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EDITORIAL

"The Third Time."

For the third time since the foundation of Michaelhouse, South Africa, together with the British Commonwealth of Nations, finds herself at war.

It is a sad reflection upon the deterioration of international relationships to realise that had the first

forty odd years of the School's life been prior to 1897 instead of after, those forty years would have been lived in freedom from European war.

The bound copies of the *Chronicle* make unusually interesting reading, especially those relating to the early years of the School's life when a wonderful spirit of enthusiasm for and faith in the future of the School (which the years have so richly justified) possessed both Editor and contributors alike. Yet the Editorial pen did not alone reflect the spirit of the School, but at times of crisis the spirit of the nation and of the hour.

The *Chronicle* of October, 1899, in common apparently with a large proportion of the Empire, hailed the outbreak of war between Britain and the Boer Republics with a veritable fanfare of imperial trumpets.

"It will be to the glory of Natal that the enemy are here in greatest numbers, only to hear her say in the thunder of our guns at Ladysmith, 'Thus far have ye come, but no further.'"

"It will have been Natal's privilege to have seen first within her borders, the vanguard of a Pan-Brittanian host, to have heard the rattle of its guns. These are great days; days like those to which Wordsworth was referring when he said,

'Bliss was it then to be alive
But to be young was very heaven.'

It is our inestimable privilege to be both."

In October, 1914, though the mood was far more sober, there was still mention of privilege.

"The Empire is matched against a foe worthy of its steel, virile, courageous, and ruthless in the pursuit of its own ends. And we who maintain that the Empire stands for certain qualities for which the world is the better, and that the plighted word of a nation is not a thing to be lightly flung aside, know that the quarrel of Britain

is the quarrel of all her sons. This war is emphatically 'our war' and we may well be proud of the high privilege of being called upon to play our part in the struggle."

And now, in the closing month of 1939, just over forty years since the School's first War Editorial, what is the Editor to say? To fall to the temptation of ignoring a war that seems for the moment so remote from our little world of Michaelhouse and so unreal, would be unthinkable, betraying the Editorial courage of the past.

If there is an observable difference in the moods of 1899 and 1914, how much greater is the change of which we are conscious in 1939. It springs primarily not from our being wiser or better than our immediate seniors, but from the fact that we are experienced. 1918 followed 1914, and the years between were years that altered the lives of many people. Since then, in the '20's we have known the peace which came from exhaustion and then the increasing tension of the last six years. Spain, too, has shown us, as it were, the "shape of things to come."

Our mood, in consequence, is one of intense and serious wonder. The condition of the world is such that the blindest may see her sickness. Her groans and cries are in the ears of all men, and the most unimaginative can glimpse the possibility of sad consequences for civilization if the existing state of war in the west flames up into full fury.

For all that, Britain and France have met the situation with eyes alert to the most tragic consequences. There seemed in the existing circumstances no alternative but to fight, if the values we most treasure in life, liberty of religion, of the individual and common justice, are to survive. The Polish liberties are but the liberties of us all. Her refusal to give way without resistance to "force majeure" was a plea for the way of arbitration rather than aggression.

The outstanding feature of our prevailing mood is, perhaps, a sense of being confronted with a most unpleasant duty to be performed and deliberately setting about doing it.

There can be little sense of self righteousness left, for in spite of the necessity of our cause, most are conscious that all must, in common honesty, take some share of the blame for the existing state of affairs in Europe. It is our universal failure during the last twenty years to construct a peace, which is not merely the cessation of hostilities, but a good and creative relationship between man and man, that so convictingly arrests our attention.

Though we wage war with the enemy, we may also wage a battle for peace. Life as we know it may change. The vision of a new international order is already stirring in men's minds. So bold an idea as the Federal Union of the leading Democracies, which Mr. Clarence K. Streit advocates in his book "Union Now," is in a few short months finding expression in the popular Press. It is a hope-giving and inspiring vision he puts before us. Can we fulfil it? Can we make that high hope a living experience?

Our traditional English reserve in matters of religion must not, in such an hour as this, blind us to the fact that the answer to these questions is emphatically "yes." The condition which governs the possible working out of such an ideal is an individual and ultimately widespread return to faith in the Western world.

It is indeed in a return to faith that any good future of the world lies. Faith in God restores faith in man. It builds a public opinion that can, when the guns are silent, demand a peace, a quality of good human relationships, that will endure: "Peace" which as has already been proved "the world cannot give." We seek that of which, as at this time, the Christmas angels sang, a "peace on earth" which obtains when mankind acknowledges "Glory to God" as the primary purpose of life and work.

J.B.C.

Michaelhouse,
December, 1939.

THE RECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Archdeacon, Dr. Brookes, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I know you would wish me to start by saying on behalf of all present how sorry we are that Sir Herbert Stanley and the Bishop of Natal are not able to be here. Much though we regret Sir Herbert's absence we all recognise that he cannot leave his post in times such as these. The Bishop has lately been ill and I know that we all join in wishing him a complete and rapid recovery. But these regrets do not make us any less grateful to you, Mr. Archdeacon, for consenting to preside, nor to you, Dr. Brookes, for coming to give away the prizes. Dr. Brookes is known to all of us as a man of vision and courage and we are proud to welcome him here this afternoon.

Before I reached South Africa I had heard from many sources that Michaelhouse was a school in the most excellent running order, and one that stands deservedly high in the estimation of all discriminating people. Since my arrival I have found that this report was certainly no less than truth and I wish to take this opportunity of paying my tribute to the work of my predecessor and of all those who have made Michaelhouse the fine school it is. I know well how keenly Mr. Currey felt the parting and I shall make it my aim to see that his work here shall go on and bear yet more fruit. At the same time I hope that we shall none of us ever let our pride in the school degenerate into complacency. Complacency is a creeping paralysis which slowly but surely strangles those things which give a school real life and value. It is our task continually to be building the future on the past, never to be content to rest upon the laurels of the past.

Two or three years back my predecessor said that the School was entering on a period of consolidation. That process is continuing and must continue. There are

still a number of buildings which while adequate for their several purposes are nevertheless of a temporary nature. As time goes on these must be replaced by permanent structures. As a present sign of the progress of this consolidation many of you will, I hope, have seen the Crypt of the new Chapel. This stage of the plan is now nearly completed, and we hope to have the Crypt in use next year.

In this time of many uncertainties it seems tolerably certain that the number of boys in the School next year will be somewhat, though not much, higher than it has ever been before. This will be as much due to a large increase in the size of the post-matriculation Form as to the admission of a larger number of new boys, and I would like to say in passing how welcome is this sign that parents appreciate the very real benefits that may be obtained from this extra year, if it is approached in the right way. This increase in the total numbers is made possible, concurrently with a reduction in the number of boys housed in the existing dormitories, by the rebuilding and improvements which have been carried out at Fairfield Cottage. This building has been put into a state in which it will give very satisfactory accommodation indeed for a master and sixteen boys. At the same time the congestion in Chapel from which we have suffered for some years will be relieved by the use of the Crypt as a Junior Chapel. Those of you who have seen it will agree that it will be a place of real beauty and distinction.

This reorganisation will also enable me to create a sixth House, and at the same time to reduce somewhat the numbers in the present Houses. That this is desirable I have no doubt whatever. The distinguishing merits of a modern public school derive in large measure from the closeness of the contact between a Housemaster and his boys. As the number in his House increases beyond a certain point it becomes rapidly more difficult for the Housemaster to maintain that contact as fully as it should be maintained. This is hardly the occasion to go into detail, but the new House will start on its career fully equipped for a vigorous and independent existence, and it will be able from the beginning to meet the other Houses on an equal footing. Mr. Lyon will be in charge of it, and I am confident that under his guidance it will

quickly build its traditions on sure foundations. I propose that it shall bear the name of Mr. Pascoe, a name honoured by all who know how much Michaelhouse owed, and still owes, to his devoted service as its Rector. I feel that I ought not to leave this subject without saying how grateful I am to those parents who have agreed to their sons transfer to the new House. I would also acknowledge gratefully the willingness of the boys concerned and the co-operation of the Housemasters. The move means a sacrifice, and the transfer of loyalty is not at first an easy thing. I am glad to think that the boys recognise the opportunity of doing true service to the School. I do not think they will ever have any cause for regret.

I must turn for a brief moment to review the year, though here I feel my newness most acutely in that I have as yet no standard of comparison. In the major routine activities of the School in work and games I think we may say that all has been well without being sensational. The results of the Matriculation Examination, while they fell somewhat short of those of the previous year, were nevertheless a good deal better than was expected by those well qualified to judge. In Games a very fair Cricket season was succeeded by a football season in which our Rugby XV included no boy who played regularly for the School in 1938. In spite of this the XV improved very markedly and have come through with a very reasonable record, and with the hope of quite a strong side next year.

There are four members of the Staff who have joined us since last Speech Day and to whom we offer a warm welcome. Mr. Green came from Christ's Hospital to take the place of Mr. Brown, who left us to get married. Mr. Pauw has filled the gap left by the departure of Mr. Beukes. Mr. Hardcastle has come to us in place of Mr. Hall, who went to Clifton College in July to spend a year there. This exchange is a direct outcome of Mr. Malim's visit last year, and it is already evident that Mr. Hardcastle's time here will leave valuable and lasting results. Lastly, in Mr. Lea Morgan we have found a Music Master who has in two short months done an enormous amount to enliven and stimulate us. Armed with the effective tones of the new Hammond organ, he has put new life into the School singing; and, although it would sometimes

appear from the massive overcoat which he wears that he feels the cold, he promises to produce a remarkable rise in the musical temperature of the School.

The Old Boys of the School contribute very much to it by their support and their achievement. So it is always a pleasure to be able to record the occasions of our pride in them, though the record is necessarily incomplete. E. M. Burchell gained First Class Honours in the Law Tripos at Cambridge, and has been awarded a Scholarship at Trinity Hall. J. B. Moffat has been given a travelling Studentship at the London School of Architecture. Coming nearer home, P. Houghton has been awarded a Gold Medal at Capetown University. In the field of Sport, I. Allanson has got his Swimming Blue at Cambridge, while Ernest Hudson Bennett is the first Michaelhouse Old Boy to be elected President of the Cambridge University Athletic Club. Lastly, for a list of this kind must be kept short, Alan Melville captained the South African Cricket Side against the M.C.C. He will go down to cricketing history as the hero of that last and astonishing Test Match which must have occupied as much space in the Press as an average Beauty Competition !

This year has seen the passing of two people closely connected with the School. Dr. Allanson was a Governor who gave us of his best, and though I never met him personally, I have heard on all sides how great is the debt we owe him. Mrs. Pennington I did meet, and know how close was Michaelhouse to her heart. She died as she would have wished, in full harness, giving of her great energy and vitality to all who had need and whom she could help. Both of these left gaps that can never be filled, but for both we may, and do, rightly give thanks.

Before I pass to the last section of what I have to say, I cannot refrain from commenting on a matter which has given me great satisfaction. I refer to the excellent relations existing between Hilton and Michaelhouse. It is true that we met on the field of battle but a fortnight ago, in an encounter which seems to have been enjoyed by all. There is rivalry, but friendly and useful rivalry. We know that below the surface both Schools are struggling to uphold the same ideals, and that there is no reason why

the strength of the one should not conduce to the strength of the other.

Finally, I must turn for a moment to look further afield. You may wonder that in times such as these I have spoken for so long as though there were no such thing as war and strife. I have done so partly as a symbol of my conviction that as things are at present the first duty of all of us is to carry on with our ordinary jobs as normally as possible. There is a great temptation just now for some of us to feel that our duty must be elsewhere—that in the uprooting of so much we too must be uprooted, or else have failed in some way in our duty. I am convinced that it is a temptation to be resisted. The call to change may come, and we must be prepared to meet it with ready self-sacrifice. But till that call does come, and clearly, we do our duty best by getting on with the job in hand. No one dare say that the years to come will have less need than those that have gone of the kind of men that this school exists to produce. We who are schoolmasters have that to do which may not be very exciting, but the faithful doing of which is fraught with the most far-reaching consequences. I believe that we are conscious of our responsibility. Certainly I know that to me it sometimes seems almost terrifying in its weight. The work of this School, and others like it, must be, and shall be, carried on in humility and confidence.

I have all but done, but before I sit down, I must acknowledge some of the debts I owe. A new Headmaster must be something of a trial to his Governors, his colleagues, and his boys, and I have received the greatest kindness from all. The Board of Governors have placed in me a confidence which I shall strive to deserve. My staff have to a man given me loyalty and every support, and have borne very patiently with my inexperience. Nor can I refrain from special mention of Mr. Kenneth Pennington, the Senior Master; I have leant much upon him and have received the most unfailing help. And as for the boys—they have sometimes made me feel many years older than I look, or even am—but they seem to forgive my determination to wean them from strewing the countryside with litter, and it is they perhaps who have done most to make me feel so soon at home at Michaelhouse.

SPEECH DAY; 1939.

Speech Day was this year held on St. Michael's Day, Friday, September 29th. The weather was kind, and the Cricket match with the Old Boys, and the Display of Gymnastics by the Lower School and a selected team from more senior boys, were enjoyed in sunshine by a large crowd of visitors.

The various exhibitions, Scientific, Natural History and Photographic, appeared to be greatly appreciated by their almost overcrowded attendance at all spare moments during the day, and the organisers of them all are to be congratulated on making them really attractive and interesting to the mere layman in these matters.

Following luncheon in the Hall, the events particularly associated with Speech Day took place. Sir Herbert Stanley was, unfortunately, owing to the state of International affairs, unable to be present, and our Bishop, who was recovering from illness, was also, unhappily, not among those assembled on the platform.

The Venerable Archdeacon Heywood Harris, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and warmly welcomed the Rector, Mrs. Snell and their family to Michaelhouse. He spoke most appreciatively of what the new Rector had already achieved in the brief eight months he had been resident; achievements which promised well for the future. He also welcomed Dr. Brookes to Michaelhouse, and called upon the Rector to present his Report.

After the Rector's Report, which is printed in full elsewhere, Dr. Edgar Brookes, Principal of Adams Mission, addressed the School in a manner which more than justified the Rector's description of him as one who "is known to us all as a man of vision and courage."

In speaking of the existing International and National situation, Senator Brookes maintained that a Commonwealth of Nations must be built up if peace, when it comes, is to be permanent. Speaking of the need for unity in world and national affairs, he said: "Nothing will be advanced by vulgar and unrestrained abuse of political opponents."

"We can, and we must, build bridges of invincible friendship and common humanity across the different ideologies."

It was not easy, but there was no better service that could be given. "We must not be separated from each other, or even from those who would like to be separated from us." He looked forward to the kind of peace which must be built when the war is over, for the world dare not make the same mistakes as it had made in 1919. It had been said, somewhat bitterly, that the war to end war had closed with a peace to end peace. "We do not want a peace that is only merciful and wise," he declared. "We have got to go further than that. We want more drastic remedies than our newspapers are suggesting. Whatever way the war goes, the world will have to be rebuilt.

"On the ruins of the League of Nations we have got to construct a World Commonwealth of Nations, and that will need an enormous sacrifice of sentiment. South Africa has in the past taken too narrow an outlook. If the world is going to bolster up all the old inequalities when the war is over, then it will be faced with Communism.

"We will have a choice between bloody revolution or bloodless revolution." There would be the sharing between the "haves" and the "have-nots". Michaelhouse represented the "haves". Would the world see an unexampled sharing by the "haves" with the "have-nots"?

He made bold to say, and where could it be better said than in Michaelhouse, a Church School, that it was only in the light of the great spiritual fervour of Christianity that a new world could be built.

Dr. Brookes then presented the prizes. The prize-winners were:—

Tatham Memorial Essay Prize: W. N. MacGillivray.

Old Boys' Essay Prize: E. L. Popham.

Rector's Prize for English Verse: H. Barnby.

Hutchinson Mathematical Prizes: R. K. Walker, K. G. Witthaus and D. J. Shaw.

Hudson Bennett Reading Prizes: R. T. E. Morrison and J. Rissik.

School Divinity Prizes: J. Schlesinger, H. W. Miller and P. W. Sutton.

School Music Prize: R. E. Clausen.

General Knowledge Prizes: O. Brash, D. J. Shaw and P. E. Fouché.

Carpentry Prizes: T. C. M. Monk and J. H. Welsh.

Photography Prize: C. H. H. Barry.

SUBJECT PRIZES

Upper Fifth Forms

English: J. Schlesinger, R. T. E. Morrison.

Afrikaans: A. D. van Velden.

History: K. Whitaker.

French: T. J. Sharp iii.

Geography: R. T. E. Morrison.

Chemistry: R. T. E. Morrison.

Latin: R. K. Walker, K. Whitaker.

Physics: L. B. Ballenden.

Mathematics: J. A. P. Smith.

Merit Prizes for English and Physics: J. A. P. Smith.

Afrikaans and Chemistry: P. McK. Reid. English and History: R. F. Pennington i.

Lower Fifth Forms

English: G. V. Lange, W. L. Vowles.

Afrikaans: W. L. Vowles.

History: L. C. M. Jennings i.

French: S. A. G. Anderson i.

Geography: F. Bluck.

Chemistry: D. Acaster ii.

Latin: M. H. Silk.

Physics: D. S. Fleischer.

Mathematics: P. J. B. Williams i.

Merit Prize for Mathematics and Chemistry: D. S. Fleischer.

Fourth Forms

English: P. W. Sutton (and French): J. V. du Plessis.

Afrikaans: D. J. Shaw.

History: H. W. Miller.

Mathematics: J. G. Draper.

Geography: J. V. du Plessis.

Science: P. W. Sutton.

Latin: D. J. Shaw.

Merit Prize for English and History: G. H. L. Garbutt.

English and Latin: J. E. Shillingford.

Third Forms

English: H. C. Twycross.

Afrikaans: I. J. Ferguson.

Historical Geography: H. C. Twycross.

Mathematics: I. J. Ferguson.

Latin and French: G. P. L. English.

Science: A. T. de Villiers.

Speeches were then delivered.

1. ENGLISH: The closing Chorus of the Play: "Murder in the Cathedral," by T. S. Elliot. W. N. MacGillivray.
2. AFRIKAANS: 'n Sonsondergang in Oos-Afrika. (A sunset in East Africa) deur Sangiro. A. D. van Velden.
3. LATIN: Cicero in Catilinam IV. xi. Cicero asks the Senate to remember with gratitude the service he has done the State in crushing the Catilinarian Conspiracy of 63 B.C. S. A. G. Anderson.
4. ZULU: Nkubetelelwa kwezulu—D. Dlomo. J. M. Otto.

SCHOOL NOTES

The School was honoured in the Michaelmas Quarter by an informal visit from The Most Reverend John Darbyshire, D.D., Archbishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of the Church of the Province of South Africa. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Darbyshire, and Dr. and Mrs. Fisher. His Grace, who was on his first visit to the Diocese of Natal, spoke to the boys at the conclusion of luncheon.

Dr. J. A. MacFadyen, of Durban, has recently been made a member of the Governing Body of the School.

We extend a warm welcome to newcomers on the Staff. Mr. M. E. Hardcastle (M.A., Oxon), has come to us, in exchange for Mr. P. Hall, from Clifton College. He has already taken a place in School activities, and we wish him well with the Scout Troop he has just started.

Mr. Lea-Morgan (M.A., Mus.Bac., Oxon.), has been with us since the beginning of last Quarter, and has already much improved the musical standard of the School, especially in the matter of congregational singing. His organ recitals on Sunday nights are greatly appreciated; so was the impromptu concert he organised. His enthusiasm has created a Madrigal Society among the Staff and a Choral Society among the boys.

We tender our congratulations to Mr. R. Green upon his engagement to Miss Pauline Southey, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Southey, of East Griqualand.

Next Quarter, Mr. J. F. Gaillard (B.Sc., Rhodes), who was Senior Student of Rhodes University for 1939, will join the Staff and teach Mathematics and Science.

Recent letters from England bring news of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown. The former is a Sergeant in the Territorials, and stationed in the West of England; the latter, we understand, is doing Army canteen work at the same Military Station.

Mrs. Ranner is leaving us at the end of the Quarter to be married to Mr. E. S. Saville (an O.M.), of Ashdean, Dundee. We wish her every happiness.

Mrs. Bateson, who has spent much of the life in Switzerland, is coming shortly to take up the post of Housekeeper.

Mrs. Mull is now in England at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. Quintin Morris, at Brierton, in Herefordshire.

Pascoe's House will be under the House-mastership of Mr. N. G. Lyon, whom we congratulate on his appointment. Eighteen of the senior boys will sleep at Farfield Cottage, where Mr. Lyon will also be in residence. The remainder will be accommodated in existing dormitories. Pascoe's House will centre round the new classroom which has been built next to the old music rooms. They in turn have become a wash house and bathrooms.

Music and Art are finding a new home in "Vectis", which is being altered to provide the necessary accommodation for them.

Congratulations to R. T. E. Morrison on winning the Senior, and J. Rissik the Junior, Reading Prize.

We are pleased to be able to report that John Schlesinger, who was very seriously ill last Quarter, continues to get steadily better. The manner in which he faced his days of extreme illness and the subsequent recovery and convalescence, won the admiration of all who came into contact with him at those times.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

P. K. Wright: Head of the School; Head of Tathams; Captain of Rugby and Hockey.

W. N. MacGillivray: Head of Founders; Captain of Squash.

J. O. Harle: Head of Foundation East.

E. W. L. Popham: Head of Farfield.

C. H. H. Barry: Head of Foundation West; Library Prefect.

D. R. Lee: (Appointed October), Captain of Cricket and Athletics.

HOUSE PREFECTS

Founders: J. G. Chennells, H. A. M. Dyke, W. E. Robarts, D. H. McKerrow, J. M. O. Stewart.

Foundation East: W. H. Fitzgerald (Captain of Swimming), G. M. Dixon, D. W. Birch, O. W. Dyer, G. C. de B. Blampied.

Foundation West: C. M. Adams (Captain of Tennis), I. S. S. Barnes (Vice-Captain of Cricket), G. W. Owen, K. B. Hall.

Farfield: R. T. E. Morrison, F. R. Alexander, A. V. van Velden, P. McK. Reid, E. J. C. Schram.

Tatham: A. R. Thorpe, G. Chater, A. J. Sharp i, G. D. A. Wallace i, F. B. K. Tucker.

SALVETE

Lent Quarter (Second): H. L. Lorentz.

Michaelmas Quarter (Third): M. H. Aldridge, I. A. Goodbrand, H. A. Hotson, M. G. Tidboald ii, J. D. Stannard, M. Webb.

Christmas Quarter (Fourth): D. F. Broom ii, D. W. Standish-White, J. M. Banks (November).

VALETE

July: R. C. Begg, R. S. Crass, J. A. Goldsmith, W. L. Hall, P. K. Moxley, A. Seager, F. L. G. Wardrop.

October: R. M. Sharp.

CHAPEL NOTES

Since the last issue of the *Chronicle*, the following visiting Clergy have preached in the School Chapel: Rev. A. J. Rowley, Curate of St. James, Durban; Rev. J. H. Blore, Curate of St. Cyprian's, Durban; Rev. H. Skelton, Vicar of St. Peter's, Pietermaritzburg; Rev. E. Pennington, Vicar of York-cum-Ravensworth; Rev. B. M. Ford, Vicar of Richmond, Natal.

The Clarendon Hymn Book (an Oxford University Press publication) compiled by a Committee of Public School Masters, is now in use in the Chapel, and the *Parish Psalter*, with the pointing of the Psalms by Dr. Sydney Nicholson, has recently also been introduced.

After the final teaching period on Wednesdays, "special intercessions in time of war" are said in the College Chapel.

The Lectors for the last half year have been: P. K. Wright, R. T. E. Morrison, C. H. H. Barry, P. A. Jonsson, W. N. MacGillivray and G. J. Chater.

LIBRARY NOTES

The chief item to be recorded is a most generous gift of some 240 volumes by Mr. F. L. Marx. Of these, the majority were excellent sets of Dickens, Scott, Thackeray, Jane Austen, Dumas and Meredith, which have handsomely replaced existing inferior sets, or else formed valuable accessions. In addition, there were many miscellaneous books of interest. A large consignment of surplus books was recently sent down to the Adams Mission, where we are told they are much appreciated.

Just under forty books of adventure, intended for the Lower School more especially, arrived some weeks ago from England, supplied by the Bath firm, Messrs. Chivers, who are noted for their binding.

The war has caused certain hitches in the regular delivery of overseas periodicals; but things are now becoming more normal.

The History Section was recently considerably supplemented.

C.E.B.

MICHAELHOUSE AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

The following news of O.M.'s serving in the Royal Air Force was published in the Natal *Daily News* of November 4th, under the title of "King Compliments Natal Man Who Sank U-Boat."

"LONDON, Saturday.

"It is revealed that the South African pilot who was presented to the King, when he made a two-day tour of the Air Stations in the North of England this week, was Pilot Officer Ronald Selley, of St. Lucia Estuary, Zululand.

"The King complimented Selley on his exploit in sinking a submarine on September 18th.

"It will be recalled that Selley was on patrol duty when he sighted a U-boat and, taking cover behind a cloud, approached the submarine from the stern.

FIRED GUNS

"After identifying the submarine as German, he dived, firing his front guns. At 500 feet the vessel started to dive, but by then Selley had dropped his first salvo of bombs, the explosion of which blew her back to the surface. He then attacked the submarine from the port side, and one bomb of his second salvo struck 6 feet to the side of the conning tower. This was a direct hit, and the submarine's stern lifted as she sank. For twenty minutes Selley circled over the spot and watched whirlpools caused by escaping air. Assuming the submarine sunk, he then returned to the base.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS OLD

"Ronald Selley is 22 years old. He was educated at Michaelhouse, Balgowan, which he left in 1935. At this School he was in the same form as two other South African pilots who have achieved distinction—Derek Heaton-Nicholls, who took part in the Kiel raid and was later shot down and captured, and Brian Young, who was awarded the Cranwell Sword for the most promising Air Cadet of the year.

"Selley came out to South Africa for a holiday and left in May, 1938, to rejoin his Squadron in Norfolk, after a month's stay with his parents at St. Lucia."

SCOUTING

The possibility of the introduction of Scouting into Michaelhouse has been considered for some time past. Now the possibility has become a fact. A Scout Troop has been formed and is in full swing. So Michaelhouse is added to the long list of other famous schools throughout the Empire in which Scouting plays a part in the normal school activities.

There has been no lack of volunteers of suitable age. Indeed, it has been impossible to avoid disappointing some of the applicants. At present there are twenty-six Scouts in the Troop, which is divided into four Patrols—Eagles, Panthers, Buffaloes and Springboks.

In brief, the main object of Scouting is the development of character. The varied activities give plenty of scope for initiative, leadership and resource. Individual

hobbies and interests are encouraged by means of the proficiency badges.

There are well over two million Scouts in the world, and the movement is gaining ground in at least fifty countries. The spirit of friendliness and understanding which is such an essential feature of the Scout ideals, should help not a little to lessen the barriers of class, creed and race, which so much militate against the peace of the world to-day.

It is interesting to note that in Russia and the Totalitarian States it is the disapproval of the International aspect of the movement which has caused Scouting to be suppressed and youth movements with very similar methods of training, but infinitely narrower in ideals, to be put in its place.

The enthusiastic support of the Rector and the friendly and helpful interest of the Staff have made everything easy for the organisation of Scouting at Michaelhouse.

The surrounding country provides splendid scope for a wide variety of activities. Indeed Michaelhouse is singularly fortunate in this respect. The numerous streams, gullies and ravines in the immediate neighbourhood can be utilised for all sorts of "pioneering" activities, while small parties of Scouts find remarkable opportunities for strenuous adventure in the Karkloof Gorge on Sundays.

Two week-end camps—half the Troop at a time—have been arranged at the permanent Natal Scout Camp at Lexden, Maritzburg, which should give an excellent chance for useful Scout training.

Thanks to the kindness of Miss Jaffray, a number of trees are available for felling and logging, and no doubt there will be other opportunities for "pioneer" work on the School Estate.

Every support and encouragement is being given by the Scout authorities, local and Provincial. In South Africa, as in many other countries, the development of Scouting is seriously handicapped by the lack of Scoutmasters. It is hoped that by the establishment of an interest in the movement in such schools as this, more young men in the future will be willing and qualified to lend a hand.

MUSIC AND ITS PLACE IN A COMMUNITY

“With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes
She shall have Music wherever she goes”—

so runs the rhyme, and with it much of my memory, for I cannot recall just at this crucial moment of going to press, the exact context of, or reason for, this lady's much-vaunted good fortune. If she were the only instance we know of musical affluence, my lapse of memory might be a serious matter. But as it is quite literally everyone, both in and out of the nursery, who is at some time blessed by our gracious Lady the saintly Cecilia (musical highlight of the Heavenly Host), I may be forgiven for (unchivalrously, it is true) not quite linking up the musicianly achievements of this maiden on a white horse (or can it be of her who rode on a tiger?) with the music-making of the world in general, and of Michaelhouse in particular!

We all, in fact, may have music wherever we go; the art is everyone's inheritance, and it is the individual's concern as to how he or she may best deserve this—the Muses' precious bane. Some there are who would cast it aside for a mere mess of worldly potage (for an afternoon's golf or trout-fishing!), some who are so possessed by it that it becomes their whole being, and others who take it to themselves as an integral part of their daily lives, and are better people and better members of society in consequence.

Of the first kind, though once there were many, mercifully few remain; it is no longer necessary for a hearty to show his heartiness by scorning the art and all those who practise it. East and West have long since come to heel in this matter, and (for proof) the twain have met in such men as Mark Hambourg, who forsook Pugilism for pianism (many would not say quite altogether!) and Gene Tunney, whose somewhat battered ears no longer strain after the sound of the second's gong, but are now given over to the less damaging delights of music.

Of the second kind—those who give their life to the art—we need not say much. They are more or less the Muses' High Priests who see to it that the lamps of

Cecilia's shrine are constantly burning at their brightest and best. Here we find the great creators and interpreters of music—conductors, teachers and players, and all guardians of academic foundations, whose heads may not always be altogether inspiring, but are nevertheless the policemen (as it were) of the art, whose feat it is to lead us into discriminating between the highways of the low-brows and the low-ways of high-brows and, indeed, in the end to help us to choose for ourselves; to know what we like, but better still, to like what we know.

But the Great of the world would live in vain were it not for ourselves of the third species who, lesser beings though we are, are nevertheless highly necessary. For we are the listeners, the entrepreneurs of music—discerning members of a community, who by knowledge and appreciation keep alive all that is artistically best, and at the same time prevent the world from being fobbed off with just anything by possible unscrupulous gullers and worldly charlatans.

It is in such a community as that of a school where, though there is musically room for all sorts and conditions, it is necessary for every art form practised, to be the best of its kind; surely that is now possible owing to the enormous heave for the better that has gone on in music in recent times. Modern conditions have made it possible for all to become musically-minded, and it is now no longer necessary, or even funny, to hear of a Philistine judge saying: "What is a violin? What are Keats, and what are Brahms?" Or, indeed, possible for (tough guy!) Lord Birkenhead publicly to declare his knowledge of two tunes only—one of which was "God Save the King," and the other wasn't!

Of the power and effect of music upon the masses there is no doubt history is full of such instances. Did not the walls of Jericho crumble at the sound of the Israelites' trumpets? (and in passing, one may mention that the music of the gallant Hittites is imortally enshrined in the Big Bass Drum!). Did not Milton's fallen angels find courage in music when "anon" they moved "in perfect phalanx to the Dorian mood of flutes and soft recorders"? Did not the revolutionaries of France take a grip on themselves (and on everything else besides) when they thrilled to the strains of the "Marseillaise"?

Did not?....but one could go on endlessly claiming victories for the power of sound. Of all such conquests, perhaps none could be more happily re-enacted to-day than that of the gentle Orpheus, who

“with his Lute made Trees,
And the Mountaine tops that freeze,
Bow themselves when he did sing.
To his Musicke, Plants and Flowers
Ever sprung; as Sunne and Showers,
There had made a lasting Spring.
Everything that heard him play,
Even the Billowes of the Sea,
Hung their heads, and then lay by.
In sweet Musicke is such Art,
Killing care, and grieve of heart,
Fall asleepe, or hearing die.”

—(John Fletcher).

But even at the end of all things one cannot quite get away from music; are we not all taught to be on the lookout for the sound of the last trump—and will not many a dejected sinner (a possible member of the Micahelhouse Orchestra) be able to amuse himself by speculating on whether the trumpet is in A or B flat, or perhaps be miraculously changed from a goat to a sheep by pointing out to the powers that be that the trump rings falsely true?

Everyone has a chance here—for as these rambling pages have tried to show (and Robert Browning will no doubt bear me out)

“’Tis (all) we musicians know.”

J.L-M.

THE SCIENCE EXHIBITIONS ON SPEECH DAY

The Science Exhibitions this year were a new feature of Speech Day. In the Physics Laboratory were a number of exhibits, showing principles and applications of Physics and Chemistry, arranged by boys under Mr. Robinson's direction. Interest was stimulated by the fact that many of the pieces of apparatus could be worked by pressing the appropriate button. Perhaps for this reason the

exhibition seemed to have as great an attraction for boys as for the visitors. The Michaelhouse Brewery was a popular feature, although it might have been otherwise had the beer been generally sampled.

The Exhibition of Biology, arranged by boys under Mr. Simon's guidance, was also deservedly popular. The arrangement for showing the continued beating of a frog's heart fascinated many people, but the range of exhibits was sufficiently wide to provide much of interest to everyone. This exhibition also provided an admirable introduction to Biology, as a new and important branch of the School's work.

Those who assisted in these exhibitions are to be congratulated on the success they made of the first Science exhibitions Michaelhouse has had. Those who take part derive great benefit from the opportunity to work things out for themselves, and such exhibitions should help to stimulate an interest in Science. The planning of experiments and the construction of apparatus bring boys closer to real scientific investigation than most routine work in the Laboratory can possibly do. We hope these Science exhibitions may become annual events.

M.E.H.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Adam's College Quintette. On Saturday, May 30th, Mr. R. T. Caluza brought up from Adam's College his Quintette. The rendering of the various songs was musically not only delightful, but wonderfully balanced. Seldom has such part singing been heard at Michaelhouse, and the boys showed in no uncertain manner their appreciation, both of Mr. Caluza in person and the Quintette.

The programme was in four groups of songs, and Mr. Caluza, in addition to some most interesting remarks on the origin and development of Zulu music, gave a short introduction to each group of songs. The indigenous Zulu songs, the semi-Euro-African and the modern Zulu songs met with a great ovation, but the European songs, though sung with the same perfection as the earlier items, were for the most part ill-chosen and quite unworthy of the musical talent employed in singing them. We are

looking forward to the next visit of the Adam's College Quintette.

Two Lectures. A lecture by G. H. Galpin, Esq., Editor of *The Natal Witness*, was given on Saturday, August 26. It was given against a background of the gathering International storm which ultimately broke a few days later. Yet for all that it was outstanding for the valuable recounting of International affairs since the Armistice, and its singularly detached analysis on existing conditions.

C. E. Axelson, Esq., of Pietermaritzburg, gave on October 20th, a much enjoyed talk, "In and Out of The Drakensberg," which included not only a collection of many excellent photographs of the Berg, but also a number that illustrated something of what is involved in rock climbing in those uncertain crags.

Recital by Mr. R. A. Marwick. On Saturday, August 5th, Mr. R. A. Marwick, a well-known Zulu linguist, gave a very amusing recital of various Native comedy sketches and stories. He also sang a number of popular songs, and his reciting of the "Armada," by Lord Macauley, was excellent. Mr. Marwick is to be especially congratulated on the amazing elasticity of his acting—and his voice! It was hard to believe that the dignified voice that recounted the story of the "Armada" could suddenly become the falsetto screech of an angry Native woman or a suave-voiced Cape Coloured flunkey learning to ride a horse. The story of a Native's impression of the game of golf was most entertaining, and the subsequent "Dammit" from the golfer who missed the ball, was greeted with roars of laughter. It was a most enjoyable evening.

SCHOOL PLAYS

Lower School, 23rd October, 1939.

"DIE SPOOKHUIS" ("The Haunted House")

Deur J. F. W. GROSSKOPF

Die Spelers (in die volg orde soos hulle opkom)

Ou Ysterbaard, 'n bossie dokter	B. V. Horton.
Sy vrou	Stannard.
Dr. Jan Wtisen	G. F. Pedlar.
Anna Wales, Sy nooi	R. M. Nevin.
Piet Kruger, 'n boer	C. M. Bobbert.

'n Tor (loafer) V. R. Dorning.
 'n Dorpseun G. D. Ellis Brown.
 'n Plaasseun J. G. Gersigny.
 'n Jongkerel G. C. Needham.
 'n Meisie (sy nooi) A. E. Brookes.

Producer: P. D. Barnard. Assistant Producer: J. B. Pauw.

Dress and make-up by Mrs. P. D. Barnard.

Scene: The haunted house on the left background.

Time: A summer's evening about 1900.

"THE DEAR DEPARTED"

A Comedy by STANLEY HOUGHTON.

Mrs. Slater F. W. E. Hooper.
 Victoria Slater G. P. L. English.
 Henry Slater D. L. L. Shearer.
 Mrs. Jordan J. R. Whiting.
 Ben Jordan J. R. Cleverley.
 Abel Merryweather H. L. F. Currey.

Scene: Interior of a villa in a suburb of a
 provincial town in England.

Time: The present.

Producer: Rev. J. B. Chutter.

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

"MRS. ADIS"

A Tragedy by Sheila Kaye-Smith and John Hampden.

Mrs. Adis A. T. de Villiers.
 Peter Crouch J. Rissik.
 Vidler M. F. Hanley.
 Tom Adis R. H. Earle.
 Kemp M. G. Arkwright.
 Hobden J. G. Draper.

Scene: Interior of a Sussex cottage in the woods.

Time: The present.

Producer: Rev. J. B. Chutter.

"SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

By EDEN PHILLPOTTS.

"The Wolf" H. W. Miller.
 Preston, the butler G. E. Lay.
 The Hon. Guy Sydney P. W. Sutton.
 The Hon. the Right Rev. Charles Sydney,
 Bishop of Redchester J. V. du Plessis.
 The Hon. Lettice Sydney Wilson ii.
 Lord Redchester N. F. Auret ii.
 Lady Redchester J. M. Pennington ii.

Scene: The Redchester's Country House.

Time: The present.

Producer: N. G. Lyon, Esq.

Scenery by: M. H. Silk, J. B. Cox, J. K. Jardine, E. D. Bower, D. Beaton, C. P. Butcher, P. D. Haysom, H. S. Lister, J. L. O. K. Webber, M. G. Arkwright, J. L. Scogings.

"Die Spookhuis" ("The Haunted House"). A unilingual member of the audience was much impressed by the number of laughs this play gained; showing how well the actors played their parts and how bilingual everybody else in the Hall appeared to be. The play seemed to be slow, but this may have been due to an inherent lack of action in the play itself. B. V. Horton as 'n bossie dokter and C. M. Bobbert were outstanding. R. M. Nevin's ravishing presence as Anna Wales will not easily be forgotten.

"The Dear Departed" suffered from the high speed with which one of the female leads, Mrs. Slater (F. W. E. Hooper) spoke, and the inaudability of the other, Mrs. Jordan (J. R. Whiting). The latter, however, rose from a bed of sickness that very day and courageously played his part. G. P. L. English, as Victoria Slater, the precocious little girl of ten years, and H. L. F. Currey, as Abel Merryweather, the "Dear Departed", were most successful.

"Mrs. Adis." This very short tragedy is a comparatively new play, and was well acted, holding the attention of the Hall, in spite of the constant interruption, throughout almost its whole length, by members of the audience returning to their seats after the interval. The acting was good all round, though A. T. de Villiers, as Mrs. Addis, and J. Rissik, as Peter Crouch, gave splendid performances. M. F. Hanley, as Vidler, the head keeper, was most convincing.

"Something To Talk About." This farce was very good fare. Everybody on the stage and in the audience seemed to be having a good time. H. M. Miller, as "The Wolf", foiled the aristocratic idiocy of the other parts to perfection, while N. F. Auret, as Lord Redchester, seemed best of all to understand the spirit of farce. J. M. Pennington, as his wife, was delightful.

Vith Form Play.

"BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON"

(A Detective Comedy in Three Acts)

By DOROTHY SAYERS and M. ST. CLARE BYRNE.

Characters in order of appearance:

Mr. Puffett	J. A. Goldsmith.
Bunter	H. G. Barnby.
Mrs. Ruddle	P. G. B. Nairn i.
Harriet (Lady Peter Wimsey)	S. A. G. Anderson.
Lord Peter Wimsey	Mr. N. A. Davis.
Miss Titterton	C. H. H. Barry.
Frank Crutchley	P. K. Moxley.
Rev. Simon Goodacre	W. N. MacGillivray.
Mr. Macbride	Mr. R. Green.
Constable Sellon	C. M. Adams.
Superintendent Kirk	P. K. Wright.
George	E. L. Popham.
Bill	W. L. Hall.

The scene throughout is the Dining Room at Tallboys.

The action takes place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during a week in October.

Producer: Mr. R. Green.

Property Manager: Mr. P. Simon.

Scenery and Effects: Mr. D. Pennington.

The Sixth Form are to be congratulated upon, and thanked for, the play that they put on on Saturday, June 10th. Its popularity was proved by the very frequent remarks heard during and after the performance as to what an amusing show it was.

Messrs. Green, Simon and D. Pennington must have worked very hard indeed, and the Sixth Form have responded well to their efforts to have achieved this success.

In appreciating the performance, it must be remembered that the producer in casting the play was strictly limited in his personnel, and any weakness in this respect was absolutely unavoidable. Yet, in spite of this limitation, the characters were on the whole adequately played.

Mr. Davis, as Lord Peter, carried his part well and easily along, his self possession and experience giving very great support to the other characters. J. A. Goldsmith was a convincing Mr. Puffet, and his obvious enjoyment of his part (as in the case of Mrs. Ruddle, Nairn i, a terrifying apparition of female aggressiveness and sentimentality), added very much to the amusement of the audience.

As Lord Peter's man, Bunter, H. G. Barnby was well caste, and made the most of his opportunities, as did Barry, the twittery Miss Titterton, and P. K. Moxley, as her "demon lover."

The part of the sophisticated yet delicately passionate Harriet was played well by Anderson, and he is to be congratulated on this, for it is an almost impossible part to be played by a boy.

The Rev. Simon Goodacre lived in the flesh and blood of W. N. MacGillivray, who gave charm and dignity to a part that could all too easily have been buffooned.

Mr. Green's last moment appearance as Macbride was as successful as it was sporting, and contributed to the success of his production.

The palm for acting must perhaps be given to Peter Wright, who was Superintendent Kirk, and nobody else, from the moment of his appearance on the stage. His slightly "well-what-I-mean-to-say-as-it-might-be" manner, his delight in quotations and sense of ease with the noble Lord, was one of those relationships which do actually exist in English life, but are so difficult to reproduce on the stage.

Well done, Vith! A most enjoyable evening.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society has been meeting regularly in Mr. Lyon's Room, and although we have missed the literary "bright spots" of last year, many enjoyable meetings have been held. This half, three plays have been read:—

Galsworthy's "Strife," and Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" and "Devil's Disciple."

Two papers were read to the Society, one by C. H. H. Barry (Secretary), on "Modern Verse, Humorous and Serious," and the other by W. N. MacGillivray on "G. K. Chesterton, The Humorist."

This year there are many Lower Fifth members which promise well for the Society next year. The most recent members co-opted were J. C. Wagner, G. V. Lange and J. B. Cox.

W.N.McG.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings were no longer held this last term owing to the unusually small attendances. There is still a small nucleus, however, which is keenly interested.

Various exhibits by Popham, Williamson, Line, Stacey, Meyer, Campbell, Sharpe iv, Fehrsen, Moir, Shipster and Pennington i, were shown on Speech Day.

Dr. Crass kindly did some biographical diagrams for the Natural History Museum.

We hope the Society will have a more successful season next year. R.P.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Although the coming Matriculation Examination has made a few members turn to their books and leave their cameras, the Society is still flourishing, with fewer—but, nevertheless, very keen—members.

Last Quarter, in preparation for the Exhibition staged on Speech Day, C. H. Barry gave a talk on "Composition," and C. H. van Hasselt followed this up by a talk on "Re-touching and Trimming." These two lectures evidently had a marked effect on many members, who had been inclined to drift along aimlessly, because the standard of the photographs on exhibition this year surpassed all previous standards. C. H. Barry won the Photographic prize.

This Quarter it has been decided that the Society should be split up into Senior and Junior Sections. This is obviously going to be of great advantage to the Senior members, who want to become acquainted with more advanced forms of photography, while the Junior members can receive fuller instruction on the more elementary principles.

Mr. Robinson gave a very useful and instructive talk and "Lenses and Focussing" on November 5th, to the Senior Section.

Voluntary meetings for discussions on photographic topics have been arranged on Friday afternoons by C. H. Barry. C.H.H.B.

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY

From the ashes of the Gramophone Society has arisen a more comprehensive body: the Musical Society, which has an increasing membership.

The Rector has kindly consented to be its President. Mr. Lea-Morgan has acted as a great stimulus to its activities, and its Headquarters are, for the time being, in the crypt.

The Library of Gramophone Records has been enriched by the addition of a concerto for piano and orchestra by Rachmaninoff.

Meetings have been held on Sunday evenings, and its members of the Society have also, together with a few other members of the School, been allowed to attend Concerts in Maritzburg; including three Symphony Concerts and Recitals by Rubenstein, Richard Crooks, Adolf Hallis and Richard Tauber; all of which have been thoroughly enjoyed.

At School, Mr. Lea Morgan organised two enjoyable Community Concerts, aided on one occasion by willing members of the Staff.

P.N.

DEBATING SOCIETY

On April 23rd, P. K. Wright took the chair at a business meeting held for the purpose of electing officers for the Session, and the following officers were elected:—

Chairman: P. K. Wright.

Vice-Chairman: W. N. MacGillivray.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: F. B. Barnes.

Committee: Messrs. J. Traill, R. Chapman, J. Goldsmith, P. Williams.

Ushers: L. C. Jennings, G. C. Blampied.

Reporter: R. M. Sharp.

The Session opened with a debate, in which the principal speakers were members of the Staff. Mr. Davis

proposed that "Conscientious objection to war is the only reasonable course for any man to pursue in any nation." He was seconded by Mr. Birks, the opposers being Mr. Green and Mr. Lyon. After a general discussion, the motion was put to the vote, and lost by eight votes to thirty-five.

On May 7th, Goldsmith successfully moved that "The medical profession should be legally empowered to kill in cases of incurable suffering." He was seconded by Wright, the opposers being MacGillivray and Barnes.

The motion before the House on May 13th was that "unnecessary attention is paid to the problem of food." Adams and Mackenzie, the proposers, defeated Moxley and Barnby by 26 votes to 24.

On May 21st, Ballenden proposed that "School life in the modern public school tends to effeminate the modern public school boy." He was seconded by Nairn i, and the opposers were Alexander and Walker. The motion was lost by five votes to thirty-five.

On May 27th an Inter-Debate with the Hilton College Debating Society was held in the Library.

The motion before the House read: "This House considers that Germany is not threatening the Union by her demands for the Colonies in Africa." Reuneirt and Brown, of Hilton, proposed the motion, and Wright and Alexander, of Michaelhouse, opposed it. After a very interesting and enjoyable debate, the motion was put to the vote and was won by 38 votes to 24.

On June 11th, Mr. Jonsson proposed the motion, which read as follows: "This House considers that betting is detrimental to sport." He was seconded by Williams, the opposers being Chater and Crass. The motion was won by 16 votes to 13.

A Hat Meeting was held on June 18th, and proved a failure. Instead of each member speaking on one subject, this year it was changed, and there were two speakers for each motion—one pro and one con. There was a very poor attendance at this debate.

On June 24th, MacGillivray and Sharp proposed the motion against two members of the Staff, Mr. Chutter and Mr. Senior. The motion was that "This House

considers that the present system of Native education is endangering the position of the White man in South Africa," and it was won by 24 votes to 15.

On August 6th, Blampied proposed that "A short life and a merry one is better than a long life spent in acquiring riches." He was seconded by Addison, the opposers being Jennings and Featherstone. The motion was won by 14 votes to 12.

On August 13th, Rilett proposed the motion, which read as follows: "This House considers that bachelors should be taxed in excess to any other section of the community." He was seconded by Sharp. The opposers were Morrison and Lange. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 14.

Another Master's Debate was held on August 19th. The motion read that "In the opinion of this House the Twentieth Century is likely to see the collapse of Western Civilisation." Mr. K. Pennington and Mr. J. Pauw spoke for the motion and Mr. P. Barnard and Mr. J. Lea-Morgan against. It was lost by four votes to 34.

On August 27th, Blampied proposed that "This House believes in Spiritualism." He was seconded by Duff; the opposers being Harle and G. Dorning. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 19.

On September 3rd, the motion before the House read: "This House considers that any form of censorship of the Press is detrimental to the interests of humanity." Jonsson and Mackintosh spoke for the motion, and Wagner and Smith against it. The motion was put to the vote and won by 12 votes to seven. There were very few members present at this meeting.

An inter-debate with the Maritzburg Old Boys took place on September 9th. MacGillivray proposed the following motion: "This House considers that Russia is justified in signing a non-aggression pact with Germany." He was seconded by Walker. The Old Boys were represented by Mr. James and Mr. Jackson. The motion was lost by 17 votes to 23.

The last debate of the Session was held on September 24th. The motion was: "This House considers that the enforcement of prohibition in South Africa would have

beneficial effects in all classes of the population." Mr. R. Jansen and Scoggings proposed the motion and Mr. N. Lyon and Anderson opposed it. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 15.

The annual dinner was held on Friday, October 27th. W. N. MacGillivray took the chair in P. K. Wright's absence. A most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

LITERARY SECTION

A GAME RESERVE EXPERIENCE

We arrived at Punda Maria at about three o'clock in the afternoon, and passed on to Shingwedsi to spend the night. Between the camps we travelled on two tracks through dry, bushy country, and saw very little game, except for an occasional duiker or zebra lazily roaming about.

When we were about three miles from Shingwedsi, on the left bank of a dry river bed, we noticed a troop of monkeys or baboons hastily crossing, with their scout ahead, screaming in his way, and urging on the others.

We slowly motored on, rather bored and depressed with the game we had seen, when I glanced round and saw six or more huge elephants, the nearest not more than thirty yards from the car.

Terrified, I quickly pointed out what I saw to the others, who were half asleep, but they soon awoke at the thought of elephants. The five cows that we counted ran off into the bush. About one hundred yards further on stood the big, well-built bull. He was standing behind a tree, his trunk swaying, his tusks, yellow with dirt, protruding before him, his huge sail-like ears flapping, and his feet stamping uneasily on the hard earth under him.

All about him were the trees, destructively broken down by members of his herd, who if unable to smash one down would call for others to assist him.

Evidently the troop of monkeys were scurrying off into the bush away from the elephants. We were expecting the bull's charge at any moment. It did not stir, however, as it saw us moving slowly away from it.

On arriving at camp we were told that it is exceedingly dangerous to get between elephants and where they wish to go, we were between them, their water, and perhaps between some more of the bull's cows, and were lucky to escape without being charged.

A little farther on we saw a buffalo in the river bed, and as soon as he scented us he quickly moved behind a small bush, just large enough to hide his huge body. We watched him with fieldglasses and at length he ran off into the bush.

Within an hour we had seen two of the mightiest beasts in the Kruger National Park, and if we had been trampled by an elephant or charged by a buffalo we would have had little chance of life. Evidently that night there was to be a meeting of the jungle kings, and we were fortunate enough to see two of them on their way to attend.

H.M.L. (IVB).

A DAY IN THE VELD

Starting off early one Sunday morning, with the intention of spending a useful and enterprising day, I made for one of the most beautiful of the natural bushes in the neighbourhood.

On my way there I came upon a grass bird (Cape Longclaw), endeavouring to draw away a snake from its young by feigning a broken wing. It was unperturbed by my presence, but continued, gradually luring the eager snake away; and then, with a whirr of wings, it returned to its young—victorious.

As usual, the first bird to greet me at the fringe of the bush, with its familiar and beautiful song, was the Sombre Bulbul. A Paradise Flycatcher, with its flowing tail, circled in the air to capture an insect and, wheeling in graceful flight, it returned to the same perch.

Further on, the tap-tapping of a Woodpecker, caught my ears. I saw it laboriously working at a new nest, deliberately and with determination. Suddenly a small buck (ipeti) scurried away on my left, calling its alarm as a warning, as it moved with considerable speed down a familiar and well-trodden path.

As I was going out of the bush, after I had spent about four hours watching woodpeckers, robins, drongos, pigeons, flycatchers and orioles, I suddenly came upon a stream. The fascinating music of the bubbling and gurgling stream, intermingled here with the ringing and tingling notes of the weavers, enthralled me. The males were hanging upside down from their nests, singing in exultant joy.

Crabs were walking about on the river bed and tadpoles were clustering on to some particular object or other. Occasionally a frog jumped in, only to disturb the smooth water. Ferns of all types were hanging over the crystal clear stream, lending their mysterious beauty to the scene.

On my way back I was lucky enough to see a Secretary Bird kill a snake. It spread its wing out so that it was an inviting target to the snake which, as it struck, was clasped by the claw of the bird.

The sun, whose orb had been invisible, had already dipped beyond the horizon, now lit up from behind the bulging clouds, giving them a golden lining, and the last rays shot across the sky as I entered the gates of the School.

R.P. (C.UV).

SUNSET IN THE DRAKENSBERG

It was evening, and the sun was travelling swiftly to its rest behind the upstretched buttresses of the Drakensberg Mountains. A lilliputian valley, with its squat Native huts and slopes that rose in unbroken cadence to the rearing mountains, lay far below the Garden Castle.

A river meandered between the moulded hillocks in the valley and dropped in softly roaring foam over a waterfall. Native women, drawing water from a pool, were laughing and shouting at one another in high falsetto voices. Somewhere a Native herdboys was singing a wild chant, as he drove the lowing cattle back to their kraal. Smoke rose from the fires near the huts, and lay like a wraith in the little river valleys. A slight breeze stirred the air. The sun gently slipped behind the knuckles, casting the valley into semi-gloom.

The sunlight dwelt on Garden Castle for a few moments after it left the valley. A gorgeous butterfly floating idly on the gentle wind, quickly darted into a creviced rock, as if conscious that the gathering shadows would rob its wings of their brilliant hues. Three Spur-wing Geese winged their way with swishing pinions across the evening sky. At Rhebok, startled by some foreign noise, leaped out of a thicket, and motionless, gazed about with querulous eyes. A small stone dislodged itself and scrambled down the hill-side towards the suspicious buck. The nervous animal started, and with a strange whistle leaped nimbly back into the thicket whence it came.

Night came swiftly. A once golden cloud rapidly turned to deep grey and early stars began to twinkle in the heavens. The mountains stood like *passe partout* figures against the darkening sky. In the valley small fires glimmered like glow-worms near the huts. Crickets chirped monotonous cadenzas to the night birds' songs.

Soon the mountains merged into the blackened sky, and all was quiet, save the far-off croaking of the frogs in the river reeds and the persistent murmur of the rushing stream. Somewhere a dog barked. The uncouth noise echoed in the hills and guinea fowl, roosting in a willow by the river, cackled in alarm. Then silence fell and the valley slept once more.

C.H.H.B.

"SONNET"

Come, gentle death, and close those longing eyes;
Eyes that have seen the days of Youth go by,
A cloud of mist. And stifled with a sigh
Her carefree thoughts for those more old and wise.
No more to sit and watch the morning rise,
To laugh and ask the everlasting, "Why?"
We used to sit together, you and I,
And singing, throw our voices to the skies.
But now you're gone and I am left to roam,
And ever more to hear the wild refrain
That hurries through the valleys near your home;
The desolated valleys washed with rain.
So I'll grow old and sorrowfully wait
While love grows dim and laughter turns to hate.

P.A.D.J.

"SONNET TO PAIN"

A spirit races through the startled night.
It sings and raves and tears the empty air
And then it laughs and claws the moonbeam's hair;
And points a spectral finger at the sight,
As cursing, suddenly it sees the light.
And then it sags and crumples in despair
And gibbers stupidly and reeks of fear,
As slowly it recedes and takes to flight.
And now my eyes, once blinded, clear again;
I gasp, and tear the covering from my bed,
And arch my body to release the pain
Which passes with the passing of the gloom
And goes, to leave a wake of vivid red,
As laughter takes its place and fills the room.

P.A.D.J.

SONNET

There's something moves within this heartless thing,
That stirs and paints a picture in the dust
With shaken palsied locks and hand of lust
Clasps at the air to catch the motes that sing;
Awake! Its slobbering lips fling out the crust
And drink the wines of ecstasy which bring
Alike to mind of beggar and of king
Thoughts of what would and not, ye gods, what must!
For see, the very birds that fly and sing
Must know the ecstasy through which you pass,
For be it foot, or lung, or be it wing,
It must continue, still the drumming force
Must sweep triumphant strokes and ceaseless bring,
A spirit which man's helpless wit may grasp!

H.G.B.

EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

"We shall awake and dance and live and love
And none shall grudge our youth, for we are they
Who fight to-morrow and who laugh to-day!
We are earth's best, who kiss the stars above,
Who keep this weary world just warm and sane,
And now we go with countless thousands more
Across the grim fantastic dancing floor

To Paradise, across the bridge of pain."
 Thus I spoke, and all the time I saw
 The wind that combed your hair and touched your face,
 And your blue dress against the turf and trees,
 And a child's kite that hovered on the breeze.
 I saw all this, and more, I saw still more,
 All young and green as nature 'ere had made;
 And as I looked, I knew I was afraid !

H.G.B.

THE GARDEN

Green buds like water shot with sunlight's gleam,
 Near spiky tips of fan-traced Iris leaves;
 The Palm's metallic leaf; the purple pall
 Of Jacaranda blooms, rich canopy
 For all that's fair;—these things were beautiful
 Before to-day, but, since your generous touch,
 Reflected loveliness gilds all their charms.
 You calm the jangling of the twisted nerves,
 A pure white goddess of the flowers and trees.
 In you the errant beauties chased so long
 Find their eternal fusion, ever young.

N.A.St.J.D.

WORLD'S VIEW (New Year's Day, 1938)

The mist clouds strewn in careless opulence
 In slow obedience to the sun affect
 The white wool garment of innocent dawn.

Below, the light unfurls the sloping woods
 Whose centre breathes again the sun's caress,
 Whose silvered dewdrops lie minted for me.

As fragments of a flute cadenza die
 Before cacophony's impatient blare
 The thin white wraiths fly away from the light.

I follow the drifting rays
 To the town in the valley beneath;
 It steals Aurora's laughing grace
 For its dusty, drab, and sallow cheeks.

N.A.St.J.D.

HYMN OF HATE

A time there was when we, at Michaelhouse,
 Could boast of freedom from the vulgar sound
 Of hooting cars beside a Rugger-ground.
 That blatant, beastly noise did not arouse
 One's savage anger then; but now, alas,
 Those happy days are done, and we are sunk
 Down to the rank of hobo and bohunk;—
 Our peace is shattered by this "sounding brass".
 Imagination boggles, reason rocks
 In trying to psycho-analyse the brood
 Of those whose hands adopt this method crude
 To show applause, by eardrum-splitting shocks.—
 I hope the Hell reserved for them is filled
 With blaring klaxons never to be stilled.

C.M.M.

THE APPRECIATION OF POETRY

The Poet sensitive to Beauty seeks
 In words to voice his feelings when he speaks.
 Startled, man finds new wonder through his art:
 The Poet's own emotion fills his heart.
 'Tis not "the content" but "the form" that brings
 Success or failure when the Poet sings:
 Not "what" he tells, but "how" his word expressed
 His first emotion, now in verse addressed.
 Bounteously, to liberate his passion,
 The Muses gave th' Elements of Expression.
 The Dance bore Metre (Recurring Rhythm's son)
 Assonance Rhyme: (with "the Conquest" won)
 Words, Music's children gathered, and their sounds
 Echo emotion, or the sense expounds.
 The Stanza's form; the framework of the verse,
 Assists proportion, or may make it worse.
 Figures of speech, the niceties of phrase,
 May sink the Poem, or its level raise.
 Beauty has fired the poet's heart to flame,
 Has he illum'n'd his reader with the same?
 "How has the Poet" thus by Muses blest,
 "Used his rich dower," is the Critic's Test.

J.B.C.

SHOOTING

In the second round of the Frank Stevens Shield Competition we shot badly and finished sixth, but did somewhat better in the third round and finished fourth in the final aggregate. In the Molyneux Cup we are at present second, but the Senior Shield scores are still to be included. In the Cadet Inter-Provincial Competition we were third in Natal and fifth in the whole of the Union. Natal again won this competition, after winning it for the first time last year.

We have also shot a postal match against St. Andrew's School, Bloemfontein, when our score was 786 out of 800, and theirs 767. We are at present slowly ploughing our way through the Imperial Shields Competition, and so far the results are not very encouraging.

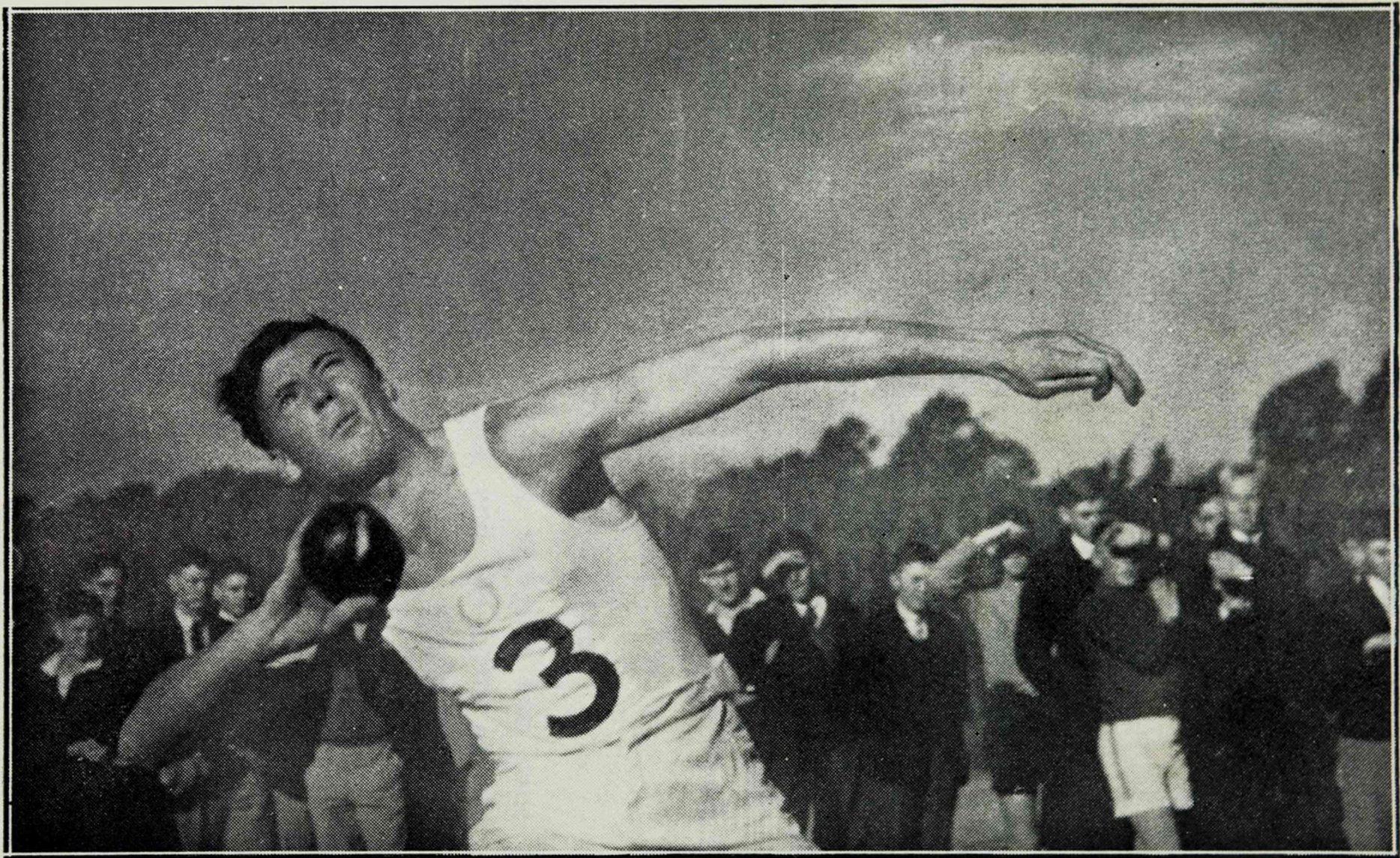
.303 SHOOTING CLUB

An interest in open range shooting has once again been revived in the School, and the butts on Mr. J. L. Jaffray's land have been in fairly continuous use since the middle of the Michaelmas quarter.

The Club has a membership of 24, among whom are several promising marksmen.

Firing practice has been confined so far to the 200 yards range, at which the highest average for any one afternoon is 85.7. This has been reached on several occasions.

It is hoped in the near future, with the very welcome advice and assistance of Mr. Alan Webster and Mr. Frank Nurden, both to raise the scores and extend the ranges.



Ernest Hudson Bennett, President of the Cambridge University Athletic Club, puts the weight at Michaelhouse, August, 1939.

[Photo : C. H. H. Barry.]

ATHLETICS

The Ramparts were held on September 27 in ideal conditions. The finish of senior rampart was on the Punch Bowl. Results:—

Senior

	Points.
1. West (4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17)	65
2. Founders	95
3. Farfield	97
4. Tatham	102
5. East	115

Individual placings: 1, Stewart; 2, Alexander; 3, Kellett; 4, Owen. Time: 35min. 44sec.

Junior

	Points.
1. West (2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9)	34
2. Farfield (1, 3, 7, 11, 17, 19)	58
3. Founders	136
4. East	141
5. Tatham	151

Individual placings: 1, Taylor; 2, Pennington; 3, Cox; 4, Vidbold. Time: 20min. 40sec; record.

On September 2, Owen and Stewart represented the School in the Invitation Mile at Estcourt. Owen ran extremely well to finish second to Chaplin, from Maritzburg College, who broke the Schools' record by some seconds. Stewart came fifth out of a field of 17.

SQUASH NOTES

It has been found impossible to arrange matches against outside teams. The only match played was an unfinished "Marathon" against the staff. For their energy and enthusiasm the School is very grateful.

The recent alterations to the courts make it possible to play in all weather and at all times. The School wishes to record its appreciation to the Governors for allowing three of the four courts to be artificially lit. With dull, wet days and examinations, squash will become more popular and the covered courts will be a boon to all.

The feature of squash is that one can obtain the maximum amount of exercise in the minimum of time. It is essentially the player's game, and one which is gaining rapid popularity in South Africa. It is to be hoped that more schools will take the game up.

TENNIS

Mr. Barnard returned from his trip overseas and once more took over the position of Tennis Master.

W. L. Hall was School Tennis Captain for the first six months of the year, but when he left C. M. Adams was elected.

During the year a tennis practice wall was constructed and has been a great aid and help to the standard of tennis. The courts were also re-surfaced this year and are playing extraordinarily well. Mr. Jackson came up to School and gave an exhibition on how to use the tennis practice wall in the proper way. Mr. Jackson also coached some of the boys who were anxious to be coached. Mrs. Heine Miller was due to come up and coach this year, but was not able to. But it is hoped that she will next year.

The standard of tennis this year has been as high as usual, although the time for tennis is very limited. Four matches have been played and the result was two wins and two draws to Michaelhouse.

More matches were arranged, but twice N.U.C. had to put off on account of the weather, and then, in the fourth quarter, as the School was in quarantine, all three matches were cancelled.

The weather has been unkind to the tennis, as the championships, which should have been completed, are still being held back on account of the rain.

In the first quarter the tennis match against N.U.C. was held on the University courts. The match was to consist of a round of singles and then doubles, but the match only began in the afternoon, and so there was barely time to finish the singles, which went to the University by five matches to one. (Each match consisted of three sets.) The doubles were only just started when the light failed and so the whole match ended in a draw.

The match against St. Anne's was held in the second quarter and this also was only an afternoon affair. Each match was the best out of nine games and so it ended in a decisive win for Michaelhouse by seven matches to two. After the match the couples mixed up and a couple of good sets of mixed doubles ended a very enjoyable day.

Wykeham also came up to Michaelhouse to play a match, although they were much more anxious just to play mixed tennis. This match also took place in the afternoon and the matches were to be the best out of nine games. Michaelhouse again won fairly easily by six matches to three, and at the end of the match both teams mixed up and played doubles.

The great match of the year against Hilton was played at Michaelhouse and was an all-day affair. The Hilton team arrived at 11 and play was commenced immediately, each match being the best out of three sets. By lunch time the score was more or less even, and remained so until the end, when the score was seven matches to six in the favour of Hilton, with three more matches to play. It might have been anybody's game, although both sides like to think that they were in the better position. The match was such a roaring success, although members from both teams were missing, that it has now been made an annual fixture.

In the fourth quarter the matches against N.U.C., St. Anne's and Hilton had to be cancelled on account of our being in quarantine for measles. It is hoped that the matches against Wykeham and the staff will be arranged, however.

Mr. Barnard is retiring from the Cadet Corps next year and intends to make tennis play a much more important part in School games than it has done up to the present.

Mr. Gersigny and Mr. Barnard between them are going to coach the boys next year.

Tennis colours are now going to be given and it is hoped that this will encourage the boys to not only play tennis, but take it more seriously.

The School team at the beginning of the year was as follows: Hall and Adams, No. 1 couple; Springorum and Kidd, No. 2 couple; Lee and Barnes, No. 3 couple. The

team at the end of the year was as follows: Adams and Springroum, No. 1 couple; Lee and Dyer, No. 2 couple; Barnes and Kidd, No. 3 couple; Wallace i and Wallace ii, No. 4 couple. Owing to Lee's injury at Rugby his place was filled by Stewart.

Michaelhouse v.

N.U.C. (away), first quarter: Singles, 1-6; doubles, unfinished. Draw.

St. Anne's (home), second quarter: Doubles, 7-2. Won.

Wykeham (home), third quarter: Doubles, 6-3. Won.

Hilton (home), third quarter: Doubles, 6-7 (three matches not finished). Draw.

HOCKEY

FIRST XI MATCHES

1st XI v. N.U.C. May 10th. Home. Lost 0—7.

Once again a Club team showed up the extreme slowness of the School side, especially of the wing halves and forwards. We were quite unable to cope with the speed of our opponents, who scored four goals in the first half and three in the second.

1st XI. May 20th. Home. Won 2—1.

In spite of being played in pouring rain with one circle half under water, this match produced some excellent hockey, and the School showed surprising promise. The forwards combined far better and were "on the ball" more quickly. Robertson, playing at full-back in Wright's place, was steady but slow. Throughout the game our forwards were pressing, and only the heavy ground, combined with poor shooting, prevented a larger score.

1st XI v. WANDERERS. June 7th. Away. Lost 0—7.

Opposed to a strong Wanderers' team, the School showed far better form than usual, and in spite of the score, played some very interesting hockey. As usual, weakness in the circle robbed us of at least two goals, but our defence, especially Wright, Lee, and Hall, played extremely well against a first-class attack.

1st XI v. Hilton-Michaelhouse Combined Staffs. June 15th. Home. Drew 5—5.

The School side again showed improvement. The marking of the halves was very sound, and the forwards had far more dash. The return of Owen to the right wing made a great difference, and nearly all our goals originated from right wing movements. Play in the circle was also better, but chances were still missed unnecessarily.

1st XI v. Mr. G. Pennington's XI. June 21st. Home. Lost 2—5.

With six of the School 1st XI away, the side did extremely well to be leading at half-time, especially as they had a strong forward-line against them. Harriss, in goal, and Cox, at centre-half, showed particular promise. But after half-time the backs began to tire, and Rossiter and Jackson soon had them out of position, to score four more goals. This game was interesting because it proved that, with the increasing popularity of Hockey in the School, a team composed very largely of reserves, recruited from games below the 2nd Rugby Game, can hold its own against an experienced side.

1st XI v. N.U.C. August 16th. Away. Lost 3—5.

Played on a rough ground, where the team did well against a side containing two provincial players to hold them to 2-all at half-time. Greater experience then told, and N.U.C. won. Rain came on heavily during the last ten minutes. The game on the whole was a good one, and the School defended stubbornly.

1st XI v. Wanderers. August 30th. Home. Lost 4—7.

The School pressed during most of the first half, but shots at goal went wide. Later the Wanderers settled down and both sides played good hockey. The School, particularly the forwards, played probably better than they have ever done. The forwards combined well and played constructively. Dyer was outstanding at inside-left, and Brash and Owen were also prominent. Harriss, in goal, was good. Two runaway goals by Wanderers made the margin of defeat larger than it should have been on the general run of the play. For Wanderers, Jackson and Raw played well in the forward-line, while G. Pennington, at full-back, broke up many of our best movements.

1st XI v. Nomads. September 9th. Home. Lost 1—3.

A bumpy ground militated against good hockey, but, even allowing for this, both forward lines were ineffective, the School line suffering tremendously from the absence of Dyer. The defence on both sides played well, the Nomads' centre-half being several classes better than any other player on the field. His sense of anticipation, his stick-work, and his well-timed passes were a joy to see.

The following played at various times for the 1st XI:

Goal: Dorning i, Harriss.

Full Back: Wright (Captain), Hall ii, Robertson, Smith, Kidd.

Half Back: Lee, Cox, Adams, Barnes i, Addison.

Forward: Dyer, Owen, Brash, Allen ii, Dixon, Wallace i, Wallace ii, Hall i, Chater, Barry, Cleverly.

SECOND XI MATCHES

2nd XI v. N.U.C. 2nd XI. May 10th. Home. Won 4—3.

Although the hockey was not of a high standard, it was pleasant to record a win on the first occasion on which the School had fielded a 2nd XI.

The team: Harriss; Robertson, Fleischer; Addison, Perkins, Adams; Monk, Caswell, Wallace i, Barry, Chater.

2nd XI v. Durban Technical School. May 20th. Lost 2—4.

The side showed improvement, but lost largely because of poor shooting and bad positioning by the backs.

BUNNIES' MATCH.

Bunnies v. Hilton Bunnies. August 29th. Away. Won 6—0.

This was the first Bunnies' match ever played by the School. Our team was rather too old and skilful for our opponents, who were younger on the average. Even so, it was an excellent game, and not such a runaway victory as the score seems to indicate. It is greatly to be hoped that this fixture may become an annual one.

THE HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST XI

Preliminary Round. Tatham beat Farfield 1—0. Farfield forwards were weak, but the defence was good.

Tatham were a little lucky to get their goal. Featherstone made some good saves. For Tatham, Wright was sound and Smith played very well indeed. Wallace ii was off-side too often. The Farfield half-line put in some hard work, and Robertson at full-back was safe.

Semi-finals. Tatham beat Foundation West 2—1. A good game, with many constructive movements on both sides. Forwards were generally weak. For West, Hall played well at full-back, and Owen worked very hard at forward. The best player on the field was Smith, at full-back for Tatham. His stick-work and positional play were excellent, and he is supremely good at working himself and the ball free from a tussle without obstructing.

Foundation East beat Founders 6—1. Not such a good game as the other semi-final. Dyer, for East, was outstanding at forward, and was off the mark early. In the second half he was a trifle selfish. Miller, in Founders' goal, did well, notwithstanding the number of goals scored against him. He made some brave saves. Cornwall, on the East right wing, played well, and picked up some fast passes.

Final. Tatham beat Foundation East 2—0. This was a good game. Both goals were scored in the first half, and the East defence played extremely well throughout. Their forwards, however, were disappointing, especially Dyer. They failed too often in the circle during the first half. Cornwall, on the right wing, was inclined to take the ball too far before returning it to the centre. Kidd, Peake, and Large were outstanding for East. The latter's passes from full-back were invariably well and intelligently directed, and if the forwards could have made proper use of them, they must have scored many goals.

For Tatham, Wright and Smith—the full-backs—were almost impregnable. The forwards kept the ball moving well and fully deserved their goals.

Teams in Final:—

Tatham: Fawcett; Wright, Smith; Perkins, Addison, McLeod; Chater, Wallace i, Caswell, Wallace ii, Monk.

Foundation East: Harriss; Large, Peake; Harle, Fitzgerald, Kidd; Somerset, McClung, Dixon, Dyer, Cornwall.

SECOND XI

Preliminary Round. Foundation West beat Tatham after extra time. The hockey was not good, but both sides played keenly.

Semi-finals. Founders beat Farfield 1—0. The goal was scored from a penalty-corner. Otherwise the sides were fairly evenly matched, but the hockey was mediocre.

Foundation East and Foundation West drew 1—1 after extra time. Two re-plays were necessary before a decision was reached. West won 4—0 in a game in which East appeared to give up hope after two goals had been scored against them. Wild hitting by the East defence prevented their forwards from trying to equalise. D. H. Brown played very well for West.

Final. Foundation West beat Founders 3—1. This game produced some unexpectedly good hockey. West scored first, early in the match, and then for the rest of that half Founders pressed, but scored only towards the end. In the second half, Founders fell away somewhat, while West kept an even level. In spite of sound work by Tobin and Dyke at full-back, Founders could not score again. West scored twice during this half. The extra practices gained by West in the semi-final re-plays seemed to stand them in good stead in the final.

Teams in Final:—

Foundation West: Dorning ii; Curlewis i, Otto; Tidboald i, Brown, Sinton; Jennings, Hall ii, Springorum, Pennington i, Crawford.

Founders: Douglas; Dyke, Tobin; Meyer, Wilson, Ellis-Brown; Anderson, Stewart, Allen, Young, Broom.

RUGBY

At the School Trials held at Woodburn on June 21st, the Durban Schools beat the Maritzburg Schools fairly easily, while Hilton-Michaelhouse beat the Northern Districts 13—8, after being down 8—0 at half-time. I. S. Barnes, D. R. Lee, G. Chater, A. R. S. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, T. R. M. Robertson played in the trials. Dyer was unable to play owing to illness.

G. Chater is to be congratulated on being chosen for the Natal Schools' XV.

At a meeting in April, P. K. Wright was elected Captain and D. R. Lee, Vice-Captain.

During the Season, Colours were awarded as follow:—

P. K. Wright, D. R. Lee, G. M. Dorning, G. Chater, O. W. Dyer, J. P. O'B. Kellett.

Blazers: D. R. Lee, G. M. Dorning, G. Chater, O. W. Dyer, J. P. O'B. Kellett, I. S. Barnes, G. J. Chennells, T. R. M. Robertson, D. J. F. Addison, W. L. Hall, C. Adams, D. H. McKerrow, G. D. A. Wallace, F. B. Barnes, T. M. McLeod, P. W. Perkins.

1st XV MATCHES

With only Wright back from last year's team, and not many of the 2nd XV back, we did not anticipate a very good season. To add to our discomfort, we had more injuries than usual. Wright, McKerrow and Wallace were off for most of the first half of the season, while Lee, Barnes i and Dorning were off for the whole of the second half. Several others were unable to play in one or two matches. Even so the standard was not high and the rugby played was uninspiring. The main causes of our failure were the lack of speed, weight and experience. Just as Wright was beginning to lead his team well and to play good football himself, he broke his nose, and did not play again until August, when he played really well at eighth forward. Lee, both at fly-half and centre, was good in attack, but was really weak in defence, and simply could not bring himself to fall on the ball. Barnes i was the most consistent of the backs, but was sadly lacking in speed. He could always see an opening and was really sound in defence. Dyer played splendidly at full-back, and was the outstanding player on the side. His kicking was grand and his tackling excellent. He was a little uncertain in his fielding of the ball. Barnes ii came into the side rather late in the season. He has the makings of a fine player; his handling is really good and he has a sound knowledge of the game, but as yet lacks speed. Although never brilliant, Chater played a good plucky game and fully deserved the honour of playing for the Natal Schools' XV. He has to learn to throw out a longer and more accurate pass. Wallace was good in

defence, but has no speed or dash in attack. Addison was reasonable in attack, but very weak in defence. Perkins developed only towards the end of the season. He battled well in attack, but his defence was not strong. Vowles, Cox and Barnby, all of whom played several games each, were young and suffered from lack of speed and experience.

Dorning was probably the best forward on the side. He played with plenty of dash and was always on the ball. Kellett improved with every game, and should do well in the future. He was inclined to hold on to the ball too long. Chennells was a good loose forward, though somewhat slow and light. Robertson was good in the tight scrums, but too slow otherwise. Adams played well in the line-out. Hall was a fair hooker and a glutton for work at all times. McKerrow was really good in several games, but only mediocre in others. McLeod, though he tried hard, was disappointing. He lacked powers of anticipation.

To sum up, the team was probably the weakest the School has had for about ten years or so. The forwards played really well on occasions, but equally poorly on others, while the backs had very little scoring powers.

1st XV GENERAL RESULTS

					Points.
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
15	7	7	1	111	140

SCHOOL MATCHES

					Points.
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
11	6	5	0	77	107

MICHAELHOUSE v. ESTCOURT HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Estcourt on April 29th. Won 8—0.

Considering that we had a completely new team and had only a week's practice, we did well to win this game against a heavier and faster side. The forwards played well together, while the backs were safe, but very slow and far too orthodox. Dyer, after missing two easy chances, scored with a penalty from quite far out, to give

us a 3-0 lead at half-time. In the second half we were pressing for most of the time and missed several chances of scoring through overkeenness and inexperience. Just on time, Dorning dribbled the ball over to score under the posts, for Dyer to convert.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, L. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, A. W. Allen; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, G. M. Dorning, T. M. McLeod, J. P. Kellet, G. J. Chennells, K. B. Hall, D. W. Birch, T. R. M. Robertson.

Referee: Mr. A. C. Martin.

MICHAELHOUSE v. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Michaelhouse on May 5th. Won 9—3.

We started off in good style in this match. The forwards gave the backs the ball on many occasions during the first half, as a result of which we scored two tries and a penalty and looked easy winners. In the second half our opponents improved slightly and our forwards tried to score on their own and became very ragged, while our backs could do little on the few occasions they received the ball. Glenwood scored in the corner half-way through the second half. Dyer was very sound, while Chater played a splendid game.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellet, K. B. Hall, D. H. McKerrow, G. J. Chennells, T. R. M. Robertson, T. M. McLeod.

Referee: Mr. T. Sutcliffe.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG OLD COLLEGIANS

Played at Michaelhouse on May 12th. Won 19—6.

Owing to Intertown Trials in Maritzburg the Old Collegians were unable to bring up their full side. In spite of this handicap they managed to collect a very reasonable side and a most pleasant game resulted. We were in far better training than our opponents, and we owed our success to this fact. The forwards hustled well and got the ball back to the three-quarters fairly regularly. The backs were slow in attack, but defended really well.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, D. H. McKerrow, T. R. M. Robertson, G. C. Blampied, C. Adams, G. J. Chennells.

Referee: Mr. K. M. Pennington.

MICHAELHOUSE v. OLD BOYS

Played at Michaelhouse on May 18th. Lost 9—15.

During the first half the Old Boys were far superior to the School, mainly owing to the weight of their forwards. After the interval the School improved a great deal and the Old Boys began to tire. We had many opportunities during this period of at least making a draw of the game, but dropped passes or knocks-on spoilt golden chances. Chater had a great duel with his brother George, who was out on leave.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, I. S. S. Barnes, D. R. Lee, G. M. Dixon; D. J. F. Addison, G. Chater; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, D. H. McKerrow, T. R. M. Robertson, C. Adams, G. J. Chennells, T. M. McLeod, K. B. Hall.

Referee: Mr. K. M. Pennington.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN OLD COLLEGIANS

Played at Michaelhouse on May 24th. Lost 3—9.

The Collegians, though not at full strength, nevertheless had a fairly representative side. Their forwards were particularly good, but their backs struck an off-day and could do nothing right. Our forwards played really well against their formidable opponents, while the backs played splendidly in defence, but lacked speed and penetration in attack.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, W. L. Hall; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, T. R. M. Robertson, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod, D. W. Birch.

Referee: Mr. A. P. Woods.

MICHAELHOUSE v. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on May 27th. Won 13—3.

We were not very optimistic about our chances in this game, and St. John's started with such dash that it seemed as if our hopes had vanished. Unfortunately for St. John's, their crack wing, Stewart, was heavily tackled by Dyer on the corner flag and sprained his ankle so badly that he could not continue. This seemed to take the fight out of them, as they did not appear the same side afterwards. After defending vigorously for 15 minutes, we crossed the halfway line for the first time, and after a scrum on the line Chater scored and Dyer converted. Shortly afterwards we scored an unconverted try and lead 8—nil at the interval. After attacking repeatedly with little hope of scoring as our backs were running across, Barnes made a straight break and passed in to Dorning, who passed to Chennells, to score a really fine try, which Dyer converted. St. John's then attacked strongly and scored an unconverted try.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, D. H. McKerrow, T. R. M. Robertson, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod.

Referee: Mr. C. A. Filday.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN ROVERS

Played at Michaelhouse on May 31st. Drawn 3—3.

Owing to Military operations the Rovers were unable to bring a representative side, and the game, though keen, was not up to the standard of previous years. Our forwards played really well, but the backs made little headway against a sound defence.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, W. L. Hall; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, D. H. McKerrow, T. R. M. Robertson, A. Adams, K. B. Hall, H. A. M. Dyke.

Referee: Mr. K. M. Pennington.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on June 3rd. Lost 0—11.

For some unaccountable reason our forwards went to pieces in this game, and were completely outplayed by the College pack, whose scrum and line-out work were distinctly good. Their backs were poor compared to their forwards. They ran across too much. Our backs defended well, but hardly ever got the ball to develop attacking movements.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, G. M. Dixon; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, T. R. M. Robertson, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, H. A. M. Dyke, T. M. McLeod.

Referee: Mr. A. P. Woods.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Hilton on June 17th. Lost 3—23.

Once again our forwards failed to come up to expectations, and the powerful Hilton wings got many opportunities. On the run of the game we were lucky in not having more points scored against us. Barnes, Lee and Chater defended gallantly. Dyer, unfortunately, was not seen at his best. We were somewhat handicapped in the scrum by the fact that Hall, the hooker, was injured early in the game and was more or less a passenger. Dyer scored a penalty for us with a fine kick. The Hilton forwards played well together and gave their backs many chances.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, I. S. S. Barnes, D. J. F. Addison, H. Barnby; D. R. Lee, G. Chater; G. M. Dorning, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, T. R. M. Robertson, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod, G. M. Dixon.

Referee: Mr. C. A. Filday.

MICHAELHOUSE v. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Glenwood on June 23rd. Won 14—9.

This was one of the better and more enterprising games that the team played during the season. The for-

wards played well, both in the loose and in the set scrums. Kellett was inclined to be off-side. The inclusion of Barnes ii seemed to give more life to the backs. Barnes i played really well, while Dyer was once again a tower of strength. We lead 8—3 at half-time, due to a fine try by the forwards, following a break from a line-out. Dyer converted and also kicked a penalty. Glenwood scored with a penalty. For 10 minutes after the interval we attacked strongly. Vowles scored from an overlap and Chennells from a scrum on the line. Glenwood then retaliated, and we were hard pressed to keep them out. As it was, they scored a try and a penalty.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, J. B. Cox, I. S. S. Barnes, H. Barnby; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; J. P. O'B. Kellett, T. R. M. Robertson, G. J. Chennells, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod, G. M. Dixon, G. W. Springorum.

Referee: Mr. G. Sweetman.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Played at D.H.S. on June 29th. Lost 0—19.

We were no match for our heavy opponents, and once again our backs defended like tigers. Dyer had a tremendous amount of work to do and played splendidly. Barnes i broke beautifully three times, but on each occasion we failed to score on account of lack of speed. The D.H.S. forwards played really well, but their backs were poor in comparison. Allen kicked two spectacular penalties from half-way.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; W. L. Vowles, D. R. Lee, I. S. S. Barnes, H. Barnby; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; T. R. M. Robertson, G. J. Chennells, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod, G. M. Dixon, G. W. Springorum, G. C. Blampied.

Referee: Mr. D. Levine.

MICHAELHOUSE v. ESTCOURT HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Michaelhouse on August 7th. Won 11—3.

With Wright back in the side, the forwards seemed to get new life and played good, honest, hard rugby against heavier and faster opponents. Our backs were

not very effective, owing to the absence of Barnes i and Lee. Barnby's passes were rather wild. We scored a penalty and a try in the first half, and a goal to our opponents' try in the second half.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, H. Barnby, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, J. P. O'B. Kellett, D. H. McKerrow, G. J. Chennells, C. Adams, K. B. Hall, T. M. McLeod, G. C. Blampied.

Referee: Mr. K. M. Pennington.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Maritzburg College on August 12th. Lost 9—11.

This was a splendid match, which we certainly should not have lost had our place kicking not been really poor. After ten minutes of even play, one of the College centres broke and scored a good try, which was converted. College attacked again, but Cox intercepted in our 25, and just scored under the posts after a grand run. Dyer missed the conversion. Just before half-time the other College centre scored an unconverted try. On the resumption, Kellett made a magnificent break, side-stepped their full-back and scored close in. Dyer again failed to convert. We attacked again, and from a scrum on their line, Chennells broke round the blind side and scored fairly far out. From a line-out in mid-field our loose forwards were caught napping as the wing threw in deep, and a quick movement resulted in a try in the corner. The final whistle blew shortly afterwards.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, H. Barnby, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, J. P. O'B. Kellett, G. J. Chennells, D. H. McKerrow, K. B. Hall, C. Adams, T. R. M. Robertson, T. M. McLeod.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on August 19th. Lost 0—17.

Following our good display of the previous week, we hoped to hold Hilton, but it soon became evident that we should be soundly beaten. The Hilton forwards once again had our pack beaten, and it was a question of

defence all the time. In the first half our defence was magnificent, and Hilton failed to score. This was partly due to their centres, who tried too much. In the second half, Montgomery set the ball rolling by scoring two great tries by sheer speed, one of which was converted. Struben then scored and kicked a good penalty. Just before time, Short made a fine break and scored. For us, Kellett played an outstanding game.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; G. D. A. Wallace, D. J. F. Addison, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, J. P. O'B. Kellett, D. H. McKerrow, G. J. Chennells, K. B. Hall, C. Adams, T. R. M. Robertson, T. M. McLeod.

Referee: Mr. P. Todd.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Michaelhouse on August 26th. Won 10—8.

We ended the season in magnificent style by defeating the powerful D.H.S. side. Unfortunately for them our opponents were without two of their best players, but nevertheless we played really well. For the first time our forwards put all their weight into the set scrums, and we actually pushed the heavy D.H.S. pack. Kellett and Wright played really well, while the backs showed some initiative. After ten minutes of even play we attacked, and Barnes made a beautiful break, but just failed to score, but Cox coming up quickly scored, for Dyer to convert. After half-time, following hands in scrum, Allen scored from a penalty. We then attacked vigorously for 15 minutes, but just failed to score, until just on time Kellett forced his way over and Dyer converted.

Michaelhouse: O. W. Dyer; D. G. A. Wallace, H. Barnby, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins; F. B. Barnes, G. Chater; P. K. Wright, J. P. O'B. Kellett, H. D. McKerrow, G. J. Chennells, K. B. Hall, C. Adams, T. R. M. Robertson, T. M. McLeod.

Referee: Mr. K. M. Pennington.

2nd XV

Suffering from lack of experience and having to change the team frequently owing to the number of

casualties in the 1st XV, this team had an extremely poor record. There seemed to be little or no team spirit, and for the most part the Rugby played was not of a good standard. The forwards were quite willing and played reasonably well on most occasions, but the backs had no go in them at all. Peake, at full-back, was a sound player, but was somewhat slow. Hall played well at scrum-half.

2nd XV GENERAL RESULTS

P.	W.	L.	D.	Points.	
				F.	A.
13	5	8	0	114	152

SCHOOL MATCHES

P.	W.	L.	D.	Points.	
				F.	A.
9	4	5	0	83	101

MICHAELHOUSE v. HOWICK

Played at Michaelhouse on April 29th. Won 16—8.

The team started the season in a promising manner, playing good, sound Rugby. The forwards played well together, while the backs, lead by the halves, tackled well and were good on attack.

Michaelhouse: A. R. Thorpe; T. C. M. Monk, W. L. Vowles, P. W. Perkins, W. A. Williamson; F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; G. M. Dixon, C. Adams, G. C. Blampied, D. H. McKerrow, R. de la C. Cornwall, A. J. Sharp, H. A. M. Dyke, G. R. Chapman.

MICHAELHOUSE v. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Michaelhouse on May 5th. Won 14—5.

The forwards again played well, but the backs did not run straight enough in attack, and we missed several opportunities of scoring. Peake and Vowles played well.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; T. C. M. Monk, A. W. Allen, P. W. Perkins, W. L. Vowles, F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, C. Adams, G. C. Blampied, A. J. Sharp, G. R. Chapman, R. de la C. Cornwall, R. A. Hamlyn, D. S. Fleischer.

MICHAELHOUSE v. OLD BOYS

Played at Michaelhouse on May 18th. Lost 9—11.

This was a very even game, which the School were a trifle unlucky in losing. The Old Boys broke away in the last minute of the game to score their winning try.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; W. L. Vowles, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins, A. W. Allen; F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; G. C. Blampied, D. W. Birch, G. R. Chapman, A. J. Sharp, R. A. Hamlyn, D. S. Fleischer, G. W. Springorum, W. G. Smerdon.

MICHAELHOUSE v. NATAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
DURBAN

Played on Baileys, on May 20th. Won 17—3.

This game was played in a downpour of rain. Under the circumstances our backs gave a wonderful exhibition of handling the wet ball. Fitzgerald was splendid in attack, but poor in defence. The forwards played well together.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; W. L. Vowles, W. H. Fitzgerald, P. W. Perkins, P. B. Somerset; F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, G. C. Blampied, G. R. Chapman, A. J. Sharp, R. A. Hamlyn, G. W. Springorum, W. G. Smerdon, R. Cornwall.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN OLD COLLEGIANS
(UNDER 20)

Played at Michaelhouse on May 24th. Lost 0—23.

Our opponents brought up almost their full side which was unbeaten, and consequently too powerful for us. We did well to hold them to 3—0 at half-time, but the pace was too hot, and they scored regularly in the second half.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; W. A. Williamson, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins, A. W. Allen; F. B. Barnes, F. D. Williamson; G. C. Blampied, G. R. Chapman, A. J. Sharp, R. A. Hamlyn, G. W. Springorum, R. Cornwall, D. S. Fleischer, W. G. Smerdon.

MICHAELHOUSE v. DURBAN ROVERS UNDER 20.

Played at Michaelhouse on May 31st. Lost 6—9.

Unfortunately the Rovers were not nearly at full strength and had the greatest difficulty in beating us. Peake played really well. Williamson was weak in defence.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; H. Barnby, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins, A. W. Allen; F. B. Barnes, F. D. Williamson; T. M. McLeod, D. W. Birch, G. C. Blampied, R. W. Chapman, A. J. Sharp, R. A. Hamlyn, R. Cornwall, G. W. Springorum.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on June 3rd. Won 14—12.

This was a very even and exciting match, in which both packs of forwards played well. Perkins played well for us, and it was mainly due to him that we won.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; H. Barnby, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins, A. W. Allen; F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, A. J. Sharp, R. W. Chapman, G. C. Blampied, R. Cornwall, G. W. Springorum, D. S. Fleischer, W. G. Smerdon.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Hilton on June 17th. Lost 3—18.

This was easily the worst game the team played throughout the season. The forwards were without a leader and showed no sort of combination. Allen was very weak in defence.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; A. W. Allen, P. B. Somerset, J. B. Cox, P. W. Perkins; F. B. Barnes, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, A. J. Sharp, G. W. Springorum, R. A. Hamlyn, G. C. Blampied, R. Cornwall, R. W. Chapman, J. Owen Jones.

MICHAELHOUSE v. GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Glenwood on June 23rd. Lost 3—8.

Owing to injuries several reserves were played. Although territorially we had most of the game, we lost on inexperience. Kidd and Grice being new played well, but threw away several golden opportunities.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; T. M. Monk, J. M. Kidd, P. W. Perkins, W. A. Williamson; D. C. Grice, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, A. J. Sharp, G. C. Blampied, G. R. Chapman, R. A. Hamlyn, J. Owen Jones, C. M. Beith, J. P. Fitzgerald.

MICHAELHOUSE v. D.H.S.

Played at Michaelhouse on June 29th. Lost 12—37.

The D.H.S. scored 14 points very quickly, and we replied with 12 equally quickly, but in the second half Williamson's defence went to pieces, and most of the D.H.S. score came through his inability to tackle his man. Addison played well and dropped a good goal.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; A. W. Williamson, J. B. Cox, J. M. Kidd, P. W. Perkins; D. J. F. Addison, W. L. Hall; D. W. Birch, A. J. Sharp, R. G. Chapman, R. A. Hamlyn, C. M. Beith, J. Owen Jones, W. H. Fitzgerald, G. W. Smerdon.

MICHAELHOUSE v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Maritzburg College on August 12th. Lost 0—3.

Once again inexperience lost us this game. Somerset and Williamson made some beautiful breaks, but did not finish them off properly. Our forwards played really well.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; W. L. Vowles, P. B. Somerset, A. W. Williamson, A. W. Allen; D. J. F. Addison, J. H. A. Wallace; G. M. Dixon, G. C. Blampied, D. W. Birch, G. W. Springorum, A. J. Sharp, W. H. Fitzgerald, J. Owen Jones, R. A. Hamlyn.

MICHAELHOUSE v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on August 19th. Won 14—8.

In contrast to our previous game with Hilton, we played really well. Allen showed great dash and scored two splendid tries, while Vowles used his pace to advantage.

Michaelhouse: P. T. Peake; W. L. Vowles, P. B. Somerset, A. W. Williamson, A. W. Allen; J. M. Kidd, J. H. A. Wallace; G. M. Dixon, G. C. Blampied, W. H. Fitzgerald, R. Cornwall, G. W. Springorum, A. J. Sharp, D. W. Birch, R. A. Hamlyn.

MICHAELHOUSE v. D.H.S.

Played at Michaelhouse on August 26th. Lost 6—7.

Except for a last minute drop-kick by the D.H.S. fly-half to win the match, the game was very dull. D.H.S. won most of the scrums, but their backs were very weak in attack.

Michaelhouse: A. R. Thorpe; W. L. Vowles, J. M. Kidd, P. B. Somerset, A. W. Allen; D. J. F. Addison, J. H. A. Wallace; G. M. Dixon, G. C. Blampied, R. Cornwall, W. H. Fitzgerald, G. W. Springorum, J. Owen Jones, D. W. Birch, R. A. Hamlyn.

3rd XV

Third XV matches were re-introduced this season to try and raise the standard of Rugby in the 1st and 2nd XV's. The team started the season in brilliant fashion and played really well, but something seemed to go wrong half-way through the season, and their record was only a little better than the 2nd XV. The reason for their decline was that several of their back division had to be promoted to take the place of those injured in the higher XV's. The forwards played really well throughout, but the reserves in the back division were somewhat weak.

3rd XV GENERAL RESULTS

					Points.
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
9	4	5	0	77	78

3rd XV v. OLD BOYS

Played on Baileys on May 18th. Lost 0—5.

Michaelhouse: Thorpe; Owen, Somerset, Fitzgerald i, Kirkman; Stewart, Wallace ii; Beith, Dyke i, Cornwall, Fitzgerald ii, Owen-Jones, Moxley, Sharp i, Pennington i.

3rd XV v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Maritzburg College on June 3rd. Won 9—6.

Michaelhouse: Thorpe; Monk, Grice, Somerset, Williamson i; Stewart, Wallace ii; Beith, Owen-Jones, Tucker, Moxley, Caswell, Fitzgerald ii, Tidboald, Beevers.

3rd XV v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Hilton on June 17th. Won 22—3.

Michaelhouse: Curlewis i, Williamson i, Kidd, Grice, Monk; Stewart, Wallace ii; Beith, Tucker, Fleischer, Smerdon, Fitzgerald ii, Pennington i, Caswell, Moxley.

3rd XV v. WESTON FARM SCHOOL

Played at Michaelhouse on June 23rd. Won 15—0.

Michaelhouse: Curlewis i; Williams i, Grice, Somerset, Ellis-Brown; Stewart, Wallace ii; Fleischer, Dyke i, Cornwall, Smerdon, Beevers, Moxley, Caswell, Pennington i.

3rd XV v. D.H.S.

Played at D.H.S. on June 29th. Lost 0—17.

Michaelhouse: Curlewis i; Monk, Somerset, Grice, Allen ii; Stewart, Wallace ii; Fleischer, Alexander i, Fitzgerald i, Beevers, Sharp i, Caswell, Pennington i, Moxley.

3rd XV v. MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on August 12th. Won 17—3.

Michaelhouse: Thorpe; Monk, Fitzgerald i, Jennings ii, Williams i; Stewart, Sherratt; Fleischer, Tucker, Chapman i, Beevers, Smerdon, Cornwall, Caswell, Pennington i.

3rd XV v. HILTON COLLEGE

Played at Michaelhouse on August 19th. Lost 6—17.

Michaelhouse: Thorpe; Williams i, Fitzgerald i, Jennings ii, Monk; Stewart, Sherratt; Fleischer, Dyke i, Chapman i, Smerdon, Beevers, Caswell, Pennington i, Alexander i.

3rd XV v. D.H.S.

Played at Michaelhouse on August 26th. Lost 0—13.

Michaelhouse: Curlewis i; Monk, McClung, Jennings ii, Williams i; Stewart, Sherratt; Dyke i, Chapman i, Fleisher, Smerdon, Beevers, Pennington i, Caswell, Sharp i.

3rd XV v. WESTON FARM SCHOOL

Played at Weston on September 2nd. Lost 8—12.

Michaelhouse: Thorpe; Monk, Curlewis i, Williamson ii, Ellis-Brown; Chapman ii, Sherratt; Chapman i, Dyke i, Fleischer, Fitzgerald ii, Tucker, Pennington i, Sharp i, Caswell.

OTHER MATCHES**4th. XV v. OLD BOYS**

Played on Baileys on May 18th. Lost 0—8.

4th. XV—Curlewis i, Acaster i, Monk, Chapman ii, Williams i; Kidd, Williamson ii; Beevers, Tucker, Alexander i, Schram, Morrison, Tidboald, Caswell, Harle.

BUNNIES v. CORDWALLES

Played on Tarpeys on May 4th. Won 18—0.

Bunnies: Blaikie; Mackness, Barnes iii, Wacher, Atkinson ii; Williams ii, Youngleson; Twycross, Bower, Pennington ii, Stubbings ii, Whiting, Harvey, Ferguson, Auret ii.

BUNNIES v. HIGHBURY

Played at Michaelhouse on June 23rd. Drawn 3—3.

Bunnies: Blaikie; McCarthy ii, Barnes iii, Wacher, Curlewis ii; Williams ii, Youngleson; Bower, Stubbings ii, Ferguson, Harvey, Auret ii, Pennington ii, Whiting, Douglas ii.

BUNNIES v. HIGHBURY

Played at Michaelhouse on August 12th. Won 3—0.

Bunnies: Blaikie; Curlewis ii, Wacher, McCarthy ii, Douglas ii; Williams ii, Youngleson; Bower, Stubbings ii, Pennington ii, Whiting, Harvey, Auret ii, Ferguson, de Villiers.

BUNNIES v. CORDWALLES

Played at Cordwalles on August 16th. Won 11—0.

Bunnies: Blaikie; Douglas ii, Wacher, McCarthy ii, de Villiers; Williams ii, Youngleson; Pennington ii, Stubbings ii, Bower, Ferguson, Barrett, Harvey, Whiting, Tidboald ii.

1st XV HOUSE MATCHES

West, with a good all-round team, won this event, but only after a great struggle with East in the second round. The other second round game was also an exciting match.

First Round

WEST BEAT FOUNDERS, 36—0.

Founders were no match for the strong West side, whose backs played well.

West: Curlewis i; Owen, Lee i, Barnes i, Williams i; Barnes ii, Hall i; Dorning i, Hall ii, Adams, Chapman i, Springorum, Moxley, Pennington i, Schlesinger.

Founders: Brash; Kirkman, Ellis-Brown, Allen ii, Allen iii; Stewart, Young; Chennells, McKerrow, Dyke i, Robarts, Douglas i, Diering, Wood, Bain-Marais.

Second Round

WEST BEAT EAST, 3—0.

East put up a wonderful fight in this game. Dyer was outstanding in defence.

West: Curlewis i; Williams i, Barnes i, Lee ii, Crawford; Barnes ii, Hall i; Dorning i, Adams, Hall ii, Chapman i, Springorum, Moxley, Beith, Tidboald.

East: Peake; Dixon, Dyer, Somerset, McClung; Kidd, Williamson ii; Birch, Cornwall, Blampied, Hamlyn, Fitzgerald i, Harle, Harriss, Shiever i.

FARFIELD BEAT TATHAM, 12—6.

Tatham were unable to field their strongest side owing to injuries, but nevertheless the result was most unexpected. Cox and Barnby played with great dash.

Farfield: Bluck; Barnby, Cox, Grice, Morrison; Arkwright, Holt; Robertson i, Schram, Featherstone, Duff, Alexander i, Reid, Paton, Down.

Tatham: Thorpe; Monk, Smith, Williamson i, Vowles; Addison, Chater; Kellett, McLeod, Sharp ii, Smerdon, Fleischer, Sharp i, Caswell, Beevers.

Final

WEST BEAT FARFIELD, 27—0.

Farfield again played well, but could not hold the West backs, who were given many opportunities by their forwards.

West: Chapman ii; Curlewis i, Barnes i, Jennings ii, Crawford; Lee ii, Hall i; Dorning i, Adams, Hall ii, Springorum, Chapman i, Moxley, Tidboald, Beith.

Farfield: Bluck; Barnby, Cox, Grice, Morrison; Arkwright, Holt, Robertson i, Schram, Featherstone, Duff, Alexander i, Reid, Paton, Down.

2nd XV HOUSE MATCHES

East played good open Rugby to win this event fairly comfortably.

1st Round

WEST BEAT FOUNDERS, 24—6.

2nd Round

EAST BEAT FARFIELD, 52—0.

TATHAM BEAT WEST, 8—0.

Final

EAST BEAT TATHAM, 16—7.

East: Nevin; Meintjes, Large, Shiever ii, Waters; Acaster ii, Sherratt; Shiever i, West, Ballenden, Mackenzie i, Twycross, Stubbings i, Line, Welch.

CADET NOTES

FIELD DAY

Together with the rest of the world, Michaelhouse was infected with the war fever, only we were able to recover and return to a normal peaceful life the next day.

On September 15th, we were awakened by the notes of Reveille and called to the usual liver and onions by Cookhouse. The Corps entrained early for Merrivale, where the battlefield had been agreed upon beforehand. Our "enemies" were our old friendly rivals, Hilton College, and the outbreak of hostilities was provoked by the maltreatment of a "friendly neighbouring state, St. Anne's."

Our objective was Hilton College, but after a battle lasting about three hours, which included much crawling about, the "cease fire" was blown, and both armies assembled to hear the comments of the judges. These criticisms were found to be interesting and instructive. As no verdict was given, we assume the result to be a draw. This we admit with reluctance, as Hilton tried, with little success, to undermine our morale and our stamina by leaving behind them in their retreat propaganda leaflets and food hampers. A specimen leaflet read:—

"Michaelhouse, we have no quarrel with you, but with your Government.

HERR BARNARD.

HERR TRAILL.

HERR SIMON."

Although opposing a "dictatorship", we regret that they saw fit to stoop to totalitarian methods.

From the umpires' report it appears that all sections should have taken better cover, both from fire and from view. Insufficient advantage was taken of the natural folds in the ground. Scouts and sections tended to be too bunched, and too little attention was paid to accurate fire orders. In spite of this criticism, the Cadets were keen and energetic. At times great heroism was dis-

played, "heroism which gains two types of crosses, the first being wooden, the other bronze."

After the chief umpire had addressed the Cadets, Lieut. Martens demonstrated some modern weapons of war, including the new Bren gun.

We would like to record here our appreciation of the kind assistance of the judges, Colonel Butler-Porter, Colonel Macmillan, Colonel Solomon, Major Hardaker, and the other officers who umpired. A special word of appreciation is due Mr. W. B. Alexander, on whose property the battle was fought. He also allowed the Corps to have its well-earned picnic lunch on his farm and generously sheltered the troops from the storm which broke in the early afternoon.

MICHAELHOUSE CADET CORPS

AFFILIATED TO R.D.L.I.

PROMOTIONS

"A" Company

Sergeant Dixon—Adjutant.
Cadet Allen ii—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).
Corporal Lee i—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).
L/Corporal Barnes i—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).
Corporal Morrison—Sergeant.
Cadet Popham—Sergeant.
Cadet Barnby—Sergeant.
Corporal Thorpe—Sergeant.
Cadet Beevers—Corporal.
Cadet White—Corporal.
Cadet Fraundorfer—Corporal.
Cadet Ballenden—Corporal.
Cadet Brash—Corporal.
Cadet Alexander i—Corporal.
Cadet Sharp i—Corporal.
Cadet Sharp ii—Corporal.
Cadet Schram—L/Corporal.
Cadet Wood—L/Corporal.
Cadet Diering—L/Corporal.
Cadet Robarts—L/Corporal.
Cadet Jennings ii—L/Corporal.

Cadet Springorum—L/Corporal.

Cadet Biggs—L/Corporal.

Cadet Barry—L/Corporal.

" B " Company

2nd Lieutenant (S.O.) Wright—Adjutant.

Sergeant Blampied—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

L/Sergeant Dorning (left)—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

L/Sergeant Fitzgerald—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

L/Sergeant Moxley (left)—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

Sergeant McKerrow—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

L/Sergeant Dawson-Squibb—Sergeant.

L/Sergeant Fleischer—Sergeant.

Corporal Dyer—Sergeant.

Cadet Chater—Corporal.

Cadet Wallace—Corporal.

Cadet Tucker—Corporal.

Cadet Caswell—Corporal.

Cadet Perkins—Corporal.

Cadet Chapman i—Corporal.

Cadet Dorning i—Corporal.

Cadet Featherstone—Corporal.

Cadet Robertson—Corporal.

Cadet Smith—L/Corporal.

Cadet Mackenzie i—L/Corporal.

Cadet Acaster ii—L/Corporal.

Cadet Peake—L/Corporal.

Cadet Allen iii—L/Corporal.

Cadet Chapman ii—L/Corporal.

Cadet Cox—L/Corporal.

Cadet Akerman—L/Corporal.

Cadet Reid—L/Corporal.

Cadet Dorning i—L/Corporal.

L/Sergeant Williamson i—Q.M.S.

" C " Company

Sergeant Harriss—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

Sergeant Harle—2nd Lieutenant (S.O.).

Band

Corporal MacGillivray—Drum Major.

Bugler Stewart—Bugler Sergeant.

Drummer Lewis—Drummer Sergeant.

Cadet Adams—Drummer Corporal.

Bugler Hamlyn—Bugler Corporal.

Cadet Doull—Corporal (Stores).

Cadet Knutzen—Corporal (Stores).

Cadet Argo—Corporal (Stores).

CADET CAMP, DURBAN

June 27th to July 5th, 1939

The Michaelhouse contingent, under Capt. P. D. Barnard, 2nd Lieut. P. H. Simon, 2nd Lieuts. (S.O.) J. O. Harle and E. F. Harriss, together with 36 Cadets, entrained at Balgowan on Monday, June 26th, for the annual camp at the Snell Parade Barracks, Durban.

Friendly relations were quickly established with the Hilton College Cadets, next to whom Michaelhouse were billeted, and behind whom, as No. 2 Platoon of "A" Company, Michaelhouse paraded, throughout the camp.

The programme of training was varied and intensive. Although "barrack-square" every morning proved a bit hard at times, that was soon forgotten in the lighter events of the afternoons.

The Michaelhouse contingent mounted the quarter guard for 24 hours, at 17.00 hours on July 4th, when Cadet Booker was selected for C.O.'s orderly and awarded the C.O.'s cane as smartest Cadet on parade. A spell of cookhouse fatigue was also done, providing a welcome, if unsavoury, change from drill.

The contingent was fortunate in carrying back to School the Junior Athletic Challenge Shield of the Natal Cadet Association, and also in winning the Junior Section of the Camp Bisley.

Great interest was shown in the Field Day on July 3rd, when "A" Company, as left wing of the Redland Army, helped to repel the Blueland invaders from Athlone Heights. After the exercise there was a demonstration of Lewis, Vickers, and trench mortar in action.

Altogether it proved a very enjoyable camp, and many happy memories, including that of martinet R.S.M. Louw with his great pace-stick, and his handkerchief in his sleeve, were taken away by those who attended.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

OBITUARY

GEORGE ALEXANDER CRUIKSHANK

George Cruikshank died after a very serious illness on July 27th, four months after the death of his father, who will be remembered by many generations of Michaelhouse men as the School Doctor. His cheerful visits from Nottingham Road did much to brighten the Sickroom round about the Great War period.

Born in 1905, George entered Michaelhouse in 1918, and left after successfully matriculating in 1922. He was a popular boy, a serious student and a fine character. He chose an academic career. After obtaining his degree overseas, he returned with his family to the Cape. He was busy with research work at the Witwatersrand University until he was appointed lecturer in Mathematics, Physics and Radio at Roberts Heights, and had just been appointed to the permanent staff of the Technical College, Pretoria. Many O.M.'s will extend their sympathy to his mother on her double loss.

MINUTES OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1939

Held at Michaelhouse at 11.15 a.m. on Ascension Day,
Thursday, May 18

Before the Meeting began the President welcomed the Rector, who replied in a happy speech, outlining his

impressions of and hopes for the School. He then retired.

Present:

The following attended or were present during part of the day: R. S. Armstrong, E. L. Armstrong, R. W. B. Acutt, J. A. Aitken, D. R. Antrobus, H. A. Bailey, N. Graham Bell, G. Graham Bell, Col. L. G. C. Baylis (in the Chair), G. S. Baber, J. E. M. Barnes, D. M. Blackhurst, J. B. Booth, H. S. Bowley Smith, E. T. Brunskill, G. W. Boyes, P. M. Burgess, A. H. Berend, C. M. Brown, D. Black, G. Beaumont, W. Hudson Bennett, R. Carter, B. P. Campbell, L. C. Clarkson, C. J. Chaplin, N. G. R. Crowe, G. L. Grossman, K. M. Collins, W. G. Crockett, E. Crockett, R. C. Collins, T. G. Chater, G. F. Chater, B. Christopher, P. D. Barnard, O. C. Dawson, I. C. Dickens, J. H. Dunn, B. Dowling, R. Drummond, H. Drummond, P. A. Dobson, A. Doull, L. T. Drew, J. J. Egeland, P. England, S. R. Forrester, J. Forder, J. H. Forsdick, R. C. Forsdick, D. N. Forsyth, G. Forder, M. H. Forder, E. W. Gibson, W. Gough, L. E. Greene, C. H. W. Gray, N. Grimwood, V. W. Greene, V. Gillitt, J. M. C. Henderson, G. H. Harvey, R. L. Harvey, A. M. Harvey, S. Harris, J. H. Hammon, V. Holding, B. Hindson, J. P. Haine, D. C. P. Hathorn, H. A. Harriss, P. W. Heywood Harris, J. Hungerford, A. M. Henderson, D. R. Hall, D. Heath, P. A. Jardine, M. G. Jackson, B. Jones, N. James, H. W. Johnston, G. N. P. Jackson, A. F. B. Kerr, H. P. Knubley, A. W. Lister, E. M. Lewis, R. F. Leach, D. B. Lyle, T. Lister, A. A. Lloyd, J. D. Lawrie, D. H. McIntosh, R. G. McKenzie, G. H. Moor, R. G. O. Martins, A. Melville, C. Melville, A. W. Mackay, K. W. Mackay, E. R. Miller, G. W. Moor, W. N. Methley, J. S. M. Macnab, D. Moultrie, T. MacMurray, C. H. Moss, G. H. Mitchell-Innes, F. L. Moon, G. B. Payn, L. W. Payn, D. L. Pape, E. M. Parr, L. J. Palframan, A. J. Poynton, K. Pennington (Hon.

Secretary), D. Pennington, G. Pennington, L. D. Pryde, J. Pridmore, G. E. Robinson, J. Royston, E. P. P. Rose, J. D. Robinson, J. B. Robinson, B. P. Smyth, A. Clive Smith, J. Sulin, A. R. Strachan, D. Sinclair, A. W. Sperryn, W. F. Short, E. Saville, V. C. Shaw, J. J. L. Sisson, J. S. Sinton, G. Shaw, P. J. Steele, B. C. Siedle, D. W. Turner, D. G. Truscott, J. W. Taylor, A. T. Tatham, T. L. Tatham, K. Trotter, J. C. Traill, J. M. Taylor, K. M. Taylor, D. Visick, C. R. Wickens, D. P. Young, A. P. Woods, N. G. Lyon, T. A. Strickland, F. van Heijst (159) —a new record.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of them the Hon. Secretary reported that H. A. Findlay had persisted in his resignation which was accepted, but that R. A. Findlay wished to continue as a Life Member.

Col. L. G. C. Baylis, in laying down his office after two years, stressed the following points in his presidential report: He had received a wire from Mr. Currey, wishing the Club a good day. He formally recorded the Club's welcome to the new Rector, Mr. F. R. Snell. He commented on the large attendance—the highest yet recorded. He referred with pleasure to the presence of Alan Melville, whom he congratulated as Springbok cricket Captain. He mentioned the pride the School took in the appointment of General R. W. D. Leslie as Honorary Physician to His Majesty, the King. The dinner in Durban last December had not been a real success, only 55 members attending, and he appealed for wider support in future. All O.M.'s must have read with real pleasure the long list of matriculation successes last year. His last request as President was that more support should be given to the Jubilee Insurance Scheme, which had only increased by £150 during the year. In moving the adoption of the President's report, the Hon. Secretary paid tribute to the splendid way Col. Baylis had upheld the dignity of the Club during his period of office, and asked those present to signify their gratitude by a hearty vote of thanks. There was prolonged applause.

MICHAELHOUSE OLD BOYS' CLUB

**Revenue and Expenditure Account for year ended
31st March, 1939.**

EXPENDITURE.

The Financial Statement was adopted and the Treasurer congratulated on the very satisfactory balance sheet.

1937-1938		1938-1939
£15 14 0	To Postages	14 8 10
2 4 1	„ Bank Charges	2 8 7
8 12 6	„ Stationery	6 5 6
88 8 1	„ Chronicles	87 10 11
3 0 0	„ Depreciation	10 0
13 17 6	„ Typist	12 15 0
	„ Dinner	4 17 0
10 6	„ Club Matches	2 0 9
10 0	„ Registration of Club Colours	10 0
	„ Honorarium—Hon. Secretary	52 10 0
121 15 0	„ Donations	2 0 1
15 17 8	„ Balance transferred to Capital Fund	112 10 0
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£270 9 4		£298 6 8
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REVENUE.

1937-1938		1938-1939
69 5 4	By Interest Received	79 10 2
150 18 6	„ Life Subscriptions	167 5 9
47 18 0	„ Instalment Life Subscriptions	45 5 3
2 7 6	„ Clothes	6 5 6
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£270 9 4		£298 6 8
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1939.**LIABILITIES.****Capital Fund—**

Balance as at 1st April, 1938 ..	1,499 1 10	
Add Excess of Revenue over Ex-		
penditure for Year	112 10 0	1,611 11 10
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		£1,611 11 10
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Note: Jubilee Insurance Scheme Policies taken out total £3,150.

ASSETS.

Cash at Barclays Bank (D.C. & O.)	25	14	5	
Cash in Hand	3	2	6	
Petty Cash	2	17	5	
	<hr/>			31 14 4
Sundry Debtors				2 0 0
Investments—				
City Permanent Building Society,				
“A” Shares	1,300	0	0	
United Building Society 5%				
Preferent Shares	250	0	0	
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Stationery on Hand				3 0 0
Typewriter	1	0	0	
Less Depreciation		10	0	
	<hr/>			10 0
Suspense Account: Preference Dividend				
accrued on City Permanent Build-				
ing Society “A” Shares				24 7 6
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				£1,611 11 10
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Auditor's Report to Members of Michaelhouse Old Boys' Club.

I have examined the foregoing Revenue and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Club, and have obtained all the information and explanations required. The Club has kept proper books and records.

The Balance Sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Club's affairs according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Club.

A. A. LLOYD, Chartered Accountant (S.A.),
Durban, 8th May, 1939. Hon. Auditor.

The election of officers followed.

President: Messrs. E. W. Gibson and M. H. Forder were nominated, but found themselves unable to stand. Further nominations being called for, the names of Messrs. J. Price Moor, R. S. Armstrong and A. W. Lister were submitted to a vote, which resulted in the election of J. Price Moor.

Vice-Presidents: These were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. S. Bishop, for many years Senior Mathematics Master at the School. The list, therefore, reads: Bishop F. S. Baines (life), A. H. Adair, Colonel L. G. C. Baylis, F. S. Bishop, R. F. Currey, Rev. Dobree, C. W. Hannah, J. J. L. Sisson, A. T. Tatham and ex officio Presidents of the Club Branches.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: K. M. Pennington was re-elected.

Hon. Auditor: A. A. Lloyd was re-elected and warmly thanked for his services for the year.

Committee: This was re-elected, and reads: President and Secretary (ex officio), W. Hudson Bennett, E. W. Gibson, C. Melville, A. T. Tatham, A. P. Woods, and the Secretaries of all branches.

The following 72 new members were elected under Rules 5 and 7: R. G. Anderson, D. R. Antrobus, G. S. Baber, B. F. Berry, G. Graham Bell, M. Blumberg, D. E. Button, L. M. Cooper, R. L. C. Cunliffe, J. A. G. Chomley, D. R. Currie, R. D. Cochrane, A. M. Curson, O. C. Dawson, P. A. Dobson, P. A. Dorehill, I. C. Dickens, P. C. W. England, R. C. Forsdick, J. C. R. Fieldsend, D. W. Fisher, D. Forsyth, J. Foaden, S. R. E. Forrester, F. Greaves, J. W. Gray, R. Gathorne, W. J. Gough, B. Goodwin, H. F. Goddard, S. Harris, H. A. Harriss, A. M. Harvey, T. C. Hickman, P. W. Heywood-Harris, J. W. Horton, R. J. T. Horne, J. H. Heeley, A. D. Hankinson, J. G. Hungerford, J. P. Haine, P. A. Jardine, M. R. Johnston, G. N. P. Jackson, P. G. Large, G. H. le May, I. S. Lloyd, F. C. Lee, J. N. L. MacIlwaine, C. I. Middlewick, O. H. McIntosh, J. S. M. Macnab, C. W. H. Mason, G. McFie, D. Moultrie, K. K. Mitchell, C. H. Moss, R. May, A. R. Newby Fraser, P. W. Nourse, A. J. Poynton, M. R. Reim, P. B. Smyth, P. J. Susskind, C. J. Skelton, E. J. Steele, J. S. Sinton, J. C. Sulin, J. W. Taylor, D. H. van der Linden, P. J. Walker, A. H. V. Winter.

Report of the various Branches of the Club were read as follow:—

DURBAN

The Durban and Coast Section of your Club has the honour to present the following report of its activities during the past twelve months.

The Branch has had a more successful year than last, and at the Annual General Meeting the following were elected the Committee for the coming year:—

Chairman: R. C. Miller.

Vice-Chairman: L. T. H. Trotter.

Committee: A. A. Lloyd, J. J. Holgate, J. C. Sulin, A. Doull.

Hon. Secretary: A. W. Sperryn.

The Club held the usual functions during the year which on the whole received more encouraging support than in previous years.

The first function was a Golf Tournament at Kloof, in which we participated at the invitation of the Public Schools of Great Britain Association. In this we finished second, suffering a marked collapse after lunch.

A Hockey match was played against D.H.S. Old Boys, and we proved successful in an enjoyable game.

The Dance held on the 1st September was very well attended, 150 couples had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, making this the most successful dance we have ever held, socially and financially.

Four Durban sides participated in the Hudson-Bennett Cup, which was played at Maritzburg.

Combining with Hilton Old Boys the Branch rowed an eight against D.H.S. Old Boys, finishing second.

The Annual Club Dinner, which was held on the 16th December last, was perhaps the biggest disappointment, many members being absent after definite assurances to be present.

A. W. SPERRY, Hon. Secretary.

TRANSVAAL

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Boyes, who has gone overseas, I have pleasure in reporting on the Branch's activities during the year ended 28th February, 1939.

I submit for your consideration and approval the audited accounts for the year under review.

In connection with the accounts you will see that they once again reflect a favourable position. The Combined Dance resulted in a profit of £20 16s. 7d. which, together with the income received from our investments, £11 8s. 11d., accounts for the excess of income over

expenditure. The Balance Sheet is, I think, self explanatory.

I come now to the Social activities. On June 11th last year we were able, through the kindness of the Old Johannians' Club, to promote a hockey fixture on their grounds. About twenty members turned up to make the afternoon a great success, both socially and otherwise, for we defeated the Old Andreans by a comfortable margin.

On the 29th January, through the efforts of Mr. D. W. Hayward, we were able to arrange a Golf Day at Vereeniging Country Club, which Club had kindly allowed us the courtesy of their course. At 8.30 a.m. twenty-two members were ready to do their best. The day was thoroughly successful and was enjoyed by all.

Before passing from this subject I should like to mention that the attendance at these functions is still well below what it should be, and I trust that in the coming year we shall see a few more of you attending.

The Annual Dance of the 29th April last year was a great success, 216 double tickets being sold. I think I am expressing the thoughts of all when I say it still holds its place as the Dance of the year.

We did not hold our Annual Dinner as your Committee thought it best after what occurred last year to let it slide until some suggestion that would guarantee its success was forthcoming.

Durban the year the Club received invitations to the following functions:—

(a) Old Diocesans' Union, Dance, attended by R. E. Bell.

(b) Jeppe High School Old Boys' Club, Dance, attended by R. Hayter.

(c) Durban High School Old Boys, Dance, attended by R. Hull.

(d) Old Kingswoodians, Dance, attended by J. Wilson.

(e) Old Johannian Club, Dance, attended by H. E. Boyes.

(f) Old Andrean Club, Dance, attended by R. Hull.

(g) Christian Brothers' Old Boys' Union, attended by R. Hull.

(h) Old Edwardian Society, Dinner, attended by R. E. Bell.

(i) Maris Stella Old Girls, Dance, attended by R. G. Jansen.

(j) Old Edwardian Society, Dance, attended by A. H. Jack.

(k) Durban High School Old Boys, Dinner, attended by R. E. Bell.

As you are aware, Mr. Currey has left the School to take over the Headship of St. Andrew's, Grahamstown. With him go the very best wishes of our Branch.

We welcome in his place Mr. Snell, who has come from England with a record that leaves no doubt as to the success he will have in placing Michaelhouse even higher amongst the ranks of Public Schools in this country and overseas.

We wish him every happiness at Balgowan, and hope to welcome him in Johannesburg at a dinner function.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our President, Mr. Bell, for his untiring interest in the Club, and for the use of his office and staff, and also Miss Stephens and Mr. Stevenson for the tremendous amount of work they have done for the Club.

Finally, may I wish the Club and incoming Committee all success for the ensuing year.

A. H. JACK,

Acting Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

MARITZBURG

I am afraid I cannot report a very much more satisfactory year than my predecessors have been able to do. Nevertheless this branch is making slow progress and I hope that in years to come activities will be more numerous.

The Show Week lunch was held at the Victoria Hotel this year and from a financial point of view proved very much more successful than lunches at the Imperial in past years. Twenty-six Old Boys attended.

In the evening the annual ball was held in the City Hall in conjunction with the Old Hiltonians. A most successful dance resulted in a profit of approximately £30, but before I go any further let me make it quite clear that this profit was not due to the fact that the dance has re-established itself as one of the leading social activities of the year, but was entirely due to the generosity of a committee of women who offered to prepare the supper for us, and so save us £30 or £40, which in the past has been paid to caterers. The tickets were raised again to £1 last year and this increase did not appear to affect the number of tickets sold. As was arranged last year the Hotel Ansonia ran a bar on the premises.

A team of Old Boys visited the School on August 21st and played a tennis match against the present boys. Those who went thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the tennis. The match resulted in a win for the Old Boys.

A combined team of Durban and Maritzburg Old Boys played a hockey match against D.H.S. Old Boys in Durban during the hockey season, and I am glad to say we were successful in beating our opponents quite easily.

The Hudson-Bennett golf competition was held at the Country Club, Maritzburg. This branch entered five teams, and I am pleased to report that our one team which was composed of Old Boys on the staff carried off the cup. Everybody appeared to enjoy themselves very much.

In an endeavour to return some of the hospitality which is so often extended to us by various members of the School Staff, all day golf and squash matches were arranged between this branch and the staff. We entertained our visitors to lunch at the Country Club, and we hope that they enjoyed the day as much as we did. Needless to say they ran away with the squash match, but we did a little better in the golf.

I should like to say that I found it very difficult to achieve the main object of the Branch, which is to bring the Old Boys together, when over 60 of our 90 members live in the country.

With this, gentlemen, I conclude my report.

L. E. GREENE,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

MIDLANDS

The Secretary of this Branch reported that their activities had been confined to the usual dance run in conjunction with the Old Hiltonians, and entering a team in the Hudson Bennett Golf Cup.

CAMBRIDGE

The organisation of this Branch is now under the Presidency of Noel Mann, with D. Edington as Secretary and T. W. F. Harris as Treasurer. They held the usual London Lunch on the day of the Inter-'Varsity sports, and a Dinner in Oxford in June, which was very well attended, under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. F. Bushell. It has also decided to donate selected books each year to the School Library. It entertained Mr. and Mrs. Snell before they left England to assume their duties at the School.

In his report on the Club Blazer, the Hon. Secretary said that he had collected what material he could and submitted it to the Committee in April, which after full discussion had come to these conclusions: (a) that members should be encouraged to wear the original Club blazer more (the dark blue design with white badge in silk on pocket), (b) that if a change was desired it should follow a sample, which was on view, and which retained the red and white stripes, but broader and at wider intervals. After long discussion it was unanimously agreed that there should be only one blazer—the dark blue design. It was suggested as an amendment that the pocket badge be the new coat of arms of the School, recently issued by the College of Heralds. Keen discussion followed, in which it was pointed out that (i) it would extend to all members of the School the privilege to use the St. Michael badge, which tradition had confined to 1st colours at Cricket and Rugby, (ii) such an elaborate coat of arms would be a great expense. The President put the matter to the vote and it was decided, with only eight dissentients, that the white silk "scales of justice" be retained, particularly as it had been in use by the Club for 25 years.

GENERAL

A member suggested the Committee go into the cost of an addressograph. The Secretary reported that he had been into the question of cost some years ago and found it prohibitive. Mr. L. T. Drew then generously offered to print off once a year the envelopes required, provided the Club supplied the stencils ready cut. This was gratefully accepted.

The Secretary reported that the new Editor of the *Chronicle* thought a revision of the contents might be desirable and welcomed by Old Boys, who collectively ordered 75% of each issue. He was instructed to report that no change was desired.

Mr. N. G. Lyon, who is Careers Master here, appealed for co-operation with O.M.'s, asking particularly for names and addresses of those willing to assist him with advice about their professions. The Secretary urged members to send their names in to Mr. Lyon.

Mr. E. A. Goodwin, Vice-President of the Natal Boys' Clubs, had written to the Secretary calling on those interested in this admirable and worthy social service to get into touch with him in Durban.

The Durban Branch submitted a resolution it had passed to the Club, soliciting its support in urging all O.M.'s, settling in Durban, to join the Rovers Club, and thus maintain the very old connection between the School and that Club. The meeting approved.

The Secretary reported that Alan Melville had asked him to use this opportunity of thanking the Club and many O.M.'s for their congratulatory messages on his selection as captain of South Africa for the series of Test Matches against W. R. Hammond's M.C.C. side, which had resulted in the famous "timeless test" at Durban.

Mr. N. G. R. Crowe spoke of a presentation to Mr. R. F. Currey, who had resigned the Rectorship last year. The President pointed out that the Club had never previously made such a gift, but that he saw no difficulty about the appointment of a sub-committee to raise funds for such an object. Several others agreed that it was inadvisable to create a precedent, and it was ultimately decided that the Hon. Secretary be instructed to write a

letter to Mr. Currey thanking him for his wire and his services to Michaelhouse, and wishing him success in his new work at St. Andrew's, Grahamstown.

Rev. V. C. Shaw raised the question of the Governors recognising the work of Eldred Pascoe as Rector in a more tangible way. Many members were in favour and the Hon. Secretary was authorised to write to the Governors asking them: (i) to put a brass tablet in the Chapel similar to those in memory of all other past Rectors who had died, and (ii) to have his portrait painted for the Memorial Hall, which had been built largely through his efforts after the War.

The meeting adjourned at 1.10 p.m. for the Commemoration Service in Chapel, which this year included the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet to Mathew Hugh Brown, which the Club had presented to the School.

HUDSON BENNETT GOLF COMPETITION

There was a great gathering of fifty golfers at the Maritzburg Country Club on Sunday, September 10th, when for the fourth year teams strove for the handsome Cup which Hudson Bennett presented. His purpose, of course, was to bring together each year members from as many districts as possible for a day of pleasant reunion such as golf undoubtedly offers.

The standard of golf this year was far higher than it has been and the winning team put up a record which is 18 strokes better than the Michaelhouse Staff registered last year. Once again the destiny of the Cup was only decided when the last four arrived at the last hole in the dusk, and Gerald Pennington's steady putting saw the Maritzburg "C" side win from their "A" side by a stroke.

The subsidiary competitions which were introduced last year were repeated, and the results were even better than last year. We feel that particular mention should be made of the spirit in which two members played. They had never been round a golf course before. Their scores were high, of course, but we wish more would follow their example and come to share what really is a first class day.

SCORES

MARITZBURG "C": A. J. Truscott 161, J. C. Hickson 171, G. O. M. Pennington 173, E. M. Burchell 189. Total 694.

MARITZBURG "A": M. E. Pennington 150, J. L. Lister 175, D. L. Pape 174, N. James 196. Total 695.

MARITZBURG "B": W. M. Smythe 149, E. J. Greene 173, J. B. Macaulay 186, G. W. Boyes 192. Total 700.

MICHAELHOUSE STAFF: A. P. Woods 168, K. M. Pennington 161, C. M. Melville 177, J. Pridmore 204. Total 710.

MIDLANDS "A": J. S. S. Martens 175, D. W. Turner 179, P. D. Barnard 191, H. Drummond 203. Total 748.

KLOOF: L. E. Hall 177, B. Acutt 174, T. Chater 183, R. Webb 235. Total 769.

DURBAN "A": P. C. A. Francis 163, A. Melville 185, E. J. Clemmans 202, N. V. Grimwood 220. Total 770.

MIDLANDS "B": D. B. Koe 184, R. Drummond 171, R. N. Carter 243, J. B. Harker 188. Total 786.

MIDLANDS "C": M. H. Forder 185, S. Bowley Smith 210, J. B. McFie 206, G. Forder 192. Total 793.

MARITZBURG "F": B. Christopher 193, D. S. Turner 197, L. E. Greene 206, C. O. Smythe 216. Total 812.

MARITZBURG "D": K. D. Drysdale 187, B. J. Drysdale 209, M. G. Jackson 233, P. Hathorn 251. Total 880.

MARITZBURG "E": J. H. Hammon 198, G. H. Moor 280, E. W. Gibson 266. Approx. total 941.

PRIZES

Morning

"A" Division: Best net, D. L. Pape 70; runner-up, G. Pennington 72.

"B" Division: Best net, R. Drummond 67; runner-up, J. B. Macaulay 72.

Booby Prize: E. W. Gibson 148.

Afternoon

"A" Division: Best net, K. M. Pennington 69; runner-up, D. W. Turner 70.

"B" Division: Best net, J. B. Harker and B. Christopher 68.

Booby Prize: G. H. Moor 140.

Best gross of the day: W. M. Smythe 149, M. E. Pennington 150.

GENERAL

The 1939 Rugby season saw the Curry Cup tournament draw to an exciting conclusion, with Ronnie Leach the only O.M. to be capped. He played several fine games for Natal before getting crocked. But we are glad to report that Old Boys have staged something of a revival in Club Rugby in Durban where, perhaps, the feature of the season was the tense struggle between the Old Collegians' and Rovers' under twenty teams. Both sides contained a large number of O.M.'s, some of whom had not stayed at the School long enough to play a very prominent part in matches. The following were noticed assisting various Clubs during the season:—

MARITZBURG—N.U.C.: D. Henwood, C. Smythe. Old Collegians: J. Moultrie.

DURBAN—Rovers: D. W. North, J. J. Egeland, D. W. Dawson, A. M. Harvey, K. B. Challinor, P. England, E. R. Miller, G. Tolmer, J. Taylor, S. R. E. Forrester, P. Jackson, R. Forsdick, J. Forsdick, R. Sulin, E. Crockett, E. M. Parr, J. E. M. Barnes, A. Durose. Old Collegians: M. W. Burgess, J. D. Robinson, G. D. Strachan, B. C. Siedle, J. W. Gray, W. Ladlau.

The South African Polo Championships were played this year in Maritzburg in September. There was tremendous rivalry for the various events, and the winning side, Mooi River, included K. Abbot, who has been more thrustful than ever. Others playing included E. C. Burdon, G. A. Shaw, W. I. Mackenzie, S. M. Mackenzie, Dr. A. L. Wilson, N. Ross, C. Brown, E. Kimber. The fight for the Imperial Cup was another keen duel with the Old Hiltonians, but this year our team made a poor start and had no chance of recovering. K. Abbot,

E. C. Burdon, G. A. Shaw and T. L. Tatham represented us.

The visit of the Cambridge University crew has given a big impetus to rowing in this country. The Natal crew that rowed against them included Maurice Webb. At the Vereeniging Regatta, S. Tucker and I. Lloyd were members of the Witwatersrand University crew which won the novices' fours slides, and E. R. Dixon, M. MacGregor, P. A. Jardine and A. R. Newby Fraser competed in other events. L. J. Palframan was responsible for some of the organisation of the tour and motored the visitors round a large portion of the Union.

All O.M.'s will join in congratulating Ernest Bennett on his election as President of the C.U.A.C. From our point of view it is one of the minor tragedies of the war that he will be prevented from leading his side on to the track in the Inter-'Varsity Sports.

There are abundant signs that O.M.'s are not unconscious of the increasing air-mindedness of South Africa. Not the least interesting is the fact that four Old Boys are amongst those chosen for the *Daily News* Flying Scholarships, R. W. B. and F. D. Acutt, S. R. E. Forrester and L. E. Hall. The Governor-General made the presentations at the Durban Air Pageant in June.

We have not had the response we hoped for to our appeal for as much information as possible of changes of address of Old Boys. Some months ago the new Club Members' Roll was sent out, and in its preface invited co-operation. It will be an enormous help to the Secretary if anyone who does know of any alteration would send in details as often as possible.

We have also circularised all O.M.'s overseas for information of Old Boys on Active Service. Here again we would like the fullest co-operation and trust we may rely on everyone to send in any news they have. It is obviously desirable from the School's point of view that a complete roll of service be compiled.

We still hope for wider support of the Club's Jubilee Insurance Scheme.

THE CAMBRIDGE BRANCH DINNER

The Committee decided this year to make a gesture to the sprinkling of O.M.'s at Oxford by holding this annual function at the senior university at the Randolph Hotel on May 13th. Julian Theunissen undertook the heavy work of correspondence and organisation and collected thirty men. We were delighted to see among them as guests Canon Kettlewell, the late Principal of St. Andrew's College, Francis Wylie and Dr. Kriel. The Chair was taken by Mr. W. F. Bushell, and those present were C. W. Hannah, P. C. Cazalet, L. D. Osler, B. J. Stubbings (Chairman of Oxford O.M.'s), E. J. Theunissen, N. M. Mann (Chairman, Cambridge Branch), D. A. Edington (Hon. Secretary, Cambridge), M. J. Adams, D. Atkins, J. M. Barry, A. R. Clayden, I. C. B. Dickinson, H. F. Goddard, I. S. Haggie, K. Hallows, G. Holley, A. S. Knight, H. T. P. Large, P. G. Large, F. C. Lee, I. Robertson, R. E. Sewell, N. F. Sperryn, T. Heywood Harris, G. C. Tomlinson and S. R. Whiting—not as many Cambridge men as we should have liked to see, but a most encouraging attendance. Very happy speeches were made by E. J. Theunissen for the toast "Our Guests," replied to by Canon Kettlewell; W. F. Bushell for "The Club," replied to by B. J. Stubbings; and "The School" by C. W. Hannah, reply by L. D. Osler. Francis Wylie took a party back to his rooms at the Dragon School for a midnight pint, which made Julian's task of seeing Ben Osler back into Trinity over the garden wall a very delicate operation.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

It has not been easy yet with the dislocation of overseas communication to collect full information of O.M.'s in His Majesty's forces. We shall be grateful for any news that will help to make our records complete. The following list contains the names received to date:—

ROYAL AIR FORCE—England or Western Front

Pilot Officer H. T. Archbell.

Flight Lieutenant G. F. Chater.

Pilot Officer H. A. Chater.

Pilot Officer S. R. P. Edwards.

Pilot Officer J. Ing.

Pilot Officer J. MacNab.
Flying Officer E. Morris.
Flying Officer D. Heaton Nicholls.
Pilot Officer R. Selley.
Cadet Officer T. R. Poynton.
Squadron Leader G. C. Tomlinson.
Cadet Officer R. D. C. Tomlinson.
Cadet Officer D. van der Linden.
Cadet Officer S. R. Whiting.
Flying Officer B. P. Young.

ROYAL NAVY: L. M. Thompson (commission).

RHODESIA REGIMENT: Capt. H. Morse (Gold Coast).

R.A.M.C.: Dr. R. J. Lockhart.

SOUTH AFRICA

Lieutenant R. G. O. Martens, Gunnery Instructor at Roberts Heights.

E. R. Dixon, S.A. Air Force (training as pilot).

PERSONAL NOTES

H. R. and D. Antrobus both play Cricket for Witwatersrand University.

We extend our sympathy to Brian Archibald, of the Highbury staff, and his brother Tom, in their bereavement. Their father, Colonel Archibald, was for many years a prominent figure in the Umzinto district. Brian recently became engaged to a colleague, Miss Irene Mostert, of Philipstown.

M. J. Adams got his degree at Oxford in June, and is waiting for a commission in the Army through the Oxford O.T.C.

Jack Albers was married to Miss Alice Ann Wade, of Dundee, on September 30th. He is still on the staff of the School there. We wish them all prosperity.

J. S. Aubrey was transferred to the Capetown office of his firm early this year.

All good luck to Jack Arbuthnot, who was married on August 12th, in Maritzburg, to Miss Joyce Mary Pearse, of Johannesburg.

- M. Allanson has decided to take up ornithology with a view to an appointment at the British Museum. His brother, Ian, swam for Cambridge against Oxford, and is our first swimming Blue.
- H. T. Archbell, after flying for some months in England, was posted to a R.A.F. station in Egypt in June.
- D. Atkins passed his Cambridge "Previous" examinations in May, and was expecting to go into residence in October.
- T. M. Adnams has qualified as a Doctor at Edinburgh University.
- R. W. Anderson has had a grand trip to England and the Continent. He has gone into residence at Jesus College, Cambridge.
- C. and G. P. W. Austin rushed off to join up in England as soon as war started.
- R. G. Anderson, who is reading engineering at Rhodes, toured with the University hockey team last winter.
- Guisse Beaumont has a son and heir, born in October. He has leased "Summerford," the Campbell's old home in the Donnybrook district.
- G. Blackbeard is taking a course of practical Forestry with Mr. Hunt Holley, at Wartburg. He was to have gone to Edinburgh University this year, but the war intervened.
- John Brand wrote a long interesting letter from London House, the residence of so many overseas students in England, where D. Vivian, L. Harris and J. Baylis also "dig." He did brilliantly in his Intermediate examinations in July, and is now busy with the B.Sc. Honours course. He spent much of his summer vac. yachting round Milford Haven.
- D. Button finds his engineering work absorbing at Cape-town University, but not enough to prevent him making his mark on the track. He has represented his University in the exacting 3-mile event, and has turned out regularly for the Celtic Harriers' Cross Country team. He ran second to Jardine, the O.F.S. champion, in the 2-mile race.

H. E. Boyes had a splendid long leave overseas. He met Ralph Lund in London and they joined forces for a fortnight through France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Belgium.

We extend our warm congratulations to Exton Burchell, whose first in the Law Tripos at Cambridge earned him a Scholarship at Trinity College, where he was, of course, in residence as an Elsie Ballot Scholar. Owing to the war he has not returned from his long vac. leave in Natal for a third year at the University.

M. H. Bennett got through his B.A. Honours in Medicine at Cambridge, celebrated his success by a trip to Natal with Ernest, and is now back at a London Hospital. While out here they generously came up and gave the School an expert demonstration of various track and field events.

A. L. Briggs got a second in his Mechanical Studies Tripos at Cambridge in July.

G. Graham Bell abandoned journalism when the *Tribune* closed down, and is now in the Town Clerk's Office in Durban, and in his spare time is busy with Degree work, hoping later to accomplish his LL.B. His elder brother, Frank, recently held an exhibition of his pictures in Dublin, which was well reviewed in the *New Statesman*.

F. S. Bishop sailed for England in June for a few months' holiday. Many will notice with pleasure that his years of service to the School have been recognised by O.M.'s in his election as Vice-President of the Club.

D. Broadhurst, who is in the Standard Bank in Johannesburg, has gained his B Licence in the local Gliding Club. He spent his annual leave in April motor-cycling to Umtali. He has started to train as a pilot at Roberts Heights.

G. S. Baber has joined his father's business in Durban.

S. J. Barker is doing his practical training with Rey Rolles, near Newcastle. He was out here in April, after passing his Engineering finals brilliantly at Faraday House.

B. B. Burnett won the quarter and half-mile events at the Rhodes University sports this year. He is taking his M.A. in History, and is on the S.C.A. and S.R.C., and last year was Chairman of the Debating Society.

P. Bellew is Secretary of the Rhodes Debating Society and of the Rowing Club. He rowed for them, too, at the Inter-'Varsity regatta and against the Cambridge crew.

J. L. Baylis is making good progress with his work at the Architectural Association of London.

H. S. Browne has been appointed Secretary of the Maritzburg Golf Club at Scottsville.

Max Cooper is stationed in the Swaziland Police at Mankaiana.

E. L. Crockett is with his father's accountancy firm in Durban. He passed his Preliminary examinations in June.

S. A. Coakes has left Weenen and is on the copper mines at Lusaka, in Northern Rhodesia.

T. D. Catchpole has passed the preliminary tests for admission to the S.A. Air Force Reserve Training Scheme, and started at Roberts Heights in October.

G. A. Chalkley is engaged to Miss Renee Fragora, of Lourenco Marques, and expected to be married in November. He is farming at White River and has grand shooting on his low veldt farm on the edge of the Kruger Park. He recently flew to Maun on a big game expedition, and was astonished at the number of water fowl on the Botletli river and Okavango marshes.

C. J. J. Crowe welcomed the arrival of a second son on September 3rd.

Captain L. C. Clarkson, son of the Hon. C. F. Clarkson, was married to Miss Dorothy Vernon, of Durban, at Kloof, on September 4th. We wish them joy.

J. A. G. Chomley sent a full account of his work at the R.A.F. Training College at Cranwell, which he entered as a Rhodesian nominee.

R. L. C. Cunliffe is reading law at Rhodes University College.

Congratulations to Lionel Crowe on his engagement to Miss Joan Knapp, of Maritzburg.

Robin Campbell has joined the family trek to the mines. Ian is now the only member of the clan farming in the Donnybrook district.

R. Carr is with the Field Survey Department at Utrecht.

W. J. Chaplin left Durban when the *Tribune* came to an end, and is on the editorial staff of *The Friend* in Bloemfontein.

Hugh Chater has been instructing at the R.A.F. Training College at Cranwell.

J. Woodrow Cross was down in Natal on leave from Northern Rhodesia in July. He attended his first Hilton-Michaelhouse Ball, and was delighted to meet so many contemporaries there.

R. Crass is at Rhodes University College.

P. A. Dobson sent us an imposing list of O.M. successes at the Witwatersrand University, where he is himself doing extremely well in all branches.

B. J. Drysdale was awarded his half-blue for cricket at this University and is now Captain. Congratulations!

E. R. Dixon, who was flying on the Rand under the Pupil Pilots' Training Scheme, has been called up for Air Force training, and was therefore automatically passed through his third year B.Sc. examinations by the Witwatersrand University authorities.

W. J. Dorehill is Acting Native Commissioner at Gwelo, in Southern Rhodesia.

Roy Drummond is in partnership as a solicitor with his father in Estcourt.

D. Daly called in last May for the first time since he had left and joined the Club. He had with him his wife and small son. He is in Barclays Bank in Johannesburg.

I. C. B. Dickinson was out here last winter from Loughborough College, where he is doing excellently in his engineering studies. He won an Empire essay competition for a paper on some technical subject.

F. M. Banfield Duggan is stationed at Donnybrook in the N.R.C.

R. Dunlop and his wife called in at the School in October.

J. B. Dunning is running an up-to-date garage at White River.

A. G. Ellis was out for the summer vac. from the London School of Agriculture, where he has been for three years, during which he travelled extensively on the Continent. The war prevented him from returning. He is now in his father's office in Pretoria, and has joined the Scottish Regiment there.

R. S. Everitt has been transferred back to Durban by his firm, Taeuber & Corssen, Pty., Ltd.

Both branches of the Evans clan near Kroonstad have undertaken poultry as a main sideline. Rhys had many exciting moments motoring across the Kalahari after big game near Maun.

W. A. F. Edwards returned to Durban with his bride some months ago and is looking for a farm.

H. W. Farrer has a daughter. He is District Manager of the Prudential Assurance Company in Kimberley.

J. Foaden is studying engineering at Howard College in Durban.

D. Forsyth is at the N.U.C. in Maritzburg.

J. C. R. Fieldsend is reading law at Rhodes University College in Grahamstown.

A. Fehrsen has returned from Cambridge to Germiston and is on the Mines.

- J. Freeman has a son and heir, born in August, in England.
- R. Friel spent his leave this year on the rainbow waters of Underberg. Judged by the fine basket of trout he left for old friends on the staff on his way back to Johannesburg, he has little more to learn about fly-fishing.
- D. R. Frudd was married in August to Miss Alia Smith, of Mauritius. We wish them every success in their new home in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.
- R. L. Gilson has a second son, born in October.
- W. F. Goodwin has completed his studies and is in business in Durban.
- Congratulations to A. Gowans, who passed Section A of his Final Accountancy exams in June. Dr. Ronald Gowans has done brilliantly in his post graduate medical work in Scotland, and is now F.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. He is specialising in throat, nose and ear work, and is a house surgeon in Edinburgh.
- A. Gemmell is back in Johannesburg after studying in Glasgow for some months.
- H. Goddard had a year at Loughborough College, in Leicestershire, where he played for their first tennis team, and was freshers' representative on the Students' Council. He wintered in Scotland. He is now in Durban at Howard College continuing his engineering work.
- R. Gathorne has played several times for the Rhodes XV, and reached the quarter-finals of the Squash championships along with P. Pearce and W. MacRobert. He has been most helpful with regular snapshots of O.M. news from R.U.C.
- F. H. Higgins is again Transvaal representative on the S.A. Cricket Board.
- A. W. Handley was married to Miss Monzali, of Maritzburg, in October. We wish them luck.

J. M. C. Henderson was a member of the Witwatersrand University Rugby team which toured Rhodesia in July. Brother "Tim" had the distinction of persuading a small band of enthusiasts to start English Rugby at Cornell University, where it made great strides under his coaching and leadership before the season was over. He has "gotten" his diploma, and expects to return to the Union about the end of the year.

A. W. G. Hunter was awarded his team blazer for hockey at the Witwatersrand University.

C. W. Hallows, who has a family of three charming daughters, has left Umtwalumi, and now has his own sugar farm at Entumeni, near Eshowe. In his spare time he has taken the Lower Diploma in Bantu Studies—an example highly commendable to us all. Rupert is engaged to Miss Helen Chennells, of Eshowe.

N. Harriss has been given a commission in the Royal Engineers. He took his Degree examinations in engineering at Cambridge, in October. Alex is taking medicine at Witwatersrand University.

Martin Harvey and his bride, who was Miss Joan Walker, of Sale, returned to Johannesburg just after the outbreak of war. He has been in England for a number of years qualifying as an engineer.

Jim Holley was in Scotland when war broke out, enjoying the end of his world tour. He arrived back in October, his attempt to join up overseas having been frustrated by the commission he holds in the U.M.R.

Erlend Hindson has joined the staff of a firm of Surveyors in Southern Rhodesia.

G. W. Hensman has a job in Kokstad.

John Hickson, happily restored to his old health, did most of the spadework required to ensure that the Hudson Bennett Golf Competition was as successful as ever. He is now a fully qualified accountant, practising with his father.

We offer our sincere good wishes to the Rev. Hugh Harker, who was ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral on Michaelmas Day. He was out here for a grand holiday in August.

E. Heney is a pupil in the City Engineer's Office in Bloemfontein, and is studying for his A.M.I.C.E.

G. G. Hayter, who is farming at Wetherby, near Harding, welcomed a son and heir on July 18th.

H. V. L. Houghting is District Manager in Germiston for the Southern Life Association.

W. L. Hall is going through the mill on the family estates at Mataffin.

P. Heywood Harris has been on a four months' trip to England, and is back at Kloof.

E. W. Johnson, who has been for some years on the Crown Mines, is another recruit to the Club from the Senior O.M.'s. He is married and has several children.

A. H. Jack, who spent his leave at Scottburgh in November, sportingly shouldered the secretarial duties of the Transvaal branch of the Club during H. E. Boyes' absence on leave in England.

J. C. Johnson called at the School in September. He is still in business in the O.F.S., and was on his way to the Natal Coast for a holiday.

News has reached us of the engagement of R. L. Kirkcaldie, Chartered Accountant of Edinburgh, to Miss Jean Rosie Caird, M.A., of the same City. Good luck to them.

H. W. Kelly is Sales Manager for Lambons, Ltd., the Ford agents in Bloemfontein.

D. Krause after successfully completing his Degree work at Cambridge, is back in Johannesburg with Bewick Moreing, Ltd.

H. P. Knubley passed his Section A of the Accountancy Finals in June. He is with Messrs. Halsey & George, in Durban.

J. D. Kennan is in the Government Service in Maseru.

F. Keeny plays golf for Witwatersrand University.

The engagement is announced between Kenneth Guy L'Estrange and Miss Dorothy Eileen Knubley, of Durban. We wish them luck. He had a magnificent trip to Europe during our last winter.

Owen Lund, who is married, is farming at the old home-stead, Doveton, near Winterton. Ralph spent his six months' leave on a world tour, visiting Europe, America and Australia. He is chief surveyor to the Spaarwater G.M. Co.

F. C. Lee has returned to Natal owing to the war, and goes to Capetown University for Architecture next year. Meanwhile he is gaining practical experience in Durban.

H. L. and F. Lorentz are working in Johannesburg.

Anson Lloyd was preparing in August for a big game safari in Kenya and Tanganyika.

Ronnie Leach has left the mines and has taken over the managership of his father's hotel in Matatiele. He is married—good luck to him and his bride.

John Barclay Lloyd was married on July 8th to Miss Ruby Margaret Agar-O'Connell, of Kingwilliamstown. We wish them luck.

Paul Large writes from Tonbridge, to which Guy's Hospital has been evacuated. He has passed his First M.B.

Major-General R. W. D. Leslie, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., has been appointed Hon. Physician to the King as from March 28th this year. We congratulate him on this mark of a distinguished career in the Army.

G. B. Leeds had the misfortune to have part of his foot amputated, but has made a good recovery.

G. H. le May has abandoned the idea of going into residence at Cambridge. He intends to read law at Rhodes next year, and to return to journalism after he has his Degree.

We heartily congratulate H. F. Lydall on his first in the Modern Greats Schools at Oxford last summer term. His intense interest in Socialism suggests he may devote his energies to foster the Labour cause in some way, either in England or out here.

K. K. Mitchell, after some time at the N.U.C., has an appointment with the P.W.D. in Pretoria. He is in the Royal Mint, testing munitions.

Lieut. R. G. O. Martens is stationed at Roberts Heights as a gunnery officer and demonstrator.

H. H. McGregor passed his final examinations in B.Sc. (Engineering) in December at the Witwatersrand University, and was "capped" in August. He has an appointment with S.A. Lands on the Reef.

N. M. Mann passed his Medical finals in the Cambridge Tripos, and has gone back to Hospital work in London after spending his long vac. in Natal. His brother, Norman, was one of the first to get a full Blue at Cambridge for Golf. He is returning to South Africa owing to the war.

P. Moxley starts at the London School of Architecture in January, but at present is gaining drawing experience with a Devonshire firm.

The marriage of Frank Mitchell-Innes to Miss Margaret Isabelle Sinclair, of the Doyle, took place on September 16th. We wish them all good fortune in their new home at Elandslaagte.

We congratulate J. B. Moffat on being awarded the Architectural Association Travelling Studentship for his work in his second year in London. He came out to Natal for his long vacation.

C. McClure got two wickets in the final Cambridge University Cricket Trials, and has since been elected Secretary of the Jesus College Cricket Club.

Ernest Molyneux had many tributes to his long life of active sportsmanship in an article in the Wanderers' Monthly Magazine recently. He is now in the Census Department in Pretoria.

E. R. Miller has been transferred to the Durban office of the Shell Company. At the beginning of the year he married Miss Elizabeth Streeten, of Bloemfontein. Good luck to them!

W. MacRobert is again Captain of the Rhodes Squash Club, and was narrowly beaten in the University championship final. He was a member of the Eastern Province Hockey side which won the Inter-Provincial Tournament at East London. He is taking his M.A. in English.

E. J. Morris wrote from the R.A.F. station at Biggin Hill, in Kent. After leaving nine years ago, he spent two years on the Botha, and with four years' service in the Blue Funnel Line, he earned his Second Mate's Certificate. During this time he twice circled the world and visited many remote corners. He then gave up the sea and joined the R.A.F., and is now a Flying Officer.

A. McFie welcomed a son and heir in October.

It was a relief to hear in October that Flying Officer D. Heaton Nicholls was a prisoner in Germany, after being missing for some days. He took part in the Air Force raid on the German battleships, and had earned distinction for long reconnaissances daily over the North Sea.

Barron Norton recently announced his engagement to Mrs. Helen Copley, of Rosetta.

Douglas North is married, but we have no details. We wish him and his bride all prosperity.

We congratulate St. J. Oxley Oxland on his appointment as Mine Manager of the New Lancaster G.M. Co. near Krugersdorp, and on his engagement to Miss Eileen Michelmores, of Randfontein.

F. D. Osbourn has been transferred from Kokstad to Barclays Bank in Johannesburg.

A. J. Poynton is doing his long practical engineering training at the Natal Sugar Estates Mill at Mount Edgecombe—part of his course at the Witwatersrand University. His elder brother has been called up for service in the R.A.F., and has had to postpone his career at Edinburgh University.

- J. Pryce has been gaining practical experience with the B.T.H. Co., at Rugby, before going to London University.
- L. J. Palframan is engaged and hopes to be married in the new year.
- L. D. Pryde spent his leave motoring through Swaziland and the Eastern Transvaal.
- E. V. B. Pond has been transferred to the Trustee Department of Barclays Bank, at Pretoria.
- P. S. Pearce is Secretary of the Rhodes University Golf Club.
- B. D. Pickles is working with V.F.P. Co. in Johannesburg. His brother is also back from Cambridge.
- C. J. Palmer has a son, born a few months ago, in Calcutta.
- Senior O.M.'s will extend their sympathy to the Pearce brothers on the death of their father, W. J. Pearce—the founder of the Illovo Sugar Estates.
- Douglass Pennington was married on July 18th to Miss Doreen Raw, of Lion's River. They are in one of the many handsome new houses that are being built on the slopes of Michael's Mount. We wish them every good fortune.
- John Royston failed the severe medical test for the R.A.F., and has gone mining on the Gold Coast with Amalgamated Banket Areas.
- T. Rose-Price is a partner in the firm Hickman, Bjorkman and Rose Price, Quantity Surveyors, Johannesburg. He sent full information about this line of business to the Careers Master recently. We hope other O.M.'s will assist the School in this way.
- Hugo Reid has been admitted as an attorney of the Transvaal Supreme Court, and is practising in Johannesburg.
- J. B. Robertson passed Section A of his Accountancy Finals this year.
- S. A. Roach was back in Natal on long leave from Sierra Leone last winter. In the course of his work in the Agricultural Department there he has made an important discovery, which should lead to the elimina-

tion of a deadly disease which for years has caused havoc amongst Native cattle at certain times of the year.

G. E. Rose has leased a portion of E. W. Gibson's farm at Elandskop.

G. Ridge is farming at Manderston, and helps his father at the same time with the Waverley Tyre & Tube Surgery (Pty.), Ltd., in Durban.

Jack Rethman has started a preparatory school at Umkomaas—"Sherwood."

Ken Reynolds is engaged to Miss Charlotte Jones, of New Amalfi.

V. Stevens has left Maritzburg and is in business with Messrs. Henry Taylor & Rees (Pty.), Ltd., in Johannesburg.

H. A. C. Swales is now practising on his own as a solicitor in Durban.

The marriage of Kelvin Strachan to Miss Monica Hill, of Seven Oaks, was solemnised in Maritzburg in September. They are farming near Zwartberg. We wish them every happiness and success.

Neville Sperryn spent his leave last summer in an old world village in France with his wife, the two sons remaining in Middlesex, where he is accountant to the Champion Spark Plug Co.

L. E. Symons, whose son is now nearing two, has been boring for gold near Odendaalsrust, in the Free State, for some months.

Many O.M.'s will join in congratulating Ronald Selley, R.A.F., on his good fortune and skill in sinking an enemy submarine in October. He was presented to the King for his exploit. His brother, Geoffrey, is contracting with his father in the Transvaal on the National Road.

B. Stubbings returned to Natal last winter en route for Tanganyika, where he assumes an appointment in the Colonial Service.

K. C. Smerdon, who is now a partner in Winton's, Ltd., Durban, is married to Miss Joyce Argo, of Durban. Good luck to them.

E. Saville has left Durban, and is farming on the old homestead, near Dundee. He is engaged to Mrs. Ranner, and expects to be married at the end of the year.

J. S. Sinton has had to give up all thought of proceeding overseas, and is continuing his architectural studies at Witwatersrand University.

N. M. Starling has a son and heir, born in October.

P. J. Susskind has given up his intention of going to Cambridge in October and has returned to Johannesburg.

The marriage of Richard Tindall to Miss Patricia Edwards, of Elandslaagte, took place on October 14th. We wish them all prosperity. After qualifying as an engineer at Cambridge and gaining practical experience at various works overseas, he has obtained a post on the staff of "Iscor", at Pretoria.

A. A. L. Tatham has an appointment as a learner daughtsman in the Provincial Roads Office in Pretoria. He has joined the Gliding Club at Quagga-poort.

D. H. Thompson has qualified as a Doctor at Birmingham, and has a commission in the R.A.M.C.

J. Theunissen spent his long vacation from Oxford with his people at Ermelo. They went on a long motor trip to Nyasaland. He put in a great amount of work as Secretary to make the first O.M. Dinner held at Oxford a success.

George Tomlinson's long spell of foreign service ended last November, when he was transferred from Irak back to England. He was at Farnborough before the war, but has now been promoted, and has his own squadron. He passed through the Staff College. While in Irak he qualified as an interpreter in Kurdish and Persian.

We noticed the name of D. S. Turner among the successful candidates in the Intermediate Section "B" of the Accountancy examinations.

Major A. T. Tatham has been appointed first C.O. of the new 2nd Battery of the Natal Field Artillery.

R. L. Tatham was some months in Pretoria on electrification work, but is back in Johannesburg.

L. M. Thompson got a Second in his History Schools at Oxford, and was elected President of the J.C.R. He spent last summer in Eastern France, and then canoed 430 lazy miles down the Danube in a swift current, but had to turn back at Vienna a few days before the war.

R. D. C. Tomlinson has joined the R.A.F.

R. E. W. Turner has left the Lowlands district and is farming at Anerley, Matiwane.

R. W. Tewson went overseas after the outbreak of war to join up.

D. Vivian is waiting for his commission in the R.A.F. to be Gazetted.

C. Wiley has a charming little daughter, about 18 months old. He is still on the Stock Exchange in Johannesburg.

Congratulations to M. R. Webb, who completed his Accountancy examinations in June. He is practising in Durban.

R. J. Whitley is General Manager of the Reef branches of D. H. Saker & Co., Studebaker agents in Johannesburg.

C. R. Wickens has joined the drift to the mines and is at Springs.

G. Webb, who is engaged to Miss Mary Cox, of Umkomaas, hopes to be married at Christmas. He is with the Electricity Supply Commission, at Port Shepstone.

We offer our heartiest good wishes to Miles Young, who married Miss Nancy Heap, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, in August, a cousin of Brian Sellers, of cricket fame. Their projected leave in England, which Miles was to visit for the first time, has had to be postponed. He is with the East African Stevedoring Company at Tanga, in Tanganyika.

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