inspired the School team to beat Manchester Grammar School for the first time in at least six years. The match was held at Manchester, in September, and the School team swam magnificently to win by the handsome margin of 17 points (53½—36½). A scratch water-polo match was held afterwards, in which Manchester gained their revenge with a 6—1 win.

A report on the final event of the season, the Merseyside Grammar Schools' Swimming Association's Gala, will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Although the School team has had a very successful season, there is no room for complacency among its members. The essential quality of a swimmer is fitness, and there can be no excuse for any member of the team not to be so. Mr. Clark is devoting much of his valuable time to running a training session in the Gymnasium at 12-50 p.m. on Fridays. There is no reason at all for any member of the School team to be absent from these sessions, and together with swimming training at Cornwallis Street Baths as announced on the notice board, all members of the School team should be at peak fitness at all times.

A. J. Cowan and J. Hall were members of the Liverpool City Team which retained the Lancashire Championship for the second year, and were also chosen to represent Lancashire Schools against Cheshire and Cumberland at Crewe, and against Yorkshire at Liverpool.

In conclusion, I should like to thank both Mr. Spencer and Mr. Clark for their valuable support and assistance to me, and the team as a whole, at all times. I can only hope that the team live up to their expectations.

A. J. Cowan.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The School Swimming Sports were held on Monday, 17th July, at Queens Drive Baths, the venue for the last three years, and a fairly large audience turned up to see a varied programme of events, containing serious swimming races and events of a much lighter character.

During the evening, two new records were set up, one by D. A. Hulin, in the Senior 50 yards Butterfly, and the other by Cochran House, in the Junior Medley Relay. These records, together with two set up by A. J. Cowan in the heats the previous Tuesday, reflect the high standard of swimming in the School.

The Junior and Under 13 events were well supported, a noticeable fact being the large number of entrants from the Third Forms. For the first year ever, a Third Form Medley Relay was held, which resulted in a win for 3D, teams from all five Third Forms having competed.

A display of fancy diving was given by L. B. Gregory, N. F. Garland and M. J. Mills during the evening, which together with a display of Life-Saving Techniques by the School's Life-Saving Section led by D. W. Wal-

ton, served as interludes for both the audience and the swimmers. Much amusement was caused by one method of rescue, in which the Life-Saver dragged the unfortunate victim through the water by the hair.

The final event of the evening was a demonstration of how not to play water-polo, given by fourteen tired members of the School. After a successful match, D. A. Hall's team were adjudged to have beaten A. J. Cowan's team by 3 goals to 2, and on this lighter note the evening's activities were concluded.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the masters and pupils whose activities are normally outside that of the Swimming Club, for acting as judges, timekeepers and stewards, for without them, this School function could not have taken place. They were ably led by Mr. Spencer, whose organisation of the evening's activities was first class at all times. Special mention should also be made of R. P. Martineau, for his help in arranging the entries and recording the results.

Details of record times are as follows:—

100 yards Backstroke Senior (heats) 64.8 secs., A. J. Cowan.
100 yards Breaststroke Senior (heats) 80.3 secs., A. J. Cowan.
50 yards Butterfly Senior, 33.5 secs., D. A. Hulin.
Medley Relay Junior, 67.4 secs, Cochran House.

RESULTS

SENIOR—

100 yards Freestyle: A. J. Cowan 1; W. R. McConnell 2; D. A. Hall 3; 66.6 secs.
50 yards Freestyle: S. Elsworthy 1; A. J. Cowan 2; W. R. McConnell 3; 29.4 secs.
100 yards Backstroke: A. J. Cowan 1; R. O. Hynes 2; P. L. Rimmer 3; 65.4 secs.
100 yards Breaststroke: A. J. Cowan 1; N. F. Garland 2; K. Nicholson 3; 82.4 secs.
50 yards Butterfly: D. A. Hulin 1; N. F. Garland 2; A. J. Cowan 3; 33.3 secs (Record).
Neat Dive: N. F. Garland 1; D. A. Hulin 2; J. G. Ashcroft 3.
Long Plunge: D. A. Hulin 1; A. J. Cowan 2; S. Elsworthy 3; 44ft. 2in.
Medley Squadron: Alfred Holt 1; Danson 2; Hughes 3; 61.5 secs.
Freestyle Squadron: Alfred Holt 1; Danson 2; Owen 3; 58.1 secs.

OPEN—

25 yards Sculling: K. Nicholson 1; D. A. Hall 2; S. Elsworthy 3.
50 yards Clothed: S. Elsworthy 1; J. Hall 2; D. A. Hall 3.
Obstacle: A. J. Anderson 1; D. A. Hall 2; J. E. Magraw 3.

JUNIOR—

50 yards Freestyle: J. Hall 1; P. Morris 2; P. K. Cripps 3; 29.9 secs.
50 yards Backstroke: P. K. Cripps 1; M. H. Hadfield 2; A. G. Ainsworth 3; 36.6 secs.
50 yards Breaststroke: G. J. Huston 1; P. K. Cripps 2; M. M. Cooper 3; 41.0 secs.
50 yards Butterfly: P. K. Cripps 1; J. Hall 2; M. H. Hadfield 3; 41.0 secs.
Neat Dive: I. L. Burt 1; M. M. Cooper 2; A. G. Ainsworth 3.
Long Plunge: J. J. Donaldson; D. J. G. Henson 2; J. Hall 3; 47ft. 2in.
25 yards Underwater: J. Hall 1; B. R. J. W. Ruscoe 2; S. J. Morgan 3.
Obstacle: J. Hall 1; P. Morris 2; D. R. C. Jones 3.
Medley Squadron: Cochran 1; Philip Holt 2; Alfred Holt 3; 67.4 secs (Rec.)
Freestyle Squadron: Philip Holt 1; Cochran 2; Hughes 3; 61.7 secs.

UNDER 13—

25 yards Freestyle: M. Dawson 1; R. K. Woolley 2; M. J. Mills 3; 15.7 secs.
25 yards Backstroke: M. J. Miles 1; P. G. Facey 2; K. D. S. Parslaw 3; 22.1 secs.
25 yards Breaststroke: A. J. Barnett and J. A. Evans 1 equal; E. D. Roberts; 21.0 secs.
25 yards Butterfly: M. Dawson 1; M. J. Mills 2; P. G. Facey 3; 21.6 secs.
Neat Dive: M. J. Mills 1; A. M. Haliburton 2; P. G. Facey 3.
Long Plunge: M. J. Mills 1; M. Dawson 2; D. P. Bennett 3; 38ft. 1in.
Obstacle: K. D. S. Parslow 1; M. J. Miles 2; G. F. Hadfield 3.
25 yards Clothed: M. Dawson 1; M. J. Mills 2; G. M. Reeves 3.
Third Form Medley Relay: 3D.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: A. J. Cowan (Alfred Holt).
Junior: P. K. Cripps (Alfred Holt).
Under 13: M. J. Mills (Cochran).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: Alfred Holt 1; Danson 2; Owen 3.
Junior: Hughes 1; Alfred Holt 2; Philip Holt 3.
Under 13: Cochran 1; Hughes and Philip Holt 2 equal.
Aggregate: Alfred Holt 1; Cochran 2; Hughes 3. A. J. Cowan.

MERSEYSIDE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

Members of the School Swimming Team entered the finals of this Gala, held at Picton Road Baths on Friday, 13th October, with high hopes of improving on the second position the team has attained in previous years. Alas, this was not to be so, for even with the slight lead after the heats and diving events which had been held previously, the School finished as runners-up to the Liverpool Collegiate for the third year in succession.

Individual performances by members of the team were very encouraging and except for some bad change-overs in the relays, which resulted in several disqualifications, the performance of the team could not be reprimanded.

Details of performances by the school team:—

100 yards Freestyle: W. R. McConnell 3.
100 yards Backstroke: A. J. Cowan 1 (65.8 secs); R. O. Hynes 4.
100 yards Breaststroke: A. J. Cowan 5.
Freestyle Squadron: Disqualified in Final.
Medley Squadron: School 1 (58.3 secs).
Neat Dive: J. G. Ashcroft, 5.

JUNIOR—

50 yards Freestyle: J. Hall 3.
50 yards Backstroke: J. Hall 2.
Freestyle Squadron: Disqualified in Final.
Medley Squadron: School 2.
Neat Dive: M. M. Cooper 2; I. L. Burt 3.

UNDER 13—

25 yards Breaststroke: J. A. Evans 5.
25 yards Butterfly: J. A. Evans 4.
Freestyle Squadron: School 4.
Medley Squadron: School, 1.

A. J. Cowan.

A. J. Cowan is to be congratulated on improving the record of the 100 yards Backstroke Senior, which he set up himself in 1960. A.S.

C.C.F. ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS

Last term was an eventful one for the Corps. It saw the entry of many recruits into our ranks and also the admission of a new officer to our establishment. To 2nd Lieut. Jackson we offer a sincere welcome and express our hopes for his happy relationship with the Contingent for many years to come.

Last term saw the emergence of yet another section in our ranks, namely, the N.C.O.'s Cadre which ranks equally with the Adventure Training Section as a Post-Proficiency Squad. The purpose of this section is the same as that of the Adventure Training Section, that is, to produce junior leaders, but the approach to this end is somewhat different. The Cadre approaches its aims along more military lines, although the training is varied and often strenuous.

The Adventure Training Platoon has had a very active life this year and last September a party of ten cadets spent an intensive course on the same style as the Outward Bound Movements in the Rhinogs. Intricate map-reading exercises combined with cross-mountain treks and camping were carried out. The cadets were rewarded in their labours by the results of these exercises and also by the magnificent scenery which was seen en route. The course was of geographical interest as well, since the area chosen for last year's Advanced papers was visited and the true relationship of Physical Geography and the landscape was more obvious.

October Camp was held at Altcar 80 W.E.T.C. and was attended by forty cadets and N.C.O.s. Training was intensive and varied and N.C.O.s' initiative was put to the test because of the familiarity of the area by most cadets. Training was concentrated on quick response to surprise situations, as this prevents the advance from going to earth too long and thus wasting time unnecessarily.

Brigadier Mann, D.S.O., the local area Commander, visited the camp on Wednesday and was much impressed by the work of the Adventure Training Section in the Civil Defence Building. Throughout the camp a guard was held, which was changed every evening and the inspection of the ceremony was carried out by the officers. This helped to create discipline and keenness amongst all the cadets in camp. On Thursday the Corps "invaded" Ainsdale: the local police followed patrols at a safe distance and the local inhabitants observed the silent, uniformed figures with great curiosity. The exercise ended in the Harrington Barracks area when an exercise in the arts of battlecraft and camouflage was held.

The camp was finished by the night exercise which was held in the Battery Cottage area. The officers took part in this exercise and I fear that one or two were badly manhandled. Captain Nelson was the only exception and it is entirely due to his prowess as a runner that this can be attributed. The scheme, however, was very successful from the training point of view, as night fieldcraft, sentries and patrolling were carefully observed.

B. Company has given some very gratifying results in response to its teaching by senior and junior N.C.O.s. A little more self-control remains desirable, but on the whole the standard of drill and keenness is high for this stage of their Corps life.

It only remains for me to thank our officers, especially Major Boote for all the work and time which they devote in order to keep the Contingent one of the most important of all the school activities.

R. S. M. Othen

C.C.F.—R.A.F. SECTION

During the summer holidays the unit took full opportunity of the courses which the Royal Air Force offered. Five cadets attended a gliding course at R.A.F. Burtonwood and two went on to an advanced course. Three

cadets went on a radio familiarization course at Compton Bassett, and two N.C.O.s spent an enjoyable week on a Star Camp at R.A.F., Valley, where they were accommodated in the Officers' Mess.

Sergeant Baker is to be congratulated on obtaining his private Pilot's 'A' Licence this summer and he may now be seen flying over Liverpool at weekends.

Although many cadets left at summer, the strength of the unit has been maintained by the influx of thirteen new cadets and it is hoped that these cadets will put in the necessary effort to pass the proficiency examination in December.

Field Day this term consisted of a map reading exercise around Arnside. Unfortunately only two groups finished the course, as half the contingent were lost in a wood!

The N.C.O.s would like to thank Flt./Lt. Watson for continuing to run the administration of the unit and we welcome Mr. B. H. Dobson to the Section. Mr. Dobson has already shown a keen interest in the section and we are most grateful.

G. I. Lawson, Flt./Sgt.

19th CITY AND TOXTETH SCOUT TROOP

Field Day this term was held in the Wirral, where each patrol undertook a separate hike, converging on Thurston Common. Here there was a period of outdoor instruction, followed by a wide-game, culminating in the customary battle. Needless to say this cold occasion was enjoyed by all.

It was not possible to hold a troop camp in the Summer holidays, but the Sea Scouts camped successfully in Anglesey and K. A. Pope and R. W. Smith revealed their talents in organising a small camp at Borrowdale, in Cumberland. They both deserve warm congratulations for their enthusiasm and ingenuity, although the proximity of the River Derwent did, on occasion, prove hazardous.

During the half-term break in October, Mr. Evans led a party of boys in a hiking and hostelling expedition to Derbyshire. This is reported below.

The troop continues to flourish; weekly meetings have been well attended and we have a handful of keen recruits. There is room for more. Our thanks are due to our Group Scout Master, Mr. A. Evans, and to Scout Master, Mr. D. T. Jack for their invaluable assistance and constant encouragement.

S. J. Norris.

HALF-TERM HIKE

During the last half-term Mr. A. Evans led a party of twelve boys to the Peak District of Derbyshire, on what is now an eagerly-awaited event, —his half-term hike.

The fortunate twelve met at Central Station to start the rail journey, which ended at Edale, from where a four-mile hike brought the party to Castleton Youth Hostel, an imposing building in the main village square (which is in fact a triangle!). The next day was spent mainly underground in the various caverns in that district. The Speedwell Mine, our first stop, is actually a series of underground canals, the water being four feet deep in places. The Blue John Mine is one of the most famous in the district, and was our second stop. Here we saw examples of the famous Blue John Stone. The Treak Cliff Cavern is much more commercialised than the other caverns in the area. It is more like a grotto and its beauty is enhanced by concealed lighting. We made the journey home via Hathersage and Hope, and the party eventually arrived back in Liverpool, extremely grateful to Mr. Evans for having given up so much of his time to take the party on this most enjoyable hike.

S. J. Norris.

SEA SCOUTS

As well as taking part in the activities of the Scout Troop, the Sea Scouts have had opportunities for boatwork and other sea scouting activities. There were also lectures in the dinner-hour.

During the last term there was a visit to H.M.S. Forth, the submarine depot ship, and visits to merchant ships will be arranged for the future.

Two camps were held during the year, one at Easter and the second in Summer. The latter was held in Anglesey and there were opportunities for boating and canoeing.

The patrol members were sorry to lose Mr. Ashworth, the founder of the troop, who has moved to a new teaching post.

M. H. Hadfield.

ARGO III

In June, two Sea Scouts were delighted to be invited to spend a week-end on board the yacht owned by Mr. Julian Holt, one of the School governors.

We were driven to Anglesey by Mr. Holt and reached the seven-ton yawl "Argo III," at 7 p.m. on the Saturday. After an excellent meal we went ashore, returning aboard at 10 p.m., when we had coffee and turned in for the night.

On Sunday morning, the sea was completely calm. After breakfast we hoisted the mainsail and genoa. However, as there was no wind we used "Puffing Billy," the engine under the cockpit to drive us.

Leaving the mooring opposite Bangor Pier we sailed past Beaumaris and out between Puffin Island and Penmaen Point. After sailing about half-a-mile out to sea, we stopped the engine and set course towards the Great Orme. As the day was so still, it was surprising that we travelled as rapidly as we did.

During this part of the trip, we took lunch and when we were about a mile from the Orme, we turned round and headed back to Puffin Island. For a while there was a slight breeze and we hoisted the mizzen sail. Later the breeze died down and we were compelled to use the engine once more, until we reached Puffin Island. We came along the mile-long south side.

Just as we took a south-westerly course to enter the Menai Straits, a fresh south-west wind arose. We stopped the engine and beat all the way back to the moorings, gaining most distance on the starboard tack. It was a challenging experience, since the sea became very choppy as we tried to steer the yacht.

We reached the mooring at 5 p.m., and after taking in the sails and putting on their covers, we had a meal. Afterwards we went ashore and were driven home by Mr. Holt, to whom we are extremely grateful for a most enjoyable week-end.

One Sea Scout spent another week end with Mr. Holt in August. Unfortunately it was too rough to go out. When we went ashore on the Saturday evening and returned to the beach, we found the dinghy twenty yards from the sea.

Both Sea Scouts wish to express their most sincere thanks to Mr. Holt.
M. H. Hadfield.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Liverpool Institute Literary and Debating Society, founded in 1885, is without doubt the oldest School Society. In its long history, the Society has passed through many phases, resulting in a narrowing of interests with the passing of time.

In the early years, as well as organising debates, the "Lit and Deb"

covered the functions of the present Sir Donald Macalister Society, hearing papers from time to time on general subjects. It sponsored, produced and controlled the School Magazine and raised funds by promoting social evenings and other diverse entertainments.

In more recent times, the activities of the School have been confined solely to debating, though its fortunes have fluctuated greatly. 1958 can claim to be an outstanding year in the life of the Society. The average attendance at each meeting was 43, and at one debate 65 members crowded into the Board Room to hear main speakers Mr. H. R. Dodd and Mr. A. Durband. Conversely, 1960 was not a successful year for the Society, when the average attendance at each meeting was only 24. The interest in the Society now appears to be on the increase however, as the corresponding figures for 1961 and 1962 to date are 27 and 31 respectively. This revival is most welcome, though it is noted that over 85 per cent of the attending members so far have been Upper Sixth Formers. This absence of interest in debating from the boys in the Upper Fiftths, Removes and even Lower Sixths, is most disappointing, and it is hoped that at future debates, these forms will have many more representatives in the House.

At the second meeting of the Autumn term, we had the privilege of having with us our President, the Headmaster, Mr. M. P. Smith. We welcome him to the Society, and hope that he can spare more of his valuable time to attend further meetings of the Society.

The four debates held so far this term have been greatly varied in character, and the standard of debating has been generally good. Full details of the debates are given below:—

September 26th: "That this House supports Britain's entry into the Common Market." Pro: R. E. Potter and R. Y. Sharp. Con: A. W. B. Davies and T. Dawson. Motion carried: For 18; Against 6; Abstentions 6.

October 17th: "That this House supports the Monarchy." Pro: J. M. Jackson and M. A. Hill. Con: J. Armstrong and P. A. Ellison. Motion carried. For: 14; Against 13; Abstentions 4.

November 7th: "That we are as good as dead." Pro: R. M. P. Quilliam and F. D. Whaley. Con: D. R. Thomas and M. H. Hadfield. Motion defeated. For: 6; Against: 17; Abstentions: 12.

November 21st: "That the arts create more human happiness than politics." Pro: A. J. Cowan and R. E. Potter. Con: S. J. Norris and N. A. Archer. Motion defeated. For: 4; Against 8; Abstentions 11.

In conclusion, the Secretaries wish to express their gratitude to the Society's Chairman, Mr. D. G. Bentliff, and its Vice-President, Mr. M. Scaife, both of whom have given so much support and guidance to the Society.

A. J. Cowan, S. J. Norris.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Bilson, the Society has continued to hold regular meetings fortnightly, on Wednesdays.

Debates have not been well attended and it is hoped that more Lower Fifth and Fourth formers will attend.

The Society enables boys to practise debating and public speaking. The debates so far this term have been:—

October 11th: "That there should be no capital punishment." 5 for; 6 against; 2 abstentions.

November 1st: "That there should be a tunnel under the Channel." 7 for; 6 against; 2 abstentions.

November 15th: A meeting was held at which candidates explained why they would like to be M.P.s.

Once again the Society would like to bestow its thanks on Mr. Bilson for all his help and advice.

P. Millican (4A).

THE MACALISTER SOCIETY

Though the Society draws its members from every branch of Sixth-Form specialisation, the three papers given so far this term, on topics as diverse as Law, Political Theory and Philosophical Mathematics, have been so erudite and lucid as to be immediately appealing to everyone.

At the first meeting, D. M. Harris discussed the possible reform of the House of Lords. In these days of large government majorities and strict party whips, the Upper House could serve as a very real constitutional check to any threat of authoritarianism. In fact the Lords were a powerless body, composed largely on an absurd hereditary basis and reduced to little more than a 'rubber stamp' for the Commons. The speaker's solution was to create a socially more representative assembly, based on certain impartially elected life peers and having much fuller powers of legislation. The ultimate veto would still, however, lie with the Commons.

Mr. M. Scaife chose to investigate the origins and doctrines of totalitarianism and communism. The dogmas of Hegel, clearly the origin of the modern Nazi and Fascist states, played down the role of the individual throughout, with their mystical concept of a national 'spirit' and immutable historical laws. Karl Marx, while largely eliminating this strain of mysticism from his work, was no less outmoded in his theory of the economic war, which the proletariat must inevitably win. The new capitalist awareness of class grievances and the levelling-off of social positions had made Marxism irrelevant.

Mr. F. Brierley put forward the views of several eminent mathematicians on the nature of mathematics. Mathematics was not merely a collection of symbols, but was a reality in itself, the inspiration for theorems coming from outside. Modern mathematics dealt mainly with the study of abstraction, which would soon be introduced into the school curriculum. Another theory was that mathematics was the science of deduction from basic premises using logical reasoning.

In conclusion, the secretaries wish to thank the chairmen, Mr. R. T. Jones and Mr. D. G. Benthall for their untiring and enthusiastic support.

J. A. Clark, B. P. Hooley.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the first meeting of this year we showed two films, one about "The French Revolution" and the other about the "Mediaeval Village." For our second meeting, Mr. J. G. Rogers gave a talk about the Fishguard Invasions of 1797, entitled "Our Last Invasion." Mr. Boote gave a long-awaited talk to the Society entitled "Army, Parliament and King" which concluded the meetings for the Autumn term. Professor C. N. L. Brooke, Professor of Mediaeval History at Liverpool University, is to give a talk on "The Normans as Builders," and L. Bivon, an Old Boy, is to give a lecture to complete the year's pre-arranged activities. Further meetings, however, are yet to be arranged, and will be publicised in the usual manner. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Rogers and Edge for their co-operation and encouragement throughout the year.

S. J. Norris, B. P. Hooley.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Society has chosen Wednesday as the evening for its meetings during this year. Because of the inadequate blackout in room thirty-seven, meetings have been held in either the Physics or Biology rooms.

As reported in the last issue of the Magazine, the Society was again allowed to organise an annual excursion. After numerous imaginative but rather too spectacular suggestions about the nature of the trip had been discounted, Ingelton, Wensleydale and Wharfedale were decided as the destinations. The cold, rainy weather prevented us from exploring the White Scar Caves, but we were able to see Hardraw. Many objects of Geographical in-

terest were pointed out en route, and the excursion was enjoyed by all the members, some of whom returned with trophies in the form of Wensleydale butter and cheese. There were two illustrated lectures last term, on France and U.S.S.R., and thanks must be given to the boys whose adventurous summer holidays made them possible. We received a visit from Mr. Wheatley, a geography master from another school, who gave us a very enjoyable lecture on his long scooter journey in Africa, with many exhibits, including his specially equipped machine.

Last term the senior members of the Society combined with boys studying for the General Paper, for two lectures on aspects of the Commonwealth. This was a unique departure for a school society, and one which should prove very valuable. Again our thanks must go to Mr. J. Edwards, and the other officers of the Society for their help in all its activities.

J. O. Foster.

SIXTH FORMS SCIENCE SOCIETY

Once again the Society is having a successful year, membership being over the 100 mark, and attendances for the first five meetings reaching 349.

Our first speaker, Dr. A. K. Holliday from Liverpool University, spoke on the hybrids of boron and their halogen derivatives, with particular reference to valency and their reactions with organic compounds. He ended by discussing briefly the recently discovered anhydrous covalent copper nitrate.

Mr. J. G. Corrie, works manager of the Distillers Co., (Biochemicals) Ltd., Speke, talked about 'The Manufacture and use of tablets.' After a brief survey of the work done by his firm, he gave figures for tablet consumption and for the percentage active ingredients in throat lozenges and A.P.C. tablets. He described the actual manufacture and counting, concluding with revealing comments on their psychological effects.

Our next lecturer, Mr. Grice, came from the Capenhurst works of the U.K.A.E.A., where the isotope U-235 is separated from natural uranium. He explained simply the principle of gaseous diffusion of uranium hexafluoride by the cascade process, using diagrams and slides showing the interior of Capenhurst works. Finally, a film was shown dealing with the problems which had to be overcome in the construction of the new atomic power station at Chapelcross.

Mr. G. R. Robson, from I.C.I. Dyestuffs Division, spoke on 'Pigments in the paint and printing industries.' Aided by an impressive array of apparatus and colourful samples, he described at some length all the pigments used in this field.

A lecture on 'The Analogue Computer' was given by Mr. M. G. Hartley, from the Manchester College of Science and Technology. He distinguished between analogue and digital computers, showing the fields of application of each, and how the operators identify themselves with the problems at hand. He showed how amplifiers are inter-connected for integration of a simple second order differential equation, and solution of problems in mechanics with various amounts of damping. Finally, a selection of slides traced the development of computers, indicating some examples of current practice.

Members have also enjoyed a visit to the Stanlow refinery of the Shell Petroleum Company, one of the largest in the world. After a talk on the work of that plant and a generous lunch, they were shown the fractional distillation units and the 'Cat Cracker', and stages in the manufacture of a wide range of products including waxes, bitumen, 'Teepol', and lubricating oils.

In addition, a party visited the Speke factory of Goodlass Wall & Co., Ltd., the paint manufacturers, in December.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Naylor, Davies and Brierley, and all who have helped in the organisation of the Society, in particular to Mr. W. H. Jones for his untiring assistance and interest in our activities.

R. M.P. Quilliam.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Friday, 14th July, was a day of uncertain weather but, in spite of this, the party of 39 who went on the annual summer excursion had a most enjoyable time. We made the journey from Birkenhead to Towyn by coach, and during our short stay at Bala Lake a fitful sun was shining. From Towyn to Abergynolwen the trip on the miniature railway was interesting but not conducive to photography. The walk from Abergynolwen to Tal-y-Llyn gave an opportunity for photography although conditions were far from ideal, and it is hoped that members will submit prints, taken during this trip, for the competition which is being held. No opportunity occurred for further photography during the coach journey through Dolgellau, Tawsfynedd—the site of the new atomic power station and Liverpool's new reservoir—to Bala, where a welcome halt was made. The return to Birkenhead across the Llan-degla Moors was uneventful but pleasant. Neither the poor weather nor some victims of coach-sickness damped the spirits of the party.

On resuming activities after the vacation, members were delighted to learn of their new President's enthusiasm for photography, and it has given us great pleasure to be allowed to exhibit some of his work in our exhibition case. For meetings last term the Society relied mainly on slides, tape recordings and manuscripts lectures supplied by Kodak Ltd., and Johnson's of Hendon, Ltd.

On October 5th, Mr. D. Wilson gave a lecture on "Nature Photography, its difficulties and rewards." With the help of his own excellent colour slides, he explained the technique of this somewhat specialised branch of photography. His photographs of moths, butterflies and other insects were so attractive that we understand our Chairman, Mr. N. Lloyd, whom we welcomed for the first time to this meeting, has seriously considered changing from photographing orchids to insects.

The second meeting of the session was a lecture by E. S. Bombback, supplied by Kodak Ltd., and read by Mr. W. H. Jones. Illustrated by film-strip of good quality, "The Versatile Miniature Camera" lost much of its interest because of the too frequent reference to one make of camera.

Eleven members of the Society left School in July; two others have resigned; but the influx of new members has more than compensated for these losses. We trust that these newcomers will enter fully into all our activities. So far the Tutorial Classes have been well attended and soon we hope to see many entries from these beginners in photography for the competitions which are held throughout the year.

More apparatus is to be bought and this will be available on loan to members. "Good Photography," "Modern Camera Magazine," and "Photo Guide Magazine" are available each month in the library. The committee wish to provide the best possible facilities for members. It would therefore help considerably if members would give to the Secretary suggestions for improving existing amenities.

R. A. Butterfield.

THE MOUNTAIN CLUB

Early in the Spring Term of last year, a number of boys from the Upper School asked Mr. Scaife to form a society, the aim of which would be to climb the mountains of Wales and the North of England. Now the Society has been formed and has received official recognition as one of the School societies this Term. Never before has there been a Society in this school solely for the purpose of climbing mountains, although a Field Club of many years ago climbed, purely incidentally.

This being the School's newest society, it might be thought that there has been little time to arrange expeditions. Since its inception, however, there have been no fewer than three extremely successful outings. The first was to

the Clwyds; the second, with a larger group, climbed Tryfan, while the final outing of the 1961 season was to Snowdon. This last expedition pays tribute to the enthusiasm of the members. Not only did thirty boys participate in this, but we were also able to hire a coach, instead of using masters' cars.

The members wish to express their thanks to all the masters who have helped, encouraged, and led the Society, and especially to Mr. Scaife, who has so ably shouldered the responsibility of organising expeditions.

B. R. West.

MUSIC CLUB

In retrospect, the attendances at the Club's weekly meetings, and in particular, the attendances of Sixth Formers, have during the last few terms deteriorated lamentably. However, an encouraging improvement in the size of audiences has exhibited itself in the first few meetings of the Autumn term, and the complement from the Upper School has increased reassuringly.

A committee meeting was held at the beginning of the term, when it was decided that instead of playing records at random, as it were, there should be a specific theme connecting successive performances during the coming year. It was agreed upon that Beethoven's Five Piano Concertos would adequately constitute a series of gramophone recitals, and at the initial five meetings of the term, members were regularly entertained in the Music Room by these works, Mr. R. N. Evans expertly expatiating on each "chef-d'oeuvre" before administering the gramophone needle.

The success of the first five meetings persuaded the committee to follow up with an operatic series on record. The first in this new series was a selection from "The Mikado," by Gilbert and Sullivan. S. W. W. Dodd, 4Sc. kindly furnished the records for the meeting and provided a commentary to the edited programme. The following week members were captivated by the voice of Elizabeth Schwartzkopf in arias from Wagner's "Tannhäuser" and "Lohengrin," and Weber's "Die Freischütz."

This series of operatic records was interrupted by a meeting of the Jazz Section of the Music Club, when, under the guidance of I. D. McGowan and T. Dawson of 6BM1, the uninitiated received a dose of Theonius Monk and other exponents in a programme entitled "An Introduction to Modern Jazz."

The Operatic series was resumed by playing a record of Caruso in a selection from Verdi, with which the club was provided by R. Bivon, 6AM1.

The one live performance of the term was given by Mr. Rowell and R. J. Temple, 6ASc., who entertained members with the performance of two Mozart violin-piano sonatas.

The club is indebted, figuratively at least, to our treasurer Mr. A. Evans, whose unflinching call to duty has considerably augmented the Society's funds, and to Mr. R. N. Evans, whose explanatory preambles have greatly intensified the appreciation of some of the term's music.

Our thanks go to our chairman, too, Mr. L. A. Naylor, whose steadfast interest and support are the very foundations of the Society itself.

J. R. Morgan.

THE ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has been very fortunate this term in the arrival of several newcomers; two violinists who both hold instrumental studentships, two cellists from the 'cello classes and an oboe player. This increase in number has enabled us to attempt a greater variety of music and so far this term we have played pieces by Marcello and J. W. Hertel. More recently we have played through two concerti grossi, by Handel, with a fair amount of success.

The next big event for the orchestra will be the Music Club Concert in March, when the principal work will be Vivaldi's 'Gloria' for choir and orchestra, which poses quite a difficult orchestral accompaniment.

We must express our gratitude to Mr. R. N. Evans for his never-failing guidance and patience and also to Mr. L. A. Naylor for his continued support in the string section.

R. J. Temple.

CHORAL SOCIETY

In the School Hall on December 18th, the Society presented a programme of Christmas Music, which included Part I of Handel's 'Messiah' (see criticism). Last term we welcomed a number of new members to the Society including the Headmaster, Mr. M. P. Smith, Mr. W. R. Clark, Mr. W. A. R. Richardson and some twenty Third Formers.

At the Music Club Concert, later this term, the Choral Society hopes to perform Vivaldi's "Gloria."

Our thanks are due to Mr. R. N. Evans, our conductor, for the enthusiasm he shows and the amount of time he devotes to the Society. We are also indebted to D. E. Williams and L. Rust, our patient accompanists and to D. C. Townend and J. C. Townend, our efficient librarians. The high attendance and continued support of all members of the Society is greatly appreciated.

D. H. Mawdsley

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Following the success in February of the performance of Handel's oratorio 'Israel in Egypt', the Choral Society offered a programme of music related to Christmas on 18th December. On this occasion the programme consisted of carols and of the first part of Handel's 'Messiah', together with the 'Hallelujah Chorus.' Eighty-seven voices composed the full choir and, of these, eighteen formed the semi-chorus under the aegis of Mr. D. W. Rowell.

The first part of the programme offered a wide variety of carols, carefully chosen to provide a good balance between the familiar and the novel, giving scope both to the full choir and to the semi-chorus. The disparate items were linked smoothly and subtly by the skilful organ interludes contrived and played by D. E. Williams, so that a sense of homogeneity emerged. The audience added volume to two well-loved carols. The items selected stressed, perhaps, the more tender and solemn aspects of Christmas, although Joubert's 'Torches' provided a vigorous, march-like climax. The choir gave felicitous renderings of Bach's 'How shall I fitly meet Thee?' and of the Czech carol, 'Rocking', which was particularly moving in its deceptive simplicity.

The semi-chorus showed excellent integration in 'Adam lay ybounden' and in the first public performance of John McCabe's 'Fuer Natus in Bethlehem', a tryptich of songs dedicated to the singers. The composer says that, particularly in the Coventry Carol, his aim was to subordinate the music to the poetry. In this he has succeeded admirably, as these settings proved sensitive, cogent and meaningful, with a marked feeling for dramatic effect.

Mr. McCabe designed his tryptich as 'a challenge to the singers', a challenge which they met with a high degree of success. This success is due in no small measure to Mr. Rowell's musical skill and zeal in promoting this most important and attractive facet of the School's musical activities.

Into the preparation of Part One of 'Messiah' went a vast amount of hard work which reaped its due reward. We were delighted by a performance intellectually and emotionally satisfying. The choir displayed a command of a wide dynamic range, from subtle and delicate nuance in 'His yoke is easy' to

impressive and forceful climax in 'For unto us a Child is born'. Perhaps the trebles were beginning to tire after a strenuous evening, but the 'Hallelujah Chorus' would have been even more convincing had these younger boys not sung into their texts but projected their voices into the hall.

The excellent choir was well served by the soloists, Messrs. William Carter and Terence Rogan filled respectively the parts of tenor and bass with intelligence, sensitivity and obvious respect for the work. John Bratherton showed a musical understanding beyond his years. Not only were Bratherton's treble solos rendered in a true and well-controlled voice, but he had clearly thought very deeply about the meaning of his text, so that a most convincing performance emerged. We were delighted to welcome again Mr. Derek McCulloch who opened the programme with a beautiful rendering of Bach's 'Prepare thyself, Zion' and, later, brought out with consummate skill and the most moving purity of tone the blissful serenity of Handel's 'recitatives' and 'arias'. His enchanting delivery of 'O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion' remains imprinted on the mind.

As no orchestra was employed, an extra onus was placed upon the accompanists, Mr. McCabe (piano) and David Williams (organ), both of whom performed brilliantly, realising the aim of the ideal accompanist—to achieve perfect but self-effacing integration with the singer.

It is very gratifying that so many Old Boys and members of staff give such sound and enthusiastic support to the activities of the Choral Society. Much credit is due, too, to the 'unseen' workers—Mr. Scaife, Mr. Nelson (who supplies our physical sustenance), L. Rust, D. C. and J. C. Townend and to the ubiquitous and smiling D. H. Mawdsley. One can only hope that Mr. R. N. Evans feels that the volume of applause compensates him in some slight measure for the many hours of patient and devoted skill which he has lavished on this performance.

Mr. Evans has brought a long-awaited musical 'renaissance' to the School. All members of the School should be aware of this. Under the leadership of Messrs. Evans, Naylor and Rowell, music is playing an ever-increasingly important rôle in the life of the School. The audience at the concert of Christmas music was encouragingly large; let us hope that even more parents, friends and boys will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing an evening's excellent music next March when Vivaldi's 'Gloria' is to be performed.

A.E.

CHRISTIAN UNION

Last term was more successful than the Summer term of 1961, since most of the meetings were led by members of the School; this is felt to be a more profitable arrangement than relying solely upon outside speakers.

The Autumn term began with a talk from the Rev. A. J. Voake, vicar of St. Lawrence, Kirkdale, who spoke about Character Building. This was followed at regular intervals by a series of Bible Studies on St. Luke's Gospel. The first was given by Mr. Goodfellow, who spoke about temptation and methods of resisting it. D. T. Grogan and J. R. Morgan followed, by speaking about human vanity. Mr. Jack concluded the series by talking about total dedication to Christ's cause.

D. P. Greening and J. R. Watson both gave talks on I. B. Phillip's book, 'Your God is Too Small', telling us of the misconceptions about God.

Other meetings included a film, 'Experiences with an Elf' and talks by the Rev. N. Meredith, from St. Michael's, and Mr. Eaton, from the 'Trailer Missionary Fellowship.'

Our senior meetings last year, held in conjunction with Blackburne House, have been more successful than those of the Summer term; owing to examinations, many meetings were cancelled. The meetings included talks by the Rev.

Emerson from Canada, and the Rev. F. Samson, who talked about the Christian's place amid present day problems. Dr. Bowman, president of 'Far East Broadcasting Society', told us about the work of his society in East Asia. Talks were also given by Mrs. Toothill, a missionary from Thailand, the Rev. R. Rowland and Mr. Oulton-Lea, a lawyer. Our thanks must go to the Blackburne House S.C.M. for their help and co-operation in planning and making possible these meetings.

Our thanks are also due to our Chairman, Mr. Watson, and our Vice-Chairmen, Messrs Davies, Jack and Goodfellow, for their assistance and encouragement.

R. J. Baxter

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society started its year with a number of well-attended talks by Mr. Bowen. There have also been two auctions, in which a wide variety of items were sold. The pools and library continue to flourish under Pink's supervision.

I should like to thank Mr. Bowen for the time and interest he has given to the Society.

C. J. Savage

ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT SOCIETY

The Society has had a moderately successful term, mainly supported, however, by boys in the Lower School. Library meetings have been well attended and continue to take place in Room 16, on Mondays and Thursdays. Two successful outings were organised earlier in the term, to Moel Famau and the Peak District.

This term's activities include filmshows, lectures by British Railways' representatives, and excursions to Ribble Motor Works and Blackpool Corporation Tramways System. A Youth Hostel Tour to the Lake District is planned for the Summer holidays. We are indebted to Mr. A. G. Goodfellow for his continued support and interest shown in the Society.

D. A. Clegg; D. H. Mawdsley

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The meetings held in the summer term were unfortunately few in number, but this term there has been a welcome increase in interest in the Society. To date, two addresses have been given by members of the staff, the first by Mr. McDonald, the second by Messrs. Bentliff and Dobson, as well as one by Mr. Hitchen, a lecturer at Liverpool University. We were pleased to note that a few members of non-classical forms were attracted by these talks, but we should like to see more.

The library, consisting of books on all aspects of Archaeology, has been opened recently.

J. M. Jackson

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club is now the largest society in the School, membership being over ninety, fifty of whom are in the third and fourth forms. Owing to the enthusiasm shown by its younger members, the Club needs two rooms for its lunch-time meetings, one of which is being used for a third form competition.

The School team has entered the competition for the Wright Challenge Shield, which it now holds, and has won its first two matches against Liverpool

College and Wallasey Grammar School. The members of the team are: C. F. Woodcock, P. Cartmel, A. R. Prince, R. J. Butcher, T.D. Hughes, G. N. Prince and D. J. Jarman.

This year, the School has two teams in the Liverpool Schools' Chess League, one in the Championship Section and one in Division II. These teams mainly consist of our players in the third and fourth forms, in whom we detect a very high potential. The members include: R. K. Vernon, R. A. Humphreys, D. K. Bryan, C. R. Eccles, R. J. Revell, C. E. Webb, R. J. Holland, P. J. Axelrod, L. Law, J. M. Aked and D. Long.

We welcome Mr. D. J. Jack this year as master of the Club, and we are very grateful for the help and guidance he has shown to us this term.

P. Cartmel

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society extends a warm welcome to Mr. Wilson, who joined us at the beginning of the term as Vice-President.

The term has been an extremely active one for the Society. Early in the school year an excursion to West Kirby took place. The anglers achieved considerable success, as did Mr. Wilson, who obtained some remarkable photographs of insects. These he added to his very fine collection of colour transparencies, which the Society has had the privilege of seeing. A similar trip was made during half-term.

The Society recently acquired a number of cold water fish, which, despite the innumerable shocks they receive, continue to survive. Other additions to the Biology Laboratory include stick insects. Later in the term, films were shown. It is intended that more films will be obtained.

A large number of younger boys joined the Society this year. It is hoped that the keen interest shown by them will continue.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. Walker and Mr. Wilson for their support and advice in the Society's studies.

J. H. Wallington

MODELS SOCIETY

Owing to the summer G.C.E. examinations, the activities of the Society were drastically reduced, apart from normal meetings.

The first lecture of the term was given by the Secretary, A. J. Wallard, on the subject of Elementary Radio Set Construction. This took the form of a dinner-time lecture and several demonstration radios were on view. Last term saw an influx of enthusiastic members, both from the Third Forms and from further up the School. Sixth Form support is growing.

The half-term excursion was a visit to Messrs. Cammel Laird and Co. Ltd., at Birkenhead. A large party spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Company's works and saw many different examples of engineering ranging from a printing press to a ship on the stocks and one of the last guided missile ships. It is hoped to arrange a lecture by a prominent local railway modeller and several excursions to, for example, the 'Liverpool Echo' printing works, the English Electric Co., Crewe Locomotive Works and Meccano Ltd.

Competitions are planned, including a Plastic Kit Competition, which is always well supported, and the construction of models from scrap material. The railway track is gaining popularity and is being relaid. We have plans for part conversion to two rail tracks.

Mr. D. Wilson, whom we welcome as Vice-President is a regular visitor to our meetings. He is an enthusiastic railway modeller and we hope he will remain with us for a long time.

A. J. Wallard

SUMMER YOUTH HOSTEL TOUR

Once again, the Engineering and Transport Society visited North Wales last summer.

On the first day, after a leisurely journey through the beautiful valleys of the Dee and the Mawddach to Penmaenpool, we ascended Dirlwyn in brilliant sunshine, which we were not to enjoy again. Setting out from Harlech Youth Hostel the following morning, we tramped across lonely country to Rhinog Fawr, whence we returned by way of the Roman Steps and Llyn-Cwm-Bychan to the hostel. We spent the next day walking over the Moeiwyns to our next Youth Hostel, Bryn Gwynant. This was the height of luxury and 'seconds' could be obtained ad infinitum.

We reached the climax of our tour, Snowdon, on the fourth day. Both ascent and descent were made in bitter cold and rain and one member of the party was frequently described as having 'icicles hanging from his nose'. The following day started with a cloud-burst. Consequently, we had a rest day in Betws-y-Coed before continuing to the next hostel, which was in complete contrast to our last. The party was accommodated in an Alpine hut, with a stark notice on the wall, 'wash in church'. Ablutions were not protracted.

While on our ascent of Tryfan, a morbid member of the party constantly reminded us that a climber had recently crashed to his doom on this very mountain. Fortunately, on this occasion no one followed suit. We continued through thick fog over the Glyders to the Devil's Kitchen, where a junior member succeeded in losing himself. A welcome rest was enjoyed while the leader pursued him in the mist.

The final day of the trip came all too soon, and after a strenuous walk from Lake Ogwen to Bethesda over the twin summits of Carneddau Dafydd and Llywelyn we travelled the rest of the way into Bangor in an ancient bus, on which we were the only passengers, except for one local farmer.

Our thanks are due to K. McKelvie for planning and leading this most enjoyable expedition.

D. H. Mawdsley

ROUND THE WORLD AND DOWN UNDER

My story properly begins about two years before my retirement from teaching. Some of my wife's relations from Australia were staying with us at the time. At the end of their visit they urged us to consider paying them a return visit in New South Wales as soon as I had finished drawing my triangles and solving quadratics. We did in fact give the proposition our serious consideration. A sea voyage, involving a prolonged absence from home, would be out of the question on account of my wife's professional musical career and my own non-professional theatrical commitments. After much discussion we decided to fly round the world, making brief visits to some of the more fabulous places en route and staying about six weeks with our relations in Sydney.

We broke up for summer, you may remember, on Thursday, 20th July. Two days later, on Saturday, 22nd July, my wife and I had checked in our luggage at London Airport and were boarding a plane for the first stage of our journey. The plane was the Boeing jet airliner, 'City of Melbourne', one of a fleet of jet-liners owned by Australians Overseas Airline, QANTAS (Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services). We had chosen the 'Kangaroo Route', with stops at Frankfurt, Athens, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Singapore, Darwin and Sydney. After our stay in New South Wales we were to return to London by the 'Southern Cross Route', stopping at Fiji, Honolulu, San Francisco and New York, thus circumnavigating the globe by air in four-teen stages.

I must guard against writing at excessive length about the wonders of the Boeing 707, for that is not the purpose of this article. Suffice is to say that the

QANTAS jet-liners are beautifully constructed, tastefully decorated with artistic designs of Australian plants and flowers, fitted with every conceivable device for ensuring passengers' comfort, and manned by most courteous and efficient crews. My wife and I had flown many times before, but never had we experienced such smoothness and lack of vibration as on this trip. Take-off and landing were executed so skilfully as to be scarcely noticeable, and at cruising level the plane was almost as steady as a stationary train. We flew at a height of seven miles at an average speed of five hundred and fifty miles per hour, the round-the-world flight taking no more than fifty-two and a half flying hours.

Frankfurt, Athens and Cairo were all in darkness when we arrived, our watches having to be adjusted at each landing; but we had very fine views of Saudi-Arabia, the Persian Gulf and Pakistan before reaching Karachi, Cairo airport impressed us tremendously with its oriental carpets and mural decorations and its pervading air of eastern mysticism, and it was quite a thrill to be served cooling drinks by an enormous Egyptian waiter with a red fez and a long, flowing robe. Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok and Singapore were all intensely interesting, and our brief glimpses at these wondrous cities made it a matter of profound regret that we were not rich enough to stay a week or so at each port of call.

The flight across India from Karachi to Calcutta practically followed the Tropic of Cancer, while from Calcutta our way lay over Burma and Siam to Bangkok, and thence over the Gulf of Siam and across Malaya to Singapore (where we could have bought all manner of duty-free gifts if we'd only had the money); we met my wife's cousin who joined the crew to act as flight engineer for the rest of the journey to Sydney. He introduced us to the captain who later on very kindly showed us over the flight-deck and gave us a thrilling geography lesson while piloting us over the vast Northern Territory of Australia. From Singapore we flew across the Java Sea, with Borneo and the Indonesian Islands on our port side.

As you may imagine, a passenger flying at thirty seven thousand feet sees the world shrink to a sort of large-scale map of itself. The colours tone down to beautiful pastel shades and cities dwindle to mere villages, while coast lines mountains and other physical features assume a panoramic glamour that is quite irresistibly fascinating to the beholder in the skies. Incidentally, climatic and temperature changes do not affect the air traveller in the slightest degree, except on landing; his pressurised and air-conditioned liner insulates him completely from the vagaries of the external atmosphere.

Darwin was reached in blazing sunshine quite early in the morning and our last 'hop' was across the great Northern Territory and Queensland to New South Wales. With a thrill of expectancy we touched down at the Kingsford-Smith airport at Mascot, where our hosts were waiting to take us by car to their home in the bush.

I soon realised that I had had an entirely erroneous conception of the Australian bush, which I had pictured as an arid, scrubby, uninviting country. In so doing I had evidently confused it with what the Australians call the outback. Actually the bush is utterly delightful, being richly wooded with trees and shrubs of a truly bewildering variety. The most familiar trees are the gums and eucalypts, of which there are about four hundred species ranging from the whipstick mallees to the giant karvi trees. Sydney, which derives its importance almost entirely from its wonderful natural harbour, was itself bush country when Captain Cook landed in Botany Bay, in 1770. Settlers simply cleared part of the bush around the harbour and started to build. This process has continued for nearly two hundred years and today Sydney is a huge city of fine modern buildings, a magnificent bridge over the harbour and splendid motor-roads, many of which carry eight or more lanes of traffic. It is above all a place of great natural beauty, and its surf-beaches are superb. I visited at

least twenty of them during my stay, including Palm Beach, Avalon, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Deewhy, Curl Curl and Manly, all of which lie to the north side of the harbour entrance, as well as Bronte, Clovelly, Coogee, Maroubra and Bondi beaches, which lie to the south. I could well understand why Bondi Beach, with its glorious bay, is so world-renowned; but I was no less impressed by Manly, which lies on a neck of land between the harbour and the Pacific and which may be conveniently, not to say pleasurably, approached by ferry steamer from Sydney Circular Quay.

Our hosts' house was situated in Turramurra, a bushland residential district in the north-west of the Sydney metropolitan area. It was a good hour's drive from the airport, our route lying across the harbour bridge and along a busy motor-road called the Pacific Highway. On the way one could not help observing some of the many delightful housing estates that abound all over Sydney and its suburbs. Practically all the houses are detached, single-storeyed and surrounded by sizeable plots of land retaining as many bush trees, shrubs and flowers as possible. They make a very pretty picture when viewed from the numerous vantage points or 'lookouts' on the hills all over the city, their gaily coloured glossy tiles glinting in the sun, which even in winter shines from a sky of the purest sapphire. Their kitchens and laundries are a housewife's dream, their patios are cool and picturesque, and they usually include what is aptly called a rumpus room. But Australian houses are by no means cheap. A two bedroomed bungalow can cost £10,000; though it must be remembered that an Australian pound is only sixteen shillings sterling and that incomes and wages are very high indeed.

Sydney struck me as being very Americanised (Melbourne, I was told, is much more English in character). This is particularly the case, or so it seemed to me, in its shopping centres, its drive-in cinemas, its food and its newspapers. The postman inserts the mail in a box at the garden gate where milk and other provisions are also left, while the newsboy drives around in a car and tosses the rolled-up papers over the garden wall. My wife and I were regarded as slightly eccentric because we expressed a desire for an occasional evening stroll. Nobody seems to walk in Australia, which ranks third country in the world for the number of cars per unit of population. Their most popular car is a home produced model known as a 'Holden', a high-powered vehicle which negotiates the many ups and downs and twists and turns in Sydney with no apparent difficulty.

Space limitation demands that I summarise as briefly as possible some of the high spots of our New South Wales tour. Sightseeing in Sydney itself included visits to its two cathedrals; to its stately town hall; to its historic wistaria-covered Vacluse House, where William Wentworth drew up the Australian Constitution; to the International Trade Fair at the famous agricultural show ground; to the 'Gap', where a hundred years ago a ship was wrecked with all hands through being mistaken for the harbour Heads; to the Parramatta and Lane Cove rivers; to Narrabeen Lagoon, French's Forest, Coal and Candle Creek, Pitt Water Bay and Brighton-le-Sands; and, of course, to the aforementioned surf-beaches and Pacific resorts. Further afield we visited Canberra, the Federal capital, delightfully situated on an extensive plain with a background of well-wooded hills; Katoomba, a beautiful city on the top of the Blue Mountains; Pentland Hills, with its kangaroos, wallabies, emus and endearing koala bears; Warragamba Gorge, where a gigantic dam has recently been constructed at a cost of £40,000,000; the Hawkesbury River, a paradise for cruising and fishing; La Perouse, where we were treated to a fascinating display of boomerang-throwing by expert aborigines; Bare Island, where a young skin-diver triumphantly landed a shark he had just killed; and Menangle, where the world-famous rotolactor milks two thousand five hundred cows twice daily at the rate of three hundred cows an hour.

But that is by no means an exhaustive list of the places of interest we

were shown by a host of generous relations, friends and even strangers, who seemed to vie with one another in dispensing true Australian hospitality and making our visit a memorable one. Our six weeks went by all too quickly and it was with heavy hearts that we boarded our homeward-bound airliner 'City of Sydney' and soared across the Pacific. Perhaps the picture we shall most vividly retain in our minds' eye will be that of the glorious bush-house gardens bedecked with magnolias, waratahs, boronia, mimosa and camellias. On actual inspection they seemed almost too beautiful for reality, too good to be true. Rather did they resemble fantastically lovely stage settings with citrus trees laden with fruit for décor, the back cloth consisting of gum trees, wattles, jacarandas and illawarra flame trees, and the orchestral effects provided by nature's own instrumentalists—magpies, peewees, blue wrens, bell-birds, lyre birds and laughing kookaburras.

The Pacific crossing was effected in three stages; Sydney-Fiji-Honolulu-San Francisco. Of these, the distance from Fiji to Honolulu alone is four thousand miles. Fiji's brand-new airport intrigued us immensely, as did the woolly-headed, bare-footed waiters attired simply in white shirts and shorts. They are fine, handsome men, very black and very polite. Our port-side seats gave us grandstand views of Pearl Harbour before arriving at Honolulu and of Waikiki Beach after leaving it. Our favourable seating position, well behind the wing, also enabled us to obtain magnificent views of San Francisco and, later on, of the eastern coast of the United States and Canada, along which Long Island, Cape Cod, Boston and Nova Scotia all showed up with striking clearness. We shall remember San Francisco chiefly for its noise, its traffic and the enormous dinner served up to us at the luxuriously appointed motel, the International Inn. After our flight across the States we were presented with an equally formidable breakfast at the Golden Door Restaurant in Idlewild airport. Before taking off for our last ascent we had to join a queue of jetliners waiting to run down the strip at three-minute intervals. At Sydney—the Canadian one, on Cape Breton Island—our pilot received orders by radio to turn east across the Atlantic instead of continuing our course to Newfoundland where the air lanes were somewhat overcrowded at that particular time.

Out over the ocean the captain drew our attention to a jet plane similar to our own flying about a mile below us in the opposite direction. We thus experienced the illusion of travelling at over a thousand miles an hour! But even at our real speed the trans-Atlantic crossing was accomplished in a remarkably short time; indeed, it actually took us longer to travel from London airport to Liverpool than from New York to London.

In conclusion I would like to convey my very best wishes to all my former colleagues and pupils at the Institute. As this somewhat sketchy survey, written in my new Deeside home in the Wirral, marks the end both of a career and of a sojourn 'down under', perhaps I may be permitted to express my feelings thus: 'Thanks for the memory, Liverpool and Sydney'.

A.H.

OXFORD LETTER

The Editor, Liverpool Institute Magazine

Oxford.

Sir,

Alas! the famed tranquillity of Oxford now only exists in the American travel agents' brain. These days, unfortunately, one is always liable to be startled out of one's academic reverse by the discordant sounds of a blaring horn, or a jangling bell. This may account for the disgruntled faces of the Liobians here as they miss the peaceful charm of life at the Liverpool Institute. Our senior members, Professor Kneale and Mr. Oxburgh, however, remain unaffected and in the best of spirits.

At Univ. Oxford's own finishing school for head boys, resides Mr. Norris. Our respected President, Mr. Burnham on the other hand, has disappeared, although he is reputed to be negotiating a transfer to Milan. Like Eve in a fig-leaf, Mr. Sissons, in a short gown, feels denuded and keeps to his room.

Mr. Austin Hughes, of Pembroke, has been appointed secretary of the Archery Club. This 'austintatious' William Tell has recently shaved off his beard. 'It got in the way of the arrows', quoth he. Mr. Lunt, the secretary of the Liobians, who is reading photography at Corpus, has designated himself 'Baron' Lunt, or Lord Mt. Pleasant. The other Liobian at Corpus, Mr. Burgess, is a keen student of farming and passes many agreeable hours in the buttery.

At Oriel, Mr. Mordaunt, the Falstaff of the Liobians, is still around. It is rumoured that this gentleman has taken up rowing, with an eye to coxing, but the 'Queen Elizabeth' is not allowed on the Isis. Mr. Corkish of Hertford, and Mr. Miller of Christ Church are also sportsmen. Mr. Corkish dallies with the oar and Mr. Miller is the twelfth man for his college smoking team. He trains assiduously by rising early for lunch.

Lincoln is honoured by the presence of Mr. Worthington, a freshman from Cambridge. This gentleman has finally decided that he likes Oxford. 'After all', he said, 'one meets so many people from Cambridge here.' He leads a dramatic life. Mr. David Harris is also at Lincoln. He is lyricist, philosopher, moralist and fisherman, who is frequently to be heard lamenting the decadence of Oxford life and the paucity of undergraduates. But Mr. Williams is always on hand to offer consolation. This worthy gentleman has recently been in Trafalgar Square campaigning on behalf of various causes. He is said to be suing for libel a certain undergraduate who alleged that he did some work. Mr. Horsford of St. John's is also a man of leisure and has a keen sense of vacation.

Contrary to all the expectations of his devoted admirers, Mr. Thom of Exeter has definitely not turned Bohemian. He is endeavouring to cope with his American room-mate whose greatest pleasure in life is the bagpipes. Mr. Thom has been seen in a kilt.

On the other side of the Turl is Jesus, and there live Mr. Jackson and Mr. Smith, J. G. Mr. Jackson has finally recognised the terrors of unemployment, but refuses solidly to give way. Mr. Smith labours under the disadvantage of having a smaller brother at a bigger college. This brother, Mr. Smith, P. D. of Balliol, is a specific example of the 'tauernam serperoraram vulgaris'. Like Hamlet's ghost, Mr. Smith disports himself on battlements at midnight.

At New College, Mr. Mannheim attributes his success with the ladies to scrupulous observance of his motto, which is derived from that of his college, Manners Makyth Mannheim. That vivacious character, Mr. Crofts of the same college, has taken to the hockey field. It is not known whether the attraction is mutual.

Mr. Jones coxes Wadham's first eight, and for this reason he is nicknamed Armstrong-Jones. He certainly has a strong stomach. His friend, Mr. T. J. Williams, Oxford's poor man's Gerald Moore, is now appearing permanently—outside Lady Margaret Hall. It is a matter of great controversy amongst Liobians whether Mr. Ledgard is still at Wadham. Some hold that he has taken up residence in the Maths Institute. (It was probably the name).

Another person with a strange habitat is Mr. J. Blond of Brasenose. He is at present domiciled in that monstrosity of an office block, which purports to be part of a college. Still on the subject of architectural abominations, we pass to Keble, where dwell Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Rimmer. The latter is not to be seen, for he does not frequent the right pubs. Mr. Murdoch, however, presents a pitiful sight, as he wanders forlornly around St. Hugh's. He is constantly being enjoined to try St. Hilda's, for men are apparently accepted there without reservation. We are glad to say that no such difficulties trouble Mr. Altschull of Worcester.

The mascot of the Liobians is Mr. Whittaker. He has recently evinced

signs of having arrived at second childhood, for he has bought a scooter.

Thus, Sir, we have tried to describe to you just a few of the oddities which make up the Liobians' Society. Long may it continue!

Yours etc.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Cambridge,

The Editor, Liverpool Institute Magazine.

Sir,

Any account of the Liverpool Institute Old Boys at Cambridge this year must be short—there are so few of them; and as we scuttle through the streets heavily protected against fen mists and the shrieking Siberian wind, we find it very difficult to recognise one another. This mutual and communal ignorance means that this term's Cambridge Letter can contain no William Hickey-type scandal, and can only be a rather flat account of what appears to happen.

The senior Liobian here is Dr. T. C. Waddington, of Caius, still young enough to be asked by a Freshman who his tutor was, but too august for much to be known about him. Also at Caius is John Conder, too interested in maths, chess and first-class degrees to acknowledge anyone, unless he throws himself under his feet. Tony Zalin, at Caius too, while away the time between his inevitable academic successes by giving coffee to Bob Clapham, the only non subscription-paying member of the Lancastrian Society.

This Society, which is run by Arnold Cummins, at Sydney, carts people back to Lancashire in cattle trucks for about the same amount of money as British Railways. He is also responsible for Sydney's contribution to Poppy Day, and this year he gathered a record sum of money. Russell Cannon, of Trinity, has yet to be seen this term—he works in the few snatched hours when he is not riding on his bicycle to Newmarket, or Saffron Walden, or somewhere; and John Rowlands, at St. Caths, enjoys himself playing hockey and reading maths.

There are only two Freshmen this year—Lachlan MacRae, at Downing, who thought vaguely of taking up something athletic, but decided not to spoil his record, and instead performs strenuous mental gymnastics for the Master. Phil Alper, out at Selwyn, agrees pessimistically that the prelim results depend on the amount of work done in the first term, but consoles himself with his broadening field of experience.

And this, I'm afraid, is all—until the weather improves, and you send more people here, the bi-annual account of La Vie Cambridgienne will have to be just as skimpy until your next demand for news.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
Punt.

THE PREFECTS' LETTER

The Editor, The Liverpool Institute Magazine

Sir,

Once again you demand fresh scandal and I find myself in an unenviable position. Have I been given this task as the prefect most able to compose a work of literary merit? Certainly not. As, then, the most unprincipled member of our fraternity, eager to 'spill the malicious beans' about my fellows? Very likely. Again, am I to be blunt and to the point, thereby appealing to the masses, or so fiendishly subtle (sic) that even the individuals portrayed cannot recognize themselves? I do not know. I merely offer you the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help me!

Our leader, Mr. Tysoe, the idol of the Third Formers and the most idle of the Sixth Formers, has never been quite the same since the yo-yo went out of fashion. He consoles himself, however, by collecting Welsh curses, which he screams at the prefects whenever his gentle cry of 'duty, chaps!' goes unheeded. At 4-0 p.m. each day, his 'amply billowing gown' is exchanged for a whiter than white and shorter than short garment which he euphemistically terms a raincoat. When depressed, he sits alone dreaming of those halcyon days when the 1st XI won the occasional match.

Vice head boy, Mr. Cowan, was surely one of Kingsley's original 'Water Babies.' We fear, however, that his passion for swimming is not wholly occasioned by love of the sport for its own sake, but rather from a natural disinclination to apply soap and water in the customary fashion. Extremely non-U is Mr. Cowan—witness the Green Book.

A quick glance at Mr. Archer's antics on the football field reveals the fact that cricket is his game! Indeed, there are few outside-lefts who have not suffered from his elegant square-cut into touch. As treasurer of the Prefects' Fund, he wears a satisfied smile and a brand-new blazer.

Mr. Radcliffe's Rabelaisian wit is much appreciated by all the prefects, and especially by Mr. Radcliffe. Like Cassius, this gentleman 'has a lean and hungry look', belying his diurnal consumption of vast amounts of school dinner which he deposits, in equal proportion, in his mouth, down his tie and on his gown.

Mr. Othen, our 'tried and valiant soldier,' has to claims to fame; he arrives later than Mr. Archer and shouts louder than Mr. Radcliffe. His overworked larynx is lubricated regularly by a mixture of 'super plus', for which he has acquired a taste since taking up part-time employment at a garage—as a petrol pump!

Mr. Whaley, who spends his leisure hours 'impaling worms to torture fish', is the most conscientious of the prefects and cheerfully does his duties while whistling his favourite tune, 'Sucu, Sucu'. At present, however, his lot is an unhappy one, for his insistence on wearing a daringly low-cut running vest has caused him to be dropped from the cross-country team.

Mr. Quilliam is a scientist, but otherwise lives a blameless life. With the help of Mr. Clark, his friend and fellow scientist, and the whole-hearted approval of Mr. Tysoe, he is at present engaged in finding a method of humanely destroying Mr. Whaley. 'Alas, poor Fred!'

Mr. Walton's splendid attempt of last term to provide heat and light for the Prefects' Room did not go unnoticed but was, unfortunately, unappreciated in certain quarters. Undeterred, he hopes to try again in the near future. Meanwhile, he finds an outlet for his youthful exuberance in mowing down pedestrians and harassing other learner drivers.

Messrs. Cattrall and Armstrong are wont to spend many hours together, gloating over their state scholarships and making happy cooing noises. The former plays hockey, cricket and shove ha'penny, while the latter is a footballer or rather, plays football. Rumour has it that the sight of their friend, Mr. 'Rudolph' Brooks, on a sunny day, inspired Edward Lear to write one of his more widely-read poems. Unfortunately, Mr. Brooks has not been seen since he uttered his famous last words '... and a half of shandy.'

The taciturn Mr. Morgan, an editor of this ***** magazine, has acquired his deep suntan from over-exposure in the Lower Yard. So seldom does he speak, and then only in Russian, that we are inclined to think he has something on his mind, possibly the weight of his patent leather hair.

Last, and inevitably least, come the two new members of the prefectorial body. Mr. Ferguson is a mathematician, although we fear that the epithet 'applied' is in his case more appropriate than 'pure'! The golden-quiffed Mr. Norris, on the other hand, is a keen scout and finds his way to school each morning with the aid of a compass.

That, sir, is that. The foibles and idiosyncrasies of each member of this august assembly lie 'in conspectu omnium.' My sole desire is that you now leave me to enjoy my inevitable ostracism in peace and quiet.

Yours in anticipation,
D. Gowned.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The practice of sending Christmas cards originated in 1843, when John Norsley designed a card at the suggestion of Henry (later Sir Henry) Cole. This was hand-coloured and printed in lithograph by Jobbings of Holborn. Possibly around a thousand copies of it were sold. In this era, stage-coaches, although they had many discomforts, were and still are, a popular subject for Christmas cards.

Stage-coaches were used for a long time after that as the main design but in the 1870's a card appeared with a boy on a locomotive, with the words,

"With lots of good cheer,
And plenty of toys,
For girls and boys."

underneath it.

And then, in the late 1890's, the automobile provided yet another design for Christmas cards. The idea of Santa Claus with a large sack of toys in the back of his car was very popular. In these days, transport is still a firm favourite.

The G.P.O. now has to engage extra staff to deal with the millions of Christmas cards which are posted in the week before Christmas. There must be few homes in this country or abroad which do not either send or receive some of these gaily coloured greetings at Christmas.

S. Preece (L5B)

A SHOPPING EXPEDITION

The experience most dreaded in modern civilization by a male must be to partake, either voluntarily or otherwise, in a shopping expedition with a female. If a man is extremely fortunate, he may only have to suffer the displeasure of a major expedition twice a year—at Christmas time and upon the occasion of the so-called sales. These occur when the extensive and infamous departmental stores choose to rid themselves of a large percentage of their stock, much to the pleasure of numerous exuberant females, who delight in the general mêlée of these occasions. Thus the long-suffering spouses of these abominable women must succumb to their whims, and suitably equipped with weapons and money, they embark upon a dangerous mission.

After what seems to be far too short a journey, the field of battle is reached. The bright neon signs, a characteristic of modern city life, wink mockingly at the milling throngs. The shop windows are arrayed with glittering displays of numerous goods, from frying pans to diamond rings, from hair nets to fur wraps, all designed to tempt the gullible female eye and to empty the substantial male wallet. As some shrewd business men have discovered, however, the quickest way to a woman's heart is through her budget, and the greatest crowds and the largest takings will be found on the premises where the articles are cheapest.

A slight difficulty may be encountered at the first attempt to gain access to these stores, but after several years' practice one acquires the technique of entering, so that a few prods with an umbrella will soon clear a passage into the innermost part of the store.

Inside, the scene is one of great confusion, and it requires extensive physical and mental courage for any normal person to endure the conditions for more than thirty minutes. The jostling crowds stream in endless procession through the maze of corridors between the various counters, at which prospective customers maul the goods for sale and then eagerly thrust their choice into the face of a frustrated assistant.

If anyone is to be the hero, then the typical shop assistant must be the unanimous choice. To work in such conditions as the typical city store offers for five and a half days a week is a most noteworthy feat. How they are to exercise such restraint in the face of numerous grubby hands thrust at them, to decipher the inarticulate demands of the owners of the hands, and to satisfy the whim of the female customer is a miracle.

The expedition must be extended to the remaining departments situated about, and so one joins the screaming rabble at the foot of the escalator. Rather than suffer the indignity of participating in the desperate struggle to place a foot on a passing stair, the wise man will avoid these hordes by using the comparatively peaceful stair-case, though the very wise man will have remained outside the store, if at all possible, while his wife joins battle with other women inside.

Upstairs, the fashion department is usually to be found. During the sales period, this sedate, feminine department bears a striking resemblance to the accepted picture of the battle field at Waterloo. The atmosphere is pierced by the blood-curdling screams of women as they engage each other in combat over sleeveless dresses reduced to two guineas.

And so it is from shop to shop, fighting, pushing, kicking and being kicked, slowly suffocating in the stale atmosphere, travelling in crowded lifts under constant danger of either being stranded between floors or plunging to one's death into the bargain basement, only to suffer ultimate discomfort of standing at a bus-stop, forlornly watching the crowded buses scurrying by in the rain and rapidly disappearing into the gloom. All this makes me wonder how anyone could enjoy a shopping expedition!

I. Leverton (U5a).

FULL CIRCLE

The hot gas clouds contracted slowly, cooling and congealing, until they focussed as a planet, spinning wearily along its predestined path through a wheeling galaxy. The surface of the world rose and fell tumultuously, writhing in the birth-pangs of this, the 'dream-time', when the dark shadows of mythical gods and monsters moved over the faces of changing continents. Then came the awakening, and the first men peered forth from under bushy brows, inheritors of all they surveyed in that cold, airless morning of earth.

The grey shapes flitted across the flickering screens in the sweltering room crowded with chattering machines and men. Somewhere a telephone rang shatteringly, leaving a quivering of silences. An order is passed on by a sweating ashen face. A key rasps in a lock. A shaky, reluctant finger jabs hesitantly upon a button, then with firm inevitability.

The first bomb cloud arose, hanging over earth like a foul, fungoid or cancerous growth, followed by another and another until the planet was a blot upon the face of the heavens. Finally, like a great beast, tormented beyond endurance, the world roared and died in an agony of white, searing heat, which faded into blackness, for eternity.

Then, in the beginning . . .

D. R. Wade (6BM2)

WHILE TIME REMAINS

A glancing chill pervades the azure sky . . .
The gilded clouds withdraw in troubled show.
And throngs of women, pale and bright of eye,
Encased in furry warmth, flit quickly by . . .
How cruel they are, those twilight autumn hours!
When scurrying leaves forsake the garden bowers
And from the giant chestnut-trees the glow
Of mounting scarlet shapes a pyre on high
To dare the utmost of the biting breeze.
While in the lonely parks' expiring sigh
The harsh intensity is tuned to please.
About the lawns peep dainty, silken glades
Where summer's blithe, carousing hours were spun . . .
Decay is rife and mundane bustle fades,
The blasts, the cries engulfed by golden shades
That shield the melting witchcraft of the sun.
How sweet they are, those twilight autumn hours!
The porcelain sky will sweep its girdle round
The sugar-centred parks, with their pale towers
Of light that quiver to the cloying sound
Of children capering in and out the spray
Of gushing fountains.

(from the French)

C. Morgan (6AMI)

RABY MERE—JANUARY '61

Colour has gone this winter's day; all is black,
Or black with grey.
Black, the lonely figure on the hill
Hurrying home to hearth-warmed fire,
Black, the hardy bird that flies
On wings of fear at my approach.
All else is grey, the dirty snow
That forms a base for sinking feet
And leaves the mark behind.
The sinking sun is gleaming red,
Hides behind the whisp'ring pines
As I walk on; the smoke haze rides
Like frozen breath on icy wind.
The scene is mirror'd silver-grey
In rippling lake, while day goes past
And night comes on like deathly hearse,
That blankets all in hopeless cloud,
Till I go into dark.

S. L. Slater (6AM2)

A MATTER OF TIME AND MOTION

The adversity of chance, what torture it incites!
 He sat there, one eye fixed upon the lights;
 The other glazed in anguish at the hour.
 How helpless is mankind deprived of power!
 Foul Fate, her mocking glance upon her prey,
 Laughed heartily to see her labours pay;
 Her victim silent and in wretched mood,
 Surrounded by his fellows, yet in solitude.
 Time steadily ticked by, and all seemed lost;
 When suddenly out from its static post
 The 'bus surged forth, the engine creaked for joy,
 New gleams of hope awoke the heart-sick boy.
 Now he is half-way up the hill;
 Though panting for his breath, he knows that still
 More trials are ahead to test his will
 The race to win, the triumph to fulfil.
 His anxious little footsteps reach the school—
 He's not in such a hurry as a rule
 To seek his brain's nutrition from this place—
 He climbs the steps with ever-quickenning pace;
 At last, with gasping breath and gait uncouth,
 He enters the establishment of Truth.
 Oh! Horror, Horror! They've just rung the bell;
 He's lost the race—the race he ran so well.

P. Cartmel (6BMI)

"SCHOOLS—WHITHER?"

For centuries the method of imparting knowledge in schools followed roughly the same pattern, culminating in the last century in the types of establishment portrayed in 'Tom Brown's Schoolboys' and Dickens' 'Dotheboys Hall.'

Since those days, within a relatively short time, great changes have taken place, and we now have the type of school which is enlightened in its methods and outlook to a degree which would have been unimaginable to masters and pupils of a century ago.

Time moves on, however, and in this present era everything appears to be advancing with ever-increasing momentum. This is the atom age, the jet age, and the age of still greater achievements lies just round the corner. What, therefore, of the schools of the future? And what of the future of imparting knowledge?

Will the Liverpool Institute of the future be run as a super-cinema, with all subjects being taught by film? Will each form-room be filled with bowed figures, each bending over his own micro-film viewer? Will each master have to qualify as a hypnotist, in order to put each subject over by mass hypnotism? Or will the ultimate be achieved in dead silence by cramming each subject into every juvenile brain by telepathy?

These are fascinating avenues of speculation, which could be followed into wider fields, each worthy of a much more detailed description which cannot be given here. On thinking over each of these prospects, however, one thing makes itself obvious to me, that is, how thankful I am that I am a schoolboy now, for I cannot imagine any of those little 'big-heads' of the future getting any fun out of life at all!

R. Thomson (LVB)

TELEVISION

That square-eyed men to over there
 Command attention. Would you dare
 To turn your back in case you might
 Miss a turn or lose the sight
 Of pictures new, or pictures rare?
 All too soon the commercials come,
 With music loud and beating drum,
 To interrupt what might have been
 The climax of an exciting scene;
 But we are told our dog needs Chum.
 The commentator will then recite
 'This powder washes gleaming white.'
 He'll use fantastic names for soap,
 As if without them we can't cope
 With the washing-up tonight.

J. Thompson (UVD)

THE FISHERMAN

The line cuts the water, the ripples spread;
 The bobbing float gleams in the sun overhead;
 The angler crouches, 'neath foliage dense,
 His rod at the ready, his face muscles tense.
 A few moments vigil, then the float dips below;
 The fisherman strikes and hooks his foe,
 A short, sharp struggle, but all's in vain,
 For the angler will triumph again and again.

P. Morgan (LSB)

THE INSTITUTE

It's only a very old building,
 That doesn't attract the eye;
 The walls look dark and dismal,
 To all who pass it by.
 The cathedral in all its majesty,
 Stands as steadfast and sure;
 Looks like a king in all its splendour,
 While our School looks humble and poor.
 But inside this very old building,
 As many of us do know,
 We carry on old traditions,
 That were started a long time ago.
 Some scholars have brought us great honour
 Through years that have gone before;
 To add our name to their glory
 Is what we are working for.

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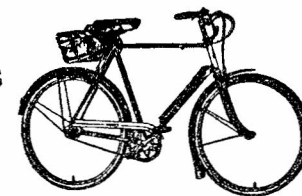
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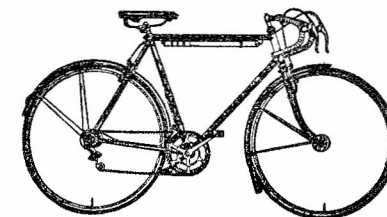
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