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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

Our medical officer spoke too soon at the end of the Spring term when he congratulated us on getting through it without any illness, despite the various complaints that had been rampant in the neighbourhood. The present term had been under way for nearly three weeks when we suddenly found ourselves in quarantine for German measles and mumps, and so we stayed until its close. It was fortunate that these plagues, if they had to come at all, started among the smaller boys, for we had got over Common Entrance and just past the Athletic Sports before the second waves smote us, and they got among the Senior boys. We hadn't had mumps here for a long time—German measles is not an illness, merely a nuisance—and it was fairly obvious that we should catch it properly, as was the course it would take. Therefore, we decided to carry on with the Sports, although fourteen boys were absent, for they were all very junior, and, in the main, not likely to play any prominent part this year, whereas the next wave would probably catch some of the seniors, as it did.

Last Summer, J. B. Galaud won an Exhibition to Aldenham at a very young age and we hoped that this year he would convert it into a Scholarship—which he duly did, being awarded the Dewar Scholarship of the value of £150 a year. We are also glad to report that C. J. Butler has won an Astor Scholarship at Dover College. His written work, judging from the marks awarded, reached a very creditable level all round, with best results on Mathematics. The Headmaster of Monkton Combe School wrote that S. C. P. Raynes had 'obtained a good pass' in Common Entrance. The Mathematics papers and the French 'B' gave him his highest marks with Latin 'A' next. One or two Public Schools merely say that a boy has passed or failed and give no further information; most quote the marks awarded, but Monkton Combe does better and gives both marks and some brief comments. E. C. Payne and M. Vernon Smith passed well into Merchant Taylors', the former doing his best work in Mathematics and on the Latin 'A' paper, the latter in Mathematics and French. Three other boys took Common Entrance this term: J. Barrenger, who goes to Aldenham—his Arithmetic was graded as very good, his English and Algebra as good—and C. R. Gardiner and J. D. Fay, who leave us for Dover and Wellingborough.

In the course of his speech on Sports Day, the Headmaster said: "The Public Schools are once again under fire. They do not need me to speak for them—the bitterness and envy they inspire in certain ignoble breasts is their sufficient defence. Independent schools in general are being attacked but I am not worried by that, though I have wondered if I ought to be. Maybe I am merely being an ostrich, but there is an Arab proverb, 'Dogs bark but the caravan marches on,' and I expect the Public Schools to go marching on." Later he mentioned the Headmaster of a State school, who had said, "For Heaven's sake keep your independence, for it is only because you are completely independent that we have what degree of freedom we have," and went on to add, "I cannot understand why our assailants fail to see where complete State control of education has led in the past in Germany and where it still leads in Russia and in other countries." He also spoke of gross anomalies in the eleven plus examinations and might well have said that it should be recognized as the unalienable right of parents to spend as they wish what money is left to them after taxation, which among other things pays for the State schools, and if they choose to spend it for what they consider the benefit of their children, surely that is laudable, and in no way less laudable if in their opinions that means sending them to independent schools. There are still plenty of parents who do not wish the State to take charge of their children from their cradles but prefer to pay for the right to choose where and by whom they shall be assisted in the upbringing of the children whom God and not the State has given them.

Very early in the term the members of the three top forms, less three unlucky boys liable to be victims of car sickness, were taken by coach to North Weald Aerodrome, where we were shown all round and spent a most interesting day.

A week later, some of the seniors went to Heronsgate Hall to see a display of documents, of which some had been lent by the school, and photographs relating to the time when it had been a Chartist settlement known as O'Connorville, and to the years just after that.

We had been invited to take a party to Henley again for the semi-finals day of the Regatta, but most unfortunately that plan had to be dropped because we were in quarantine.

On the last Saturday of term a member of the Rickmansworth Police kindly came up to give us a talk on Road Safety. We had asked for that to be done and had felt that just before the summer holidays, when most boys would be making the greatest use of their bicycles, was the best time for it.

Mr. Vezey started his Sunday evening reading with "They Met Robin Hood" by Agnes Blundell and followed that with Jerome K. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat." They occupied us for all except the last Sunday of term, and then we took the first and second scenes of Shaw's "Saint Joan," when various boys joined Mr. Vezey in taking parts.

Barrenger and Turner read the Lessons in Church on the first Sunday of term; Gardiner i and Winters on Ascension Day; and Butler i and Vernon Smith on the last Sunday. Turner earned the special praise of the preacher.

The End-of-Term Singing was composed of Folk Songs as follows:

Swinging Down the High Road	Forms VA and VB
The White Paternoster	Forms IV and III
Saucy Sailor and Frog went a Courting	Forms II and I
The Ground Hog	Forms IV and III
Avenging and Bright	Forms VA and VB
Sir Marmaduke	Forms VA, VB, IV and III
Grandmother's Aunt Matilda Jane	Forms IV and III
Afton Water	Forms II and I
Westering Home	The Whole School

We had a piano solo by Hale in the middle, and the first verse of Afton Water was taken by Horne and Ross alone. After a pause, we went on to Prayers and the End-of-Term Hymn before going over to the gym. for mark reading, etc.

That all took place on the morning of the closing day of term, as last year's innovation of having Swimming Sports on the final evening and allowing everyone to go home after them had proved so popular that we had decided to repeat the arrangement.

Two Music Prizes, very kindly given by Mrs. Sears, were presented after the Swimming Sports to Hale (Senior) and Feist ii (Junior), as were the Handicrafts Cup to Webster and the Shooting Trophies to Feist i. Miniature cups to the winners of the Senior and Junior Boxing Cups (Tucker and Slater) and Star Prizes for the preceding twelve months (Walker, Feist ii and Butler i) had been distributed with the awards for the Athletic Sports, as had the prizes on the Headmaster's General Paper and this year they had been increased to three:— Winner: Gill. Best result under 11: Faulkner. Under 9: Sainsbury.

Our very grateful thanks are due to Mr. Strange, who, during the Easter holidays, had the whole of the swimming bath pump,

including the electrical parts, taken away and returned mounted on a new stand and with an intake pipe of larger diameter. It appears that our difficulties with it at the end of last summer had been entirely due to friction set up by having an intake pipe of too small a diameter. The last changing of water at the end of the term was done in record time. We have also to thank Mr. and Mrs. Payne most sincerely for arranging for a new Honours Board to be supplied to the school. A donation announced a year ago for a Board will be used at the same time to supply a new one for the names of Head Boys, for both of those at present in use will be almost full when the four entries due to be made on each have been duly inscribed—we have been waiting more than a year for the sign-writer to come!

Section C (Leader—M. Vernon Smith) easily won the Inter-Section Competition with a total of 344 points, having taken the lead early on and stayed in front all the time. Section B was second with 268, while D and A had scores of 236 and 225. The final additions had hurriedly to be made between the end of the Swimming Sports and the distribution of the prizes, while the competitors were changing and having their cocoa and biscuits, and the Shield was presented to the leader of the winning section at the close of the proceedings.

The Individual Star Cup and Prize go to M. Vernon Smith (Form VA—48) and the next in order were E. C. Payne (Form VA—39) and A. A. Aikman (Form IV—37).

At the other end of the list, two of the three boys to whom reference was made last term as having distinctly unsatisfactory records in this competition, have somewhat mended their ways and have finished with small credit balances. The third has, however, come out at the bottom of the list with minus eleven to his discredit. Four others have smaller debit balances varying from five to one.

The Winter Term will begin on Tuesday, 24th September, boarders returning the previous evening, and J. J. Gill will be the new Head Boy. Carol Service and End-of-Term, for both termly and day boarders, will be on Thursday, 19th December.

Provisional dates for next year are as follows:

Start of Spring Term: Monday and Tuesday, 20th and 21st January.

End of Spring Term: Wednesday, 2nd April (Day Boarders), Thursday, 3rd April (Termly Boarders).

Start of Summer Term: Monday and Tuesday, 5th and 6th May.

Swimming Sports and End-of-Summer Term: Thursday, 31st July.

CRICKET

It was most unfortunate that mumps and German measles stopped all matches except that against the Fathers, for we should very much have liked to have seen our opening pair of bowlers, M. Vernon Smith and M. C. Winters, in action against other schools. Both were awarded their full colours and the former, who has in particular bowled with fire and accuracy, was made Captain of Cricket. The latter has further improved and has been our best batsman. J. H. Stansfield has again kept wicket very creditably and was most unlucky to be hit in the eye by a bail—an extraordinary accident—and so miss the only match; fortunately neither his eye nor his ability have been lastingly impaired. He was joined as a half colour by S. E. Ansell, a very much improved all-rounder, and J. D. Philby, an outstandingly keen player whose batting has greatly developed and who gets in some good balls. D. J. Warren has developed into a useful left-handed batsman who hits hard, as does C. J. Butler. The team against the Fathers, when we increase our side to twelve, should have been completed by N. J. Feist, I. R. Eggleton, C. G. S. Turner, R. L. D. Tucker and S. C. P. Raynes, but because of Stansfield's accident, R. O. Faulkner got a game. Had we been able to have any matches later in the term D. E. Montgomery and D. N. Gardiner would also have been candidates for a place.

We won the toss and took first innings against the Fathers on a glorious day but very quickly lost two wickets, one, be it said, to a particularly bad ball. Winters and Philby then made some good strokes after which Warren hit hard and played a good innings of 18, being supported first by Vernon Smith and then by Butler who, despite some rather unusual shots, made a most useful 29. Our innings closed at 110. The Fathers began as if they were going to make light of their task but wickets then fell rapidly and they were all out for 57. Vernon Smith and Winters bowled well, particularly the former, taking 7 wickets for 28 and 3 for 28 respectively.

The school went in again for just over half an hour's batting and made 44 for 3. Winters batted creditably for 16 not out but was responsible for running Philby out. The Fathers then had a half an hour's innings but, taking things rather too light-heartedly, lost 9 wickets for 40 runs to our change bowlers. Raynes bowled well and took 3 for 9, while Tucker had 3 for 18, but was not so sure of his length, and Butler 3 for 2. Our team fielded creditably and Eggleton, deputising for Stansfield, kept wicket well and made a good catch, but he might have had more than his one stumping. As usual, the Fathers used the special narrow bats, and when they were the fielding side had two overs each in turn.

Mackay, who is very smart in the field, has been one of the best players in Second Game. Fay ii has improved considerably there and he and Vezey have kept wicket creditably. Elliott, Cushman, Crockett, Millar, Jefferys, and Aitken, who was promoted from Third Game, also deserve a word of praise, as does Cunliffe i, who has taken well to a game which was quite new to him.

In Third Game, Horne has been remarkably keen and has shown distinct promise, while others who have shown some ability have been Feist ii, Lindsay, Jennison, Tyrrell, Sainsbury, Cunliffe ii, Panter, Theodore, Garside and Whaley. One or two others have shown a certain aptitude for the game but not enough attention to it.

SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION

In the opening game, Section A defeated B, scoring 51 and 58, thanks mainly to Philby who made 28 and 35 not out, against their opponents' 38 (Butler i not out 12, Feist i 13) and 54 (Gardiner i 16, Gardiner ii 13). Butler with a total of 8 wickets and Philby with 6 were the most successful bowlers for their respective sides.

Section D, for whom Ansell took 4 wickets, did very well to get rid of C for 30, Turner, 10 not out, being top scorer, but in the second innings, Vernon Smith and Winters, having dismissed C for 27 (Warren 12 not out) proceeded to make things quite safe with a long partnership. The former had scored 41 and the latter 60 not out when they declared at 128 for 3, after which the same pair shattered their somewhat demoralised opponents.

Vernon Smith rather carried Section C, who were without Winters, on the sick list, to victory over Section A by 54 runs. He scored 29 not out and 38 and had a total of six wickets. There was some good bowling in this game, Philby meeting with most success for A, for whom Eggleton brought off a particularly good catch.

Section B secured a lead of ten runs over D in their first innings but collapsed completely in the second and their opponents were able to win by 3 wickets. Ansell, who had taken six wickets in all, was left not out with 14 runs to his credit.

Section D challenged A for second place and dismissed them very cheaply, only Philby getting into double figures. They themselves quickly lost three wickets but then came a long stand between Ansell (31 not out) and Raynes (42). A in their second innings again collapsed, Stansfield (14) being top scorer, so that D, for whom Ansell with a total of six wickets was the most successful bowler, won by an innings.

The final order was, therefore, Section C first, D second, and A third.

FIELDING COMPETITION

Each section sent up one representative at a time from its team of four, with the sections changing positions each time, and every boy was given five catches and five pieces of ground fielding, with a maximum individual score of 50. Section C (Turner, Fay, Montgomery, and Vernon Smith) finished first with a total of 150 out of a possible 200, but were closely followed by D with 146 points. Sections A and B had totals of $118\frac{1}{2}$ and $101\frac{1}{2}$. The best individual score was 47 by Turner who did particularly well.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

It was unfortunate that Saturday the 24th should have been about the only chilly day in a blazing June, but if the spectators would have liked a higher temperature, it was all right for the competitors. A little rain shortly before the start came to nothing, nor did another slight shower during the Headmaster's speech.

Section C easily took the Inter-Section Sports Cup with 63 points, D being second with $35\frac{1}{2}$, while B and A scored 23 and $19\frac{1}{2}$. Vernon Smith and Page were safe winners of the Senior and Junior Victor Ludorum Cups. Butler did very well in the Senior High Jump and was an inch below the record, while Slater in the 100 yards under 9 and Section C in the Relay Race came near our best times. Feist might well have lowered the time for the 100 yards Under 9 had he not met with a most unfortunate accident in his Semi-Final of the Junior Hurdles. We may safely say that every one was pleased when Gill, in his last summer here, maintained his record of winning every year one or other of the Obstacle Races.

Our grateful thanks are again due to the party of ladies who poured out tea and fruit drinks and arranged the sandwiches and cakes on the trays, also to the parents who contributed to the prizes, and to Mrs. Butler who presented them. Mr. Vezey thanked as well those boys who had helped him to arrange and set out the field—so much precise measuring is alone a long but interesting task, while the construction of many right angles is very useful practical Geometry!—without their help, he could not, of course, get through everything, and he would now like also to thank those present members of the school and Old Boys who stayed behind to help him get everything stowed away under cover.

A list of events is given below—Junior events are "Under 11" on the day of the Sports—and the numbers in brackets indicate where points were earned for the Inter-Section and Victor Ludorum Cups.

HEATS AND SEMI-FINALS

- 1). 2.15. 100 yards, *under 9*:
Heat A.—1, Feist ii; 2, Sainsbury; 3, Donald. Time, 14.9 secs.
- 2). Heat B.—1, Slater; 2, Garside; 3, Horne. Time, 16.1 secs.
- 3). 100 Yards, *under 11*:
Heat A.—1, Page; 2, Clark i; 3, Meadows ii. Time, 14 secs.
- 4). Heat B.—1, Aitken; 2, Irving; 3, Jennison. Time, 15.1 secs.
- 5). Heat C.—1, Butler ii; 2, Mackay; 3, Cunliffe ii. Time, 15 secs.
- 6). 100 Yards, *Senior*:
Heat A.—1, Vernon Smith; 2, Strange. Time, 13.2 secs.
- 7). Heat B.—1, Fay i; 2, Tucker. Time, 13.2 secs.
- 8). Heat C.—1, Winters; 2, Turner. Time, 13.4 secs.
- 9). Heat D.—1, Raynes; 2, Ansell. Time, 13.6 secs.
- 10). 2.30. *Hurdles, Junior*:
Semi-Final A.—1, Page; 2, Slater. Time, 17.3 secs.
- 11). Semi-Final B.—1, Mackay; 2, Butler ii. Time, 18 secs.
- 12). *Hurdles, Senior*:
Semi-Final A.—1, Winters; 2, Raynes. Time 14.6 secs.
- 13). Semi-Final B.—1, Vernon Smith; 2, Butler i. Time, 14.1 secs.

FINALS

- 14). 2.40. *Cricket Ball, Junior*:
1, Page (3); 2, Butler ii (2); 3, Horne (1).
Distance, 42 yds. 2 ft. 3 ins.
- 15). 2.55. *Cricket Ball, Senior*:
1, Winters (6); 2, Warren (4); 3, Ansell (2).
Distance, 50 yds. 1 ft. 11 ins.
- 16). 3.10. *High Jump, Junior*:
1, Slater (3); 2, Irving and Page (1½ each).
Height, 3ft. 4½ ins.
- 17). 3.25. *High Jump, Senior*:
1, Butler i (6); 2, Warren (4); 3, Vernon Smith (2).
Height, 4ft. 3 ins.
- 18). 3.40. 100 Yards, *under 9*:
1, Slater (2); 2, Horne (1). Time, 15.3 secs.
- 19). 100 Yards, *under 11*:
1, Page (3); 2, Butler ii (2); 3, Irving (1). Time, 14.6 secs.

- 20). 100 Yards, Senior:
1, Vernon Smith (6); 2, Raynes (4); 3, Fay i (2). Time, 13.3 secs.
- 21). 3.45. Long Jump, Junior:
1, Page (3); 2, Butler ii (2); 3, Slater (1). Distance, 11 ft. 5½ ins.
- 22). 3.55. Long Jump, Senior:
1, Philby (6); 2, Vernon Smith and Raynes (3 each).
Distance, 12 ft. 10½ ins.
- 23). 4.05. Visitors' Race (girls under 14):
1, Christine Jones.
- 24). 4.10. Visitors Race (boys under 14):
1, William Garside.
- 25). 4.15. Hurdles, Junior:
1, Page (3); 2, Mackay (2); 3, Butler ii (1). Time, 17.3 secs.
- 26). 4.20. Hurdles, Senior:
1, Winters (6); 2, Vernon Smith (4); 3, Butler i (2).
Time, 13.9 secs.
- 27). 4.25. Mothers' Race:
1, Mrs. Martin.
- 28). 4.40. 220 Yards, Senior:
1, Vernon Smith (6); 2, Fay i (4); 3, Raynes (2). Time, 32.8 secs.

INTERVAL

- 29). 5.20. Fathers' Race:
1, Mr. F. L. Fay.
- 30). 5.30. Inter-Section Relay Race:
1, Section C (Winters, Vernon Smith, Turner, and Fay i) (12);
2, Section D (8); 3, Section B (4). Time, 64 secs.
- 31). 5.35. 220 Yards Handicap:
1, Cooke ii (from 105 ft.); 2, Cunliffe ii (from 100 ft.); 3,
Gardiner i (from 50 ft.).
- 32). 5.45. Obstacle Race, under 9:
1, Ross.
- 33). 5.50. Obstacle Race, under 11:
1, Mackay.
- 34). 5.55. Obstacle Race, Senior:
1, Gill.
- 35). 6.00. Inter-Section Tug-of-War:
1, Section D (Tucker, Raynes, Faulkner, Warren, Ansell,
Berrington, Hale, and Martin) (6); 2, Section C (4);
3, Section B (2).
- 36). 6.05. Tug-of-War, Fathers v. Boys:
The Boys won by 2 pulls to 1.

SWIMMING

The standard of swimming has been well maintained. At the top of the list, there were four old 'Silvers' (20 lengths : three consecutive good dives from the block : swim from the shallow end to the deep and pick up three plates in one duck dive)—Stansfield, Warren, Butler i, and Meadows i—and they were joined at intervals during the term by Vezey, Mackay, Montgomery, Philby, Raynes, Feist i, Martin, Millar, and Fay ii. Twenty boys are at the 'Sea Lion' stage ('header' and ten lengths : length in clothes) and particularly good progress has been made by Garside, who is very young and has shown great determination, Howarth, and Cunliffe i. At the foot of the list there are still fourteen non-swimmers: we always seem to finish with about that number, made up of some who have tried hard but have not yet managed it, some who are indifferent, and a few who not only make no attempt to help themselves but will not co-operate at all in the efforts other people make to assist them.

We had a glorious evening for the Swimming Sports on the 1st August and, although a few boys were still on the sick list, a very successful one. The Heats and Semi-Finals which opened the proceedings had been carefully arranged in accordance with times recorded in earlier heats on previous days, with the view to keeping the best performers from meeting before the finals, but Cook i early produced a surprise when he rose splendidly to the occasion to beat Stansfield in a heat of the Senior Two Lengths. Meadows i and Martin, second in their heats for the Senior Length Under Water, had the same time and the former won when they swam together for the right to pass into the Final. Feist ii, swimming very well, put up the best time we have yet had for the Length under 9. In the Senior Long Plunge, Warren, Feist i, and Cunliffe i covered the length of the bath at each of their three attempts: it was therefore arranged that they should all have a fourth plunge which would be timed and that any further tie would be decided on speed. Cunliffe failed that time while Warren and Feist did it again, but the former was distinctly the quicker. Mackay and Butler ii had a dead heat in the Junior Length Under Water and, after a pause, swam it again when Mackay finished first. Incidentally, a special word of praise is due perhaps to Gardiner ii who won the Senior Diving without any recent practice as he had been 'off swimming' for some time on medical grounds. An unusually large number of boys, thirty-two, took part in 'The Big Dive,' with which the Sports terminated—incidentally, it was good a few days earlier to hear a parent of an Old Boy say how much that item was appreciated. Section B easily won the Swimming Cup with 64 points, D being second with 40, C and A,

a long way behind, had 15 and 9. The Senior Individual Cup was won by Warren, also by a safe margin, but had Feist i not faulted, despite warnings, at each turn of the Three Lengths Back Crawl, that lead would have been reduced to two points. They had a particularly good race, keeping almost level the whole way, in the Ten Lengths. Mackay won the Junior Individual Cup with 9 points, Butler ii and Aikman following him with 7 each.

Our grateful thanks are again due to Mrs. Liddiatt for coming up to judge the diving, and to Mrs. Gill who distributed the prizes.

A list of events is given below—Juniors being under eleven on the day of the Sports—and the numbers in brackets indicate points counting for the Inter-Section and the Individual Challenge Cups.

HEATS AND SEMI-FINALS

One Length Under Water, Seniors.—Heat A: 1, Warren; 2, Feist i.
Heat B: 1, Stansfield; 2, Martin. Heat C: 1, Butler i; 2, Meadows i. Winners and fastest second (Meadows i) for the Final.

One Length, under 9.—Semi-Final A: 1, Feist ii; 2, Ross. Semi-Final B: 1, Slater; 2, Horne.

Two Lengths, Juniors.—Heat A: 1, Mackay; 2, Meadows ii. Heat B: 1, Aikman; 2, Ellerd Styles. Heat C: 1, Butler ii; 2, Howarth. Winners and fastest second (Meadows ii) for the Final.

Two Lengths, Seniors.—Heat A: 1, Warren. Heat B: 1, Cook i. Heat C: 1, Feist i. Heat D: 1, Montgomery.

FINALS

One Length, Under 9—1, Feist ii (3); 2, Slater (2); 3, Horne (1).
Time, 8.1 secs.

Two Lengths, Juniors.—1, Aikman (3); 2, Butler ii (2); 3, Mackay (1). Time, 17.4 secs.

Two Lengths, Seniors.—1, Feist i (6); 2, Warren (4); 3, Cook i (2).

Junior Diving.—1, Mackay (3); 2, Ellerd Styles (2); 3, Aikman (1).

Senior Diving.—1, Gardiner ii (6); 2, Warren (4); 3, Feist i (2).

Five Lengths, Juniors.—1, Aikman (3); 2, Ellerd Styles (2); 3, Mackay (1). Time, 57.2 secs.

Ten Lengths, Seniors.—1, Feist i (6); 2, Warren (4); 3, Stansfield (2).
Time 1 min. 31.9 secs.

Long Plunge, Juniors.—1, Butler ii (3); 2, Ellerd Styles (2); 3, Mackay (1).

Long Plunge, Seniors.—1, Warren (6); 2, Feist i (4); 3, Cunliffe i (2).

One Length Under Water, Juniors.—1, Mackay (3); 2, Butler ii (2); 3, Meadows ii (1). Time, 10.2 secs.

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Head Boy—R. O. FAULKNER*Captain of Football*—N. J. FEIST*Section A—*

MEADOWS i, D. L.
 CROCKETT, D. B.
 WEBSTER, R. F.
 CUNLIFFE, D. A.
 CLARK ii, G. S.
 PAGE, A. D.
 MEADOWS ii, H. J.
 SAINSBURY, I. L.
 GARSIDE i, C. R.
 COOKE ii, P. C. R.
 ZERNY, W. E.
 WHALEY, J. N.
 HEALY, P. D.
 GARSIDE ii, W. M.
 BARTON, C. H. G.

Section C—

VEZEY i, D. P. A.
 MILLAR i, G. H.
 AITKEN, W. M.
 TYRRELL, A. W. R.
 SLATER, M. W.
 HOWARTH, C. N.
 MATTHEWS i, A. P.
 SATTERTHWAITE, C. A.
 HORNE, R. M.
 PANTER, P. I.
 DAVIES, M. K.
 MILLAR ii, I. D.
 VEZEY ii, C. J.
 YIEND, D. J. D.
 MATTHEWS ii, C. H.
 VEZEY iii, J. J.

Section B—

FEIST i, N. J.
 STRANGE, N. R.
 AIKMAN, A. A.
 CUSHMAN, P.
 MACKAY, M. A.
 FEIST ii, R. G.
 BUTLER, M. K.
 JENNISON, M. G.
 CLARK i, B. G. B.
 CROWE, R. A.
 FAILES, W.
 DONALD, R. F.
 CLIFFORD, P. C.
 HARDING, N. C.

Section D—

FAULKNER, R. O.
 BERRINGTON, A. D.
 MARTIN, C. P. S.
 COOK i, J. D.
 POINTON, C. R.
 WEBB, R. M.
 THEODORE, R. N.
 BRUMMELL, A. R.
 GRAHAM, M. A. H.
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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

The term started most inauspiciously and, for one person, extremely painfully. The Headmaster still does not know how he managed to get downstairs and later to take Prayers on the first morning, for sciatica, which had been troubling him for some days and had probably been caused by an awkward fall during the frost and made worse by helping with some work on the lanes—as a member of the Lanes Committee he had to lend a hand, had suddenly become acute. The school doctor and a specialist agreed that a prolapsed disc was the cause of the trouble and said that he must spend three weeks flat on his back and follow that with considerable care and periods of rest. However, they did allow boys to go up to him for work, and during the second half of the term, a special class-room was arranged on the first floor to enable him to avoid stairs as much as possible. He would like to take this opportunity of expressing his thanks for all the kind messages he received at that time. He took his Sunday evening reading in his bedroom and started with "The Story of San Demetrio" by Calum MacNeil, an amazing tale of heroism at sea during the Second World War, following that with "No Other White Man" by Julia Davis, which told of exploration up the Mississippi, through the Rockies to the Pacific and back. Next he read two short stories, "The Railway Raid in Georgia" and "Two African Journeys" from John Buchan's "Escapes and Hurried Journeys," and finished with "The Bird of Dawning" by John Masefield, which he was just able to finish with the aid of an extra session on Good Friday.

Easter fell so early this year that we worked over it. Good Friday was treated as a Sunday and every boy who was not attending some other place of worship on that day joined the boarders for Morning Prayer at St. John's Church. Easter Monday was treated as an ordinary working day. Vezey i and Meadows i read the Lessons on the first Sunday of term and on Easter Day, when the Church was packed, the readers were Crockett and Cushman.

We welcomed two new boys in January: N. D. G. Robertson as a boarder and A. W. Clifford ii as a day boy.

M. C. Winters has won an Open Exhibition at Leighton Park and, had that school not been particularly anxious to take him last September but had left him here for two more terms, we feel it might well have been a Scholarship, particularly as they only gave two this year and a special one for Mathematics was not awarded. N. J. Feist has won a Barclays Bank Scholarship which he will take up at Merchant Taylors' in September. D. P. A. Vezey moves on to Aldenham, where we wish him all success: he achieved his best results in Common Entrance in Mathematics, being given 73% on the general "B" paper and the comment "Very good work" on each of the Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry "A." M. K. Butler has also left, in this case for reasons of health. He went into hospital during the Christmas holidays and was still there near the end of the term, with no guarantee as to when he would be able to go home. We are very sorry for him and do hope that he will soon be completely cured.

The first task of the new term was the second attempt at the Headmaster's General Paper and the names of the boys with the leading scores, together with their ages in January, are given below:

		Dec., 1958	Jan., 1959	Total
1.	Faulkner (12.10)	13	94	107
2.	Cushman (12.11)	21	83	104
3.	Feist i (13.3)	6½	95½	102
	Aikman (11.8)	6½	95½	102
5.	Mackay (12.1)	8	93	101
6.	Feist ii (9.11)	5	95½	100½
7.	Pointon (10.11)	8½	90½	99
	Sainsbury (10.4)	8	91	99
9.	Aitken (11.9)	6	88½	94½
10.	Howarth (11.2)	3	91	94
11.	Slater (10.1)	5½	87½	93
12.	Clark ii (10.11)	11½	81	92½
13.	Orr (7.11)	1	90½	91½
14.	Crockett (13.1)	5	84½	89½
	Hillier (9.10)	1	88½	89½

Another boy, who, in view of age, did well was Healy (9.7) with $5 + 60\frac{1}{2} = 65\frac{1}{2}$

All those boarders who wished have this term had the opportunity of listening to a good deal of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. Early on, the whole of "The Gondoliers" was broadcast from the Princes Theatre, but, unfortunately, it came too late in the evening to allow boys to listen to the whole of it. Then each Thursday evening for the next six weeks, records from different operas were broadcast for half an hour, while finally on the last night of term

the Headmaster played on his gramophone some records of "The Mikado" brought along by Meadows i. Apart from those broadcasts to schools to which we listen, boys were also given the chance of hearing some of an evening series entitled "The Normans," while, of course, everyone listened to "The Boat Race."

A small party was taken on bicycles to see Oxford University play the O.M.T.'s, and we should have liked to have arranged a similar trip to see the triangular athletics match between Haileybury, Merchant Taylors' and Berkhamsted, but this year it took place on a Tuesday.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Winters for a handsome cheque to be put to any purpose we choose.

Section B (Leader—N. J. Feist) won the Inter-Section Shield, defeating A, who narrowed the gap greatly just at the end, by 248 points to 237. The scores for Sections D and C were 161 and 153 respectively. The Individual Star Cup and Prize go to the Head Boy, R. O. Faulkner (Form VA—43), while the second and third places were filled by M. A. Mackay (Form VB—41) and N. J. Feist (Form VA—38).

The Summer Term begins on Tuesday, 5th May, boarders returning the previous evening, and ends after the Swimming Sports on Thursday, 30th July. The Athletic Sports are being arranged for Saturday, 20th June. The Winter Term will commence on the 21st and 22nd September and end after the Carol Service on Thursday, 17th December.

We much regret to announce the deaths of three good friends of the School. Captain V. A. Lawford, C.M.G., D.S.O., J.P., R.N. (Rtd.), had had a very long connection with Beaumont House, having had four sons and a grandson here. Mrs. D. C. Ducé, who joined the staff "temporarily" for the Summer term of 1942 and stayed for nearly three years, died suddenly in April. She had been a regular correspondent and had always maintained her interest in the School. Later in the same month, the Rev. G. N. Ryley was buried at Sarratt where he and his father had between them covered more than eighty years as Rectors. After his retirement, he very frequently took services at St. John's, Heronsgate, and many boys will remember his sermons. He was a most welcome visitor at Beaumont House and for a time invigilated for us at outside examinations. A most kindly and unassuming man, to whom Chaucer's words may very aptly be applied:

"Christes lore, and his apostles twelve,
He taughte, but first he folwed it him-selve,"

RUGBY FOOTBALL

This has been an extremely difficult term for our Rugger. That there would be a lack of size and experience among the players was obvious from the start; there was bad weather at first, resulting in games being "rained off" day after day; early on came a most unfortunate head-on collision between Cook i and Crockett, two of the older boys who could ill be spared, which resulted in the former being "off games" for a good spell and the latter, who had been expected to develop really well, until the last few days; then 'flu claimed its victims at and for varying periods—a medical certificate kept another of the older boys from playing for most of the term; finally, Mr. Vezey's sudden incapacitation caused almost the whole burden of the coaching to fall upon Mr. Roberts' shoulders—he dealt nobly with it and Mr. Feist very kindly came up and gave valuable help on a number of Saturdays.

Three half colours were left from last season and two of them—N. J. Feist, who was made Captain of Rugger, and R. O. Faulkner—were awarded their full colours, while A. A. Aikman joined D. A. Cunliffe as a half colour. Aikman took on enthusiastically the post of scrum-half, while the other three were forwards and, had we regularly been at full strength and they had been joined by Crockett and Cook i, would have formed a very useful nucleus of a scrum, which would have been completed with Strange and two younger boys chosen probably from among Garside i, Crowe, Theodore, and Feist ii. Outside the scrum, however, we were in serious trouble with far less experience and ability available, while, although there has been some creditable play, a general weakness in defence has been altogether too obvious and there has got to be better combination. Mackay at fly-half has improved and has been useful; Page and Vezey i, who have been playing in the centre, need to pass more; Webster, who also has developed, and Horne have been filling the wing positions; while Webb, who has a good pair of hands and has done well considering that he has never before played the game—nor, for that matter, have some of the others already mentioned—might have been given the difficult position of back. Apart from these seventeen, Cushman has made commendable efforts as, among the smaller boys, all quite raw to Rugger, have Jennison, Whaley, Cook ii, Davies, Tyrrell, and Panter.

Section B (Feist i, Aikman, Mackay, Cushman, Feist ii, and Crowe) won the Seven-a-Side competition, but A, who were successful in their two other games and scored a higher total of points, gave them a good run for their money before losing 3-11, which would have been closer but for a blunder in handling on their own line and had Crockett been in proper practice. Feist i, a useful place kicker, and Aikman were outstanding for the winners, for

whom Mackay, Jennison, and Feist ii also played creditably. Cunliffe, promisingly supported by Garside i, was the best of A's side, for whom Page and Webster ran well. Section D won one game but should have done rather better: Cook i showed that he had ideas and Graham made a creditable debut for them. C, shorter of material than the others, were rather swamped, but Vezey i and Panter tried hard and did not give up.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

The younger and smaller boys have as usual continued to play Soccer, with Donald, Zerny, and Barton as the best. Clifford i has been active and plucky; Brummell and Farr have again played creditably; Satterthwaite has been a useful goalkeeper; Clark i, Hillier, Millar, Failes, and Garside ii have all considerably improved; while Clifford ii has, in his first term, shown considerable pluck and the makings of a footballer.

BOXING

In the Tournament the Junior Division is divided by age, as well as by weight—taken in shirts, shorts, gym shoes, and stockings. Every boy over 11 years or over 5½ stone has to compete in the Senior Division, and each bout consists of two one-minute rounds with a minute between, and an extra round if required.

It is usual for the Senior Boxing Cup to be awarded to the best winner of a senior weight: this time it had to be shared by Cunliffe and Feist i, who fought a draw in their final. The destination of the Junior Cup also presented a difficulty, Slater was the best winner in the three junior weights, but Horne, also under 11, had to go into the Seniors, because of his weight and just into the top division but one, which he proceeded to win. It seemed, therefore, that he deserved special consideration and that as 11 is the dividing age for all our activities, the fair decision was that he and Slater should also be joint-holders.

Only Clifford ii and Yiend could comply with the two requirements (under 4½ stone and under 9 years of age) of our Fly Weights class, and the former proved a safe winner of a plucky but rather unscientific contest.

Both boys competed also in the next group, the Feather Weights (under 5 stone and under 10 years) and there Clifford ii gave us the best of the earlier bouts when, although unsuccessful, he attacked all the time against an opponent who had a great advantage in age and strength. In the semi-finals, Barton was far too prone to hit when out of range but had the better of Brummell;

while Clifford i narrowly beat Garside ii, each showing plenty of pluck but forgetting what they had been taught. Clifford i went on to win the final comfortably.

In the second round of the Light Weights (under 5½ stone and under 11 years), Orr was a very game loser to an older, more powerful, and better boxer in Hillier. Farr, improving as his fight went on, defeated Millar, who had in an earlier contest shown some ability; while Slater proved rather too good for a plucky and much improved Davies, each showing that he carried a good punch. In the first semi-final Farr gave a most creditable exhibition before going down to Slater who was too strong for him. Then came a very fine bout between Zerny, who went safely ahead in the end, and Hillier, both of them thinking and dodging—at which Zerny was particularly adept. Slater, with an advantage in reach and a better defence, was a safe winner over Zerny, but both boxed well and the loser again did some skilful dodging.

The best of the opening contests in the Welter Weights (under 6 stone), the lightest of the three Senior weights, came when Garside i needed an extra round to dispose of a plucky, more thoughtful, and much improved boxer in Clark i. At the next stage, Cushman used his reach to advantage but lost after an extra round to a better boxer in Jennison. Whaley showed that he had come on considerably but Mackay undoubtedly had more skill, while Page and Cooke ii were much too strong for their plucky opponents, Garside i and Donald. In the semi-finals, Page narrowly got the verdict over Cooke ii who tired but gave a promising and particularly game display against a bigger and stronger boy, while Jennison disposed of Mackay. The final required an extra round for Jennison, despite a disadvantage in reach, to gain a close victory.

The first bout in the Middle Weights (under 6½ stone) saw Healy box creditably, although losing to Horne. Then Feist ii, slightly the better boxer, beat Meadows ii after an extra round—both were perfectly willing “to mix it up” but inclined to throw their punches when out of range. Next, Graham, a much improved and distinctly promising south paw, with a good, hard left, was ahead of an older boy until he began to tire, and then just lost after a very close third round. In the semi-finals, Aitken, not sufficiently watchful, beat Webb, who advertised his right, but there was not much in it; while Horne, who showed particularly good form, defeated Feist ii in a plucky, hard-hitting contest. The final, a gallant affair, went very narrowly to Horne, a slightly better boxer than Aitken, after an extra round. Aitken probably had the harder punch but did not always watch sufficiently intently what he was doing.

The opening bouts in the Heavy Weights (6½ stone and over) do not call for much comment: Matthews i did creditably

considering the short time he has been learning. At the next stage, two contests did not last long, but in another, Crowe, who has much improved, boxed very well but Aikman did slightly better—both boys hit hard. Webster may count himself unlucky very narrowly to have lost after an extra round to Feist i, who, incidentally, failed to follow the advantage of a shrewd body punch, and who must hit straight. The semi-finals were one-sided affairs: Aikman was a good loser but found Feist too strong and powerful for him, while Cunliffe proved much too big, old and powerful for Theodore. In the final, Cunliffe, who used his reach to advantage, and Feist i had a battle royal. Both were very plucky and hit hard and both were very tired at the end of an extra round, the result being left as a draw.

GYM AND P.T.

Each section put in the usual team of three seniors and three juniors for the Gym Competition. An exercise was first explained and, in most cases, demonstrated by a boy before the marking began, then it was done by all the juniors, next by the seniors who were more severely marked. Each boy was marked out of 40 and the points awarded by the five judges were added together so that the individual maximum became 200 and for a section 1,200. Section A (Zerny, Whaley and Garside ii—Juniors; Crockett, Page and Meadows i—Seniors) won the Competition with a score of 975, being naturally, greatly helped by having the best two juniors in their team. C came close behind with 941 points but there was a larger drop to B with their total of 869, while D's score was 749. The leading individuals among the Seniors were Mackay (184 $\frac{3}{4}$); Webb (175 $\frac{3}{4}$); and Aitken (171 $\frac{1}{2}$); while among the Juniors, the first three were Zerny (186 $\frac{1}{4}$); Whaley (167 $\frac{3}{4}$); and Horne (163 $\frac{1}{2}$). A special word of praise is due to a very small, new boy, Clifford ii, for his efforts.

On the regular morning P.T. parades the best work has been done by Mackay, Aitken, Slater, and Feist i. Crockett also has been noticed for smartness and Webb has done quite well. The best six Juniors were Panter, Hillier, Horne, Garside ii, Graham, and Davies.

SHOOTING

The two leading averages were not up to last term's scores but that was hardly to be expected. The general standard of our shooting has, however, been most gratifying and has probably reached a higher level than has been attained for a very long time. Strange, with one outstanding total of 48, has come to the front,

with Cunliffe and Feist i very close together in second and third places—all three have made a series of good scores. It was a fine effort by Cook i in only his second term on the range, to reach fourth place, a very small fraction of a point behind—he made two particularly good targets in succession. Webster, who finished fifth, has also much improved, with one sad lapse but a line of good scores to his name. Crockett and Mackay, who has made further progress, were sixth and seventh, with Page in eighth place. Aikman, ninth, has improved and was very slightly ahead of Cushman. The eleventh place was shared by Aitken and Webb, both of whom have developed, and particularly the latter, whose final target was a fine effort. Next came Meadows i, who has made a sudden advance, followed by Matthews i, who has also improved. Of the others, Pointon has made a creditable start.

GOLF

There were thirty-six entrants for the Golf Tournament and this time the seniors did so well their usual job of saying who should be seeded that they picked correctly the last eight, at which stage eighteen holes begin to be played instead of the earlier nine. There the first choice fell out to be followed by the second choice in the semi-finals, where Slater beat Webb by 5 and 3 and Page finished two up on Faulkner. Slater went on to win the Cup by 4 and 2.

ENGLISH CIRCLE

By P. CUSHMAN (Age 12.9)

For the first two Mondays of the term everybody participated in a "parlour" game, based on "Criss Cross Quiz," which is shown weekly on Independent Television. The questions were taken from "Gilbert Harding's Question Book" and "The Television Quiz Book." The "quiz" ran on into the third week, so for the time left we held a debate on the life of children fifty years ago. Strange and Mr. Battie raised some interesting points.

On the fourth English Circle night, D. L. Meadows gave an interesting lecture on the Royal Navy which was illustrated by photographs from magazines. Meadows, whose father is a Commander, spoke with near first-hand knowledge.

On the next week, the top form, assisted by Mr. Battie, read the last Act of William Shakespeare's play, "Macbeth," which we had been studying during the term. It proved to be a great success.

For the following Monday, Mrs. Battie talked about modelling and showed us some plasticine animals, etc., which boys had made.

At the conclusion of her talk, she offered some prizes for the best models made by boys. Plastic and balsa wood kits were not accepted. The first prize, won by N. R. Strange, was a set of tools. The second prize was a modelling knife, won by C. R. Pointon. The third prize, won jointly by M. A. Mackay and P. Cushman was two small files.

On the seventh English Circle, N. R. Strange gave a lecture on aero-modelling which continued into the middle of the next week. And for the rest of the time, M. A. Mackay acted the "dude" and P. Cushman the "navvy" in a short play called "The Hole in the Road." It was quite amusing. For the next Monday we had "Twenty Questions," with subjects such as cocoa, Mr. Battie, and Nelson's Column.

The tenth and last Monday was too nice an evening to be indoors, so we went outside, but to make up for the loss of the last English Circle, Meadows played a long playing record of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" on the Wednesday evening. Everybody who listened enjoyed it immensely.

FILMS

Last term's reporter did not realize that he was supposed to be continuing his account for the present term's films, so we must restrict ourselves to a list of those shown, which were: "Cubs Courageous" (2 reels), about Boy Scouts; "Oliver Twist" (4 reels); "Q Ships," (4 reels), a film of the First World War; "Tropical Regions"; "Sally's Day Out," an excellent nature study film by Cherry Kearton; "What the Puppy Said" (2 reels); and "Robinson Crusoe" (3 reels); together with the following comedies: "Walter Wants Work," "Come to Papa, Mickey," "Penguin Love Parade," "Panic," "The Ugly Duckling," and two Charlie Chaplin productions, "Shop" and "A Gallant Fireman."

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Congratulations to R. T. W. Doyle on his recent marriage.

Two senior Old Boys—G. P. Baker and J. W. Wilson—have been down to visit the School this term. Visitors of more recent vintages have included J. N. Hornsby (London University), I. R. Eggleton and J. C. Hale of Aldenham, J. J. Gill (Bradfield), M. Vernon Smith and A. D. Berrington (Merchant Taylors), D. N. Gardiner (Westminster), and M. C. Winters. To the last named we offer our congratulations on coming fourth and securing an Open Award in the Leighton Park Scholarship Examination.

J. R. A. Bird has been a regular member of the 2nd XV at King's, Canterbury, and C. R. Sainsbury ran second in the 100 yards and the 220 yards for Merchant Taylors' in a triangular match with Berkhamsted and Haileybury, which the last named won and for whom A. B. Millar would have turned ^{out} had he not been on the casualty list.

C. G. S. Turner writes from Bedford that he has taken to the river and has been coxing a boat; and C. P. S. Martin tells us that he finds Corps work very interesting and enjoyable at Wellingborough. E. Marschall has been promoted to being a Monitor at Merchant Taylors'.

We have recently seen W. I. K. MacLennan, who goes back to Westminster for the Summer before taking up his scholarship at Oxford, but who nearly decided to spend the term teaching at Rugby; and R. Webster (Allhallows), who has been kindly helping here with the mowing.

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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We had intended following our last mammoth number with a tiny one to bring our records up to the end of 1961, but great pressure of work and lack of secretarial assistance made that impossible, and we are now trying to utilise the summer holidays to get an account of some part of a year's activities ready for the printers, the remainder will have to be dealt with in spasms during the coming term.

Our War Memorial Pew was placed in St. John's Church shortly before Remembrance Sunday—when, as usual, the Head Boy read out our casualty lists for both World Wars—and we hope later to have it dedicated by an Old Boy. The following inscription has been carved on the pew:

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BEAUMONT HOUSE

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L. G. CARLYON, J. C. CRAWFORD, J. J. DAWE,
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B. J. SMEETON, R. D. TREBLE.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE
MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

As is well kown, a board has long hung in the dining-hall bearing eight names for the First World War and to those one more has had to be added. Now a fresh board has been prepared to carry the eleven names for the Second World War, showing, as on the other, rank and regiment in each case.

Two casualties, P. H. Nixon and A. Whale, in the First World War were members of the Staff, as was one, E. E. C. Britton, in the Second.

The carving on the pew cost more than the pew itself and the total was £52-15-6 while the board in the dining-hall is absorbing a further £13.

An announcement about the War Memorial was made by the Head Master on Sports Day 1961, but apart from that very little attempt has been made to make that information more generally known. This issue of the Review will be sent out rather more widely than usual and doubtless there will be a large number of Old Boys who have not yet heard of the scheme and who will want to add something to the £28-1-3d. which has so far been contributed.

The second feature of the Winter Term was the most successful Soccer season in the memory of any one at present connected with the school—of the seven matches played, the first was drawn and the others were all won. Further details are given elsewhere.

Early in the Easter holidays, Mr. Richard Cawston, the B.B.C. Television producer, telephoned Mr. Vezey to say that he had made a film on lawyers and another on doctors, and that he was now starting one on schools: could he come up, as he did not live far away, to have a talk. During the first week of the Summer term, he asked for a second appointment, that Sunday was arranged and then he added, 'And may I bring my team on Monday?' Accordingly ten people duly appeared at nine-thirty with much lighting equipment and many cameras, and they stayed until about seven that evening. First they wanted to see at what stage we start Latin, so the IIIrd Form duly obliged; then they asked to see Common Entrance work, and they took some photographs of the start of a Geometry lesson with VB. A dormitory was put to bed at 2 p.m. so that they could photograph that, and then they went outside where, at their special request we put on some boxing, while they also photographed cricket nets and the slip catching machine in use, boys hurdling, and others taking rifles to the range, while they asked the Headmaster to call out instructions for various activities, which, incidentally, would not normally have been going on at the same time! They then moved to the Swimming Bath, taking pictures of the junior cricket game on the way, and photographed boys getting the pump going and preparing for the start of the swimming season. Finally they returned indoors and spent a long time filming the Headmaster and asking him to describe the school and to say how our days are spent, to say something about the Common Entrance Examination, his opinion of people who objected to taking 'dinner duty' and how he viewed the future of preparatory schools. Finally, at his request, for he had said that the work of the wife of a Headmaster of a Prep School must not be forgotten, they took some photographs of Mrs. Vezey. Naturally not all that was photographed and record-

ed was going to find a place in the final production, that would have made the programme impossibly long, and no one knew at that stage what would be included, but when we were asked near the end of term if some more photographs of the outside could be taken and when the curtains were drawn for that, we knew that whatever might be 'cut', the dormitory scene was clearly 'in'. We were told that one other preparatory school—a purely boarding one—was also being filmed, as well as one of the best known Public Schools, and a representative of almost every other type of school. Apart from feeling very flattered at being asked to join in, it was most interesting for every one here, not only to be participating in but to see the production of a film. Naturally scenes had to be taken more than once to improve various things, but several times when something had gone very well it had to be repeated because, maybe, the bell had gone for a change of lessons, or the grandfather clock had struck, or a car had driven up, while it was most heartening for an amateur photographer to find that the experts could err, for at one stage when the Headmaster was being 'taken', the producer exclaimed, 'That's perfect,' only for the chief cameraman to confess, 'We had run out of film', so that, of course, meant another 'repeat'. In our next issue we shall have something to say about the actual television broadcast.

A coach load of boys was taken as usual to see the Varsity Soccer Match at the end of the Winter term, while a little earlier the members of the 1st XI and the linesmen had been taken by Mr. Vezey, after the match against the Choir School at Westminster to the Public Records Office, where many documents concerned the History period he was doing with the two top forms, and to the Temple, where we saw the Temple Church and were shown round the Middle Temple Hall. Following the corresponding cricket match in the summer, he took the team by boat to Greenwich where we went over the old tea clipper, 'The Cutty Sark', in her dry dock and then visited the Painted Hall, and walked round the naval museum.

We had our usual Hallowe'en games followed a few days later, on a perfect evening, by a grand display of fireworks, which lasted for 2¼ hours, going hard all the time. Bread rolls split open to take a hot sausage and tomato sauce ('Hot Dogs' in the vernacular) were passed round during the proceedings and 'a very good time was had by all'.

The Christmas Party for the boarders also followed customary lines at lunch and tea and with a competition on advertisements and on portraits of well-known people and buildings, followed by games of beetles and a sing song in the evening. Crowe, Slater, and Graham I tied for first place

among the seniors in the competition, Crowe winning on eight extra questions, while Ayerst, Brown, Brundret, and Jessica Vezey tied among the Juniors, Ayerst being the eventual winner.

An amazing shortage of holly berries meant that the decorations in the School for Christmas, and of the Church for our Carol Service, were not so colourful as usual, but at least it saved our trees and bushes from the depredations of strangers. The following carols were sung in St. John's on the last afternoon of the Winter term, while the short passages from the Bible were read by the Headmaster and by Garside I.

While Shepherds Watched

Isaiah IX verses 2 and 6

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Isaiah XI verses 1, 2, 3, and part of 4

Sussex Carol (On Christmas Night)

Micah IV verses 2 - 4

Il est Né

Isaiah XI verses 5 - 9

Cradle Song

Isaiah XL verses 5 and 9

When the Sun had sunk to Rest

Matthew II verses 1 - 6

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Matthew II verses 7 - 11

In Dulci Jubilo

Luke II verses 1, 3, 4, part of 5, part of 6, and 7

Ding Dong Ding

Luke II verses 8 - 12

The Boy's Dream

Luke II verses 13 - 16

Once in Royal David's City

John I verses 9 - 14

Adeste Fideles

Prayer

The whole congregation sang 'While Shepherds Watched', 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', and the last verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' in which Carol the number of singers had been gradually increased, and they were asked to kneel with the boys while the latter sang Beeching's 'Prayer'.

As the result of a collection at the door after the service, we were able to send a cheque for £7 5s. 6d. to the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.

The Lessons in Church on the first and last Sundays of each term—'Beaumont House Sundays'—were read by C. R. Garside, Slater, Sainsbury, Graham I, Orr, Zerny, W. M. Garside, Panter, Feist, and Slater; while Brummell and Davies read on Ascension Day. Some boys read more than once and those who did it best were C. R. Garside, Slater, and Feist, of whom Garside was particularly good.

The Headmaster was just prevented from getting his Christmas General paper ready in time by the usual great pressure of work on him being much intensified by the sudden and unfortunate absence through illness of Mr. Birds during the last three weeks of term, so that it had to be postponed until Easter. The usual procedure was then followed, the paper being done unprepared on the last morning of term and again, prepared, on the first day of the Summer term. The leading scores with a boy's age, at the end of the Spring term, in brackets after his name were :

		March	May	Total
1. Orr	(11.1)	9	97	106
2. Feist	(13.1)	15½	88½	104
3. Marshall I.	(8.11)	1	97	98
4. Slater	(13.4)	9½	87	96½
5. Marshall II.	(7.8)	1	95	96
6. Abadjian	(10.5)	4	88½	92½
7. Healy	(12.10)	16	76	92
8. Hillier	(13.0)	6½	78½	85
9. Eggliden	(10.2)	1	82½	83½

Prizes were awarded to Orr, Marshall I, Marshall II, Abadjian, and Eggliden.

During the Easter term, we had an R.A.F. Lecture by Flight Lieutenant N. H. Griffin, and one on the 'Royal Navy' by Lieut-Commander A. A. Lockyer: each brought films and gave us a most enjoyable evening.

Parties of boys were taken to watch the Rugger match between England and Scotland on television, some going to watch it at Horne's home and others at Zerny's. Mr. Vezey also took a large cycling detachment to watch a triangular athletics match at Merchant Taylor's between that school, Haileybury and Berkhamsted, where some excellent performances were seen, particularly in the Long Jump, two boys getting beyond the 22ft mark, and High Jump, won at 5ft 11inches, all by Haileybury representatives who won the junior contest narrowly and the senior very easily.

Mr. Vezey started his Sunday evening reading in the Winter term with 'The Path of the King' by John Buchan after which he took six of Kipling's 'Just So Stories', then came a series of short stories by various authors— 'The Story of Spedegue's dropper' (Conan Doyle), a highly unorthodox cricket story; 'Seeley-Bohn Pretends' by Donald

Gilchrist about a Prep School; 'The Abyssinian Crayfish' (L. A. G. Strong); 'Sir Timothy M.F.H.,' a most amusing and unusual tale by Denys Watkins-Pitchford; and 'Warning Shot' by Jack Cox. In the Spring term we had: 'Born Free' by Joy Adamson and looked at the wonderful photographs with which it is illustrated; 'The Red-Headed League' from 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes'; and 'Zoo Quest for a Dragon' by David Attenborough. In the Summer, the main book was 'The Jungle is Neutral', an account of work behind the Japanese lines in Malaya during the Second World War, but time was also found for more of the 'Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' and for three other short stories 'Nyaga's Ju-Ju' by Hilton Brown, 'Heroes' by Aubrey de Selincourt, and 'The Great Newspaper Idea' by A. Stephen Thring. Mr. Vezey also gave a number of gramophone recitals during the course of the year covering a wide range of music and including Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker Suite' and 'Marche Slave'; 'Finlandia' by Sibelius; Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies 2 and 4; 'The Trumpet Voluntary' attributed to Purcell; Hayden's Trumpet Concerto; the overture to Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro'; 'Tragic Overture' by Brahms; selections from Gilbert and Sullivan Light Operas: Sousa Marches by the Band of the Grenadier Guards: 'Sunset and Prelude to Morning' played by the Royal Marines; and 'Whe'er you walk' sung by Richard Lewis.

The English Circle met as usual on Mondays during the dark evenings and among the debates and other activities, two lectures with coloured transparencies, one by Whaley on Majorca and Bull Fighting and the other by Brown on Australia call for special mention. The Saturday films also included some in colour—'Rome and Venice', 'Madrid, Seville and Cordoba', and 'Paris and the French Riviera'—while others were 'Q' Ships, which included captured photographs taken from German Submarines during World War I; 'Invasion' being a record of the Normandy landings in the Second World War; 'Conquest of the Air' and 'Air Highways'; 'Braemar Games, Henley Regatta, and Richmond Horse Show'; 'Wanderlust'; 'Southern Mail' concerning fighting in the Sahara; 'Tropical Regions', 'Sally's Day Out', an excellent Cherry Kearton nature film; 'Sponge Fishing'; 'Mainly Maps'; 'Marvels of the Amazon'; 'Pathways of Perfection', travelling in four main line express trains; and 'Robinson Crusoe'. The comedies were mainly Walt Disney's—'A Gentleman's Gentleman', 'Mail Pilot', 'Tug Boat Mickey', 'Donald's Gold Mine', 'Mickey's Circus', 'Donald's Off day', 'Beach Picnic', 'Mickey's Pal Pluto'—but we also saw 'James and George—Kidnappers'; 'Walter Wants Work'; 'What the Puppy Said'; a series of short comedies of our own; 'The Ugly Duckling'; and two by Charlie Chaplin—'Shop' and 'Charlie the Waiter'.

We welcomed the following new boys in September : M. A. Clifford, M. J. Poynter, and C. M. B. Hunter as boarders : M. A. Jones, I. E. G. Ray, T. G. H. Shurlock, S. J. J. Winney, D. G. B. Marshall II, N. B. O. Beken, E. A. S. Nicholson, P. W. Fantham, and T. J. Sharratt as day boys : in January T. J. R. and D. M. J. Philpott as boarders and J. C. and P. A. Hedges, G. D. Briault, and C. D. Chappell as day boys: and in May R. B. Jones as a day boy and later in the term D. C. Hamilton as a boarder.

In December we said "Goodbye" to R. A. Crowe (Dover); C. R. Garside (Tonbridge); J. N. Whaley (Embley Park); and I. L. Sainsbury and M. A. H. Graham (Merchant Taylor's) joining B. G. B. Clark who we failed to mention in our last issue, had left in July, 1961: In April to I. W. Failes, going to Wellington School, Somerset, and to W. E. Zerny and P. I. Panter both joining Sebright School: and in July to M. W. Slater (Bedford); R. G. Feist, who is taking up a Barclays Bank Scholarship at Merchant Taylors'; N. A. Walker (Hurn Court); N. D. G. Robertson (Earnley School); J. N. Brundret; and C. M. B. Hunter whose parents have moved right out of the district; while J. K. Hutton had left about half-term as his family was going farther afield—returning to South Africa. The Headmaster's youngest daughter, Jessica, also came off the register, going on to a girls' school.

The Music Prize, very kindly given by Mrs. Sears and awarded this year to J. T. W. Orr, with the Handicrafts Cup won by Ayerst, were presented when the Swimming Prizes were distributed and then, also, small prizes went to Hillier, Davies, and Harding for the best-kept gardens. Would-be gardeners must not be discouraged by the plentiful crop of weeds regularly produced during the summer holidays but must remember that work done during the autumn and winter is of vital importance and will save time and trouble later.

Section B (leader R. A. Crowe) regained the Star Shield from C after a close tussle in the Winter term of 1961 by 222 points to 216, D and A following with 188 and 165. The individual Star Cup was won again by R. G. Feist (49) who secured it once more in the Spring term of 1962 with a total of 51 when he was closely followed by M. W. Slater (48). That term saw section C (leader M. W. Slater) go into the lead again with 300 points against B's 241 while D (167) and A (134) kept their previous positions. In the summer, Section C handsomely held on to the Section Shield and their leader, M. W. Slater, took the Individual Star Cup with scores of 382 and 70 respectively. Section D (260) rose to second place, B and A following with 207 and 134 points respectively.