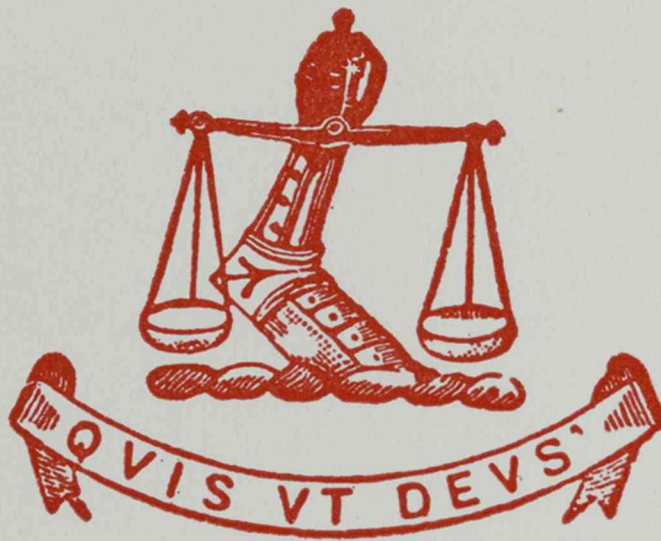


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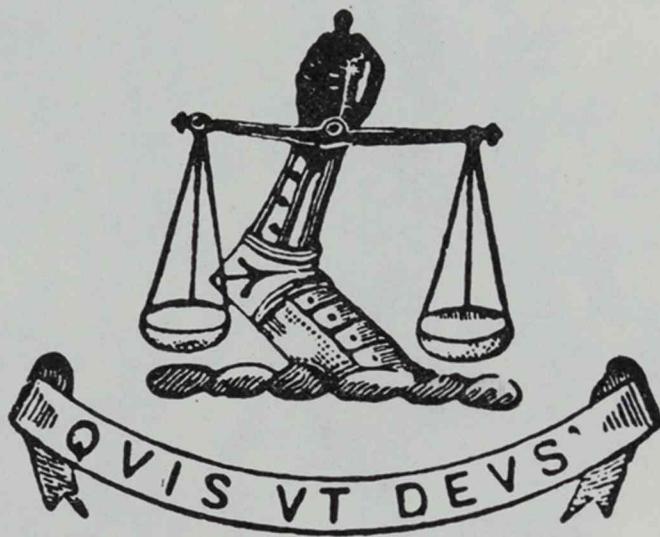
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R. GATHORNE, M.A. (Rhodes)

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G. G. Bompas, B.Sc., U.E.D. (Natal).
Rev. H. C. Clark, L.Th. (Chaplain).
J. Coetzee, B.A., T.T.D. (South Africa).
A. F. G. Cotton, B.A. (Rhodes), B.Ed. (Natal).
M. E. Crampton, B.A. (Natal), B.Ed. (South Africa).
E. R. de Villiers, B.A., U.E.D. (Rhodes).
A. E. G. Duff, M.A. (Rhodes).
D. S. Gear, B.A. (Wits).
M. T. Goulding, B.Sc. (Wits).
R. H. W. Hall, B.A., U.E.D. (Natal).
Mrs. J. Hawkins, N.T.S.D.
Rev. R. R. Hawkins, B.D. (London), B.A. (Natal).
R. W. Hennessy, B.A., B.Ed. (Stellenbosch).
E. G. Hilditch, B.Sc. (Belfast).
F. J. Human, B.A., U.E.D. (Free State).
R. L. Ibbotson, M.A. (Cantab).
G. H. Immelman, B.Sc. (Rhodes), B.Ed. (Natal).
J. S. Inglis, B.A. (Oxon), B.Sc., U.E.D. (Stellenbosch).
D. E. Knight, B.A. (Wits).
G. V. Lange, B.A. (South Africa).
P. G. Lavender, N.A.D. (Art).
W. E. Layne, B.A. (Dartmouth, U.S.A.).
C. H. D. Leggatt, B.Sc. (Cape Town).
B. R. Lewis, B.Sc., B.Ed. (Natal).
J. P. Lowe, B.Sc. (Natal).
D. B. Miles, B.Sc., U.E.D. (Natal).
G. D. Paterson, B.A. (Stellenbosch), U.E.D. (Natal).
R. F. Pennington, N.T.S.D.
A. J. Rogers, B.A. (T.C.D.), B.Ed. (Natal).
R. E. Roseveare, M.A. (Cantab).
H. A. C. Stanton, F.T.C.L., F.G.C.M., L.U.C.T. (Music)
M. E. Thompson, M.Sc. (Natal).
C. W. Thorpe, B.A., U.E.D. (Natal).
J. P. Underhay, B.A., U.E.D. (Potchefstroom).
W. A. van der Walt, B.A. (Stellenbosch).
D. A. Wolhuter, B.Sc., U.E.D. (Natal).

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SCHOOL NEWS

Staff Changes

There was an unusually large turn-over of staff at the end of 1974 and we bade farewell to several old friends:

1. **Mr. J. L. Robinson**, who reached retiring age after 39 years on the staff — the longest period of continuous service of any master in the school's history.
2. **Mr. B. A. Law**, who after 20 years here has left to become Headmaster of Roedean School for Girls, Johannesburg.
3. **Mr. K. J. Mullen**, who was in charge of P.E. here for 8 years and has left to join the South Africa Sports Foundation in Pretoria.
4. **Sister Gladys Hesom**, who came here in 1965 and has now retired to the South Coast.
5. **Mr. J. R. Blake**, who has left after five years here to become Headmaster of Monterey School, Cape Town, and
6. **Miss Marjorie Hussey**, who has been our librarian for the past 3 years.

To the staff at the beginning of 1975 we extend a most cordial welcome to:

1. **Mr. J. P. Allen**, who originally taught here from 1958 to 1965 and now rejoins the English Department.
2. **Mr. G. D. Paterson**, who comes from Stellenbosch to take over the running of Physical Education.
3. **Mr. R. E. Roseveare**, who has come from New Zealand to teach Economics and Maths. His father taught at Michaelhouse from 1952 to 1961 and was the first Housemaster of Baines.
4. **Sister Moira Preboy**, who, on joining **Sister Lovell** at the Sanatorium, has had a real baptism of fire with a term long epidemic of virus throat infections.
5. **Mr. C. W. Thorpe**, who has taken over from **Mr. D. J. Moon** in the Geography Department while the latter is on a year's leave of absence.
6. **Mr. T. D. Middleton**, a Scottish Carthusian, who is spending six months here between school and university.

And, finally, we welcome two ladies already well-known to us: **Mrs. Immelman**, who is our new librarian, and **Mrs. Hawkins**, who is assisting in the teaching of English. And a welcome, too, to **Mrs. Allen**, who is assisting **Mr. Stanton** in music tuition.

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We are grieved to have to report the death of 17-year-old **Christopher Nash**, fourth son of our former school doctor, Dr. R. W. Nash and Mrs. Nash. Christopher, a House Prefect in West, was killed by lightning on Sunday, 2nd December.

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As will be seen from the various photographs in this issue, great progress is being made with the new buildings. Block A (two Biology rooms and two classrooms) came into use at the start of the year and Block B is reported to be eight weeks ahead of schedule. The new theatre is progressing well, the new ablutions for Farfield and West have been completed and a start has been made on the new Tatham ablutions. During the April holidays the restoration of Founders will be begun.

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Mr. Kenneth Edmunds (O.M., 1906-1913), who died in February, 1974, has bequeathed a sum of R20 000 (to be known as the Kenneth Edmunds Bursary), which will be devoted to the sons of O.M. farmers. At the same time his widow has endowed the Kenneth Edmunds Memorial Bursary which will provide R400 per annum to a boy from Cordwalles of outstanding determination and courtesy.

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Carols by Candlelight came to Michaelhouse in December, albeit quite unintentionally, when our Visitors' Carol Service coincided with a power failure. It was a pity that the conditions precluded the unusually large congregation from joining in the singing of the hymns, yet many admired the sight of the choir, seated this year in the Sanctuary, singing to **Mr. Stanton's** piano accompaniment in their red cassocks in the candlelight.

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Congratulations to **R. P. Gould** on winning the Open Anglo-American Scholarship, to **G. S. Clarke** on being awarded a Group Vocational Scholarship by Anglo-American and to **J. B. Meyer** on his Barlows' Scholarship.

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We have been delighted to welcome two visitors from overseas to Michaelhouse in the first quarter of this year: (1) **Mr. D. R. W. Silk**, Warden of Radley College, and (2) **Mr. Geoffrey Dyson**, the former British athletics coach.

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The subject options in the Sixth Form now include the first year Unisa course in certain subjects. The experiment was first tried in 1974 and, consequent on last year's results, the experiment has been considered worth persevering with.

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On Saturday, 22nd March, the **Assistant Chaplain** produced a play for the Passion in the School Chapel. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by a large audience.

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The Masters' Common Room has recently undergone a most impressive restoration. A French window now gives access to the balcony, the walls have been repainted and **Sarah Pennington** has not merely done a tremendous amount of work herself but has inspired many other staff wives to lend their considerable talents to various items of furnishing and decoration.

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Mrs. Ibbotson is now in overall charge of the gardens in front of the school. Some of the terracing has been removed and grass banks have taken their place, and new flower-beds and new shrubs have been planted, several of the latter the gift of **Mr. Frank Stacey (O.M.)**.

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On grounds of economy and practicality, the wearing of khaki open-neck shirts on working days has been introduced this year. White shirts, collars and ties may still be worn, but their use will be gradually phased out. Members of staff are now to be seen sporting safari suits; the more conservative members of staff have not yet risked being seen in this outlandish garb and, to judge from conversation in the staff room at break-time, there is a fair amount of rivalry between members of staff as to the smartness of their outfits!

IN MEMORIAM

Colin Christopher Chapman Nash

Born: 26 March 1957

Died: 2 December 1974

It is hard to believe that Christopher's ready smile and keen sense of fun is no longer with us. On Sunday, 2nd December 1974, while out fishing on leave for the day, away from the trials of matric swotting (there was only history to be written now, and that was on Tuesday) Christopher and his great friend David Crookes were on their way back from the dam when he was killed by lightning. So stunning was this blow to his many friends, boys and teachers, that it took a long time to realise that he was no longer with us. He had arrived from a prep school in Kent and Clifton, Nottingham Road, in January 1971 and soon his sporting ability was harnessed by willing coaches: he excelled in rugby and cricket and was a keen and promising athlete and member of the shooting team. Always willing to help in a friendly and enthusiastic way, his many contributions in West will live on in vivid memories. In his final year he was a House Prefect and indeed won the affection of all with whom he came into contact. To his bereaved parents Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Nash go our deepest expressions of sympathy.

At the final House Meeting in West Christopher was posthumously awarded the House's highest honour, the John Poynton Memorial Award for the boy who had done most to enhance the name of the house in all spheres. An award, to the boy who has done most to promote fellowship in games, will in future be made at the end of each year in West on the votes of the House, the Christopher Nash Memorial Sports Award. Those of us who taught him, tutored him and had in any way contact with him are indeed fortunate to have been able to know him and although we miss him in the classrooms and on the playing fields, his memory is an inspiration to us.

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Warin Foster Bushell

Rector of Michaelhouse, 1927 to 1929

Mr. W. F. Bushell died in Birkenhead, England, on 21st November 1974 at the age of 89.

Bushell, who at Cambridge had been a mathematician of distinction, was Headmaster of Solihull School in Warwickshire when the Governors, who had admired his drive and enthusiasm when he had come from England to stand in for Eldred Pascoe in 1926, invited him to accept the Rectorship on Pascoe's retirement. Bushell, in his brief period here in 1926, had become aware of many deficiencies at Michaelhouse and the result was that, when he came back as Rector, "there was", in the words of Professor A. M. Barrett in his *History of Michaelhouse*, "hardly a field of

Michaelhouse's activities which was not turned over and sown with new ideas in the space of three springs."

Thus it is that the period of Bushell's rectorship seems to stand as a watershed between the early Michaelhouse and Michaelhouse as we know it today. Many of the features of the school today came into being in his time. It was he who first suggested the division of the school into Blocks. The beginnings of the House system with the foundation of Founders (Foundation North), East, West and Farfield; the paving of the Main Quad, the construction of the fountain and the planting of trees there (replaced, incidentally, as recently as the end of 1973); the Ad Portas ceremony — all these things first appeared during his period as Rector.

Like his immediate predecessor, Bushell felt that the school's academic achievement was in need of improvement and he strove to improve the standard of Maths and Science in particular and to build up the school library. He introduced the Entrance Scholarships and the Post-Matric Class (Sixth Form) and considerably widened the boys' choice of subjects. And, as a further means to improve standards, he set out to increase the number of boys in the school and to draw them from outside Natal. Thus when he left the numbers stood at 200, having been about 130 when he arrived.

Much development of the estate took place in those two years and Bushell, as a keen games player (he finished a seven-mile cross-country run with the Wirral Athletic Club, of which he was president, on his 60th birthday!), did much to widen the scope of our games. He was responsible for the building of our first two squash courts (paying for one of them himself), the introduction of cross-country running and hockey owed much to his encouragement, and in his time the Oval was grassed.

New brooms sweep clean but often leave a few ruffled feathers in their wake; perhaps it was this that caused Bushell, after only two years as Rector, to resign in 1929 and return to England to become a distinguished Headmaster of Birkenhead School for the next 16 years. However, in the short space of two years Bushell, perhaps more than anyone else, became responsible for so much that is familiar to us in our life here today.

But his connexion with Michaelhouse did not end here for in 1968 he donated £2,000 to the school to enable Michaelhouse boys or recent Old Boys to travel beyond the borders of the Republic. It has been used to subsidise Geography Society and Venture Club holiday trips and to assist individual boys who might otherwise be unable to participate in tours.

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We are sorry to report that we have received news of the deaths, both in December 1974, of Miss A. Duggins and Mrs. H. Savage, who were Matrons at Michaelhouse during the fifties.

MATRIC RESULTS, 1974

Distinctions are printed in brackets

First Class (22):

M. C. Anderson (Latin, Physics), P. C. Anderson (English, Latin, Chemistry, Physics, Maths), R. B. M. Anderson (History), D. R. Atkinson (Latin), C. W. Barnes (Physics), N. J. D. Barnitt (Physics, Maths), T. W. G. Bester (Latin), P. J. Bradford (English, Biology, Physics, Maths), G. D. Cominos (History), C. R. Cox, K. D. Dawson, H. H. Geach, R. J. Grant (English, Chemistry, Physics, Maths), B. J. Hoption, A. R. Keene, P. M. McCullagh (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Add Maths), R. L. Rund (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths), D. S. Sisson (Chemistry, Physics, Maths), N. R. Tatham, A. N. van Velden (Latin, Physics), C. W. Whitaker, P. C. Williams (Latin, Maths).

Second Class (30):

D. L. Brazier, G. S. Brink, A. W. M. Brown, D. G. Cartwright (Latin), H. J. Currie, A. W. de Villiers (English), R. W. Devonport, D. S. Furnivall, G. R. Edmunds, R. G. Hankinson, M. E. Haynes, S. P. Holliday, G. A. Howard, P. A. Johnson, C. T. Jones, J. L. Kennedy, J. F. Kerwan, B. A. Lyle, J. R. McCall, A. T. MacGillivray, D. M. Martin, C. Monberg, M. A. Pappas, C. M. Parkin, A. K. L. Robinson, S. M. Thomson, M. van der Spek, W. Whipp, P. J. Whiting, D. A. Williams, J. St. H. Willsher.

School Leaving Certificates (18):

R. R. Armstrong, G. W. Bishop, M. A. Clulow, R. C. D. Compton, R. D. Crookes, B. E. Ellis, A. H. Fuller, M. L. Garlick, A. J. Harper, H. H. Holley, I. P. C. Jones, N. C. C. R. Justham, K. A. Mayer, C. de V. Shaw, C. A. Soper, H. A. Thorpe, H. P. Veenstra, C. J. Watkins.

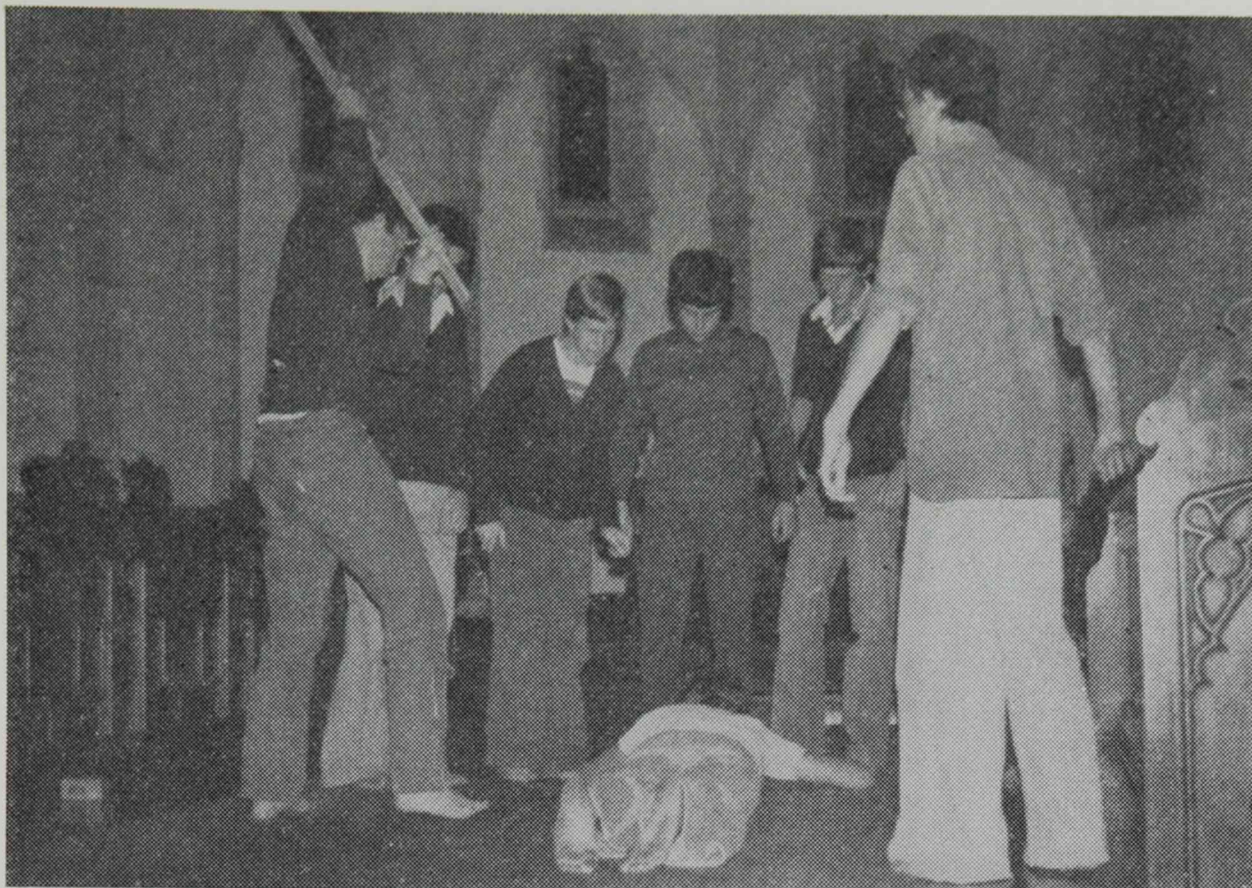
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Number of Distinctions, 40.

CHAPEL NOTES

On Sunday, 23rd March, the last tapestry kneeler was placed in the Chapel and so comes to an end a mammoth project initiated, inspired and completed by Mrs. Sarah Pennington. The Chapel has been literally transformed by the contrasting colours of the kneelers which hang high enough to be visible on entering the Chapel from the back. We thank Mrs. Pennington most sincerely for this tremendous effort and now wait in anticipation for her next surprise venture.

The Confirmation date this year has been moved forward to the third quarter — 18th August. We feel this earlier date more acceptable as this will leave time for the candidates to consolidate their faith before the end of the year and the long summer holiday. There is still an obvious in-



A scene from the Assistant Chaplain's Passion Play.

difference towards Chapel Services and especially the Service of Holy Communion, shown by those Confirmed during the past few years and it is becoming ever clearer that Confirmation should be considered only by those who take and are determining to go on taking their religion seriously. Whatever else may be taken into consideration, a boy is not ready for Confirmation until he is really sure about what he believes and how he intends to put this into practice.

Liturgy 1975 is to be introduced into our worship in Chapel on Sunday, 11th May. The present form of Liturgy (1969) will have served a vital and necessary function as a bridge between the S.A. Prayer Book and the New Liturgy, if it has done nothing else.

We are most grateful to the Rev. R. Christianson for his series of Wednesday Lenten Addresses in the Chapel. His approach was stimulating and his message came as a challenge to each of us. We should also like to thank those who have preached in the Chapel since the last issue of the Chronicle: The Rev. I. R. M. Main, The Rt. Rev. P. W. R. Russell, The Rev. J. Wilson-Hughes and Mr. Michael Cassidy.

The following appointments have been made:

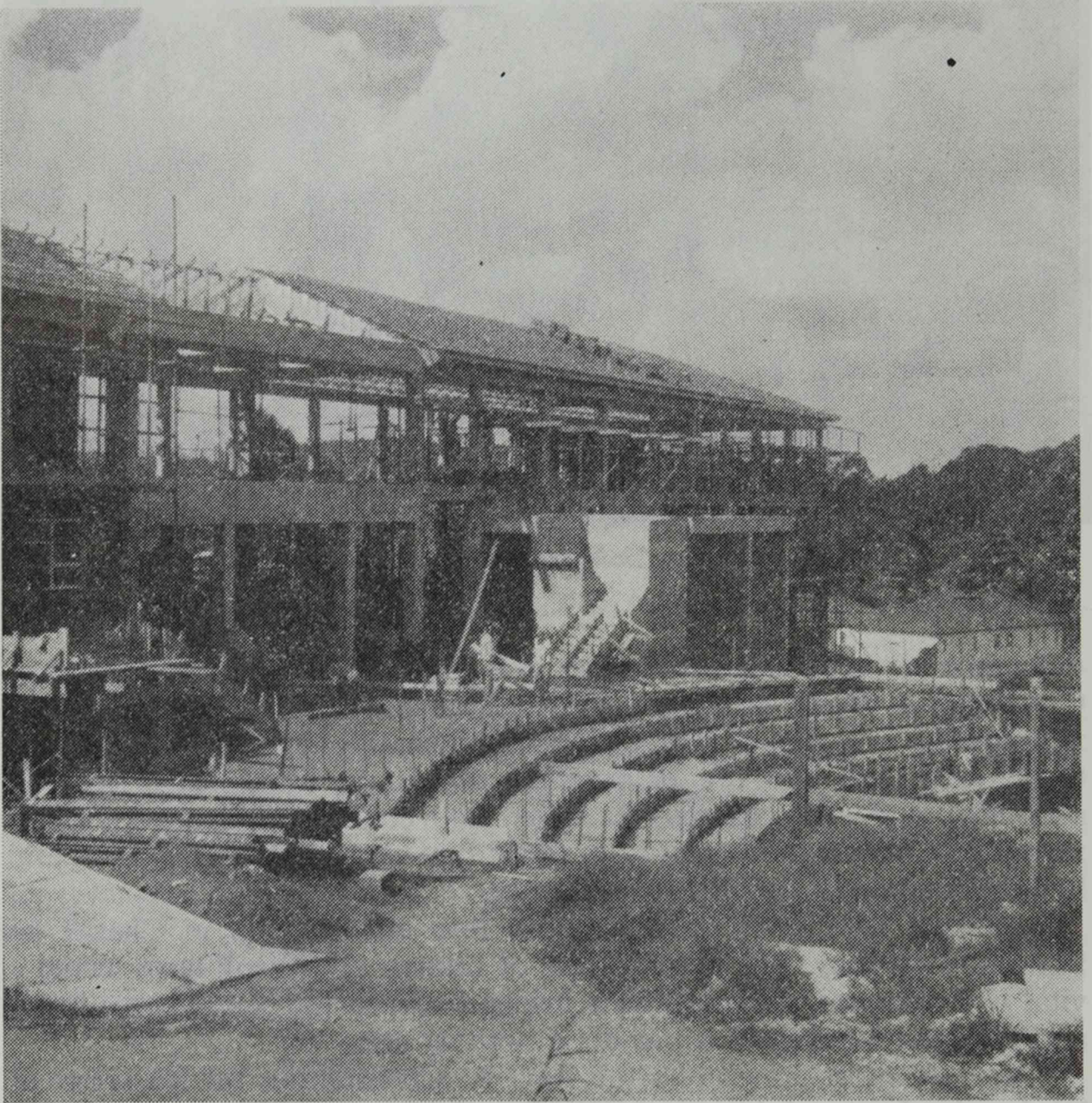
Senior Server: B. Wallace. *New Servers:* P. C. Anderson, N. Fox, P. Bennett, A. R. Keene, D. Beyers, R. Cussons, M. Webb, N. Wellington and P. Brooks.

Senior Sacristan: N. Tatham. *New Sacristans:* B. D. Bishop, D. G. Harris, J. M. de Wet and G. J. L. Woollatt.

Bellringers: D. J. Harker, C. M. Shepherd, G. M. Green.

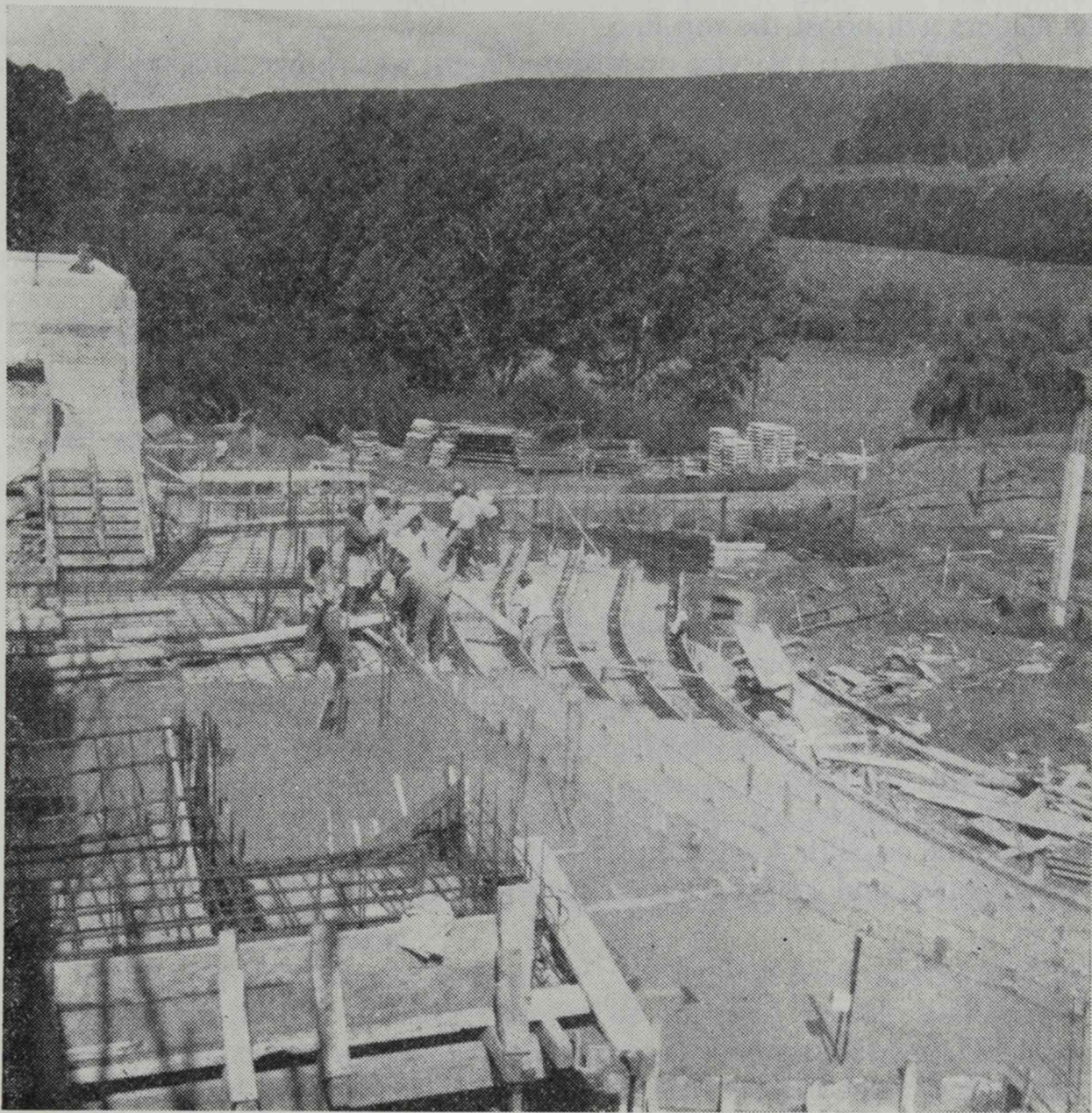
H.C.C.

THE NEW BUILDINGS



The new theatre reaches out southwards from "Block B".

THE NEW BUILDINGS



The new theatre with Willows in the background.

MUSIC AT MICHAELHOUSE

The new Choir is shaping well and we look forward to a very successful year. Adriaan van Velden (Farfield) is Head Chorister. He is following in his brother Anthony's footsteps who held a similar position a few years ago.

Eagle and Briggs have been retained as sopranos, and their experience as leaders will boost the top line.

Our 1974 Carol Service on Visitors' night was rather unusual. During the afternoon and early evening we suffered a six hour power failure, so we were able to present for the first time in our Chapel, "Carols by Candlelight." The lights came on rather appropriately during the Recessional Hymn as the Choir was singing "Light and Life to all He brings". Our magnificent Petrof Grand Piano is usually stored in the Vestry, so we were able to use it to good effect for this Service.

John Rutter's brilliant arrangements of popular Christmas Carols were prominently featured.

Looking ahead, there will be a Hymn Festival on June 15 and once again we will be joined by the St. Anne's Chapel Choir. We hope that a few Anthems will also be included on this occasion.

During August there will be two performances of Bach's "St. Luke Passion". The part of the Evangelist will be sung by Francis Keeping (Tatham).

Brothers are well represented in the 1975 Chapel Choir. We have two van Veldens, two Young-Pughs and two Crows (!).

The St. Jude Players visited the school on 8th March and presented a highly delightful programme which was appreciated by a large and enthusiastic audience.

The remainder of the year's work will include the Speech Day Programme on 30th August and the Carol Services on 3rd December (for visitors only) and on 4th December (school only).

H.A.C.S.

VALETE

John Lewin Robinson

Robbie was born in Bristol in 1914 and shortly after this the family moved to Isle Abbots in Somerset. This village is close to the spot at which Alfred is reputed to have burnt the cakes. Robbie's exposure to this historical incident might account for the fact that he favoured physics and felt that you could never really be sure about chemical reactions. He attended Ardingly College (Sussex) for his secondary education. Here he was head of his house, second prefect and vice-captain of cricket. The family emigrated to South Africa in 1932. Robbie attended Natal University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Robbie joined the Michaelhouse staff in 1936, the year in which Robin Chapman arrived to take over the Science Department. The appointment of Miss Anne Hills to the Mathematics Department in April 1942 clearly brightened up the monastic atmosphere and Robbie duly married her in July 1943. Their first home on the estate was a wood and iron building, the original Ephrata. This building was on the Loop Street site in Pietermaritzburg and was moved to Balgowan coming to rest at the bottom of the present Rector's garden. Part of the building is still on the estate in the form of the roof on the present Ephrata. In 1948 Robbie and Anne moved to Penshurst where they stayed until Robbie retired at the end of 1974. In spite of the demands of a family of four children Anne found time to teach mathematics on a part-time basis for many years. She was one of those rare mathematicians who could cope with the gifted as well as the plodders. Many a boy owed his matriculation certificate to her capable teaching. At the same time her ability to stimulate the able mathematician is reflected in her record of six Silver Medallists in the Mathematics Olympiad.

During his thirty-nine years on the staff Robbie filled many roles. At various stages he was master-in-charge of athletics, master-in-charge of cricket, as well as running the Photographic, Science and Junior Debating societies. Indeed he was often heard to say that he had done most things apart from teaching Afrikaans, coaching the 1st XV and singing in the choir. In 1950 he was acting Housemaster of West. He was later appointed Housemaster of Founders, a post which he filled from 1953 to 1962. Robbie was also Senior Master from 1960 to 1964.

In spite of all his varied activities it is impossible to think of Robbie without immediately thinking of the Science Department. He taught Physics in the department from 1936 to 1974 apart from 1949 which he spent at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. His method of teaching was thorough and direct with an insistence that the basic principles should be mastered. In addition he firmly believed that the historical background was worthy of attention and that the boys should be exposed to the contributions of the great scientists. Shirkers had reason to quake and even the best often found that praise was a commodity in short supply.

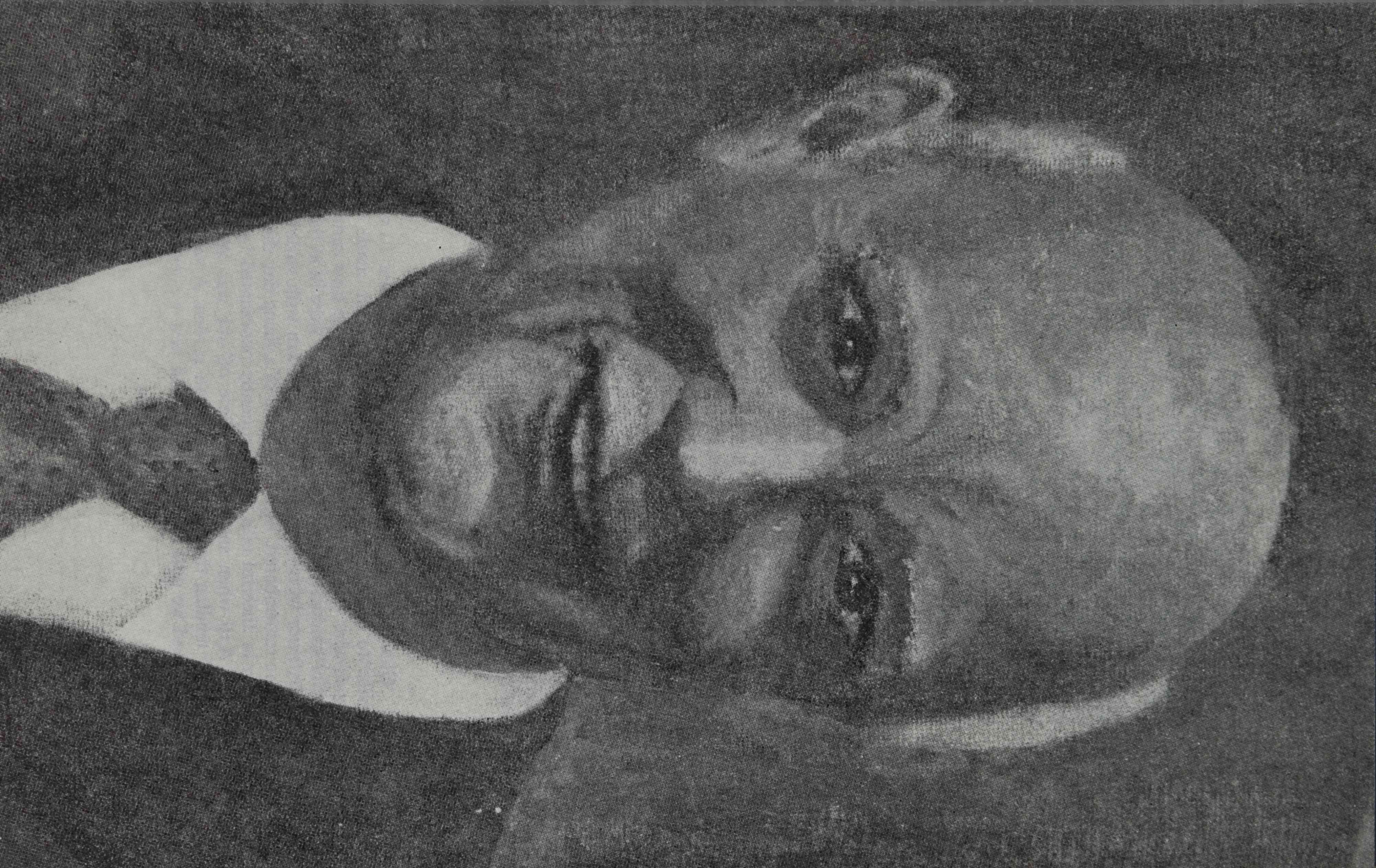
Nevertheless those who passed through his hands were thankful for his uncompromising approach when confronted with Physics I. In a fitting climax to his career the top set in 1974 obtained nine distinctions, one B and one C.

Robbie's arrival at the school coincided with the transfer of the Chemistry Laboratory from the present Library to the recently demolished Audio-Visual Lecture Theatre and Language Laboratory behind Tatham. At the same time the Physics Laboratory was transferred from the Dramatic Society basement to the present Geography Room and Farfield Toyes, while the Physics Lecture Theatre occupied the present Geography Lecture Theatre. Robbie was appointed Head of the Science Department in 1946 and held this position until April 1968. During the first part of this period he devoted his energy to building up the practical side of the courses and improving the apparatus. By the mid nineteen-fifties it became apparent that the science teaching facilities were inadequate and the question of a new Science Block was aired. In July 1958 it was decided to set up an Industrial Fund to improve the science teaching facilities in the private schools. This decision set the scene for Robbie to make his biggest single contribution to the school. He set about planning the new Science Block with characteristic thoroughness and determination. The correspondence between him and the architects reveals his incredible attention to detail. While this led to a certain amount of resistance and frustration on occasions, he refused to be side-tracked. The result of his endeavours is a really excellent building which is a pleasure to work in and which has certainly stood the test of time.

Robbie's final major act as Head of the Science Department was to organise the highly successful science conference held at Michaelhouse in January 1968. One of the delegates in proposing the vote of thanks had this to say: "I have watched Robbie at work delegating tasks and admired his technique. This can involve tact, diplomacy, the velvet glove or the mailed fist, or as Robbie said to me, being just rude. In fact all the skills of an experienced teacher." Needless to say Robbie was not content to sit around once he had retired as Head of the Science Department. He promptly set about building up the Audio-Visual Department and left that as a well established and going concern. Right to the end of his time here Robbie was busy goading people into activity using all the methods listed above. At the beginning of this year a senior member of the Science Department was heard to remark: "Goodness, it is peaceful around here nowadays." Robbie's blunt comments are certainly being missed. We wish both Anne and Robbie a happy, relaxed and active retirement in their charming home at Howick.

A.F.G.C.

J. L. Robinson (from a painting by Anne Robinson).



Mr. B. A. Law

Brian and Nonah have moved on to Roedean, Johannesburg, after twenty years at Michaelhouse. Having been sent out to a sunnier climate to recuperate after a protracted illness, Brian, sword of honour winner at Sandhurst, was soon an officer in the Cadet Detachment which he was later to command. It was however only when he was appointed Housemaster of Farfield, successor to Robin Chapman, that his organising ability and qualities of leadership became apparent. Well organised himself and a stickler for punctuality he ran Farfield almost on military lines, but with a lively sense of humour and an appreciation of the idiosyncrasies of others.

A modern man himself, Brian is very conscious of time, and whether on a journey or during a sermon he is for ever checking and estimating when it will terminate. This has stood him in good stead when organising tours such as the April Johannesburg one or the Sixth Form July one or the Battle Field tours of Northern Natal. For it fell to him to help fulfil the ideals expressed in the Third Aim of the Michaelhouse Trust "to inspire those who form the wide community of Michaelhouse — its many friends, the staff, boys, old boys and parents — to become more closely associated with the future of the school". His enthusiasm and organising ability enabled these tours to proceed smoothly and his wide interests ensured a great variety of subjects, and some delicious food.

Under his guidance the Sixth Form expanded and flourished. He widened the scope, raised its status and introduced such forms of relaxation as Sixth Form socials and cheese and wine parties. Despite the easing of discipline the standard of work has not declined; indeed in recent years some excellent A Level results have been obtained.

Current Affairs, Saturday evening entertainments, the Business Game and Forum have been other activities which he has so obviously enjoyed. And often he has led groups of Michaelhouse boys on the Musgrove and Watson tours.

With his ready wit, fund of stories, and the gift of making his subordinates feel they are doing a worthwhile job by taking them into his confidence, he and Nonah should enjoy their Johannesburg adventure.

R.W.H.

Sister Gladys Hesom

Gladys Hesom retired at the end of 1974 after 10 years of unstinted service to the school — 10 years in which she made a whole host of friends who were all extremely sorry when the time came for her to leave us. Her kindness to and care for those who were ill in the Sanatorium and her patience with those who visited the san with various complaints will be long remembered. And at the end of a tiring day she was always ready to join in cheerful talk, talk frequently punctuated by her jovial ringing laugh! And when she had any time off she was invariably to be seen lovingly tending the flowers in the san garden. A well-earned retirement indeed and we give her our thanks and best wishes for the years ahead.

Mr. K. J. Mullen

Ken Mullen, who taught at Michaelhouse from 1966-1974, will be remembered mainly for his organisational ability. Sports Day, in particular, always ran as smoothly as clockwork and Ken unobtrusively kept an eagle eye on recalcitrant boys and staff! He held very strong views on discipline and appearance, and the sight of long hair or hands-in-pockets was not calculated to make him smile on the offender. And yet, Ken had a very good sense of fun, and liked nothing better than a good party, with rugby talk dominating the proceedings. It is regretted that Ken, five times S.A. champion, could never demonstrate his diving skill to the boys. Who knows, maybe one day the Sports Foundation will present Michaelhouse with a brand new pool!

Jean, his wife, will be sorely missed, as she contributed in many ways to the life of the school and was a foundation member of the Swop Shop. To Ken, Jean and the children, go our very best wishes.

A.J.R.

Mr. J. R. Blake

Although Rodney Blake had been at Michaelhouse for only five years he had become such a feature of the school that his departure has left a very definite gap. But he had had long experience as Headmaster of one of the most prominent preparatory schools in England before coming to South Africa, and so it was not really surprising that the Monterey board, at a time of crisis, should invite him to take over the Headmastership of this well-known Cape Town preparatory school. Their gain is certainly our loss for, self-effacing and retiring though Rodney always was, his contribution as Head of the English Department, House Tutor of Farfield, producer of school plays and a knowledgeable cricket coach was a considerable one. He was a man who by virtue of his calm gentleness (one could well say "gentlemanliness") inspired great affection and respect. To him and his charming wife Sybil we offer our very best wishes in their challenging task in Cape Town.

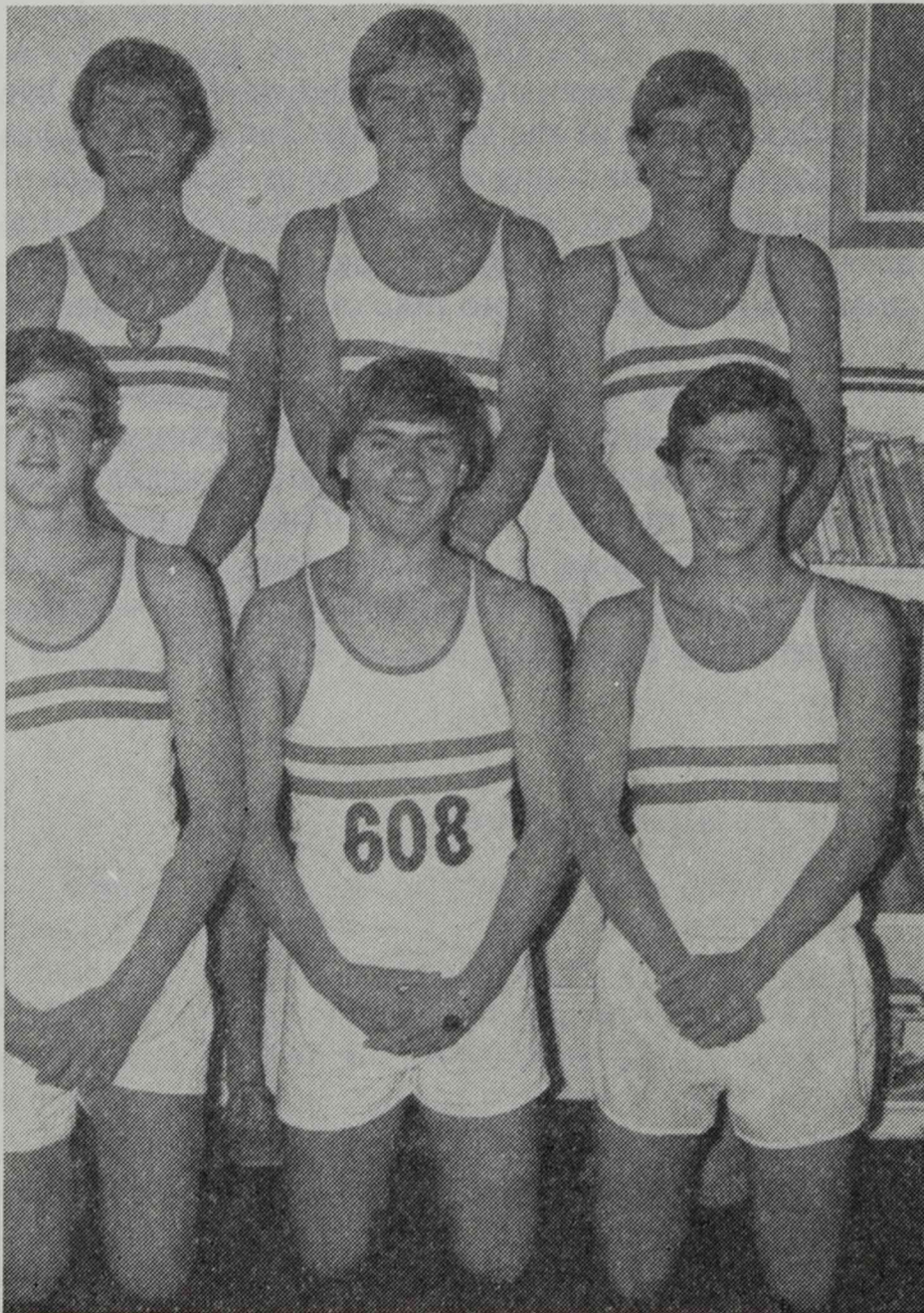
HOUSE NOTES

FOUNDERS

Housemaster: Mr. M. E. Thompson *House Tutor:* Mr. G. D. Paterson
Head of House: T. W. G. Bester
House Prefects: R. N. Deavin, A. T. MacGillivray,
A. C. Reynolds, W. P. J. Roberts.

At the end of last year, Mr. Moon left for England, to be replaced as House Tutor by Mr. Gordon Paterson, the new physical education instructor, to whom we wish a happy and fruitful stay.

The industry of last year's A block was evident in their success in the Matric Examination. Of the 13 candidates, there were 6 first class passes, 2 passes, 4 school leavings (of which two candidates only have to pass Afrikaans or English to attain passes), and 1 failure. Our congratulations are extended in particular to Peter Anderson, who scored five out of Founders' 16 distinctions (out of the 40 throughout school), and Rob Grant, who achieved 4.



Some Founders athletes.

In the sporting sphere, Founders won the house cricket in a very convincing fashion, notwithstanding the fact we fielded a side weakened by Rory Deavin's absence. Brian Chennells was destroyer-in-chief, taking 6/23 in the final. "Toby" Robarts did the rest, as well as adding 46 runs. Unfortunately we were less successful in the swimming gala, despite a senior relay team which won all their relays, managing only 4th out of 7.

This year Founders is well represented on the sports fields. We have captains of the 1st XI cricket (Graham Bester), 1st XV rugby (Rory Deavin), and school athletics (Pierre de St. Croix). The latter is to be congratulated on being awarded his Natal Athletics colours. Furthermore, we have 4 representatives, in Bester, Deavin, Gavin Fletcher and Robarts, in the 1st XI, with another 4 in the 2nd XI, including David Tatz, the captain. As regards the juniors, we have 4 "Bunnies" A players, one of whom, namely Smithyman, has on occasions added to the long line of Founders sports captains.

We started the year with only four house-prefects, namely Bester and MacGillivray, who already have a year's experience in this position, and Deavin and Reynolds. Robarts is to be congratulated on his more recent appointment.

Finally, we look forward to a year of continued co-operation and the characteristically friendly Founders atmosphere, and hope that the renovation due to start next term will not be too disruptive.

EAST

Housemaster: **Mr. D. B. Miles**

House Tutor: Mr. J. S. Inglis

Head of House: H. H. Geach

House Prefects: D. L. Brazier, P. J. Bradford, M. G. Durham, M. G. Bowes.

The house was pleased (perhaps surprised) with last year's Matric results. There were three first class passes; Bradford, Dawson and Geach; Bradford obtaining four distinctions. Apart for two School Leaving Certificates, the rest obtained Matric passes.

East lost the Inter-House Gala to their old swimming rivals, Tatham, but the house showed great spirit. There was no outstanding age-group and the results obtained were made possible by the efforts of all those who swam. Congratulations go to André du Toit who was selected for the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Swimming team and who was unlucky not to gain selection for the Natal Schools team.

Mark Bowes represented the school this quarter in the 1st XI. He is the opening bowler, and has a good bowling average to date.

Michael Durham and Barrie Collins have both represented the non-Cricket VI at tennis.

Peter Bradford is going on tour to Rhodesia with the Squash team and Guy Brazier is going on the Rugby tour to the Eastern Cape and Border. We wish them both luck on their respective tours.

The following were elected captains of Sports: M. Bowes (Cricket); M. Durham (Tennis, Gymnastics); P. Bradford (Squash, Hockey); H.

Geach (Swimming, Water-polo); D. Brazier (Athletics, Rugby) and M. Miller (Shooting).

East also has a number of boys in the cast of Macbeth. C. Olver is to play Lady Macbeth; H. Geach, Hamlyn and Bradford will play a murderer, a witch and a soldier respectively.

Generally the House has been running smoothly and cheerfully and the "A" Blockers seem to be getting down to some work (maybe last year's "A" Blockers inspired them!).

Valete: A. W. M. Brown, B. A. Lyle, G. Rennie, K. D. Dawson, R. W. Devonport, R. G. Hankinson, K. A. Mayer, P. D. Parkin, C. de V. Shaw.

Salvete: B. A. Cornford, M. O. Daugherty, B. A. Ferguson, A. C. Harle, C. M. Hutt, C. D. Kimber, P. J. Perrott, C. W. Sperryn, P. Durham, G. V. Grimston, A. Teversham.

WEST

House Master: Mr. W. A. van der Walt *House Tutor:* Mr. F. J. Human

Head of House: P. C. Williams

House Prefects: C. P. Butler, J. O. McCarthy, C. M. L. Rattray, R. J. van Zyl

On the last Sunday of 1974, while out fishing with his great friend David Crookes, Christopher Nash was killed by lightning on a neighbouring farm. This tragedy left West and the entire school stunned as Christopher was a well liked and active member of many teams and societies. It was a cold and miserable Michaelhouse flag that hung limp on the Tower on that last Monday of the year and many boys and staff attended the Memorial Service in the Chapel on the afternoon of Tuesday, 3rd December. An Obituary appears elsewhere in this issue, but we in West can only say that our sadness at the loss of one of our colleagues and sincere friends, is made easier by the thought that we were lucky enough to have known and lived and shared many happy moments with Christopher.

At the final House Meeting on the last day of the year, the John Poynton Memorial Award, for the boy who has done most to enhance the name of the House, was awarded posthumously to the late Christopher Nash who received long and warm applause and Mr. van der Walt announced that from 1974 on there would, at the end of each year, be an award for the boy who had done most for the sport in the house, the Christopher Nash Memorial Sports Award. In future years, the boys of the house would vote for this award, but the recipient of the first award for 1974 went to Christopher Watkins, who as captain of the Gym Teams had secured for the first time the Youngleson Shield and the Discobulus for West. He had also been a regular member of the School's First XV for two seasons and led the House rugby team to the finals which were played on Speech Day.

The Matric Results were again very good and Murray Anderson and Patrick Williams need to be congratulated on their outstanding symbols. Murray Anderson, Patrick Williams, Peter Whiting and Charles Jones are

back doing Sixth Form this year. Russell Gould again distinguished himself, not only by being awarded the Anglo American Open Scholarship (he is at Wits doing Mining Engineering) but also by his excellent symbols in his A level economics and his maths, physics and chemistry done through U.N.I.S.A. We are proud of his record of excellence and wish him well.

For the first time in living memory (or am I wrong?) the West senior and junior teams won their respective competitions in the Youngleson Shield inter-house gymnastic competition held on Wednesday, 16th October. The John Poynton Gymnastics Award for 1974 went to Christopher Watkins.



At work in the New Toyes in the basement.

Mr. Human went on long leave and we thank Mr. Donald Knight for helping at the end of term with tickets and finances. We welcomed 14 new boys in January and wish them a happy stay here at Michaelhouse and in West. At the first House Meeting of the new year the following were elected as House Captains of games and Council Representatives: Athletics: Justin McCarthy; Cricket: Peter Button; Hockey: Bruce MacMurray; Gym: Jeremy Pougnet; Rugby: Patrick Williams; Shooting: Peter Johnson; Squash: Patrick Williams; Swimming: Robin van Zyl; Tennis: Patrick Williams. School Council: Murray Anderson; Chapel Committee: Nick Wellington.

The senior and junior shooting teams at the end of last year won the inter-house shooting competition and the combined shooting shield. Table tennis has become the latest craze and a competition has already been organised: the House Master was eliminated even before he could play M. C. Anderson due to pressure of work! The new Toyes in the basement are complete and next term we hope to move into our refurbished-shower room complex: it has been worth the long wait after all.

Valete: S. R. Aberdein, D. T. Barry, C. J. G. Beith, R. G. F. Chance, R. D. Crookes — who had been appointed a house prefect but did not return, B. E. Ellis, M. L. Garlick, R. P. Gould, T. D. Massey, J. R. McCall, M. van der Spek, J. J. van Niekerk, H. P. Veenstra, C. J. Watkins.

Salvete: *Stephen Anderson (Cordwalles), *Craig Beattie (St. Marks), Mark de Wet (Maritzburg College), Digby Donaldson (Pridwin), *James Edington (Clifton Durban), Ivor Fisher (St. Peters), *Keith Harrison (Highbury), *Guy Johnstone (Clifton N.R.), Craig Lowe (Cordwalles), *Andrew Matterson (Highbury), *David Rissik (Clifton N.R.), Martin Simmons (Mooi River), *Andrew Strachan (Cordwalles), *Grant Taylor (Cordwalles), Juan van der Spek (Cordwalles).
(* Signifies son of an Old Boy.)

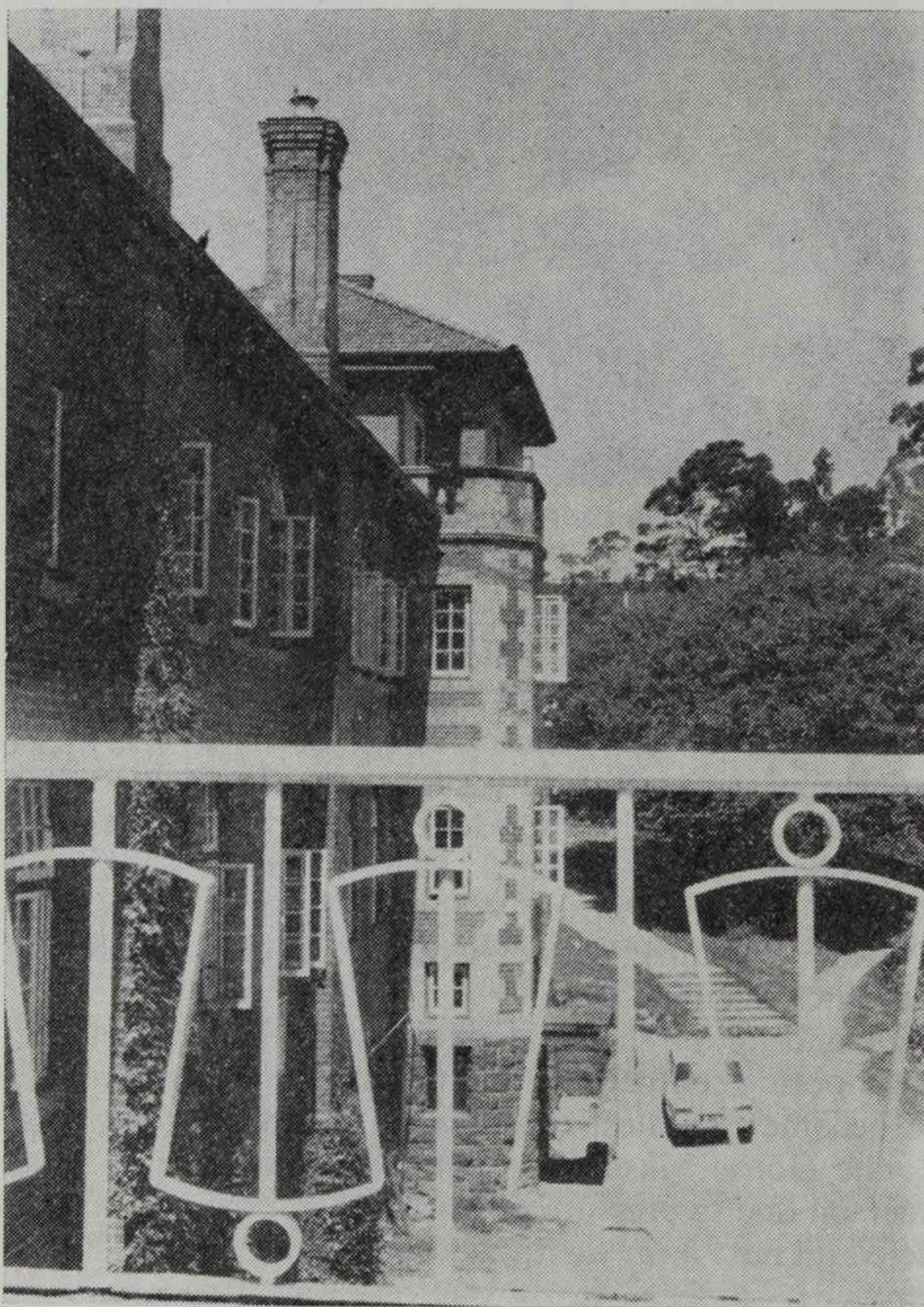
FARFIELD

Housemaster: Mr. A. Rogers

House Tutor: Mr. W. Layne

Head of House: D. A. Williams

House Prefects: A. Robinson, A. van Velden, O. Tatham, J. Booth.



The first term of 1975 has been a fairly eventful one in all respects.

Mr. Rogers moved into "Five Winds", Mr. Law's old residence, which is more convenient, and enables the boys to cool off down the long path.

The new shower room has been completed, and there is a vast improvement over the old one — conditions are now far more hygienic.

The Matric results were quite satisfactory, with one failure only. First class Matrics were gained by A. van Velden (distinctions in Latin and Physics), A. Keene and Roger Cox. Roger is at present in Uruguay having been awarded an America field scholarship.

James Meyer obtained a distinction in A level Economics, at scholarship level, and an A at advanced level as well as winning the Barlow Rand scholarship.

On the sports front, John Booth, Ollie Tatham and Geoff Dean represented Farfield in the 1st XI cricket. "Bouncer" Booth unfortunately felled more men than wickets, and "Hose" Tatham's catching, or rather lack of it, were the main features. They did, however, prove themselves perfectly capable cricketers. In the U15 A side, Farfield were represented by David Conradie, Ali Pein and Ian Patchitt, and in the U14 A side by Gary Ellse.

On the swimming side, Farfield seemed particularly lacking in water babies, apart from George McFie and Nick Norris, who were the backbone of the team, but were unfortunately ill at the time of the gala. Farfield finished a fairly respectable 4th.

Norman Ingledew and Alan Goodwin represent Farfield in the 1st team Squash, and Norman is to be congratulated on becoming S.A. schools No. 1 player, no mean achievement for such a pocket Hercules. It is worth mentioning that Farfield have the two smallest boys in the school — the Landmark twins, Philip and David. At first they tended to get underfoot, but now form an important part of the house — as is the dayroom, which is enjoying a sudden rise in popularity owing to a new Table Tennis board. Loud music and shouts are continually heard, much to the pain of the long suffering Farfield and neighbouring masters.

Prospects for the coming rugby season seem good, with Booth, Robinson, Williams, Pein, J. Johnson and G. McFie representing Farfield in 1st game. In Colts and Bunnies a healthy, enthusiastic attitude has developed, which augurs well for the future.

Mark van Velden is congratulated on being awarded his brains bar. We look forward to a good year.

Salvete: D. Daly, M. Edwards, G. Goodwin, C. Hathorn, A. Inglis, V. Isaac, J. Johnson, D. Landmark, P. Landmark, I. Lambie, I. Lawrie, S. Mason-Gordon, G. Reid, M. Symington.

Valete: J. Chaplin, R. Compton, R. Cox, J. du Plessis, G. Edmunds, H. Holley, G. Howard, J. Meyer, J. Shaw.

TATHAM

Housemaster: Mr. N. C. F. Bloy

House Tutor: Mr. R. H. W. Hall

Head of House: N. R. Tatham

House Prefects: A. W. de Villiers, J. L. Kramer,
A. W. Springorum, P. A. Springorum.

At the end of last year we had only six Matric candidates, five of whom were successful, and in particular we congratulate Nigel Tatham on his first-class pass. With Nigel Tatham taking over as Head of House from Rob Stewart, the year opened on a note of confusion, at any rate for the parents of new boys on New Boys' Day, who were quite mystified by the fact that the Head of House had the same surname as the house itself and the same christian name as the housemaster! Rather as if the head of the house next door to us should be called Willie West!

In our last issue we deplored our lack of success in games last year, but towards the end we won the House Water Polo competition (alas, still in the eyes of the Games Committee an unofficial competition!), and then, for the first time in over 20 years, success came our way on the cricket field, when, thanks to fine individual performances by Mark Hickman and David Kramer, we won the junior cricket cup. This, of course, gave particular pleasure to the housemaster, but rumours that the traditional "beanfeast" was made up of champagne and caviare can be officially denied! And now, in the first quarter of 1975, we have romped away with the House Swimming Competition. We scored over 200 points, nearly 100 points ahead of the runners-up; the main factors in this success were Armour Gittings (whom we congratulate on his appointment as school Captain of Swimming), James Mesham, Michael Gittings and David Harker (and congratulations to him, too, on his Colours). These four all represented PMB schools. But obviously you cannot score over 200 points in the gala as the result of the efforts of four people alone! Our cricketers have not been performing as well this term as we might have hoped and it is perhaps for this reason that even they want to get in on the swimming act. Thus two of our more eminent cricketers spurned an invitation to turn out for Caversham C.C. one Sunday and preferred to take part instead in a swimming gala at St. Anne's. However, a reliable report has reached us from St. Anne's that the young ladies were not greatly impressed by the cricketers' lack of tan!

One other sporting event last year passed almost without notice, when, just as our last issue was going to press, Francis Keeping was selected to high-jump for Natal Schools. Many congratulations to Francis on his selection.

The house this term has as many as 68 boys, at present numerically the largest house in the school. This has meant that 7 third-year boys are still in the Senior Classroom and there is certainly not much room in the dormitories. But I gather it is quite untrue that a member of Dormitory 4 was recently heard to say "There's not enough room in here to swing a cack"! However, we hope later in the year to make the Boot/Fruit Room

into a small bedroom. Meanwhile other structural alterations are under way; Classroom 6, for the last 10 years our Senior Classroom and the housemaster's classroom, is now no more and, before many months are out, it will be the new house wash-room, showers and lavatories. Classroom 5 has now become the Senior Classroom.

Meanwhile the traditional friendly genial atmosphere in the House continues to prevail and, now that the Rugby season is upon us and that afternoons of House Arrangements and compulsory road runs will become rarer and now that, with the onset of winter, warm morning showers will be permissible, we expect that that atmosphere will be even more apparent!

Valete: R. C. Stewart, A. H. Denny, J. P. V. Rycroft, H. J. Currie, B. C. I. England, R. J. S. Waller, D. M. Martin, W. Whipp, D. S. F. Hurly.

Salvete: J. M. Blanckenberg, A. B. de Klerk, L. N. Fletcher, J. J. Hill, T. J. Lewis, and N. D. Strachan (all from Clifton, Durban), B. M. Denny, J. W. Kramer and R. G. Young-Pugh (from Clifton, Nottingham Road), C. J. Hide and S. M. Renton (Cowan House), K. M. Gittings (Durban North Primary) and C. M. Standish-White (Ruzawi, Marandellas).

PASCOE

Housemaster: Mr. A. F. G. Cotton *House Tutor:* Mr. A. E. G. Duff

Head of House: J. L. Kennedy

House Prefects: P. B. Forbes, D. S. Furnivall, B. J. Hoption, C. R. W. Kilian, M. A. Kumleben.

After rather a lean period there have been signs of revival in the House's sporting achievements. For a start we scored more points in the inter-House Gala than ever seemed possible after our efforts in recent years. As a result we ended up in a creditable third place. To a large extent this was due to the efforts of some promising new boys and the drive and enthusiasm of D. Furnivall and P. J. Clarke.

B. Forbes, P. Clarke, and B. Hoption are to be congratulated on their selection for the 1st XV touring team, while J. Colvin and D. Melvill are touring Rhodesia with the Squash team. The hockey looks promising with J. Kennedy (captain) and four others touring the Eastern Province.

We welcomed four scholarship winners amongst our new boys and the outlook towards work continues to be very sound. Our matriculation results were not quite up to our recent high standards. We gained 3 first class passes (2 distinctions), 4 matriculation passes, 3 school leaving certificates and one failure. Our three Sixth Formers all fared well in their Unisa and A level examinations with James Bester excelling in Latin (90%). We look forward to a productive year on all fronts.

BAINES

Housemaster: Mr. C. H. D. Leggatt

House Tutor: Mr. D. S. Gear

Head of House: D. Bond

House Prefects: N. Fox, A. Rund, G. Spiller, B. Wallace, D. Wickham.

Baines completed last year fairly well in the sports field. Despite dropping out of the inter-house cricket in the early stages we managed to gain 2nd place in the gym, with a rather casual and jovial team, and were defeated in a hard final of the water polo

Judging by this year's gala results it appears that although Baines swimming enthusiasm has continued, the quality has leaked away somewhere between 1974 and 1975! We will comment no further on the matter except make special mention of S. Havenga who won the junior diving and excelled in the 12 and under National Diving Championships. D. Wickham is congratulated on his election as vice-captain of cricket and his colours and D. Bond on his water-polo colours.

Academically Baines completed 1974 on a high note and P. McCullagh deserves special mention for gaining five distinctions (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Add. Maths), R. Rund (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths), D. Cartwright (Latin) and G. Cominos (History) are congratulated on their distinctions. Despite two failures it is felt that these results emphasize the importance of a working atmosphere which was built up last year in the house, and it is hoped that this will prevail throughout 1975. N. Panitza is congratulated on being awarded his "brains-bar".

The year was begun with four prefects who have settled down very well. G. Spiller and N. Fox joined the prefects in the latter part of the term and they have fitted in admirably.

There has been a very good spirit in the house and boys have gone to a lot of trouble to brighten up their dormitories for all with posters, music and, above all, a cheerful attitude. Baines boys are still taking many parts in the school play and other activities. Finally, it is nice to see that many boys are involved in both sporting and Venture Club tours during the Easter/July Holidays.

HOUSE TROPHIES

At the end of the first quarter, 1975, the various house trophies were held as follows:

<i>Athletics:</i>	House Competition:	West
	Standards:	West
	Relays:	Farfield
	Tug-of-War (Senior):	Tatham
	Tug-of-War (Junior):	Founders
<i>Cricket:</i>	Senior:	Founders
	Junior:	Tatham

<i>Gymnastics:</i>	Youngleson Shield:	West
	Discobulus:	West
<i>Hockey:</i>	Senior:	Pascoe
	Junior:	Farfield
<i>Rugby:</i>	Senior:	Baines
	Junior:	East
	Sevens:	East
<i>Shooting:</i>	Senior:	West
<i>Squash:</i>	Senior:	East
	Junior:	Pascoe
<i>Swimming:</i>	House Competition	Tatham
	Water Polo:	Tatham
<i>Tennis:</i>		Tatham



On guard at the Swop Shop.

BEHIND THE SCENES — 2

The Bursar, Mr. I. T. M. Day



Ian Day came to Michaelhouse from Zambia at the beginning of 1970 and soon found himself thoroughly involved in the astonishingly multifarious concerns of a Bursar's life. He is tied up with almost anything which is connected with finance and, assisted by an able and devoted staff, daily handles such matters as, for example, staff pensions, machinery maintenance costs, book room accounts, and, of course, boys' individual school accounts. He is also in charge of the Michaelhouse Development Fund. Although, as is not surprising with a chartered accountant, he rather prefers the financial side, he enjoys the variety of the job, which, he tells us, is not confined to the levels of ordinary accountancy.

He was educated in South Africa and, after service with the South African forces in Italy during World War II, he settled down as an accountant in Johannesburg. A few years later he opened a practice in Kitwe, where he was a prominent figure in community affairs. He is the father of two grown-up children and he and his wife, Celia, who herself plays an active part in school affairs — notably in the running of the tuck-shop for three years, live in delightful surroundings at Cliffe's Dam.

B.R.W./S.E.

SOME CLUB AND SOCIETY NEWS

ART CLUB

At the first meeting office-bearers were elected. A. van Velden is chairman for the second year, F. Keeping is secretary and C. Greig treasurer.

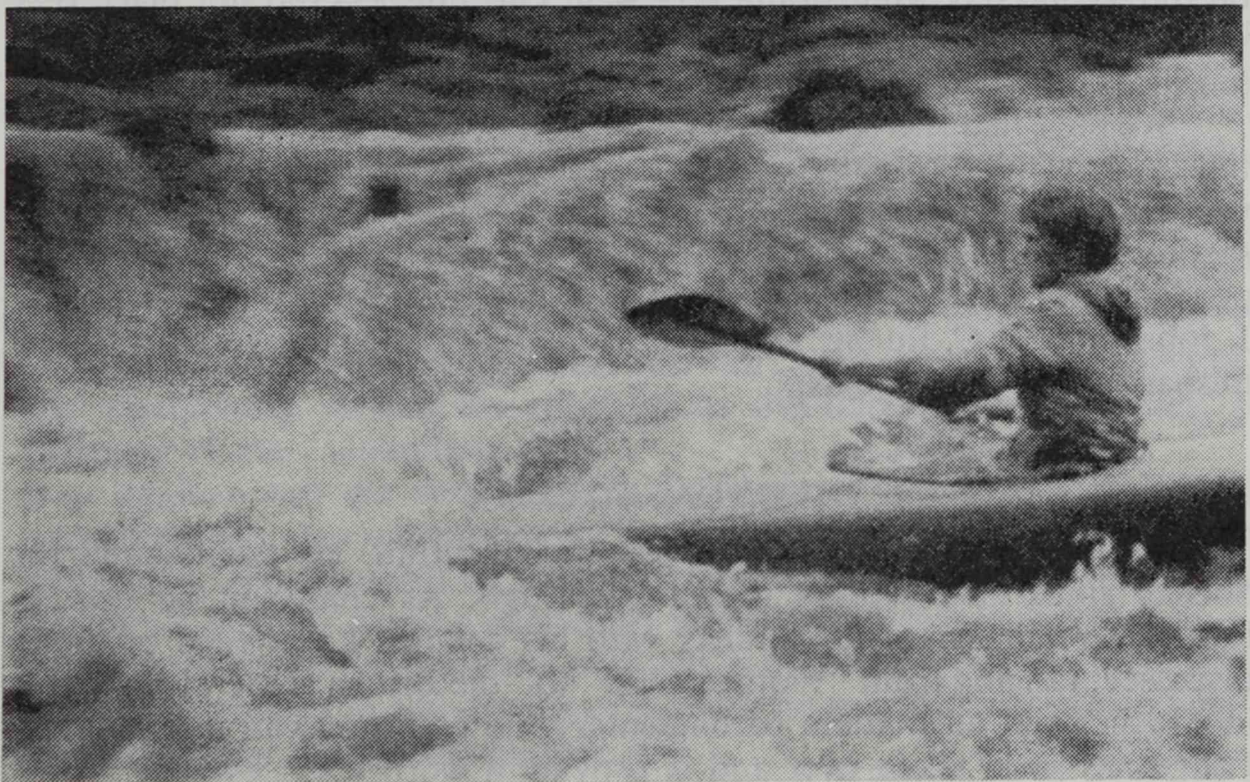
There have been talks illustrated with slides on Rembrandt's use of chiaroscuro to produce drama and emotional intensity, the use of colour by Van Gogh and the refinements in the architecture of the Parthenon.

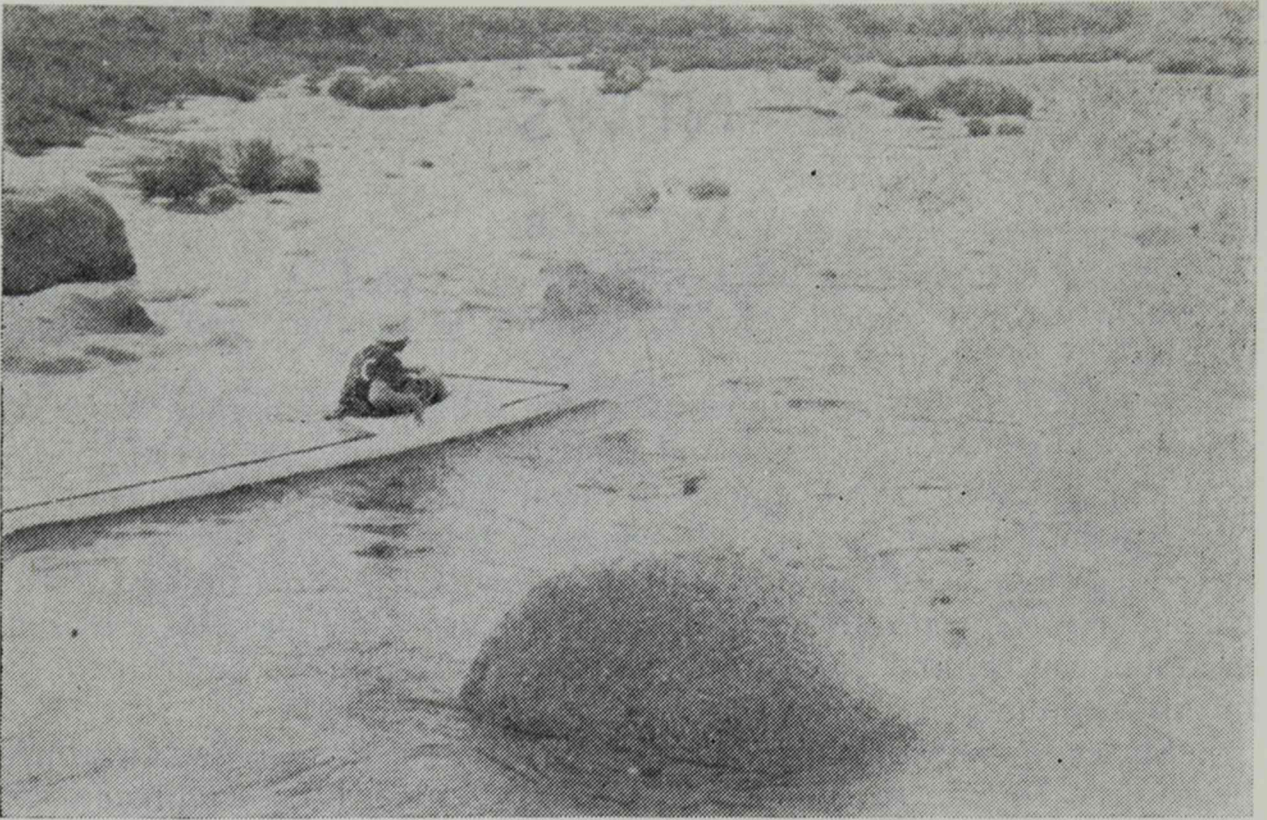
A demonstration of pastel drawing was held in which the advantages and disadvantages of the medium were explained. A brief history of the technique was given showing the various ways in which pastels have been used and can be used. It is hoped that members will feel a desire to work in this medium.

Society members visited the Goya exhibition of etchings and aquatints held in the Tatham Art Gallery in Pietermaritzburg. Most members were impressed by the strength and forceful comment of these relatively small works which demonstrate vividly that size in a work of art has nothing to do with its impact or importance.

CANOE CLUB

The Canoe Club finally became separated from the Venture Club on the 23rd October 1974 when Mr. J. P. Underhay took over the organising of transport and outings from Mr. Leggatt. Since then Mr. Underhay has been extremely kind and has given a lot of time to members, who wish to express their thanks. Since then members have been on nine Saturday or Sunday outings and one two-day outing to the Mooi River which was





P. Johnson sets off on the last leg for the coast in the 'Dusi Marathon.

enjoyed by all. Of these outings, five have been races including our own "private" race on the Mooi River. Most of these outings have been on the Umgeni in the Albert Falls area and the Mooi near the Kamberg. So far the biggest river challenged by the club is the Umkomaas while reasonably full, with five-foot waves in most of the rapids.

Several members raced in the holidays, the highlight of course being the "Duzi" Marathon in which we had five entrants who finished as follows: J. Taylor 103rd, A. Rennie 121st and P. Johnson 164th. Unfortunately our double team R. Gemmell and C. Butler broke their boat on the second day while doing very well. Our finishers did not place very well among the other school entrants but we are still proud to see them finish.

We have had two schoolboy races. D.H.S. won the first, with us being third out of the four entrants. Taking the first five boats in in the second we beat the only other team, D.H.S. with J. Taylor winning the individual section setting a new schoolboy record for the stretch. So far our main paddlers are: J. Taylor, R. Gemmell, A. Rennie, R. Sampson, P. Johnson, I. Johnson and C. Butler. Others have paddled well, though with a few mishaps and broken boats.

FORUM SOCIETY

We wish Mr. Law every success in the future. He has chaired the Society since its inception fifteen years ago. As chairman he was an invaluable member of the Society with his detailed knowledge of topics discussed, ranging from "Women's Lib" to "the British General Election" in which, as in all matters parliamentary, he had a special interest. Mr. Lange has since taken over and is proving a worthy successor.

GRAMOPHONE CLUB

Towards the end of 1974, we realised that we were to lose both our chairmen, D. M. Martin and Mr. Stanton: the chairman, having completed his education at Michaelhouse, has gone on to fields of higher learning, leaving a club which he successfully ran for 3 years.

Mr. Stanton has decided that his last year here should herald a transition from his kind and long leadership to younger hands.

So it is that in the 40th year of our history — Mr. Layne has assumed the reins, ably assisted by an enlarged committee of three. The first programme of 1975 was introduced by Mr. Stanton, and in it we listened to some famous overtures, ranging from Beethoven to Mendelssohn.

Mr. Layne presented the second meeting — during which we heard a selection of Indian Music, that stretched from the classical Improvisations of Ravi Shankar, to the rather degenerate modern pop music of India.

Membership has remained fairly steady — although the Club's recent upheavals have had their effect, and it is rumoured that the patronage of Mrs. Stanton is sorely missed!

HISTORY SOCIETY

In spite of not having had any outside speakers, the Society has enjoyed another successful year. A feature of most of the papers delivered has been not only the depth of research involved but also the discrimination shown in the choice of matter, with the result that no paper has been too long. Variety of subject is indicated by the titles: Whiting's paper on the Diamond Discoveries in S.A. 1866-1869 was especially interesting for its social approach; N. Tatham gave a graphic description of the complications of the Great Train Robbery; Grant dissected the causes of the Zulu War of 1879 in masterly fashion and J. Meyer so effectively covered the battle of Waterloo that he gave a clear picture of the happenings of that day — no mean feat. J. Bester dealt fascinatingly with Alexander the Great.

This year Lynn covered Churchill the man in the 20th Century; his selection of anecdote and highlight was most discerning. The final paper was one by Keeping on Henry VIII which was most exhaustive on the subject of that monarch's wives but unfortunately did not examine other (more interesting?) aspects of his reign.

HOËR TAALVERENIGING

Aan die einde van verlede jaar het mnr. Coetzee, wat soveel gees aan die vereniging verskaf het, afgetree as die onderwyser in beheer. Sy opvolger is mnr. Underhay.

Vanjaar was die vereniging al baie aktief gewees. Vir die tweede vergadering is ons uitgenooi om 'n Afrikaans toneelstuk, "As ons twee getroud is," op Epworth by te woon en in die eerste het verskillende lede toesprake gelewer waarna lewendige besprekings plaasgevind het.

Vir die toekoms is ons van plan om 'n debat of twee teen ander skole te reël, 'n rolprent in Mooirivier of Howick by te woon en miskien ook 'n vertoning deur die polisiehonde te reël.

Die lede van die vergadering wil hierdie geleentheid gebruik om mnr. Coetzee hartlik to bedank vir al die genot wat hy vir ons verskaf het. Ook wil ons vir mnr. Underhay sukses toewens vir die toekoms.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Nineteen-seventy-five has seen the official start of the Agricultural Society Farm. The generosity of the Rector and the Board of Governors has made it possible for the Society to take over a portion of the school estate with a view to developing a small farm.

Eventually we hope to run between thirty and fifty beef cows. The entire calf crop will be sold each year as weaners and profits will go towards an Agricultural prize which will be awarded to a boy who has shown an enduring interest in agriculture.



Part of the Agricultural Society's herd.

The response to this scheme so far has been most encouraging. We are grateful to all those Old Boys and friends of the school who have donated cattle, fertilizer, encouragement and advice.

Our herd at present is only nine strong and it is imperative that we put ourselves on a profitable basis as soon as possible. To that end we have planted about two acres of cabbages and the proceeds of the crop together with other funds which we hope to raise will go towards buying more cows.

The main aim of the Society is to provide opportunities for practical involvement in farming. Already many boys have discovered by doing things for themselves that farming is not quite as simple and easy as it appears to be!



A rather unsuitably dressed member in the Society's cabbage field.

But although the emphasis has been on practical experience, theory has not been neglected entirely. We learnt about alternative sources of meat at a Seminar on Rabbit Production; watched films on sheep farming, and were treated by Mr. De Jong to a guided tour of his beautiful ranch and Santa Gertrudis cattle.

Much remains to be done. It is satisfying to know that the effort put into the project will be of lasting value, and that future generations of Michaelhouse boys will benefit from what we manage to build.

MOTOR CLUB

Although we were again flooded out with the heavy rain at the start of the year, the "Workshop" continues to afford a limited number of boys an opportunity to pursue their mechanical interests.

The 1957 Anglia engine is again in the process of being dismantled and we hope the eager Apprentice Mechanics will gain tremendously in their knowledge of the Internal Combustion Engine. Another group of enthusiasts are busy on a BMW engine, and it is hoped that the 1936 Ford V8 engine will soon be "purring" — just a matter of finding a few more spare parts!

MUSIC SOCIETY

At our first meeting Mr. Stanton presented a programme of Dvorák at the music school. Mr. Stanton was unfortunately ill for our second meeting and Mrs. Clark kindly stepped in presenting us with a Request Programme of light music including the Strauss waltzes, which was much enjoyed.



M. T. G. and his party prepare for their departure to Botswana, March, 1975.

VENTURE

Outings got off to an unfortunate start this year when the Land-Rover, which was stuck half-way up Mike's Pass on an outing to Ndedema Gorge, was crushed by a landslide during the night. This, however, has not prevented the club from being active, and outings have taken place almost every weekend, with the school truck being used for transport. A new outing, to the source of the Umkomaas near Vergelegen reserve, has proved very successful.

Mr. Leggatt and Mr. Goulding are planning to take separate holiday trips in July, to northern Botswana, and we hope to buy a second-hand truck to replace the Land-Rover.



The Venture Club Land Rover after the landslide.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

For the past few years the Photographic Society has been supervised by Mr. D. B. Miles. The development of the Society to its present state is largely due to his enthusiasm and guidance. The Society is truly indebted to Mr. Miles. His place as Master in Charge has been taken by Mr. G. H. Immelman and it is hoped that under his guidance the Society will grow and develop still further.

Each Society meeting during the year will include a black and white print competition of a given category for which each member is expected to produce a print.

We are all looking forward to the new photographic unit in the new buildings. This will consist of two modern, well-equipped darkrooms and a large studio.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

The fourth quarter of 1974 ended a good year for the Play Reading Society. We had an enthusiastic group and there was much sparkle.

This term the Society has continued under the guidance of Mr. Rogers. We read three short plays by the Russian playwright Chekov, which provided a different experience and were an education for us. On the lighter side the Society enjoyed "Charley's Aunt" very much.

With the Rogers' new arrival in the lounge we should certainly encounter no seating problems in the future.

PIONEER SOCIETY

In the first meeting of the new year, a new committee was elected, and Pioneer's off-shoot, S.E.N.D., was given four new directors. Following this, Mr. John Tooke, of Pietermaritzburg, spoke on Mr. Michael Cassidy's Africa Enterprise Organization, and also on the evolution of Missionary work on the changing face of the Earth.

The second meeting was devoted to a very interesting informal talk on the Mission to Seamen — and its work, given by the Rev. Jimmy Wilson-Hughes, who will shortly be proceeding to London — to take up his recent appointment as the world-wide Mission's second-in-command.

On Saturday, 15th March, S.E.N.D. (School Enterprises for the Needy) brought to fruition a cake sale that had been well-planned for, and whose profits will go to the St. James Mission Hospital, in Lesotho. The sale — held mainly by courtesy of those Staff wives able to bake us something (to whom we are very grateful) was well-attended, and soon over. It has raised R46,00 thanks not only to the purchasers, but also to the generous contributions of those unable to bake.

Pioneer Society then, has got off to a good start — with a fine show of practicality largely due to the continued guidance and help of Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

A VISIT TO THE CHARLES JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

During the Michaelmas holidays of 1974, a group of us under the guidance of Mr. J. Inglis was particularly fortunate to have spent some time at the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital, Nqutu in KwaZulu. We were there about a month before Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Barker left, and feel that their excellent examples should always inspire those individuals who believe in social responsibility and the fellowship of men. The hospital, which they developed will remain as a lasting memorial to their unselfish and dynamic work that spanned a period of approximately 30 years.

The purpose of our visit to Nqutu was to give instruction in English to young women who had just come to the Hospital to commence their nursing training, and also to enable us to learn a little Zulu from them! In this way we hoped to build up a relationship of mutual trust and understanding. We intended to make our pupils more confident and competent in the language so that they would be better equipped to cope with the demands of their course which would be conducted through the medium of English. In passing, it is interesting to note that the impact of English on many Bantustan leaders is tremendous and they are moving away from the view held by Bantu Education Authorities that the vernacular should be the language of instruction. English does present problems to Africans who are furthering their education and it was in this area that we thought we could be of practical assistance. Whether a week was long enough to achieve this and what measure of success we had I find difficult to assess.

I do believe that both the helpers and the helped benefited from the contact. The experience extended far beyond my deepest expectations and could not just be regarded as a teaching-week. It meant much more to me as it had so much relevance to South Africa and brought me face to face with various issues of which I had previously vaguely been aware, but which I then experienced in reality.

It was thrilling to discover that the multi-racial society at the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital did work and that it was possible for reasonable whites and blacks to adjust to that type of environment and to live and work together in one community in a harmonious and constructive manner. We were able to share in the activities of the multi-racial life there and had the opportunity of associating and communicating with others across the colour line. Views were exchanged and from discussions it was clear that they had the same sort of problems and aspirations and desired similar things in life. Precious links were established during the course of that week, and the atmosphere was a friendly and happy one throughout.

I would, however, not be conveying an accurate and true picture if I gave the impression that the Hospital did not have any problems. Although difficult to detect in such a short period of time, tensions characteristic of any group of people living together obviously did exist. But the important thing to realise is that these difficulties were not the product of colour differences. The question of human relationships is a complex one, in this case arising from the fact that the community under discussion was a

hospital. It would be natural to expect similar stresses and strains at any hospital. I also realised that colour prejudices, which one might have, are based on ignorance and fear and are therefore completely unfounded. Prejudice feeds on fear and this is responsible for much friction in this country.

I am certain too that the work carried out at the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital is not only motivated by a social conscience or humanitarianism alone. The Church is the centre of life at the Hospital and is the source of power and direction in its daily existence. All the good done at Nqutu is one of the channels through which Christ's love and concern can be put into practice.

The value of an establishment such as the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital in contemporary South African society can not be overlooked, as it does certainly give one a glimpse of what our potential is in this country. I am not only convinced that whites can not continue to cling to their position of privilege for much longer, but that it is not necessary to do so. As our future in the Republic begins to take shape, we might do well to cast our eyes at a place where inter-racial concern, involvement and co-operation were and are evident indeed. Many people are now reconciled to the concept that the walls of white supremacy will soon crumble, but they must be assured that there is a peaceful alternative. This is the effect that our September/October visit to Nqutu had on me.

What had commenced as a teaching week turned out to be a rewarding human experience. The verkrampptes would say that such an experience merely allows people to confirm previous prejudices. I differ and think that there is hope that South Africa will change in time.

In conclusion it is to be hoped that future Michaelhouse visits to Nqutu will be organised on an even slightly larger scale, as I know that they would be welcomed from the other end.

Graeme Rennie

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL PLAY

"Macbeth" will be performed in the New Open Air Theatre on several evenings in June. We asked Mr. Allen, the producer, to tell us something about this year's production.

Q. Has "Macbeth" been chosen for the school play because it is a set work?

J.P.A.: This play was not chosen because it is a setwork. That it is this year is useful, but the acting — and I underline the acting rather than just reading — as many of Shakespeare's plays as possible, is the only way to a humble insight to his genius.

Q. Why are you performing it in the open air?

J.P.A.: An open-air production of "Macbeth" has its obvious disadvantages when all is "too cold for Hell", but I feel that the essential associations of the elements and the supernatural in the play are perhaps better captured "out" than "in".

Q. What is the reason behind your doubling the parts of Macbeth and Macduff?

J.P.A.: I have doubled Macbeth and Macduff for three reasons. It is good experience for an actor; it is good experience for an audience to witness two interpretations and it is an excellent insurance policy.

Q. Why are you starting at 5.30 in the evening?

J.P.A.: The play is starting at 5.30 p.m. for the obvious reason it is impossible to stage a play of such contrasts of black and red in broad daylight.

Q. Could you tell us something of your approach to the production?

J.P.A.: My approach to this production is direct with no "gimmicks" and to try, as best I can, to lay bare the tragic fact, regardless of the "cuts" that are necessary for dramatic (apologies to Shakespeare or his editors) and practical reasons.

S.E./B.R.W.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The Chronicles of 1950 are concerned, rather like the Chronicles of 1975, with new buildings.

Thus we read: "*the New Buildings, which include the Junior Hall, Kitchen and Masters' Common Room and Housemaster's Flat*" (presumably A.F.C.'s present abode) "*were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Natal.*" We read of the progress being made on the War Memorial Chapel (the Chapel as we know it today) and we also read that: "*the new buildings have naturally entailed re-planting and laying out of the grounds, and the Grounds Committee and the Rector are to be congratulated on their scheme. The Estate Manager, Mr. L. Knight, has shown great good taste and skill in the actual carrying out of the work. The ground in front of the New Building and the careful and satisfying arrangement of Currey Court are particularly noteworthy.*"

And here is another snippet culled from these dusty archives: "*With the opening for use of the Junior Hall, High Tables have been established in both Halls which are occupied at every meal by a master on duty and certain School Prefects.*"

One of the great men of Michaelhouse, Mr. A. P. ("Bobby") Woods died suddenly in 1950 at the age of 47, and much space is devoted to his memory. And elsewhere we read of the birth in far distant Oklahoma, U.S.A., of a son and heir to an Old Boy, one Rex Pennington, and his wife!

And this very odd sentence also appears: "*If you dressed the staff in funny hats and put them on the stage the school would laugh for hours.*" *Tempora mutantur* indeed!!!

SPORTS SECTION

CRICKET

Awards during the season:

Colours: D. J. Wickham, J. L. Kennedy.

XXII Caps: R. C. Stewart, M. O. Tatham, J. B. Booth, M. G. Bowes, B. W. Wallace, G. K. Dean, M. J. Hickman.

1st XI All Matches

P	W	L	D
26	6	7	13

School Matches

	P	W	L	D
Fourth Quarter	15	5	3	7
First Quarter	6	1	2	3

Batting Averages (6 or more innings, over 15)

	<i>I.</i>	<i>n.o.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
K. D. Dawson	19	3	87*	631	39,4
C. C. C. Nash	7	6	16*	33	33,0
J. H. A. Wallace	17	2	58	304	20,3
D. J. Wickham	26	3	74	315	19,4
M. J. Hickman	6	2	22*	75	18,7
G. J. Chennells	15	1	49	211	15,1

Bowling Averages (9 wickets or more)

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
C. C. C. Nash	65	13	161	12	13,4
R. C. D. Compton	236,5	59	524	32	16,1
K. D. Dawson	129	30	311	19	16,4
A. H. Denny	182,1	47	418	25	16,7
W. P. J. Robarts	80	21	165	9	18,3
M. G. Bowes	95	18	245	12	20,4
R. N. Deavin	202,3	17	497	18	27,6
J. L. Kennedy	125,4	25	327	10	32,7

Catches Taken (4 or more)

Bester 9, 8 st.; Shaw 13, 2 st.; Chennells 8; Denny 6; Wallace 4; Wickham 4.

Though there were occasions in the last part of 1974 when the XI collapsed disastrously, they generally managed to make enough runs. This was largely because of Dawson's fine consistency as an opener; he was aided most regularly by Wallace, Wickham and Chennells, with Kennedy, Shaw and Denny weighing in with some useful innings. Bester, who invariably looked sound, seemed unable to score more than a dozen runs

and Compton was once again disappointing. The side enjoyed its cricket and generally scored at a good pace. Dawson's best innings were 39 against Old Boys, a fine 82 against Pretoria Boys High on a wet wicket and another good innings of 48 against D.H.S. He was particularly hard on the short ball. Wickham played well for his 74 against Glenwood and made a useful 38 against Maritzburg College during the Offord Week, whilst Wallace scored a forceful 58 against Glenwood, a good 51 against Hilton and made 30 odd attractively against Northlands, Maritzburg College and North Durban in the Offord Week. He seemed unable to settle down to a really big innings, but when in form looked a very accomplished batsman. Chennells played well for his 49 against Glenwood and made an invaluable 42 against D.H.S. Denny's 39 against Hilton was valuable but in the process he ran out two other batsmen and then himself for good measure, he played a useful 25 against Kearsney on a rain-affected wicket. Kennedy produced two swashbuckling innings: 30 against Glenwood and a hurricane 57 against Kearsney.

On the bowling side Compton was often effective, though he was injured for a time. His best spells were 4 for 39 against K.E.S. in the D.H.S./Maritzburg College Week (we once again express our gratitude for the chance to play in this Week), 4 for 44 against Northlands and 4 for 20 odd against Hilton and South Durban in the Offord Week. Had he been available for Natal Schools he would have made the side again. Denny had a number of useful pieces of bowling to his credit: 3 for 30 against D.H.S., 4 for 27 against St. Charles and 3 for 9 against South Durban in the Offord Week and Dawson bowled well as a slow medium pacer at the end of the quarter in the Offord Week. Nash showed great promise with his tantalizing off-spinners, bowling well against D.H.S. and completely bamboozling St. Charles (5 for 11). His tragic death was a severe blow to the team and there is no doubt he would have been one of the stalwarts of the 1975 XI.

We had several memorable matches, scoring good wins against Northlands and D.H.S. In the latter game D.H.S. looked comfortably placed to survive when in the last ten minutes four of their batsmen committed cheerful suicide to give us a breath-taking win. Our match against Hilton was also very exciting, but we should never have lost the game. Nevertheless Ferguson must be given full credit for his palpitating 97. Over all it was quite a good last quarter, though it was disappointing to lose twice against Hilton and to be bundled out for 47 by K.E.S. The batting was just a little too brittle on occasions and the bowling tended to lack penetration — a situation that was not aided by Deavin's being out of the side with a broken leg for the last month. Chennells kept the side enthusiastic but we let slide too many chances in the field for comfort. On the other hand Wallace put in some fine fielding. In the later stages Bester replaced Shaw as wicket-keeper. Dawson is to be congratulated on being chosen once again for Natal Schools.

The first quarter 1975 was memorable for a spate of rain which seriously affected practices (a good deal of rain had fallen in mid-week in the fourth quarter as well) and washed out three school matches — that against Alexandra, the St. John's match in Johannesburg when instead we

watched an interesting day's cricket, Transvaal v. Eastern Province, and the K.E.S. match. This is the second year running that we have missed this match through bad weather. After a most unhappy start against Nomads, D.H.S. and Westville, the side improved (except against Isaac's XI when panic and inefficiency had us in grave straits until the weather benevolently intervened). Unfortunately a spate of chances went to ground; with a not particularly penetrative attack this was not a help. The worst catching was in the Maritzburg College match but a couple of mistakes in the D.H.S. match immediately after tea might have made all the difference to the result. Our innings against D.H.S. was notable, incidentally, for a determined partnership of 32 between Hickman and Booth to take the score from 58 for 8 to 90 for 9; then Booth added another 15 runs while Fletcher parried the bowling at his end. Deavin's injury weakened the bowling, though he was in good form at the end and Dean, who shows promise as an off-spinner, was unable to play on several occasions, first because of contact lens trouble and then because of a broken little finger. Bowes, if he can avoid the odd bad spell when he pitches the ball too short, is quite quick and swings the ball well away from the bat. Robarts had a purple patch against Glenwood, using the wind shrewdly; Kennedy bowled steadily on occasion. If Fletcher can gain confidence and accuracy and learn to follow through, he could make a useful leg-spinner.

Of the batsmen Bester has been the sheet anchor, but he has struggled to make his runs more quickly and must achieve success if our run rate is to be reasonable. Behind the wickets, where his technique is excellent, he has been so concerned with the burden of captaincy — a job he has done with considerable maturity and aplomb — that he has missed opportunities he should not have let go. Tatham is aggressive but is far too inclined to get out through not getting into line with the ball, so that he has not yet built a sound innings of any length. Wickham, after a disappointing start, is showing some form but Kennedy, who played a couple of good short innings early on, has on the whole been disappointing as he will play across the line. Hickman at number 6 has played responsibly on several occasions and should improve at the end of the year. Bowes strikes the ball sweetly but too often gets himself out through carelessness. A good showing against Estcourt will perhaps give the XI a boost for the end of the year, but a lot of hard work on technique will be necessary if reasonable results are to be achieved.

RESULTS

Third Quarter 1974

School 210 for 5 dec. (Dawson 82, Wickham 31, Chennells 27)

Aurora 141 for 8 (Denny 4 for 36).

Drawn.

Old Boys 214 for 5 dec. (Dyer 68, Fotheringham 57, Varnals 36, Denny 3 for 64).

School 174 for 8 (Dawson 39, Wallace 22, Compton 20, Denny 20, Dyer 2 for 20).

Drawn.

(Old Boys XI: Dyer, McLeod, Fotheringham, Riddell, Varnals, Price-Moor, Smith W. D., Payn A. L., Green W., Whittaker C. P., Veenstra.)

D.H.S./Maritzburg College Week

School 249 for 8 dec. (Wickham 74, Chennells 49, Kennedy 30).

Glenwood 190 for 5 (Madsen 116*, Compton 2 for 69).

Drawn.

School 156 for 6 dec. (Dawson 82).

Pretoria Boys High 13 for 1 (Compton 1 for 7).

Rain. Drawn.

K.E.S. 183 for 8 dec. (Compton 4 for 39).

School 47 (Moore 6 for 17).

Lost by 135 runs.

Fourth Quarter 1974

School 183 for 8 dec. (Dawson 36, Wallace 58, Shaw 27).

Glenwood 86 for 5 (Madsen 63*, Deavin 2 for 21, Compton 1 for 22,

Dawson 1 for 11, Nash 1 for 14).

Drawn.

School 154 (Wallace 31, Denny 38).

Hilton 155 for 4 (Ferguson 97, Compton 3 for 69).

Lost by 6 wickets.

Northlands 145 (Compton 4 for 44).

School 152 for 3 (Dawson 87, Wallace 37).

Won by 7 wickets.

Crockett's XI: (D. Dyer, Morgan, Katz, Hipkin, Bestall, G. Dyer, Hardie, Hall, Henwood, Crookes, Gessner.

Crockett's 147 for 3 dec. (Dyer, D. 80, Morgan 36, Hipkin 36*).

School 26 (Gessner 4 for 14, Hardie 6 for 11) and 40 for 1 (Dawson 23*).

Lost by 121 runs.

School 169 for 9 dec. (Dawson 48, Chennells 42).

D.H.S. 108 (Denny 3 for 30, Nash 3 for 12).

Won by 61 runs.

St. Charles 86 (Denny 4 for 27, Nash 5 for 11).

School 107 for 3 (Dawson 54, Wickham 35).

Won by 9 wickets.

School 168 for 9 dec. (Denny 27, Kennedy 57).

Kearsney 114 for 4 (Dawson 2 for 23).

Drawn.

School 127 (Wallace 32).

Maritzburg College 88 for 4 (Bowes 1 for 12, Nash 1 for 13).

Drawn.

Offord Week

Hilton 126 (Compton 4 for 22, Cullen 3 for 35).

School 54.

Lost by 72 runs.

South Durban 63 (Compton 4 for 20, Dawson 3 for 23, Denny 3 for 9).

School 75.

Won by 2 wickets.

School 27 for 0 (Dawson 19*).

Westville did not bat.

Rain. Draw.

School 130 for 8 dec. (Wickham 38, Dawson 28, Wallace 20).

Maritzburg College 81 for 5 (Dawson 2 for 13, Denny 2 for 13).

Drawn.

North Durban 49 (Compton 3 for 10, Dawson 4 for 8, Denny 2 for 18).

School 113 for 2 (Dawson 31, Wickham 24*, Wallace 34*).

Won by 9 wickets.

First Quarter 1975

Wanderers Nomads 199 (McLean 43, Stead 46, Kennedy 2 for 61, Bowes 3 for 32, Fletcher, G. M. 2 for 33, Atkinson 2 for 7).

School 67 (Kennedy 16, Deavin 27, Stead 4 for 14).

Lost by 132 runs.

School 105 (Kennedy 22, Hickman 19, Booth 30*).

D.H.S. 107 for 4 (Bowes 1 for 12, Deavin 2 for 48).

Lost by 6 wickets.

School 123 (Bester 49, Hickman 20).

Westville 125 for 3.

Lost by 7 wickets.

Glenwood 98 (Kennedy 2 for 12, Robarts 7 for 30).

School 52 for 2 (Wickham 19).

Rain. Drawn.

Isaac's XI: Knodell, McLean, Lamond, Stead, du Preez, Barnard, Ferreira, Neilson, Hutton, Brotherton, Cilliers.

Isaac's XI: 223 for 5 dec. (Lamond 108, Barnard 39*, Kennedy 1 for 42, Deavin 2 for 62, Robarts 1 for 33).

School 39 for 6 (Hickman 14*, Barnard 2 for 2, Neilson 1 for 11, Stead 1 for 7).

Drawn.

Maritzburg College 148 for 1 dec. (Kitchen 77).

School 103 for 3 (Wickham 41, Bester 23).

Drawn.

Hilton 147 for 6 dec. (Deavin 2 for 56, Bowes 2 for 24, Kennedy 1 for 35, Robarts 1 for 28).

School 59 for 7 (Wickham 19, Robinson 5 for 14).

Drawn.

School 168 for 7 dec. (Bester 36, Wickham 22, Hickman 22*, Bowes 25*).

Estcourt 21 (Deavin 4 for 7, Bowes 2 for 3, Fletcher 3 for 4).

Won by 147 runs.

2nd XI

Fourth Quarter 1974

School 135 for 8 dec.

Glenwood 85 for 8.

Drawn.

Hilton 140.

School 149 for 5.

Won by 5 wickets.

Northlands 100.

School 62.

Lost by 38 runs.

School 164.

D.H.S. 118.

Won by 46 runs.

School 178.

Treverton 1st. 101 for 6.

Drawn.

School 161.

Kearsney 130 for 9.

Drawn.

School 95.

College 96 for 4.

Lost by 6 wickets.

Team: R. C. Stewart (capt.), R. B. Anderson, G. M. Atkinson, J. B. Booth, M. G. Bowes, P. Cullen, G. M. Fletcher, H. J. Fletcher, W. P. Robarts, M. O. Tatham, H. P. Veenstra, B. W. Wallace.

First Quarter 1975

School 64.

D.H.S. 65 for 2.

Lost by 8 wickets.

School 142 for 7 dec.

Westville 61 for 9.

Drawn.

Glenwood 87.

School 88 for 5.

Won by 5 wickets.

College 121.

School 122 for 7.

Won by 3 wickets.

School 101.

Hilton 102 for 2.

Lost by 8 wickets.

Team: S. D. Tatz (capt.), G. C. Barr, A. M. Blackman, B. T. Chennells, J. David, H. J. Fletcher, G. M. Fletcher, A. M. Hodgkinson, R. R. Okell, M. S. Taylor, M. A. Tingle, B. W. Wallace.

Ron F.P.

Under 15A

Fourth Quarter, 1974

Glenwood 142 (G. K. Dean 3 for 26, A. M. Blackman 3 for 35).

Michaelhouse 66 (J. R. Mesham 28).

Lost by 76 runs.

Michaelhouse 99.

Hilton 101 for 5 (A. M. R. Hodgkinson 3 for 23).

Lost by 5 wickets.

Michaelhouse 57 (M. J. Hickman 24).

Northlands 140 for 3.

Lost by 8 wickets.

D.H.S. 137 (G. C. L. Barr 3 for 14).

Michaelhouse 36.

Lost by 101 runs.

Michaelhouse 273 for 5 dec. (G. C. L. Barr 129).

Treverton 68 (A. M. R. Hodgkinson 5 for 27, Barr 4 for 10) and 52 (Hodgkinson 4 for 25).

Won by an innings and 153 runs.

Kearsney 193 for 7 dec. (Logan 104, A. M. Blackman 3 for 36).

Michaelhouse 154 for 3 (J. R. Mesham 68*, M. J. Hickman 39*).

Drawn.

College 181 (Shaw 86, A. M. Blackman 5 for 50 (in 35 overs)).

Michaelhouse 113 for 6 (M. J. Hickman 38*).

Drawn.

First Quarter, 1975

D.H.S. 81 (D. A. Conradie 5 for 31).

Michaelhouse 83 for 7 (D. B. Kramer 31).

Won by 3 wickets.

Westville 39 (D. B. Kramer 5 for 21, C. Strang 3 for 2).

Michaelhouse 65.

Won by 2 wickets.

Michaelhouse 160 for 5 dec. (D. R. Townsend 90, H. R. Mansell 32).

Glenwood 21 for 2.

Rain. Draw.

Michaelhouse 151 for 3 dec. (H. R. Mansell 72*, P. N. Fitzgerald 40).

College 66 (R. L. W. Packham 4 for 11).

Won by 85 runs.

Hilton 114 (J. A. F. Hewat 4 for 36).

Michaelhouse 93 for 6 (D. R. Townsend 38).

Drawn.

Estcourt 52 (D. B. Kramer 7 for 22).

Michaelhouse 138 for 4 (Kramer 62*, A. J. K. Pein 34*).

Won by 6 wickets.

Team (First Quarter, 1975): P. N. Fitzgerald (capt.), C. L. Clucas, D. A. Conradie, S. L. Dyer, J. A. F. Hewat, R. K. Jardine, D. B. Kramer, H. R. Mansell, R. L. W. Packham, I. C. Patchitti, A. J. K. Pein, C. Strang, D. R. Townsend.

N.C.F.B.

Bunnies A

1974. This was a strong batting side who didn't lose a match but were sometimes unable to bowl the opposition out. They were well captained by Fitzgerald and always very keen in the field.

P	W	D
7	3	4

1975. A more balanced side than 1974 with two good spin bowlers in Perrott and Eagle who should do well when their fielding improves.

P	W	L
4	3	1

M.E.T.

SWIMMING

Captain: J. H. A. Gittings

Vice-Captain: R. van Zyl

Secretary: J. R. Mesham

In spite of experiencing a term of relatively poor weather there appeared to be a good deal of enthusiasm among the swimmers this term. This was no doubt encouraged by a core of swimmers who earnestly set about getting really fit and thus raised their standard of swimming to a fairly high level. Although no brilliant achievements were recorded, a healthy team spirit prevailed and it was especially pleasing to note the fine sportsmanship evident at the various swimming galas.

Congratulations to Tatham on their convincing victory in the Inter-House Gala. They were followed by East, Pascoe, Founders, Farfield, Baines and West. It is rather a pity that the swimming strength was quite so unbalanced, but all due credit to a well-organised house swimming team and swimmers who trained with determination.

The Triangular Gala held at Maritzburg College between College, Estcourt and Michaelhouse was won by the College "A" team who beat us by 8 points. We beat Estcourt by 30 points and College "B" by 45 points.

Kearsney, with a superbly fit team of swimmers which also contained plenty of talent, rather dominated the events at the Triangular Gala held at Hilton. It was, however, an afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Michaelhouse finished fourth at the Pietermaritzburg Senior Boys Gala. College were again clear winners followed by Alexandra and Hilton, who pipped us in the end by 3 points. In a very exciting finish our Under 16 Freestyle Relay team won the Royal Fusiliers Cup for their event. The swimming generally was of a very high standard swum in a wonderfully competitive atmosphere.

Five boys were chosen to represent the Pietermaritzburg and Districts Swimming Team. They were A. du Toit, J. Mesham, A. Gittings, D. Harker and M. Gittings. At the Natal Schools trials, du Toit finished first in the Under 19 200 m Breastroke event and second in the 100 m Breastroke. He was therefore decidedly unlucky not to have been chosen for the Natal Schools team. Other results were:

J. Mesham: 5th 100 m Freestyle Under 16.

A. Gittings: 3rd 400 m Freestyle Under 19.

D. Harker: 6th 200 m Freestyle Under 16.

M. Gittings: 4th 100 m Backstroke Under 14.

M. Gittings: 4th 100 m Butterfly Under 14.

Perhaps three points could be borne in mind before the next season opens. First, a greater effort should be made to further the depth of our swimming team and this could well be brought about by the latent potential which chooses to sit on the wall and observe the efforts of others. Secondly, that we realise that half measures are not good enough and to be able to give of our best and obtain the greatest amount of satisfaction, determination and application are basic requirements. Thirdly, as swimming enthusiasts and in particular as a school as a whole, we can seriously consider the possibilities of improving our aquatic facilities.

Diving

The diving was unfortunately a little neglected during the first quarter of the year and it is hoped that this will be rectified during the fourth quarter. There are in the school a number of capable divers. S. Havenga who won the Inter-House Junior Diving, was also placed 3rd in the National Age Group Championships. He was chosen to represent the PMB and Districts Team at the Natal Schools Trials.

The Senior Inter-House Diving will be contested during the fourth quarter.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Ken Mullen for all he did for our swimming during his time at Michaelhouse, and to thank him in particular for the magnificent trophy which he has donated to the house winning the Inter-House Water Polo Competition each year.

Awards were made at the end of the season as follows:

Honours: A. G. du Toit.

Colours: A. C. Reynolds, D. J. Harker.

Teams: S. Havenga, D. Pennington, R. G. Young-Pugh, M. K. Gittings, J. Edington, M. Daugherty, B. Ferguson, C. Kilian, S. Taylor, R. Zaloumis, A. Pein, J. Pittaway, J. S. Burns, R. Hersov, M. J. Dent, R. Miller, A. Robertson, P. Clarke, S. L. Hornby, B. Crow, D. P. Renton, D. Furnivall, D. Brazier, C. A. Johnston, H. H. Geach, N. Norris.

G.D.P.

TENNIS

At the start of the tennis season, our team on paper seemed rather mediocre. However, as it turned out we played above expectations, and accomplished some reasonable results. The team varied little during the course of the term, which was beneficial to our scores.

Those representing the 1st VI regularly were:

J. L. Kramer (capt.)

J. Standish-White

G. Spiller

N. R. Tatham

M. Durham

M. Harrison.

Collins and De Carle played on occasions.

Our first fixture was against D.H.S. They overpowered us in the Singles, but we recovered by winning the Doubles. The overall result was a 4-5 defeat.

The second match was against Maritzburg College. This was our hardest match, for after the Singles event we were 5-1 down. Again, we won our Doubles matches by beating College 2-1. The final result, therefore, was 6-3 against us.

Our next, and most important, match was against Hilton. We had little difficulty in beating them 8-1.

Against Alexandra the score was determined on games. Michaelhouse played above itself, by winning 111 games to 74.

The seconds played matches against Hilton and Weston. Hilton won 5-4, but we managed to beat Weston 7-2.

Congratulations go to J. L. Kramer, on his selection for the Maritzburg and Districts A Team.

Unfortunately our matches against the staff and Glenwood were cancelled.

The term ended with a social match versus St. Anne's, which was much enjoyed by all, and we hope to see more like it in future.

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IN MEMORIAM

We record, with regret, the deaths of the following Old Boys and extend to their relatives our deepest sympathy.

Calder (23-28) Frank died in Durban last October after a long illness. During World War II he was a Second Lieutenant and spent four years in military service. After qualifying as a solicitor he joined his father and brother in the firm of W. B. Calder & Calder and remained in that practice all his life. He was a member of the Durban North Homing Club and a keen pigeon fancier. He was also a member of the Northlands Bowling Club.

Jack (30-32) Alan was in Founders and obtained a first class matric. He was a qualified chartered accountant and was in Cape Town for a while before moving to Johannesburg. He did military service during World War II in the 2nd Div. S.A. Pay Corps. At the time of his death he had just taken on the position of Administration Manager of the National Council of Chartered Accountants.

Ralfe (23-26) Bertram was awarded First XI colours and also played for the 2nd XV while at school. He farmed all his life at "Ralford" in the Frere district of Natal. He was commissioned with the 1st Royal Natal Carbineers in 1930 and in 1940 served with them and was later transferred to the Air Force.

A. W. Cobbett-Tribe (52-56) Born in Lusaka in 1938, Peter entered West House from Whitestone School in Bulawayo, where he had already made his mark as an athlete. He represented Michaelhouse as a boxer and also in lower teams on the cricket and rugby fields. In athletics he captained the School Team in 1956, represented Natal Midlands in the Natal Schools Championships and gained the distinction of winning the Estcourt Mile. Having completed his Law Examinations in England in 1961 he settled in Lusaka and built up a practice as a solicitor. In Lusaka he was prominent as a leading figure in the Jaycees, as Chairman of the local branch of OM's and as organiser of the John Odams Memorial Fund in that part of the world. He died in London in January from Leukaemia having been ill for some time.

Mackenzie, Douglas Allan (67-70) It was with shock that we heard the tragic news of Douglas Mackenzie's death in a motor-cycle accident last December. Douglas arrived at Michaelhouse to join East House in January 1967, after completing his preparatory schooling at Cowan House. He left us at the end of 1970. During this time he enjoyed his rugby and water polo. He ended up playing for the Third XV and the Second water polo team.

PERSONAL NEWS

Allardice (68-71) Adrian is believed to be the youngest South African ever to have qualified as an associate of the Institute of Actuaries. He is 20 and will be admitted to the Institute when he turns 21. He studied to be an actuary at the same time as he was reading a B.Comm. degree at the University of Cape Town. He obtained five distinctions in Matric here. He has left for London to further his studies.

Barrett (42-45) Michael and his family moved to the West Indies last December, on a three year contract, and are enjoying it immensely. He is Chief Land Surveyor and Registrar of Lands which would sound impressive until you hear the total population on the Island is 6 000. He says it is a paradise for fishermen, scuba divers and yachtsmen.

Bovet (63-66) Philip returned to South Africa from Switzerland for a short holiday in December. He left home two years ago and crossed the whole of Africa in a landrover with two Australians — a most thrilling crossing which took them four and a half months. After spending a months in Spain and a couple of months in London he is now in Geneva where he has a job in a firm which is an off-shoot of U.N.O., doing market research and statistics in food production and distribution for the whole world, including the 3rd world.

Bayldon (52-56) Roger, M.B.E. writes from Colchester, England, telling us that he left Northern Rhodesia in 1966 and joined the British Army. In that year he was second in command of a Company in the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers and for six months was sent to the Far East to train in Hong Kong prior to going to Borneo. In 67/68 the Battalion was sent to Gibraltar for a six months' tour to guard the Rock against possible Spanish intervention. In 1969 he was in Den-

mark and Schlesung. In 1970 the Battalion was posted to Berlin, and then moved to Osnabruck where he took up the post of General Staff Officer Grade 3 responsible for operations and training. During his two year stay he did a lot of sailing and became Sailing Secretary for Headquarters. During 1972 as Major in Command of B Company he was stationed in Northern Ireland and his Company was responsible for the security of Armagh City. Thereafter he spent four weeks in Cyprus. In 1974 he returned to Ireland and was in Lungan. They had a successful tour where they found IF weapons and a Russian R.P.G.F. rocket launcher. He was awarded the M.B.E. for this tour.

Crawford (48-52) Noel is farming at Glendale, Rhodesia. He is married with four children.

Dalrymple (60-64) Rhidian is specialising in Radiology at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town and will be sitting his finals in the U.K. in October.

Draper (66-70) Alan played for Oxford against Cambridge in the 75th University hockey match at Lord's. "The Oxford skipper picked out South African under 21 player Alan Draper (Pembroke) as one of the key men of the match. "He was our powerhouse in midfield and I think we all agreed that he made a tremendous contribution to our win."

Edmundson (53-55) James has his own Insurance Broking business in Johannesburg and is also a Benefit Planning Consultant and is also going into the field of Risk Management Services. He is married and has two children.

Elliot (18-22) Jack and his wife have a small farm near Mbabane, Swaziland. If any school friends are travelling down the hill from Mbabane to the Casino they will see their sign post on the right-hand side of the road. They would be pleased if all friends would find time to call in and see them.

Elliot (47-51) John and his wife are farming sugar cane and cotton near Mhlume in Swaziland. They have two daughters. He plays polo at Mhlume but keeps ponies at Ottawa where he plays for Otto Polo Club. Its a long hike from Swaziland to Ottawa, just on seven hundred miles return for a polo game but he manages it.

Elliot (50-54) Hugh lives at Odendaalsrus. He is with Anglo American. He was recently promoted to Senior Geologist on the Free State Geduld Mine and will move to Welkom shortly.

Fawcett (70-73) Paul is doing a B. in Agriculture degree at Stellenbosch.

Forde (53-56) Dudley who has been on the staff of Maritzburg College for a number of years has been appointed Headmaster of St. Andrew's School, Welkom, O.F.S. This is an Anglican Private Church School.

Findlay (55-59) Jim wrote advising us that the following O.M.'s are in the Transvaal Scottish: Major J. B. R. Findlay, Captain L. Wilmot, Lieutenants Guy Kirk and Mike Hemming.

Johnston (36-38) Hugh, a past President of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and a S.A. Foundation Trustee, has been appointed to the Board of Sagit Ltd. He is Chairman of Sagit Natal Properties Ltd., and a director of several companies. He is also a Trustee of the University of South Africa.

James (48-51) B. M. R. has been with I.O.C. in Labrador City, Newfoundland, since 1963. He writes: "Hammond Innes mentioned it in his book *The Land God Gave to Cain*. Weather pretty chilly, temperature 40-50 degrees." He is married with three children and hopes to visit South Africa soon on extended vacation.

Krijger (67-70) Anthony writes from England and tells us he is in his third and final year studying for a degree in Textile Technology at the Leicester Polytechnic School of Textiles. He intends staying on in England for some time.

Lamont Smith (59-63) Robert spent 1973 as Senior Planning Officer with the St. Alban's District Council, Herts., England. He is at present employed with the Free State Provincial Administration as Principal Planner.

Lambert (51-54) Bill was recently appointed to the Natal Board of Nedbank.

Matthews (59-64) Nigel, currently managing director of Rennies Confirming & Finance, has been appointed joint deputy managing director of Holiday Inns.

McCarthy (38-42) Brian has been appointed to the Boards of C. G. Smith & Co., and C. G. Smith Investments.

Nicholson (57-61) Ravenor captained Natal Country Districts cricket side against a Natal Schools XI at Kingsmead and at the S.A. Week in Nelspruit. He also captained the S.A. Country Cricket Association team against the Northern Transvaal Currie Cup XI.

Wood (44-47) Roy did a M.Ed. degree at Toronto University in 70-71 and for the last three years has been on the staff of Naramata Centre in the field of adult education.

Wallis (59-62) David is officer-in-charge of the computer centre at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg and is starting a course for computer programmers. The course is being run mainly for those scientists who wish to use the university's IBM 11330 computer to solve their problems and they will be instructed in the use of the Fortran computer language which is used on this machine. Fortran stands for formula translation, when the scientific formulae are converted into instructions suitable for the binary language of the computer.

WE CONGRATULATE

Births

Chennells (63-66) to Andrew and Alison, a daughter.

Crosoer (60-63) to Peter and Prue, a son.

Hayward (55-58) to Bob and Pam, a son.

Jonsson (43-46) to Jeremy and Maria, a son.

Oscroft (61-65) to Peter and Jacqueline, a son.

Engagements

Krijger (67-70) Anthony to Gory Doran.

Larson (66-69) Michael to Susan Wood.

Slatter (69-72) Walter to Colleen Pagard.

A TOAST TO MICHAELHOUSE

Proposed in November 1974 at the Durban Dinner of the Old Boys Club

by

A. G. Sutcliffe

Mr. Chairman, Dr. Inman, Rector, Gentlemen, I am greatly honoured that you should have paid me the personal compliment of asking me to address you tonight and that, by doing so, you should have paid this tribute to the Clifton Schools in their Golden Jubilee Year. But my confidence in any ability to do so was shattered the other night when I went along, dare I say it, to a Hiltonian Dinner, where the guest speaker was an Old Boy of your School, Mr. Chick Henderson. As you know, he is a man of infinite wit and exquisite oratory and I really cannot hope to compete with him. And then my confidence waned even further because I am speaking to you as "teacher", and, you know, frankly people disapprove of the breed. As a race we are not popular. I think your inferiority complex stems from a dimly remembered past when Sir reigned supreme and now you want to get your own back on him. And I am not only a teacher but, worse still, a headmaster. A really daunting breed! You possibly remember a former Headmaster of Eton who used to say, "There are two views on every subject; mine which is right and yours which is wrong." And you

may remember the story of the Headmaster of a northern secondary school on his first assembly. "Now, remember boys," he said, "the first time one of you puts a foot wrong, I shall have to give you a warning. If you do wrong again, I shall have to give you a second warning. After that, I am sorry to say that I'll 'ave to punish you."

There was an audible whisper in the hall, "Ee, sithee, we got a reet soft 'un 'ere."

The Headmaster was quick to detect the whisper, "Is that you, boy?" he said.

"Aye," the boy answered cockily.

"Then come out 'ere."

And out the boy came, where he was seized, bent over the table and given six of the best to the backside, every stroke of which echoed to the farthest corner of the school buildings like a shot from a rifle. After this the Headmaster straightened his tie and said, "Well lad, that was your first warning."

Now that, as you well know, is fairly typical of headmasters and is a very good way to establish authority, but it makes one wonder how the headmasters, trained in this tradition, will do when they are faced with a similar situation at St. Anne's or at Roedean.

Well, perhaps these gentlemen will run their schools in a different way, and I recently came across a poem called *Liberty Hall*. It was written by Herbert Farjean way back in the 1930s and it goes like this:

I've started a school called Liberty Hall, upon the latest system.

We take 'em big, we take 'em small, and we try not to mould them or twist 'em.

Repression is the greatest pitfall; of this we live in terror,

So we do our best to do nothing at all, lest we should commit some error.

We don't have lessons, we don't have sports, we don't have rules of any sorts,

And the boys and the girls write their own reports at Liberty Hall the free school.

We don't encourage, we don't suppress, we don't say no, we don't say yes,

And when we want, we just undress at Liberty Hall the free school.

We all abhor a dictator, and sex is quite unshrouded;

We never, never lock the bathroom door; last night it was simply crowded!

We do just what we think is nice. The girls play poker, the boys play dice.

Last week I let them cane me, twice, at Liberty Hall the free school.

Well, I did not personally go to that sort of school. I am, I must confess, a Hiltonian. No, no, I was not educated there. Did I hear someone from the back say, "Who ever is?" I don't know, but I taught at Hilton

from 1936 to 1940 and it may interest you to know that it was one of your Old Boys, Paul Austin, who advised me to come to Hilton. He was a son, as you may remember of a former headmaster of P.T.S. in Johannesburg. We were colleagues at Oxford and had arrived there just too late to take part in that famous or infamous debate at the Oxford Union when it was agreed that "the Members of this House will not under any circumstances fight for King or Country". This was in 1933, at a time when we had been warned about Adolf Hitler and his intentions; not by the politicians nor indeed by the press but by a number of civilised Germans who, at the risk of their own lives, had come to England and tried to make us realise what was afoot. And, you see, our silliness as young men encouraged Hitler, and Paul was one of those who paid the penalty. He was killed as a pilot in the Second World War.

However, before that, he told me that things might be pretty rough and ready at Hilton but, if it was too bad, civilization was near at hand at Michaelhouse. I wonder which of the two schools was more civilised then? Or even now? In 1936 Michaelhouse was certainly more modern, as Terence Mansergh's plans for rebuilding Hilton were only just beginning. I have very happy personal memories of Michaelhouse at that time: cricket for the Umgeni against Caversham; rugby for the Old Collegians against the Michaelhouse XV and Bobby Woods! It was a formidable combination, and I think the only more formidable combination was a Hilton XV and Piet Lombard blowing the whistle. One memory which I treasure very dearly is that of the immediate friendship, kindness and sound fatherly advice which I had from Ken Pennington. It meant as much to me as a young stranger to South Africa as it has meant to many hundreds of boys at Michaelhouse. You see Ken was not only respected and admired, he was loved. I also want to pay my tribute to Rex Pennington. You know what he has done for Michaelhouse; I know what he has done for the private schools movement as a whole. Two things in particular: first, the part he played in helping to form the Private Schools Association which now, at a governing body level, co-ordinates our affairs. This body grew out of the original Standing Committee of Associated Church Schools, which was the baby of your former Rector, Ronald Currey. The second thing that Rex has done for us is that he was largely responsible for organizing a combined pension scheme. We believe that this will be important to us because it will help us to recruit and retain the best possible staff and this is essential if we are to provide the excellence which the private schools attempt to give.

Two of the schools which will benefit from this are the Clifton Schools. I have been associated with them for a long time and they have a close association with Michaelhouse. I imagine that at any moment of time nearly a quarter of the boys at Michaelhouse would come from one or other of the Clifton Schools. Some of them do very well, both academically and at sports, and I am glad to see this year that your representative of the South African Schools rugby team, Robert Hankinson, began his rugby with us at Clifton.

I am often asked to advise parents on whether they should send their sons to Hilton or to Michaelhouse and, as far as such a thing is possible,

my advice is impartial. I am thinking of having a notice written above my desk which will read:

If in search of health and knowledge,
Send your boy to Hilton College;
But if you're wanting wealth and nous,
Try the brat at Michaelhouse.

May I digress for a moment and speak about the Clifton badge. It has a fleur-de-lys in the corner and a red cross. The fleur-de-lys comes from Hilton because of the association with Hilton of various Clifton Headmasters; but the red cross does not come from Michaelhouse because it was on our badge before Fred Snell introduced it on yours. If any of you would like to feel that you have borrowed the Cross of St. Michael from Clifton, you are quite at liberty to do so.

I don't suppose many of you realise that I was, myself, once a member of the Michaelhouse teaching staff — just for one short month. It was in 1942 and I had just come back from Addis Ababa, where I had been helping to run a police station with your former master, the late Norman, or, as you called him, Kitty Davis. One of the subjects I was put on to teach was French. It is a language which I can read and understand reasonably well provided that it is not spoken by a Frenchman. I speak it atrociously and write it not at all. One month was about enough for me to be able to get away with that. I do remember though that I attended a debate on the subject of whether Africans should be trained as soldiers and, if so, would they make good soldiers. A good deal of what was said was rather unrealistic and, as I had just returned from the campaign, such as it was, in Abyssinia, I was asked for my opinion. I remember saying that an African, behind the controls of a weapon which he had been trained to use, would be as dangerous and as tough as anyone else; and also that no country had any chance of defending itself without the support of all sections of its community.

Strangely enough the main subject that I taught at Michaelhouse was Divinity! I tried to get out of it. I told Fred Snell that I had been brought up for a short while as a Catholic but for many years had been a non-churchgoer. He said he didn't think I could do more harm teaching Divinity than teaching anything else, and possibly he had in mind the words of Arnold of Rugby, "My object, if possible, will be to form Christian men, for Christian boys I can scarcely hope to make." In any case I didn't teach much Divinity; I read to the boys Shaw's play *Androcles and the Lion*. It was great fun and they enjoyed it. At the same time it focused their attention on various reasons why people become Christian and also on how some Christians find, in the hour of trial, that their godhead is not Christ, the God of Peace, but Mars, the God of War.

Well, all that is a long time ago. We are not living in the same world as we were in the 1940s, and certainly not in the same world as in the 1890s when Michaelhouse was founded. At that time, people thought quite simply that England was the best place on earth, that the English were the best people, that Christianity was the most enlightened philosophy, and

that honour, family and friends were the true accolades of life, and that payment for them was work and duty to fellow men. That is more or less what Sarah Churchill said about her father, Winston, in her book, *The Thread in the Tapestry*. Today, we may envy this self-confidence of our grandparents or we may think they were unduly naive but, and may I quote from a very moving broadcast of Anthony Lejeune, "... we shall recognise beneath their naivety no mean vision. The American George Santayana put it best, 'Never since the heroic days of Greece' he wrote about the British Empire, 'has the world known such a sweet, just, boyish master. It will be a black day for the human race when scientific blackguards, conspirators, cheats and fanatics manage to supplant him.' Santayana may have exaggerated the virtues of the British but can anyone say that his forebodings were unjustified?"

Now, for better or for worse, the British Empire has gone. That is a fact of history. And so are the massacres which followed this sudden handing over of responsibility and power — Biafra, Bangladesh, The Sudan, Zanzibar. Five million? Six million? Who knows? But the people whose actions, or lack of actions, helped to cause these massacres have little right to point a moral finger at anyone else in the world.

The fanatics, the scientific blackguards and cheats are well on their way to control, and a stepping-stone towards control is the control of people's minds. As early as 1949 Dr. Luther Evans, later Director of U.N.E.S.C.O., said, "U.N.E.S.C.O.'s is a radical programme. The rewards may be visible ten years from now; on the other hand, they may not be visible for a hundred years... They are instilled into the daily habits of mind of rising generations... Perhaps not the first, not the second, but ultimately it must be so. To make the system of the United Nations and its specialised agencies work, we must sweep past traditional barriers in our thinking towards new frames of reference."

Now Michaelhouse was not founded to "instil into anyone's mind" so called world-mindedness and internationalism. It was founded to preserve, develop and transmit the best traditions and culture of the English speaking peoples, and to train its boys to accept the teachings of the Christian religion. I am not, of course, saying that Michaelhouse is "British". Michaelhouse is vigorously South African — just as South African as Stellenbosch University and, in a slightly different way, just as South African as the Broederbond. And the special problems which Michaelhouse has, as a Church school, in educating the young are South African problems. Not just the general moral problems of a world baffled by sudden change, but the particular moral and social problems of finding in South Africa a just and equitable way of living for all people of different races, colours and degrees of civilisation. And this is not easy. It baffles us here in South Africa, and it has baffled a lot of people since before even the beginning of recorded history. But, if our schools are to face their problems honestly and not hypocritically, they must train the young to see facts as they are and not as they would like them to be. I mention just three facts which we should recognise.

First, there is in all Christian Churches a completely genuine and sincere conviction that it is the duty of the Church to be concerned with

curing social injustice, poverty and human misery. In other words, the church of God is the church of the poor and the under-privileged more than of the respectable people whose security they threaten. And this is what Bishop Burnett, your one time Chaplain, was getting at when, at a recent service for the heads of our schools in Cape Town, he chose his lesson from St. Matthew, "Woe unto you, hypocrites. You are whited sepulchres which outwardly appear beautiful but, within, are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." I think he rather enjoyed getting at all these important headmasters and headmistresses. But I also think that places like Michaelhouse make a good effort to encourage an active social conscience and it is quite obvious from reading their paper, *The Beacon*, that this effort is successful.

The second fact we must recognise is that there are many people in this world who are concerned to use this social conscience for ends which have nothing to do with Christianity or indeed with the good of mankind.

And third, with all humility, I think we should recognise that the cry of universal brotherhood, whether it comes from Moscow or The Council of Churches, is a singularly empty and nauseating one when it is accompanied by a bayonet for someone else's gut.

Gentlemen, I have become more serious than such an occasion warrants. But in the past few months South Africa, and I believe Western Civilisation as a whole, has suffered a strategic reverse comparable only with the darkest days of 1940. Our newspapers tend to disregard this. They speak hopefully of a policy of detente. By this is meant a relaxing of political tension. But the word detente also means a relaxing or making more supple of the muscles, in the way that a good wrestler might do in the ring. And it is this suppleness of the mind, this nimbleness of intellect, which we and our leaders need, if our country is to prevail over its difficulties and if your fine school is to develop and extend the excellent service which has made it famous in the past and which, I believe, will make it even more famous in the future.

Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and to join me in the toast I now give you, "Michaelhouse and its Future."

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Alan Robertson, W. D. Morphet, R. G. McKenzie, J. A. Whysall, M. Miller, C. B. Armstrong, M. A. Jackson, J. Youngleson, B. Booth, G. Payn, G. Payn, G. Draper, M. Wheelwright, D. Wheelwright, R. Dales, M. V. Milner-Smythe, Mr. Goodall, Senior, C. H. Webb, Roland Bennett, R. Hamilton, Dr. Chutter, M. Bonnett, J. Johnsone, R. C. Collins, Dr. D. Edington, D. Lyle, R. Lyle, A. Lloyd, Mr. MacMillan, P. Strachan, E. Hudson-Bennett, M. Hudson-Bennett, E. Latham, C. Forsdick, J. McCarthy, D. Atkinson, W. Geerds, B. Stacey, G. Chapman, W. Dyer, J. Hamilton, D. Lee, G. Cheshire, J. Hulett, L. Stewart, D. Deavin, M. Youngleson, H. Robertson, T. Miller, N. Hancock, G. Brazier, R. Aberdien, D. Parkin, Mr. Springorum, C. Brown, L. Kvalswig, J. Foaden, D. Walters, I. Gillat.

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